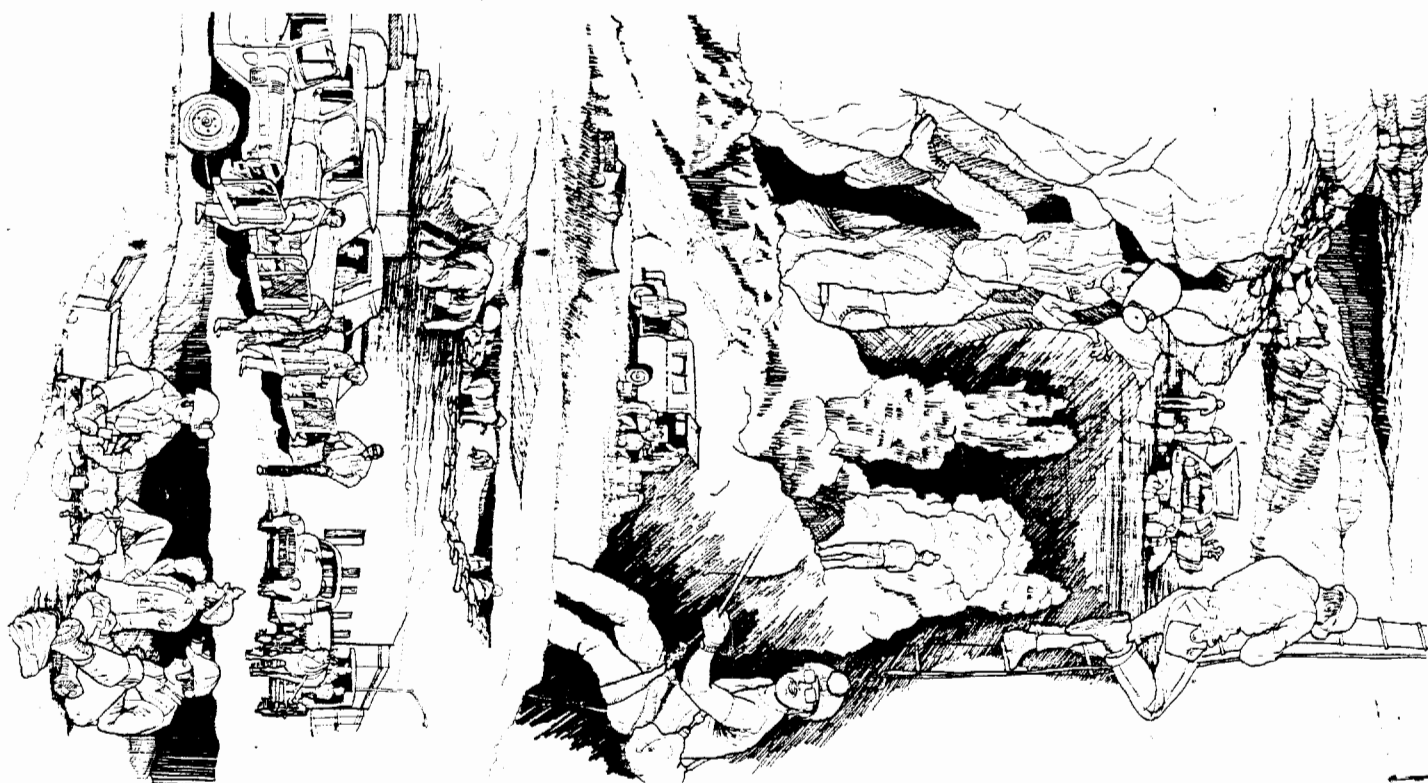


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THIS NEWSLETTER IS YOUR INVITATION TO MEET AND SHARE IN THE FORMATION OF THE MAVERICK GROTTO. THIS CHARTER MEETING IS INVITATIONAL IN NATURE.

The meeting will be held at SMOKEY'S RIBS, at 5300 East Lancaster in the east central part of Fort Worth, Texas. Just short of one mile west of Loop 820 on East Lancaster, this is a central point in Tarrant County, and should be convenient to the mid-cities, Arlington, and Fort Worth! The time is about 7 PM, and the food is good. Go through the regular line for your grub and then come to the "party room" which we have reserved in the back.

Please think about the agenda items---particularly the first, as the sponsors of this effort wish to accomodate western metroplex cavers and also those in outlying areas such as the group from Ardmore.

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The caver chimneying in upper left is Bob Lloyd in the "manhole", Fitton or Beauty Cave, Arkansas. An unknown caver is just to the right of Lloyd, and seems to be studying two large stalagmites in a cave near Bustemonte, Mexico. On the wire ladder is Ronald E, Miller, with C. Edwin Kunath just below, rappeling into Pumkin in the Carta Valley area. The pickup camper and car with a tent is Calvin Hurst and party in the infamous Carta Valley triangle. Immediately below is a few cave crawlers in the Crystal Crawl in Fitton Cave. Cavertruckers (L to R) in the lower left are Mike Moody, Ronnie Fiesler, Bill Elliot, and Jon Vinson. The street scene with the Studebaker pickup and horse cart is in Bustemonte, Mexico. At the bottom, (L to R) Bob Lloyd, Wallace Hughes, and Calvin Hurst dine below the gypsum flower in Fitton Cave.

ANNOUNCING FORMATION OF THE MAVERICK GROTTTO

As the metroplex has grown and the traffic problems have increased, it is now viable to start a second grotto located in the western half of the metroplex. Because of transportation problems of driving to Dallas, there are many Tarrant County cavers who rarely make it to the meetings held in Dallas. Our purpose in forming another grotto is to make it easier for Tarrant County residents to attend meetings and to get them more involved in caving activities. Our first meeting will be organizational in nature.

The agenda for the first meeting will include the following:

1. Organization and goals
2. Approving of a grotto name
3. Deciding on a central meeting place
4. Membership dues
5. Planning a Christmas party
6. Announcement of contest rules for Grotto newsletter name and logo design

A contingent of the Arbuckle Grotto also supports this venture and wishes to become a part of the new grotto.

If you are interested in sharing in the groundwork for this new grotto, please make plans to attend. If you are unable to attend this first meeting but wish to have some input, you may call any of the persons listed below.

We will hold our first meeting on Wednesday, November 19th at 7:00 p.m.

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