

# THE MAVERICK BULL

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OF THE MAVERICK GROTTTO

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COMPLIMENTARY NEWSLETTERS: THE MAVERICK GROTTO will provide complimentary newsletters to persons or organizations who provide cave access (i.e. landowners) or otherwise provide assistance to cavers. THE MAVERICK GROTTO will also provide three free issues to persons interested in becoming members.

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MEETINGS: Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month, at SMOKEY'S RIPS, 5300 East Lancaster, Fort Worth. It is a little less than one mile west of Loop 820 and next door to a K-MART. The time is 7:00 P.M., and the food is good.

CARBIDE: Grotto carbide is available at the meeting on the even numbered months. The carbide is free to all members and is sold to others at the price of 50 cents a pound. Anyone needing carbide at other times should contact Vice-Chairman Bruce Anderson to arrange for pick up.

VERTICAL GEAR SEWING: We have made arrangements with Gary Griffin to sew vertical rigs. He will do this by appointment while you are there. You need to have the items cut out and know how you want it sewn. You can contact Gary at (817) 282-2812. If anyone needs assistance in cutting out items call Vice-Chairman Bruce Anderson and he will attempt to help.

ON THE COVER: On the cover of this months news letter is Dale Ellison, Arlene and little Dale.

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## CAIANDER OF EVENTS

1. GROTTO MEETING  
April 9, 1991

The grotto meeting will be held on Tuesday April 9 at 7:00 pm. The planned program will be a tape of a Endless Cave trip of the Anderson's.

2. COLORADO BEND  
April 12-14, 1991

The continuing TSA project at Colorado Bend State Park continues on this weekend.

3. VERTICAL CLASS  
April 20-21, 1991

A vertical class is planned for this weekend. The class will be at Mineral Wells and anyone interested should contact Earnest Parker.

4. COLORADO BEND  
April 19-21, 1991

The Earth Day Project is planned for this weekend at Colorado Bend State Park.

5. SPRING MVOR  
April 26-28, 1991

The Spring MVOR is planned for this weekend. It is to held at Tunnel Cave in Pulaski County in Missouri. There are 20 caves in in a 20 mile radius of the area. Anyone interested in this trip should contact Kerry Rowland in Missouri.

6. TSA SPRING REGIONAL MRETING  
April 26-28, 1991

The TSA Spring Regional event is to be held at the Lone Man II Ranch at Wimberley, TX. This site has been moved from the original information sent out. Orignally, this was to be held at Bee's Campground near Garner State Park but was moved due to a price increase. More information will be available soon from TSA.

7. VERTICAL CLASS  
May 4-5, 1991

The second class of the vertical class will be held this weekend at Mineral Wells.

8. SPRING PARTY  
May 11, 1991

The joint Maverick, DFW Spring Party will be held on Saturday May 11 at the M&W Ranch.

9. COLORADO BEND  
May 10-12, 1991

The ongoing TSA Project at Colorado Bend State Park will be held this weekend.

10. GROTTO MEETING  
May 14, 1991

The Maverick grotto meeting will be held on Tuesday night at 7:30 pm.

11. GUADS TRIP  
May 24-27, 1991

Bruce and Donna Anderson are planning a trip to New Mexico this weekend and there may still be a spot open.

12. GROTTO MEETING  
June 11, 1991

The Maverick grotto will have their regular monthly meeting at 7:30 pm.

13. CARLSBAD CAVERS RESTORATION  
June 17-21, 1991

There will be a CRF-NSS-NPS project in restoring Carlsbad Caverns during this period.

14. POWELL'S CAVE  
June 21-23, 1991

This will be the date for next survey trip and TSA work party at Powell's Cave.

Maverick Meeting March 12, 1991

During the March meeting, there was speculation that the "Bull" would need another Editor/Secretary. Well, it is official. Stephen Jung was laid-off from the phone company and no longer had the equipment to handle the task. So for this emergency situation before the April meeting, I, Dale the Chairperson will slap something together in the mean time. I'm borrowing this fang danggle electronic typewriter and it beeps, whistles and locks up frequently, but me and the will, bounce between the "machine" the owners manual and some notes. Be sure to remember I've never said that I was an editor or knew anything about grammar, ect.

Master Jimmy Thomas, treasurer, reports that Maverick has \$527.17 in the checking account then someone handed him another \$40.00 so you can add as well as I for the final balance. Maverick patches are still for sale by the way. Twelve folks attended the march meeting. We had a visitor named Tracy Van Eps. Yea, ...Mike Anderson and daughter Meta Huzarevich applied for membership after dooly complying with the 3 trip, ect. requirement. They were voted in with Ed Young unanimously. Congratulations and welcome. Jimmy Thomas announced the River Styx Project and has a write up in the March newsletter. Lets see, ...my notes say that Butch discussed Powell's Cave Trip earlier this month and the survey results. Thirty-eight people were at Gorman this month (March). Ridge walking was done near Gorman. Mark Porter and the cavernmania, Bruce Anderson bounced a 60 foot pit. Mark took it in stride but it was awhile before we heard the end of it from Bruce. I think Bruce will adapt to verticle caves. Colorado Bend (Gorman) will be on going thru June then break, the project will continue again in October. Kevin and Greg hit Hell Below, Pink's Cave, Sentinal Chimney and Three Fingers. Earnest Parker's verticle class has already been slated for April 20 and 21st, May 4th and 5th, with a makeup class held May 11th and 12th.

The best I can remember and can withstand being corrected, if you haven't paid your dues by the end of March or April, you may be dropped from the mailing list for this wonderful informative news publication.

Ed Young presented the program. It was a video tape of Carlsbad area, Lake Cave and New Cave. Thanks Ed.

UP AND COMING REALLY NEET STUFF

(The heading was supposed to be dark and Eold but this machine some how forgot its program and did what the blazes it wanted to do on its own!!!!!!HAHA)

The Gorman Falls area will be opened at a celebration held April 19th thru 21st (Earth Day Weekend). Mildred Patterson who managed the area for a long while will be there. TSA has been asked to put together presentations. One speaker will discuss chemical spills. If you need any info on the Gorman Project, call my friend Butch Fralia.

My notes say, CRF trip to Fitton March 23-24th but I guess its a little late to tell ya about that one.

Flash!!!!!!There is in the planning stages right now another trip to Fitton. Butch is planning the trip for when school is out with Mark Porter. I guess

you can call either one of them to find out the scoop.

April 6th and 7th in the Arbuckles. Continue Survey in Mystic Cave. Requires diving. Earnest Mayhards property. Ridgewalking and survey of several small caves. Bring wetsuit for Mystic,...some climbing with rope and belay. Contact Greg Mooty or John Brooks or Woodrow Thomas. Here is a phone number but I don't know which one it belongs to. A/C 214-827-2857. They will also be doing some dye tracing with fluorosene dye. Also Goodards property.

April 20th and 21st is Earth Day. Looks to me like April 20th - 21st is a hot little date. It is unfortunate that most people won't be able to be at two great events at the same time. Gorman and the rope school.

April 12th - 14th Colorado Bend.

April 1991, Honey Creek, call Kurt Menking, (512)824-7230.

TSA Spring Regional Meeting, April 26th - 28th. Lone Man II Ranch, Wimberley. More info soon.

May 11th - 12th is the joint DFW/Maverick party (Rites of Spring Party). John Thompson will have the sauna. Word has it that Steve Dalton is working on a new hot tub. Cave Dave joint party chairman is to finalize plans about food and beer.

Carlsbad Caverns Restoration, June 17th - 21st. If interested contact Dick Venters CCRP Coordinator, 410 Stallion Road, Rio Rancho, New Mexico 87124-2326, (505

Of course, if you know the Rain God, Blizzard Breath typing wizzard, the make shift Edito/Chairperson (I'm a harry legged man, not a "person!"), then you should expect this out of me. It seems as though in the Star Telegram on March 17, 1991 in Section A, Page 24, there are some sports Miss Texas cannot do during her year reign.

Contestant shall not participate in the following sports and physical activities: Aerobics, air-racing, auto-racing, skydiving, badminton, baseball, basketball, bobsledding, boat racing, cricket, cycling, lugeing, tobogganing, boxing, canoeing, kayaking, drag-racing, equestrian sports, field hockey, football, ice hockey, diving, gliding, hang-gliding, hand ball, hot air ballooning, ice yachting, sand yachting, ice skating, jai-alai, karate, karting, lacrosse, martial arts, motorcycling, mountaineering, polo, platform tennis, racquetball, rodeo, rugby, roller skating, roller-coaster, riding, skateboarding, snow skiing, snowmobiling, snowshoe racing, soccer, softball, spelunking, squash, surfing, tennis, trampolining, vollyball, water-skiing, weightlifting, powerlifting, and wrestling. (Contestant may walk and jog.)

You probably think that covers all sports, right? Wrong.....The sports that I could dream of, well at least cavers do ti in the mud and they "go down" and thats all that I'm going to say right now because who knows whose little beedy eyes may leark at this.

To bid a good bye from your makeshift editor/chairperson.