

THE MAVERICK BULL

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
OF THE MAVERICK GROTTO

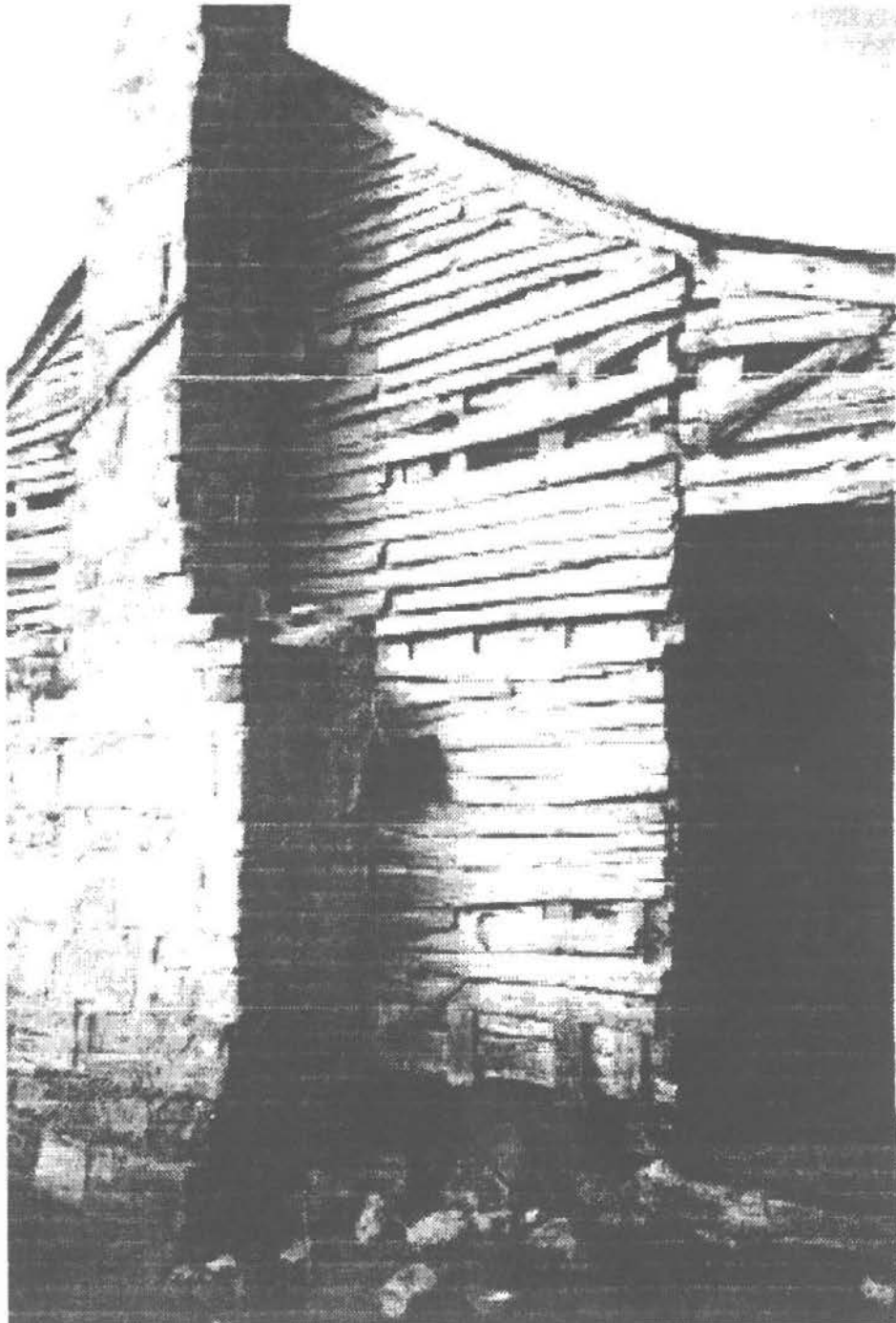


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The Enchanting Bristor Cabin



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 5-7, Southwestern Regional, McKittrick Hill Caves. Contact Dave Belski, 408 Southern Sky, Carlsbad, NM 88220, (505) 885-6168.

SEPTEMBER 8, Tuesday MAVERICK GROTTO MEETING. Russell Hill will be bringing this month's program. Russell was telling me that he will use a wheel barrow to "wheel" in a load of National Geographic Magazines. All attendees will be instructed to rummage through the magazines to find an article and/or articles they really enjoy, then keep the Magazine forever. The magazines that were not given a new home, Russell will haul them back out. Be there or the Editor will be forced to start naming names!

SEPTEMBER 12-13, Monthly expedition to Mystic Cave area resumes this weekend. Contact Greg Mooty at (214) 827-2857 or Woodrow Thomas at (903) 395-4431.

SEPTEMBER, SPELEO-ART SHOW, Marlboro Gallery, Prince George's Community College, Largo, Maryland. Contact Prof. Donald Phillips, P.O. Box 3064, Alexandria, VA 22302, 703-730-0679 (H) or 301-322-0965(W).

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↓ SEPTEMBER 19-20, The "Ernie Parker" Rappelling School. Ernie uses the Single Rope Technique. He has numerous years of Fire Department Rescue and instructing. Fee is based upon the number of students. At this time, the amount may be \$25.00. (Could be as low as \$10.00 which covers printed material.) This weekend plus the following weekend (Sept. 26-27) will be required for training. Upon successful completion of the course, a certificate will be mailed to the graduate. Please contact Ernie Parker at (817) 447-8344 so he can start a sign-up sheet. You may also contact Dale Ellison at (817) 473-0463 if your interested.

SEPTEMBER 21-25, 5th ANNUAL LINT RESTORATION CAMP. Carlsbad Caverns National Park. Contact Pat Jablonsky c/o DMNH, 2001 Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO 80205, 303-370-6473. (NSS News states that registration be no later than June 1)

SEPTEMBER 25-27, Fall MVOR (Missouri Valley

Ozarks Region) hosted by Middle Mississippi Valley Grotto, Crawford County, Missouri. Contact Rich Schleper, 2813 Patti Lane, High Ridge, MO 63049. (314) 677-3509.

OCTOBER 3-4, PARTY. "Kiss the Summer good-bye party". Maverick Grotto and DFW Grotto embrace to drink beer and eat deceased Turkey legs. This party is not limited to the metroplex cavers. (Hint-Hint) This annual event will be held at the M & W Ranch. Great food, sauna tent, hot tub full of "hot" ur, river water. Respective Grottos' will bankroll the event.

OCTOBER 9-11, Colorado Bend State Park project resumes this weekend. Contact Butch Fralia at (817) 346-2039.

OCTOBER 9-11, Southern Plains Regional hosted by Tulsa Regional Oklahoma Grotto (TROG) in Jay, Oklahoma area. Contact Bill Howard at 10845 East Admiral Place # 10, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74116. (918) 437-6016, or Tom Glenn at (918) 494-2992.

OCTOBER 16-18, 15th ANNUAL TEXAS OLD TIMERS REUNION. Lone Man II Ranch near Wimberly. Now is not too early to make plans for this.

NOVEMBER 10, MAVERICK GROTTO MEETING, annual election of officers. The impressive job of newsletter Editor will be open. Please consider this important job for 1993.

OCTOBER 23-25, POWELL'S CAVE. (Menard County) Survey and explore in the second longest cave in Texas. Contact Terry Holsinger (512) 443-4241.

NOV. 14-15, CAVERNS OF SONORA RESTORATION. Contact George Veni (512) 558-4403. Call fast; list building.

DECEMBER 27-30, MEXPELEO '92, hosted by SMES and AMCS at Grutas de Cachuamilpa, Taxco, Guerrero, Mexico. Contact Peter Sprouse at P>O> Box 7672, Austin, Texas 78713. Or call him at (512) 873-0256.

JANUARY 25-27, 1993, 4th MULTIDISC. CONFERENCE ON SINKHOLES, Pampa City, Florida. Contact Barry F. Beck, Florida Sinkhole Res. Inst., University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL 32816, 407-823-5645.

Ernie Parker's

RAPPELLING School

Sept. 19,20-Sept. 26,27

This Fall's rappelling school will be held on the above two weekends. Earnest Parker will be the Instructor. Earnest has taught several schools in single rope technique for a great number of North Texas cavers. Without embarrassing him by telling you how many gold stars he has beside his name, I'll just say: he knows what he's doing. After these two weekends and with some practice, you will know what your doing also.

In the attempt to make the class room portion of the school more easily attended, Earnest has made arrangements for us to use the Fire Hall in White Settlement. The directions to the Fire Hall classroom is: Go West (the direction where the Sun sets) on I-30 and exit at Cherry Lane. Go right on Cherry Lane. At White Settlement Road, turn Left. At Meadow Park turn Left again. Take the first Right which should be Hannon. At the Fire Hall; park in back. We will start the class just about straight-up-and-down 8:00 A. M. We will break at lunch time with plenty of time to drive somewhere exotic for food that has been carefully designed by Food Engineers.

If at all possible, please bring a hard hat with a chin strap, farmer john type leather gloves, wear knobby soled shoes or boots. You could also make use of a piece of rope 5 feet long for tying knots. Bring your sit harness or we will teach you how to tie one with 25 feet of 2 inch tubular webbing but 1 inch will work, its not quite as comfortable.

Cost is \$25.00 for printed material and is based upon the number of students. It certainly could be as low as \$10.00. This is

still a very cheap price for the vast knowledge you will gain. Dale, half of a gold star, Ellison will be trying to help Earnest control the crowds of students.

Call Earnest at 817-447-8344 or Dale at 817-473-0463 to sign up or find out where to get some gear at.



COLORADO BEND STATE PARK
VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY SUMMARY 09/31/91 => 09/31/92
by Butch Fralia

The June CBSP trip ended park volunteer "work" for cavers until October '92. Now, with trip reports complete and hours totaled, the activity must be summarized for the year. By August 31st of each year, TPWD gathers the volunteer hours for each park. Cavers being the independent souls they are, maintain their own records and manage their own projects. For this level of freedom, project coordinators must follow the rules and file the reports. Because of the trust between TPWD and cavers, cavers gave CBSP 2864 volunteer hours from August 31, 1991 through August 31, 1992.

The accomplishments this year are something other than cavers usually like to "brag" about. As cavers we tend to think in terms of new caves, passage pushed, lengths of survey, and pits dropped. Previous years have been more productive in terms of traditional caver accomplishment. In analyzing work logs and trip reports to gather the hours for the year, I found a lot for cavers to "brag" about.

The first thing to report is that relations between the CBSP volunteer project and TPWD are excellent. Cavers work with TPWD in a partnership for the conservation, discovery and research of caves. For the first time in five years, both parties openly pursue recreational caving. There is more attention now to caves and volunteer projects than in the past. Cavers help TPWD in ways other than caving. Cavers and TPWD are in a mutually beneficial situation.

The Space Heater Cave clean-up has been on going for several years. What once was a pile of garbage in a possible karst area is now a trash free pit forty-five feet deep. Centennial Cave was a trash filled pit at the beginning of the year. Now, it is free of trash and forty-five feet deep with about one hundred feet of passage. Survey is complete and a map is in progress. Survey is complete in Tight Slide Fissure and a map in progress. Ed Young discovered Psycho cave and "small" cavers explored it to a depth of one-hundred-fifty feet. For the first time, air quality measurements for a control group of caves, continued through out the year.

The largest expenditure of time involved ridgewalking and seeking new caves.

This activity occurred in areas unexplored by cavers and yielded few new caves. It appears the areas now under exploration aren't as lucrative as previous areas. We didn't find many new caves but we found where new caves aren't. Several areas ridgewalked involved environmental survey for possible water well sites and a developed camping area.

Gorman Cave drew the most attention though not the most hours. During the months of September, October and November, volunteer cave guides lead public visitors through Gorman Cave. In May, volunteer cavers lead tours of Gorman Cave for the sixth grade class of San Saba Public Schools. Cavers helped with tours to Gorman Falls and maintained a tour registration area to relieve the park staff. Cavers and Park Staff cleared a road approximately one-one-half miles long. This allowed a drilling rig access to drill into Gorman Cave immediately above the gate site. The hole provided access for power cables and to lower construction materials into the cave. A coordinated effort between cavers and TPWD accomplished the installation of a bat gate in Gorman Cave. Cavers and TPWD planned the installation and participated in the installation work. Mike Wharton, Lee Jay Graves, Charlie Savvas and others contracted the gate at bargain rates. Volunteer cavers helped with one-hundred-fifty hours of free labor to keep the cost down. The gate is the first bat gate located eight-hundred feet inside a cave. The bats have accepted the gate and returned to traditional roost. Cavers located and flagged a hiking trail to Gorman Cave that is in active use by park visitors.

A proposal for recreational caving is in possession of Robert Burnett - Resource Specialists Region 10 - for review. A joint effort is in progress between TPWD and cavers to develop a brochure format for each cave. TPWD has requested Bill Elliot to bid on the biological survey of seven caves proposed for recreational use. It is possible that some caves could be opened before the end of 1992.

The following summary shows the distribution of volunteer hours. The following is a summary of major activity for the year:

Air Quality Measurements
Archaeological Survey

240.0 hours
6.0 hours

Campsite Evaluation - New Volunteer Site	12.0 hours
Clean-up Caves	399.2 hours
Documentation - Compile Cave Descriptions	40.0 hours
Documentation - Preparing Trip Reports	75.0 hours
Documentation - Recreational Caving Proposal	20.0 hours
Documentation - Summarize Volunteer Hours	15.0 hours
Explore caves, write desc	78.0 hours
Gorman Cave - Bat Evaluation	6.0 hours
Gorman Cave - Drilling	8.0 hours
Gorman Cave - Locate/Mark road	70.0 hours
Gorman Cave - Prepare road to drill site	36.0 hours
Gorman Cave - Prepare road to site	64.0 hours
Gorman Cave - Radio Location	8.0 hours
Gorman Cave - Surface Survey Trail	18.0 hours
Gorman Cave - Tours	182.0 hours
Gorman Gate - Inspection	34.0 hours
Gorman Gate - Installation	150.0 hours
Lemons Ranch Cave Evaluation	5.0 hours
Meetings	59.0 hours
Miscellaneous	229.0 hours
Ridgewalk/explore caves	1002.0 hours
Ridgewalk potential Camp	120.0 hours
Tag "A Mother Pit"	6.0 hours
Tag "Dinky Hammer"	4.0 hours
Tag Puberty Pit SAB244	4.0 hours
Tight Slide/explore/biological samples	50.0 hours
Tight Slide Survey	24.0 hours
Volunteer Hours: 09/31/91 => 09/31/92	2864.2 hours

The CBSP project is successful because there are good people to make it work. We are enduring a historical period where the corporate mentality adopts the idea of a throw away work force. In a world where people have lost value, the human body and the human mind is still the prime mover. The volunteers of CBSP are a valuable asset to caving, the park, the project and the State of Texas. For continued success the project must be loyal to the volunteers to

maintain volunteer loyalty to the project. In a volunteer project, loyalty can only be expressed one way. That is through public recognition of the following people for their contributions during the past year. They have the appreciation and gratitude of project coordinators, Texas Parks and Wildlife and the Texas Speleological Association. We can only say thank you and that comes straight from the heart.

Acherbach, Michael	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Allen, Ted	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Anderson, Bruce	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	31.0 hours
Anderson, Donna	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	30.0 hours
Anderson, Mike	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	62.0 hours
Barlow, Brian	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Barlow, Glen	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Berry, Colin	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	10.0 hours
Biegert, Carolyn	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	81.2 hours
Bittinger, Craig	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	10.0 hours
Bittinger, Mike	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	10.0 hours
Brown, Daniel	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	16.0 hours
Brown, Gary	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	16.0 hours
Cavett, Chad	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Chitwood, Richard	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Clovis, Brian	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Cooper, David	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	40.0 hours
Cooper, Ida	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	40.0 hours

Copeland, Pat	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	6.0 hours
Dennis, Nile	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	65.0 hours
Dolifka, Frank	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Dolifka, Sue	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Doversberger, Terry	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Eckerman, Curtis	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Ellison, Dale	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	27.5 hours
Estimate for August:		70.0 hours
Files, David	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Fralia, Dutch	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	249.5 hours
Free, Terry	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Fritts, Steve	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	12.0 hours
Geery, Pat	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	84.2 hours
Glennon, Alan	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Graves, Lee Jay	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	36.0 hours
Grubb, Jubal	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Haecker, Heather	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	34.0 hours
Hammonds, Brian	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Hay, Kelly	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	16.0 hours
Heuss, Chris	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	24.0 hours
Heuss, Keith	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	189.2 hours
Hill, Alvis	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	23.5 hours
Hill, Dawn	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	16.5 hours
Holsinger, Terry	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	15.0 hours
Hooper, John	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	24.0 hours
Hunnell, Chris	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Huzarevich, Mota	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	28.7 hours
Jacobi, Jason	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Jordan, Jay	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	3.7 hours
Jung, Steve	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	16.0 hours
Kaler, Tom	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	21.0 hours
Kedzierski, Rafal	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	32.0 hours
Kedzierski, Woj.	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	32.0 hours
Kerby, Mike	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Kerr, Rex	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Kim, Jang Don	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Kim, Jang S.	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Kinchen, Travis	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	79.7 hours
Kriczky, Nick	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Larson, Bill	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Larson, Pat	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Lauer, Andy	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	60.0 hours
Martin, Blake	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Martin, Brian	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
McClung, Dave	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	3.7 hours
McLane, Crystal	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
McLane, Ivy	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
McLane, Jim	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Mercer, Amy	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Might, Jean	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Might, Kelly	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Mohd Fadil Rahim	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Muse, Nicole	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Nunes, Sudhi	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Obele, Bob	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	65.7 hours
Obele, Will	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	75.7 hours
Olivariz, Kevin	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Payne, Jim	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	41.0 hours
Peenstra, Andrew	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Peters, Gregg	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours

Ponebshek, Carl	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	44.7 hours
Porter, Mark	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	23.5 hours
Porter, Pam	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Powell, Lori	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Ralph, Ron	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	14.0 hours
Rawls, Daniel	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
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Rehark, Jeff	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Reynolds, Chris	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Rogers, Mike	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Roshalt, Jill	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Russell, Bill	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Sabin, Christopher	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Savvas, Charlie	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	39.0 hours
Schneider, Glenn	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	11.0 hours
Scott, Clark	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Sneath, Charles	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Speece, Mary	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	57.0 hours
Speece, Richard	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	58.0 hours
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Thomas, Jimmy	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	24.0 hours
Tranbarger, Oren	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	9.0 hours
Trent, Nabuko	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Trent, Scott	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Trombley, Kate	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Valiga, Philip	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Van Eps, Tracy	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Walsh, Mike	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
West, Kyle	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Wharton, Mike	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	36.0 hours
Williams, John	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Winans, Kandy	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Winkley, Jan	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Winns, John	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Winns, Travis	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Wolff, Jim	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	65.7 hours
Yingling, Kirsten	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	8.0 hours
Young, Ed	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	167.5 hours
Volunteer Hours	09/31/91 => 09/31/92	2864.2 hours

CAVES-NOT JUST A HOLE IN THE GROUND!

by Mike and Krisaun Nelson

Before my weekend with the Maverick Grotto Club I didn't know a thing about caving. My only exposure to a cave was in a tour in the Inner Space Cavern at Georgetown and the Levi's commercials featuring the cavers that I had seen. Needless to say I had a lot to learn about caves. I had a complete blast finding out what I didn't know.

Our trip took us to Bristor's Ranch, which isn't too far from Colorado Bend State Park. Bristor's Ranch has three known caves on it; Rotten Log, Fence Line Fissure, and Crystal Lake Crawl. The first cave we found was Rotten Log. It was a pretty small cave with two openings into it and a couple of rooms without much crawling. For my first cave it was fun to look around in and adjust to being inside the earth I'm used to walking on. We then made our way to Fence Line Fissure. It had a fun climb down into it and a lot more room inside it. It also had a lot of crawling area that was good for a first timer. The cave is low enough to crawl but high enough to lift your head and look around. Jim Payne, Travis Kinchen, myself and my wife crawled around and explored for at least an hour. We emerged to find that everyone else had gone to the swimming hole. (The water was so cold that there wasn't a lot of swimming, more like wading.) By then it was getting close to supper time and Butch started to cook up some ribs and Chicken. With the amount of time supper was going to take I was still wanting to cave some more. Jim, Donna Anderson, Travis and I went to Crystal Lake Crawl. This is NOT A CAVE FOR BEGINNERS!! I made it about half way when my helmet kept getting stuck between the floor and the roof. Well little did I know that you had to dig your way through pushing your

helmet in front of you. Needless to say I only saw the first half the cave. There was no crystal lake anywhere near that cave. So Travis and Jim decided it should be renamed Crystal Lake Body Drag, or Crystal Lake Meatgrinder. I might try that one again sometime in the future, the distant future.

Sunday we left Bristor's Ranch and went up the street to Harrold's Cave. This cave was excellent (given that I've only been in three caves). It had about a forty to fifty foot drop down into it. Once you got past the small opening leading into it, the cavern opened up into a huge room. One of the best things I liked about the cave, that didn't do much for my wife, was the bats. They were all over the place. I did happen to get a few pictures while I explored the cave like a kid in a candy store.

We would like to thank Jim for inviting us and Butch and the rest of the club for being so nice, helpful and patient. We hope to go again.

CHARLIE

By Rodrigues



"Notify us if your card is ever lost or stolen. Someone could donate an organ and say it was yours."

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

CARBIDE: Grotto carbide is available at the meeting on even numbered months. The carbide is free to all members and is sold to others at the price of fifty-cents per pound. Anyone needing carbide at other times should contact Butch Fralia (817/346-2039) to arrange for pickup.

LIBRARY: Support your Grotto Library. Russell Hill will be accepting books, magazines 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.

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