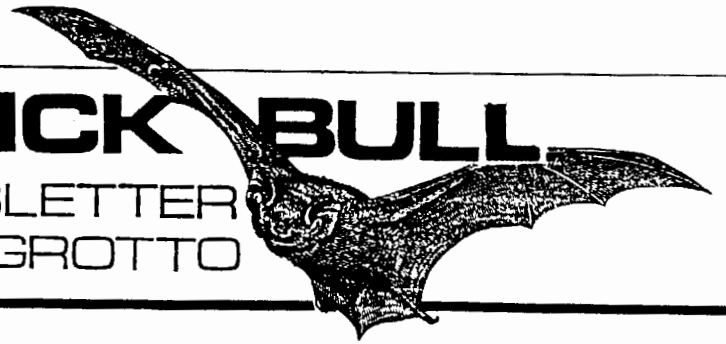


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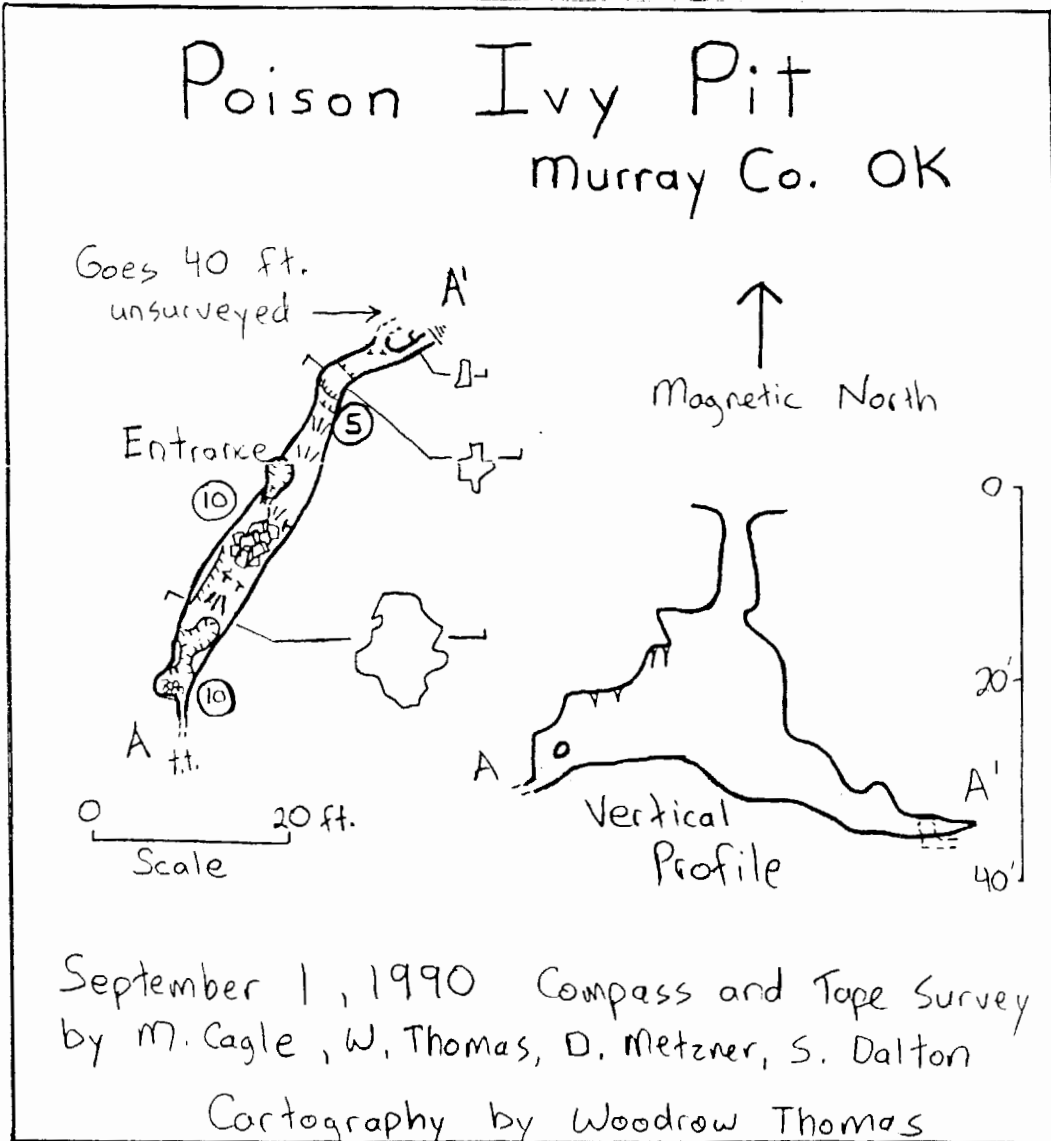
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Hi Trooper Cavers,

Here's an article and map for the Maverick Bull. It's about some work that was done about a year ago.

Carry on,

Woodrow Thomas



THE MAVERICK BULL is the monthly newsletter of THE MAVERICK GROTTO, an internal organization of the National Speleological Society (NFS 6-322). The editor invites all individuals and other grottos to submit articles, news, maps, cartoons, art, and photographs. If the material is to be returned, a self-addressed, stamped envelope should accompany it.

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EXCHANGES: THE MAVERICK GROTTO, will exchange newsletters with other grottos. Contact the editor.

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.

MEMBERSHIP POLICY: Any individual with interests, beliefs, and actions consistent with the purposes of THE MAVERICK GROTTO and the National Speleological Society is eligible for membership. Acceptance of new members is based on payment of dues and a mandatory three trip requirement with at least three different grotto members. These three members shall act as sponsors. At least one sponsor must attend the meeting at which the membership vote is taken. A two-thirds majority vote of the members present will be required for acceptance.

MEETINGS: Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month, at SMOKEY'S RIBS, 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.

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CAVE RESCUE: Call Collect (512) 686-0234

LIBRARY: Support your Grotto Library. Russell Hill will be accepting books, magazine articles on cave related topics, copies of homemade cave videos, etc. for our library. We wish to thank Russell for his efforts each month to bring and set up the Grotto Library.

Maverick Grotto Patches are still for sale, see Jimmy Thomas, his address and phone number are listed above.

I have mentioned this several times and here I go again, ... If you team up with someone and ride to a cave and you really don't remember where you left some item, call me and I'll see that it gets put in the Maverick Bull Lost and Found section of the news letter. If you've been looking for it well, ... it must be lost! If you get home with extra gear, the owner may be looking for it. They could find it here in the Bull.



Calendar

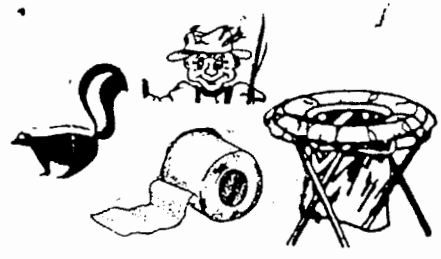
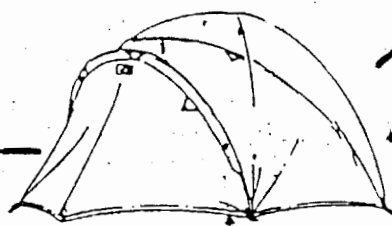
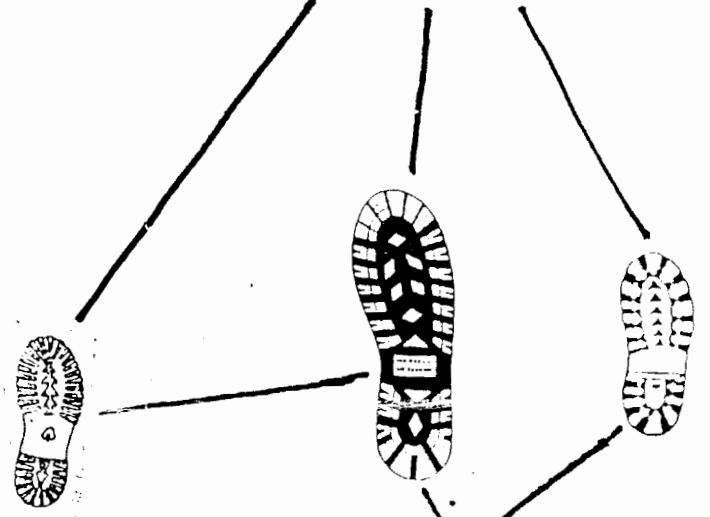
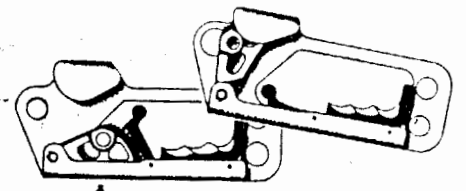
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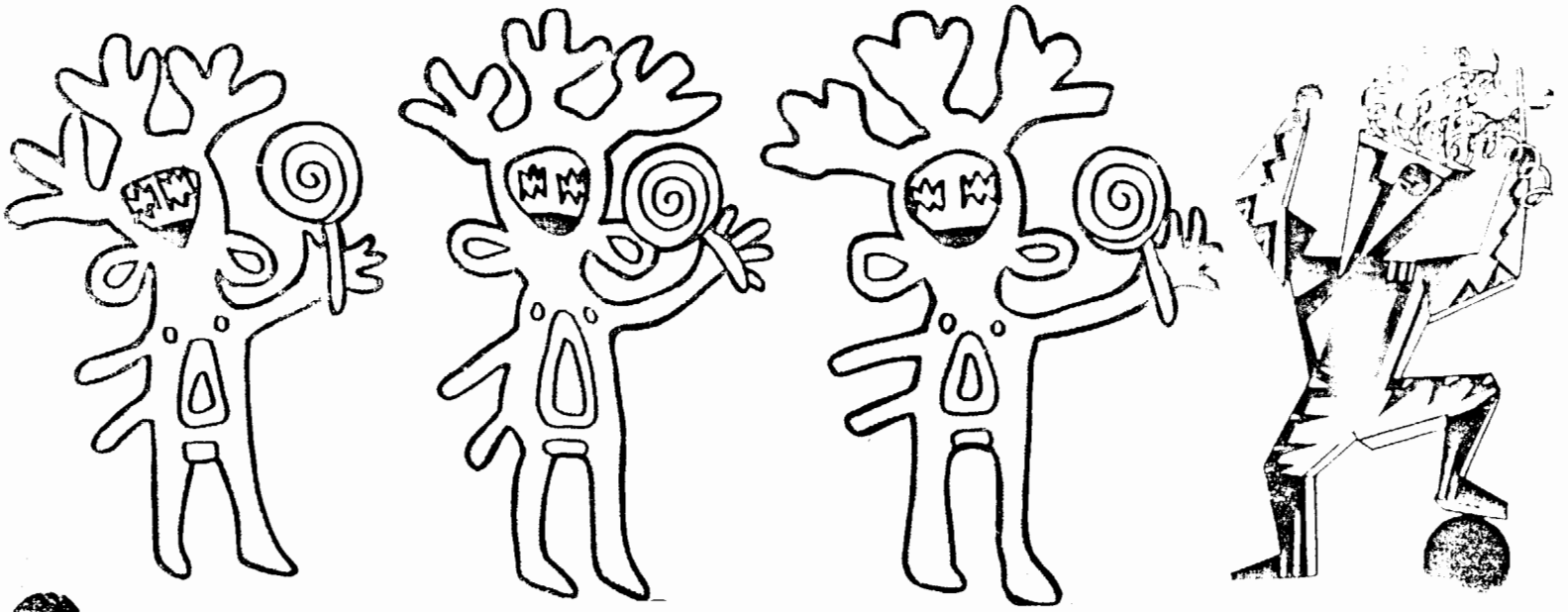
What: Map and Dig in Whirlpool Cave
Where: Whirlpool Cave in scenic Austin, Texas
When: Second weekends of July, Aug. and Sept.

Why: Digs and floods have changed the cave recently. The Geology and Air Flow indicates there is much more cave. We could tunnel through into the Barton Springs Main Drain and scoop Major Booty. Bring survey equipment and gloves for digging. Camping at the cave will be provided. There is a one time \$2.00 registration fee for project supplies. There is work for all, just show up.

For more information call Jim Wolff (512) 444-4203, Lee Jay Graves (512) 326-1297 or William Russell (512) 453-4774.

To reach the cave go one block west from MoPac on William Cannon to light at Brush Country, turn left (south) to 4-way stop at Convict Hill. Go straight ahead under MoPac bridge, cross creek on curved bridge. Turn left across curb before houses (200 feet past bridge). Keep left into preserve. Look for TCMA signs.



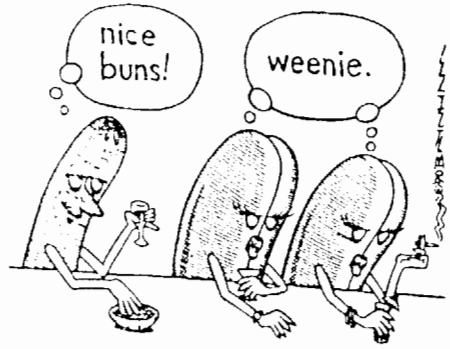


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AUGUST MEETING 1991



Guest that I was aware of: Steve Fritts
Gary Griffin

Russell Hill sold tickets @ \$1.00 ea or 7 for \$5.00 for a chance to win a nice light or carabiner or a canteen.

Discussed River Styx Project, the lease of the Cave and Lubbock grottos' participation. Contact Butch Fralia if you need information about this latest turn of events. (The last advertised trip/grotto project to River Styx yielded four people. Jimmy Thomas, Butch Fralia, Shane Fralia, Steve Fritts and Dale Ellison.)

It was reported and asked to spread the word,...Carbide is NO longer allowed in Lechuguilla Cave.

A very brief discussion was about the strong possibility that the 1994 NSS Convention could be here in Texas. You could contact Jay Jordon to find out about this rumor.

EXCELLANT EXCELLANT EXCELLANT EXCELLANT EXCELLANT EXCELLANT was the word in responce to Burt Grantges slide presentation on bats as well as the live Fruit Bat.



Keith Heuss had just awarded Wojciech & Rafal Kedzierski their Texas Parks & Wildlife Cap for their efforts at Colorado Bend State Park.

Congradulations

Another "Little One" Knocked Out in The Arbuckles

by: Woodrow Thomas

In an attempt to find a back entrance into Mystic Cave, or possibly a way into a parallel trunk drainage, we did a lot of ridgewalking during 1990. In the process, many small caves and pits were discovered and explored. Most were insignificant, however, a few were worthy of further investigation. We tried to map all of the caves which were at least 150 feet long, or were extremely deep. One cave, which did not meet these criteria but was surveyed nevertheless, was Poison Ivy Pit.

It was found by Troy Shelton and I on May 26 about a mile almost due east of Mystic Cave. The entrance is a 5 foot diameter vertical shaft nearly covered by poison ivy, in the bottom of a large wooded sinkhole. An 8 foot climb-down opens into the top of a tall canyon passage with an 18 foot vertical drop to the floor. This canyon passage trends southwest to northeast. To the southwest, the floor slopes gradually down for about 25 feet to where the passage pinches hopelessly tight in a drain clogged with cobbles and debris. To the northeast, the passage descends more steeply to a stoopwalk after about 12 feet and then a crawl for 10 more feet. It was here at a tight squeeze, moving air, that Troy and I were stopped on the original exploration, although we could see that the passage opened up and continued on the other side.

I returned to Poison Ivy Pit on September 1, 1990 with Steve Dalton, Mike Cagle, and Don Metzner, intent on finding the source of the air movement. Since we anticipated a protracted digging effort, Mike and I were to complete the survey of the known passage while the others began work enlarging the squeeze. As it turned out, Don was able to make it through without modifying the passage and he quickly scooted about 40 feet. He reported stale air and no going leads. Apparently, the breeze felt in the constriction was simple chimney effect caused by air circulating through a nearby dome. Mike and I finished the survey and I decided not to proceed with the squeeze dig because of the insignificant amount of cave beyond.

Poison Ivy Pit contains 65 feet of surveyed passage (including the vertical drop) as well as the stuff beyond the tight spot. There are a few large stalactites and some old flowstone, but little else worth seeing. All in all, the cave was hardly worth mapping, but I'm glad we knocked it out.

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Anyone interested in going to TAG in October? If so, contact Steve or Pat Gentry. Vertical cavers should really consider this since you'll be within an hour of the deepest pits in the country.

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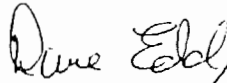
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Dear Jimmy,

I would like to subscribe to your grotto newsletter, Maverick Bull. If you could send me the current issue and inform me of the cost, I'll send you a check. Also, I would like to know the price and availability of back issues. Please respond as soon as possible as I will be at the above address only until late September; after that the WV address in the NSS Membership Manual will work. In December I'll be moving to Fort Hood and am planning on getting involved in Texas and Southwest caving. Many thanks for you assistance.

Good Caving,


Dave Eddy

The format of this newsletter was altered to break the sameness associated with my news letters. The elections of Officers for Maverick Grotto will take place during the November monthly meeting. We will accept nominations for these offices during the October meeting. I am starting this during the September meeting. All the hopefuls will have time to Kiss the Babes and glad hand all the others, get match books printed and all the other things that candidates do in hopes to win the majority vote for an office. The offices' open for nominations will be: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Sec/Editor of Newsletter, and Treasurer.

I have heard through the winds of River Styx that Jimmy Thomas would accept nomination for the office he now holds, Treasurer. As last year, please contact the people in advance that you intend to nominate them and only nominate them if they agree to hold the office for 1992. I have also heard the rumor that Butch Fralia is considering the run for Maverick Grotto Chairman. This early in the politics game, you have time to call and either encourage these office hopefuls or try to talk them out of it.

Until next month cavers,.....

