

Cascade Caver

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Upcoming Events

Sep 20 — Grotto meeting

Sep 21 — Cave Ridge - Mark Wilson - Rappelling into Newton Cave.

Sep 28 — Chilliwack Valley - Dick Garnick

Oct 5 — Dynamited Cave - Alan Coakley and Jim Harp - Goal is the seldom visited New Big Room. Also cleaning out the "plank" pit with cavers from other grottos and reviewing methods of crossing the pit without planks. The Oregon Grotto store will be there so contact Jim if you want him to bring you home some carbide.

Oct 18 — Grotto meeting

Nov 15 — Grotto meeting. Business meeting: Nominations for Grotto Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Sec/Treasurer.

Nov 23-30 — Lava beds National Monument - Rod Crawford - Field research project.

Dec 20 — Grotto meeting unless somebody plans a holiday party earlier in the month instead. With due announcement in the *Caver*, of course. Turn in ballots.

Jan 17 — Grotto meeting: Announcement of 1992 officers. Business meeting.

1992 — NCA Regional in Idaho.

1992 — NSS Convention, Salem, Indiana, Aug. 3-7.

1993 — NSS Convention, Pendleton, Oregon

Little Red River Cave

Ben Tompkins

Labor Day was imminent and I realized, almost too late, that with family out of town I'd be sitting on my butt for 4 days if I didn't make plans. So I made a bunch of phone calls, left some messages, and eventually two of us left Friday morning for a beginners day trip to Mt. St. Helens.

Revegetation of the mud flow continues, getting taller and denser with every visit. We only went to the bottom of the second lava fall but the cave was amazingly clean. We found one can behind the tree ladder and that was it. The slime writing, however, seems to progress deeper and deeper.

The gate has been repaired by somebody and re-abused by somebody else. The hinges were reinforced and shielded plus a locking bar was installed over the bottom hinge. The gate itself was dangling open when we arrived and the top hinge was bent. When we left I hung the gate in place by the upper hinge for appearances only. I couldn't spring the locking contraption out of the way far enough by hand to reinstall the lower hinge.

Robin's Handy Household Caving Hints

Yoo-hoo it's me again. I can tell you I'll NEVER dump Leslie's old carbide down the toilet again. I don't think Leslie will ever completely get over it. To bad poor Rover won't be drinking from there anymore.

I've had so much fun using Leslie's word-processor and SPELCHEKER for these articles, and I think I've gotten quite good at it.

If there's any one thing that I hate bringing into the house on those dirty cave clothes it's whip-scorpions. I can't tell you what it does to the back of my neck when I see these critters in the basement. BRrrr. I told Sharda all about them and she just arched one eyebrow and whispered "Whips?". (I don't know about her. She even spells her name weird.) Short of fumigating the old Nash BEFORE unloading we were beside ourselves for a cure. Then, I met Buck at Central Surplus. He had just gotten a package from a magazine (Did you know Fortune Magazine had a sister publication called Soldier Of Fortune?) They had sent him some stuff he called Angel

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Cascade Grotto

Regular grotto meetings are held monthly at 7:00 pm on the third Friday of each month at the University of Washington, Room 6, in the basement of Johnson Hall. Business meetings are held in odd-numbered months immediately following the regular grotto meeting for the month.

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Orange. He said it would clean up all sorts of vermin. He gave me some in a tiny jar and it worked like a charm. Dead whip-scorpions all over the house! Now Morgan wants some of that orange stuff for their ants. I told Morgan to use a small plastic spray can, not a big old flit-fogger like we did. Morgan is going to bake it into a pie. Says their ants are very rich, and they all love pies.

Bobby wrote with a good hint about painting cave packs with Cuprinol, it keeps them from rotting. Gene tells us "When buying a new wallet, be sure to take out the sample Social Security card". Billy writes - you can fill in the gaps on your party's buffet by loading up on the free samples at local super markets. Are there any hints on curing a persistent rash?

Till next time - keep those letters coming.
- Robin

Book Review

Kathleen Meyer, *How to shit in the woods*, Berkeley, Calif. : Ten Speed Press, 1989. xvi, 77 p. : ill. ; 22 cm. "an environmentally sound approach to a lost art"

Based entirely on a few minutes perusal at a ranger station book rack, I'd say this entertaining book is 95% stories, considerations, and background material, plus 5% useful information. I was looking for hints on providing sanitation for 50 people for a week in one place but maybe that wasn't the intended audience of the book.

New SMAPS Address

From Doug Dotson.

Speleotechnologies has moved back to Frostburg. The current address is: SpeleoTechnologies, P.O. Box 293, Frostburg, Maryland 21532-0293. Phone (301) 689-1904 or email: e2cs002@fre.towson.edu

SMAPS Version 4.4 and SMAPS/Graphics Version 1.2 will be released very soon, all current users will be notified. Also, any suggestion for additions/improvements can be send to me at the above bitnet address.

Regional Notes

by Dave Klinger

NSS convention in Oregon - The NSS Board of Governors approved a request by Rochelle Devereaux of Willamette Valley Grotto to host the 1993 NSS Convention at Pendleton, Oregon. The dates are August 1 to 7, 1993.

While the Willamette Valley Grotto (WVG) has the primary responsibility for this event, it is necessary for al NSS Organizations in the Northwest to support this convention with time and people as needed. I recommend that each grotto designate one volunteer to act as the "93 Convention Point of Contact" for their respective grotto and channel requests for assistance from WVG as appropriate. The Chairman of the convention is Bill Devereaux, 5107 Vale Court SE., Salem, OR 97306. Home phone: 503-363-3831 and work phone: 503-378-3971.

Lechuguilla Rescue - The *California Caver*, Vol. 41, #1 (Spring 1991) is published by the Western Region. This issue has an excellent article concerning the Lechuguilla rescue which is sell worth the time to read. Many of you had members who participated in this rescue. This fall is a good time to

get them on a program for a grotto meeting and to conduct a cave rescue practice for your grotto.

Rescue Training - Each grotto should have one or more of its members trained by the National Cave Rescue Commission of the NSS. Each grotto should also have a "Point of contact for NCRC" call out. The NCRC should be notified of the name, address and phone number of the grotto contact as soon as possible. Richard "Rick" Rigg is the NCRC Regional Coordinator. His Address and phone are: 169 E. 25 Street, Idaho Falls, ID 83404. Home: 208-524-5688 and work: 208-533-7816.

1991 Regional Meet - Results of the vertical contest held at the 1991 NCA regional meet were not included in my earlier memo. The eight people who entered were: Ages 10-15: Ryan Harp. Ages 20-30: Tom Kilroy, Jim Nelson, and Mike O'Neal. Ages 30-40: Curt Black, Steve Sprague. The overall winner was Mike O'Neal.

Tycho Knudson and Mike O'Neal competed in the Ages 20-30 Knots category with Mike the winner here also. Steve Sprague of the Cascade Grotto conducted the contest.

1992 Regional Meet - The 1992 Regional Meet is scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend in the Shoshone Desert in Southeastern Idaho. It will be hosted by Gem State Grotto and Magic Valley Grotto. Plan now to attend.

Grotto Notes

August Grotto Meeting

Sandy Major opened the August 16 meeting at the U. of W. with about 14 people in attendance. After introductions, Sandy began with an appeal for any one interested in acting as the local contact for the 1993 NSS convention efforts.

She also announced that Tycho Knudson is leaving for Virginia and that she is seeking a replacement for the Vice-Chair position.

Tom Strong presented an appeal from Janet Thorne for any one interested in putting on an NSS Cave Management Seminar in this area some time in 1993.

Ben Tompkins announced that he wants to step down as editor of the *Cascade Caver* by the end of the year.

Quick, Albert, What was the program at the August meeting?

-BLT

September Business Meeting

No agenda has been announced for the September business meeting. Anyone with items they would like to discuss or vote on should contact Sandy in advance. Remember that any items requiring a vote of the full membership, such as changes in the by-laws, must be published in the *Caver* at least 30 days in advance so that the members have a chance to attend or send a proxy.

New Members

Robert Mitchell, Kent.

I joined the Middle Mississippi Valley Grotto in St. Louis, MO in 1988 and was active until a job change in 1990. I participated as a guide in Berome Moore, the grotto's project cave in Perryville, MO, and also worked the "idiot end" of a mapping project there. In late 1990 I joined the Missouri Speleological Society and the NSS, then in April 1991 I moved to Washington State.

I have done very limited rope work and mapping but am interested in them. Also interested in surface surveys and possibly rescue.

Wendel Pound, Puyallup

I am 29 years old and have lived in the Tacoma area all my life. My interests include mountain bike riding, motorcycles, firearms, hiking, camping, and of course, caving. Joining the Cascade Grotto is something I have wanted to do for some time. I bring a sense of adventure and great enthusiasm and am looking forward to meeting new people and participating in activities.

Teri Johnson, Puyallup.

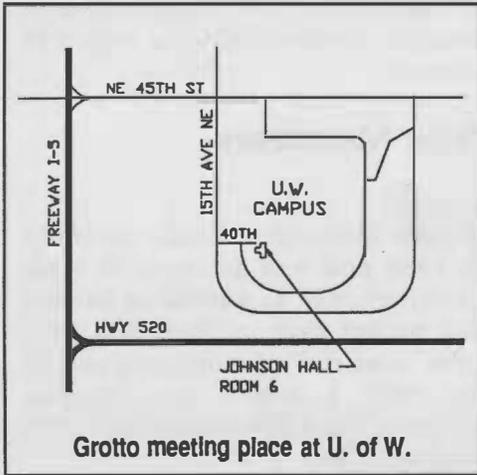
Becky Michaelis, Spokane

I am a kindergarten teacher in Spokane. Single, no kids. I worked two summers as a cave tour guide at Gardner Cave and this summer I'll be giving cave tours at Lava Beds National Monument in Northern California.

Diana Stearns, Lynnwood

Leman Caves in Nevada got me hooked at age 6. I am 32 years old, new to the area, and a part-time business student. I am a novice caver and interested in learning vertical caving skills.

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SEPTEMBER MEETING

September 20, 7:00pm

See you there!

Room 6 of Johnson Hall, University of Washington, Seattle.

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