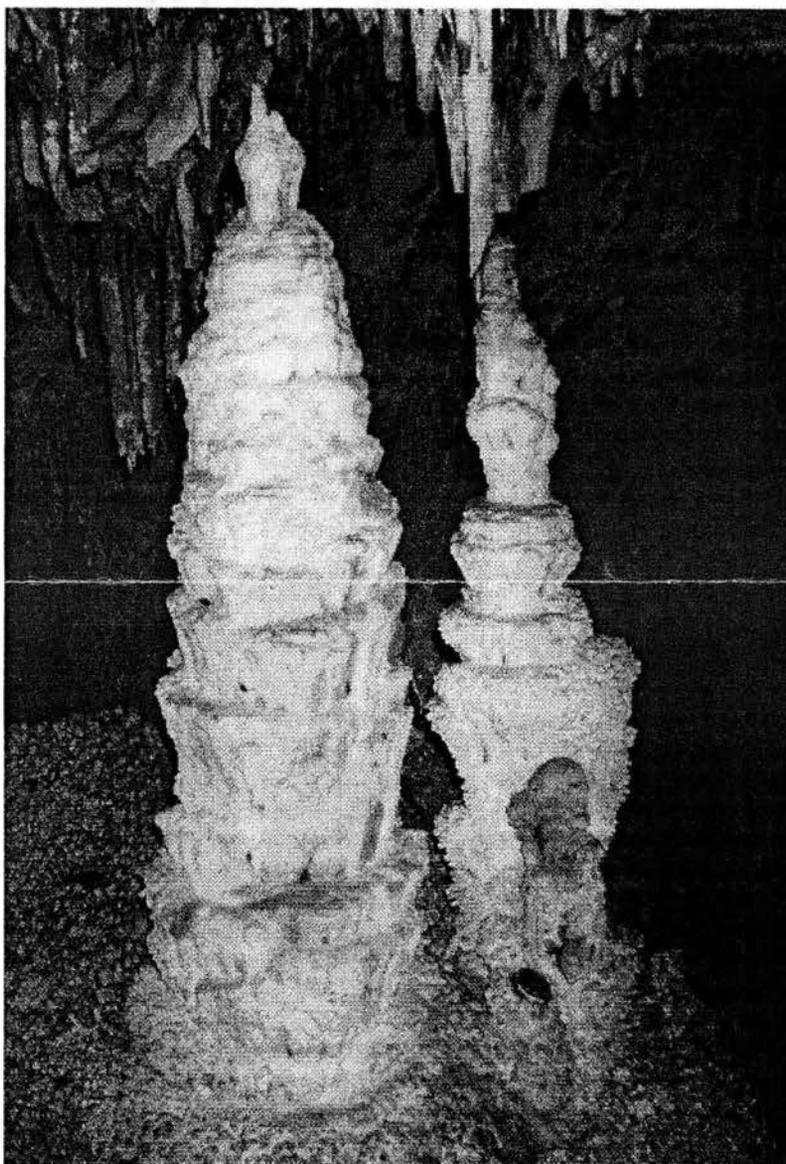




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MEETINGS

Regular grotto meetings are held monthly at 7:00 p.m. on the third Friday of each month at the University of Washington, Room 119, in Johnson Hall. Please see the map on the back cover of this issue.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 3-20 Vancouver Island. 40 new entrances and pits to explore. Bob Roel (509) 476-3229
July 18 Grotto Meeting at Marymoor Park Climbing Rock, 7:00 p.m.
July 26 - 27 Ape Cave cleanup project and other caves by Mt. St. Helens.
Wendel Pound (206) 863-1649
Aug 15 Grotto Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Aug 15 - 18 Eagle Cap Wilderness area. Searching the limestone in the Wallowa Mountains of Oregon for virgin caves.
Jerry Thompson (360) 653-7390.
Aug 23 -24 Cave Ridge. Bottom Newton Cave.
Wendel Pound (206) 863-1649
Aug 29 - Sep 2 Labor day trip to the Marble Mountains.
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Aug 29 - Sep 2 Labor day trip to the Chillawack.
Dick Garnick (360) 671-1066

COVER

This picture was taken in Lehman Cave, Nevada.
Photo by Paul Ostby.

Correction to the May 1997 Cascade Caver

Larry McTigue sent us the following correction notice:

The Chilliwack Valley trip report on p.31 attributed to Larry McTigue was actually written by Mike Fraley. It was previously printed with his name, under the title, "The Shower" on p.78 of the Oct. 1996 Cascade Caver. The editors must really be hard up for material, if they're resorting to this cleverly deceptive technique. You can't pull the wool over our eyes. Ha! (I'm just giving them a hard time. No disrespect intended.) :)

Memorial Day Weekend - Trout Lake

By Mike Fraley

The day before the last Memorial Day weekend, Lane Holdcroft called me up and asked me to go with him to Trout Lake for the three day weekend. I groaned and moaned about the possibilities, and even after some very strong persuasion tactics from Lane I decided not to go on such short notice. Well, with this Memorial Day weekend coming up, and no limestone caving on the foreseeable horizon, I decided to venture with Lane to this magical land of lava tube caving in all its splendor.

Dave Hopf, a Fourth Corner and Cascade member, had expressed some interest in going along with us. I sent him an e-mail as I was walking out the door telling him where we would be for the weekend. Maybe he would show up, I had no idea either way. Thus, Lane and I hit the road with merciless speed on our way to a hell of a weekend, at least we were hoping anyway. We made good time out of Seattle, despite it being the start of a holiday weekend, talking about GPS, cave surveying and any other miscellaneous stuff we could think of. We made it to the Trout Lake Campground before dark and pitched our tents. To my surprise, someone had placed the international caving symbol on some of the trees around the campground, telling us that other cavers were in the area. We couldn't find them in the dark, so we retired. (Some cavers we are.)

We found the other cavers the next morning, it turned out to be Ron and Peggy Erickson from the Puget Sound Grotto and some of their friends. Lane and I didn't know yet what we wanted to do, so we hooked up with them on their days excursions. It was decided that they would take us to Sawmill Cave. I was impressed with this cave. Large passages with massive breakdown piles to walk over through most of the cave. Near the back of one of the main passages was a smooth area where no breakdown was present. The termination of this passage was interesting. I climbed up a sloping chimney into a small room with a crawl way leading on. I pushed the crawl to another smaller room with some formations that could only be described as lava helectites. I didn't realize before that lava could form in curly formations. There was a passage continuing from this room with a strong breeze but it was too small to push. Backtracking, we came to a fork in the main passage that we had seen on the way in and had planned to explore on the way out. As I remember, this passage continued on a good distance and eventually became too tight as the ceiling descended down toward the floor, the type of termination typical of most lava tubes. Several Duracell AA batteries too far into the crawlway to reach marked the failed attempts of some poor fellow to push it. There was another rather strong breeze flowing forth from the low passage. What made this air flow interesting, was

that the breeze came in pulses a few seconds apart. Everyone speculated as to why this was, from another entrance to very large cave passage beyond, but I think the general consensus was that none of us had any idea what we were taking about. There were many areas of shiny silver and red lava throughout the cave. I assumed them to be some type of mineral deposits, but they were pretty nevertheless.

We exited the cave into the familiar warm Trout Lake air and sat around trying to decide what to do next. Poachers Cave was nearby. I had been there with Jim Harp a few years earlier and suggested going. Everyone agreed so we all jumped into our cars in full caving gear and drove on. After a bit of walking around I finally found the not so obvious entrance. As I was walking into the cave entrance, I kept noticing what looked like bird droppings all over the place. I looked up at the ceiling, and saw bats here and there. Not knowing whether they were still in hibernation or not, I told the group we had to leave, and they obeyed. Poachers cave has many entrances and skylights, so we tried a few other points in the cave to see if the bats were only in the one section. No go, they were everywhere. When we got back to the car, someone pulled out the list for the area that shows what caves are closed and open during certain times of the year. Sure enough, there were only 3 caves closed for most of the year due to bats, and Poachers Cave was smack in the middle. We all kicked ourselves mentally and moved on. Thinking back on it, I should have kicked Lane. (insert smiley face here)

Since we were in easy cave mode, I suggested hitting New Cave on the way back to camp. New Cave is nice since it is long with no breakdown, at least on the down tube end from the entrance. As I was walking down the large passage, I couldn't help but compare it to Ape Cave. They strike me as looking similar, with New Cave being a smaller version. At one point near the entrance, the passage becomes very low and wide. You can almost crawl on hands and knees through it, but something on the ceiling will always get you. Most people literally lie on their backs and roll through it. It was amusing to sit on the other side and watch one person after another come rolling out of the passage.

After lunch, we headed out for Cheese Cave. I was really looking forward to seeing this cave again. If you want to see mammoth cave passage, this is the cave to see it in. When I was at this cave several years earlier, my light really didn't reach the ceiling. My new Tag light system didn't have any problems doing it this time. I don't know how high the ceiling is at the highest point, but I seem to remember the map saying 60 feet. That seems like too much, but it is still worth seeing. No real breakdown to speak of except at the entrance. Another thing that I find very interesting about this cave, is its almost perfect

A Letter to the Membership

If everyone in the grotto (or, even just those who come to the monthly mtgs.) would write at least one trip report/yr., the editors would have more than enough to fill 12 months worth of newsletters. Come on people, we're all volunteers. Get off your lazy butts and contribute something.

If you wait for someone else to do it, nothing will happen. Everyone should get actively involved in the Grotto. (If you're an armchair caver, send in a report on the latest caving book you've read.) Paul made several suggestions of types of material they'd like to get from you. If you can't think of anything, see one of the editors after a grotto mtg. and ask them what you could do to help out. Or, phone or email them. Do it now!!!

Don't put it off til tomorrow. If you do, your life will pass you by and you'll look back over all the years you've wasted doing nothing in the very organization you cared most about.

There's a false perception in the grotto that the leaders are elected to entertain the rest of us. This is not true. They are there to keep things organized. But, it is up to each and every one of us to get involved and help entertain one another not only in the newsletter but, in all grotto activities.

I'd much rather read something you've sent in than an old article I or Mike or someone else contributed a year ago. We need fresh material! Make a personal commitment to do it today. You'll be glad you did.

Larry McTigue

FREENETS

By Larry McTigue

For the benefit of those who don't yet have email....

The following is a list of freenets operating in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Montana and Alaska.

The first part is from the (OFCN) Organization of Community Networks that is listed on the world-wide web. It lists all current freenets operating around the world, except the Juno network. I have included only the ones that pertain to our region. I took the Juno freenet access #'s off the web also. They are shown further down this page.

The (OFCN) can be reached at: <http://ofcn.org>

(SCN) Seattle Community Net

voice (206) 365-4528
modem (206) 386-4199

email: help@scn.org

snail mail: Seattle Community Network
c/o CPSR/Seattle
P.O. Box 85481
Seattle, WA. 98145-1481

Tri-Cities Free Net

voice (509) 586-6481
helpdesk (206) 365-4528

email: sysop@tcfm.org

info: info@scfn.org

modem (509) 543-2900

telnet: tcfm.org

url: <http://www.cbvcp.com/cbpin/>

Bremerton (Kitsap Library) "Linknet"

voice (360) 405-9139
helpdesk (360) 405-9131

email: michael@linknet.kitsap.lib.wa.us

modem (360) 698-0462
(360) 698-4137
(360) 842-8721
(360) 851-4012

telnet: 198.187.135.22

The following is a list of local access #'s for the free Juno Email Service. The original list is much longer and available on the world-wide web. But, I deleted everything except what is pertinent to our own Pacific NW Caving Region.

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Juno Free Email Service

Access Number Page

mail to: webmaster@juno.com

Note:

We do not provide the last four digits of the access number since it is not possible to manually type an access number into the Juno software. Instead, the program will provide you with a list of numbers to choose from.

Below is a complete list organized by area code of Juno's current access numbers. Please check to see if there is a number that is a local call for you. If there is not, we recommend that you select the access number that will cost you the least to call.

Depending on where you live, this may be the access number closest to you or it may be an access number in a more distant location, such as a major city.

(For more information about the cost to connect from your computer to a specific Juno access number, you should check with your local or long-distance carrier.)

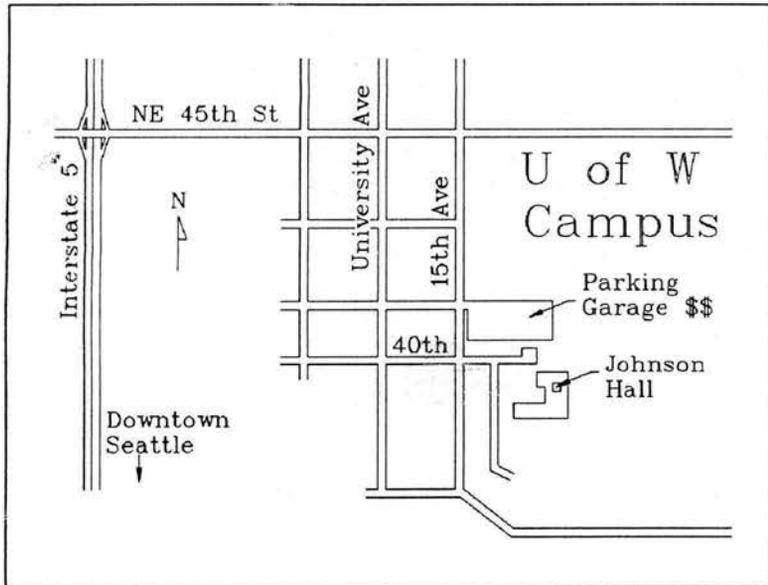
If there is an area where you would like us to add a local access number, feel free to let us know by sending e-mail to

mail to: access-number@support.juno.com

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(208) 344-xxxx	Boise, ID
(208) 788-xxxx	Ketchum, ID
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(406) 449-xxxx	Helena, MT
(503) 226-xxxx	Portland, OR
(503) 274-xxxx	Portland, OR
(503) 362-xxxx	Salem, OR
(509) 326-xxxx	Spokane, WA
(509) 835-xxxx	Spokane, WA
(541) 689-xxxx	Eugene, OR
(541) 857-xxxx	Medford, OR
(541) 924-xxxx	Albany, OR

(801) 237-xxxx	Salt Lake City, UT
(801) 375-xxxx	Provo, UT
(801) 521-xxxx	Salt Lake City, UT
(801) 544-xxxx	Kaysville, UT
(801) 649-xxxx	Park City, UT
(801) 812-xxxx	Provo, UT
(907) 458-xxxx	Fairbanks, AK
(907) 562-xxxx	Anchorage, AK



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We look forward to seeing you at one of our meetings

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