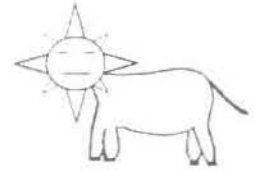


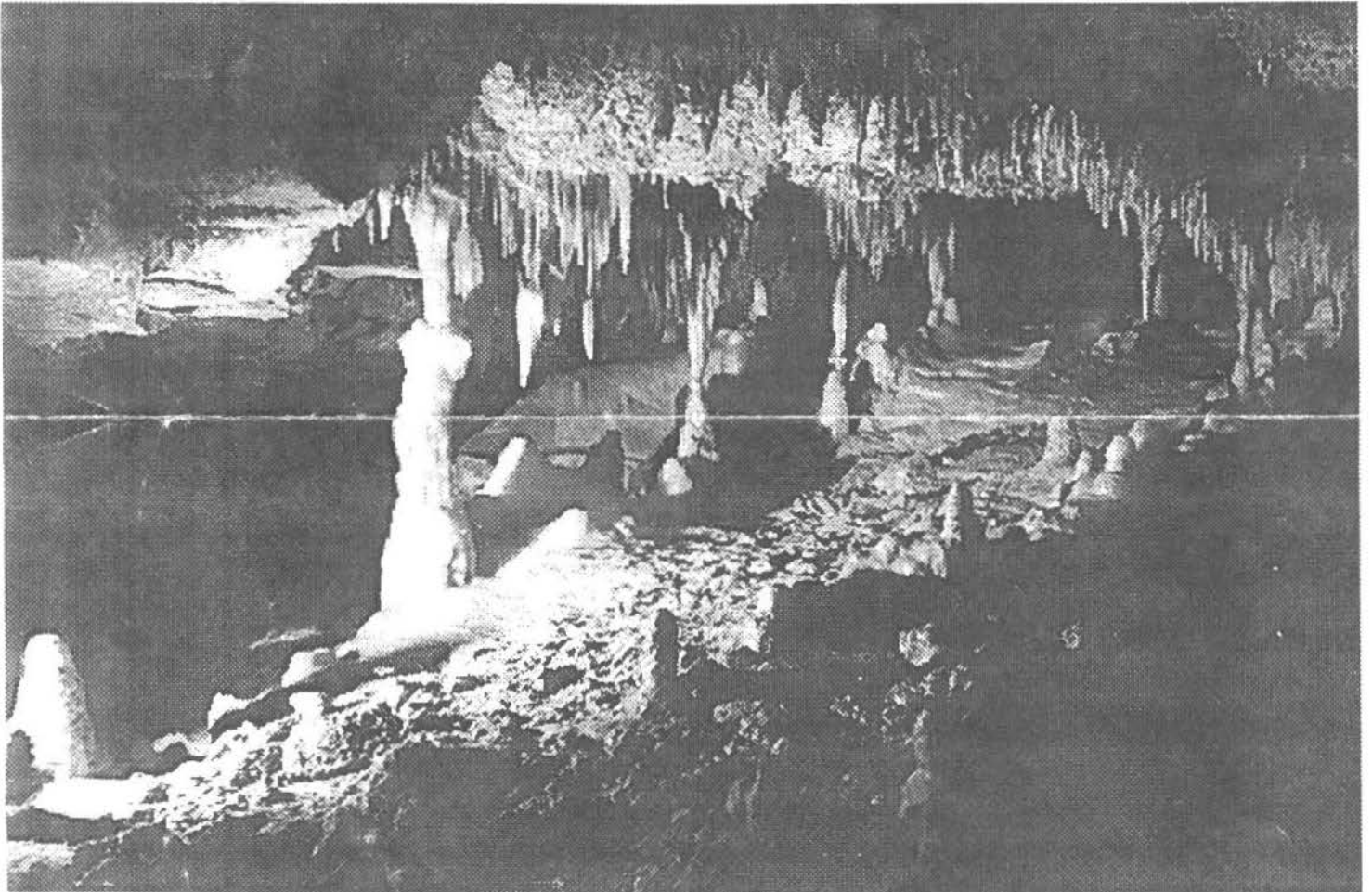
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Paying Homage to the Great Bovine Cave God



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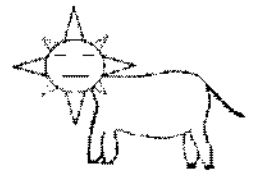
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Minutes For the October Meetings

Maverick Grotto, Oct. 13, 1994

The October meeting informally began at 7 p.m. The business portion was called to order at 7:30 by Grotto President Mike Anderson.

New visitors:

None

Announcements:

Thanks to Butch Fralia for putting together the October newsletter.

There is a Technical Workshop in Austin on November 12. See related article.

The Texas Caver's Reunion is the October 21-23.

Butch Fralia has a new Colorado Bend State Park policies statement,

including the dates for this year's trips.

Old Business:

The Rights of Fall party was a huge success with a hot tub, telescope, and Jello Shots. Some combinations just can't be beat.

The student trip to River Styx had been scheduled for November 12.

The Maverick grotto voted to participate in a joint newsletter with the D/FW grotto for the month of November only, with Chad offering to organize it.

The T-shirts are here!!! They are \$10 a piece. See Butch, Mike Nelson, or Russell Hill. Special thanks

goes out to Mike, Butch and Russell for making this happen.

New Business:

November is the grotto officers elections. Nominations were held. (See related article.)

Trip reports:

Donna Mosesmann went to Walk Up cave and Little Crystal Cave.

Chad, John Langevin, Dave McClung, Barbe Barker, and Clark and Susie Giles went to the Pinks and Hell Below.

Meta Anderson then motioned that the meeting be adjourned.

There was no specific program, just good cave talk.

D/FW Grotto, Oct. 27, 1994

Three visitors were present at this month's meeting. They were Ed Goff from Dallas, Steve Rector from Lewisville, and Ron Mazar from Irving.

In the business portion, the grotto voted to hold the annual Christmas party on December 10 at Dave and Barbe's House. Greg Mooty motioned to give them \$45 to cover house cleaning costs. The motion carried with no objections, and with Barbe's thanks.

A question was raised about the whereabouts of the grotto carousels. Greg Mooty indicated that he had one and thought that Troy and Woodrow each had the other two.

Mike Pearson announced that the November meeting would be on Thursday the 17th, partly due to Thanksgiving, and partly due to scheduling conflicts at REI.

During the treasurer's report,

Barbe reported that the grotto had over \$700, even after the \$10 service fee that our current bank has begun charging. She also reported that Nations Bank would be willing to provide free checking. Mike then motioned that the grotto transfer its account to Nations. The motion carried.

Nominations were then held for the annual elections to be held during the November meeting. (Please see related article.)

As a part of the nominations process, some discussion was held concerning a non-official office of "Grotto Trip Coordinator". During that discussion, Chad Fenner agreed to organize a grotto trip to Three Mile Hill in March. Barbe agreed to organize a trip over the Fourth of July weekend, and Pete Lindsley agreed to organize a grotto trip to River Styx in the April/May time frame.

Greg Mooty announced a trip to

Mystic cave on the Saturday and Sunday after Thanksgiving (26th and 27th). On Saturday they will attempt to do a radio location, and on Sunday they will be diving one of the sumps. All are welcome and shirpers are needed.

The Centers for Disease Control has announced that it is offering free Histoplasma tests. A number of cases have been reported among this year's convention cavers. Please contact Barbe for more details.

The program for the meeting consisted of a whirl wind ride through the Information Highway by Pete Lindsley. And, of course, no Pete Lindsley program would be complete without some great caving slides. Pete showed us slides from Arizona, Kentucky, and Arkansas.

After the meeting, the grotto adjourned to Snuffers, being that Judge Bear's closed a couple of weeks ago.

Editor's Ramblings

Happy November.

Welcome to the first ever issue of (drum roll, please) *The Oztotl Bull*, a combined newsletter of the D/FW and Maverick grottos, paying homage to the Great Bovine Cave God.

(This issue is the sole responsibility of the editor and

contributors, and should not be viewed as a reflection of either grotto.)

Inside you'll find trip reports, grotto news, upcoming events, and even a bit of grotto history (considering both grottos share a common heritage).

If the issue is successful, maybe next November we'll have a second annual issue, this time organized by the *Oztotl Caver* staff.

I hope you have as much fun reading it as I have had putting it together

-CF

The November Meetings

Maverick Grotto

The November meeting of the Ft. Worth Maverick grotto will be held on Tuesday, November 9 at Smokey's Ribs, 5300 E. Lancaster, at 7 p.m.

This month's program will be a slide presentation from world traveling caver, Russell Hill.

Smokey's Ribs is located less than one mile west of Loop 820 and next to K-Mart.

Plan on attending and enjoying the eats, drinks, and caving talk.

D/FW Grotto

**PLEASE NOTE THE DATE
CHANGE FOR THE D/FW
GROTTO.**

The November meeting of the Dallas/Ft. Worth grotto will be held on Thursday, November 17 at the REI store at 4515 LBJ Freeway.

This month, Dave "Cave"

McClung and his Caving Fools will be putting on a program titled "Cave Lights, Beany-Weeneys, and Other Nifty Caving Gear." The program will highlight unique caveing gear designed to provide the caver with maximum functionality and minimum space/weight. Everyone is invited to bring their neat-o-nifty superdelux thingy that can outdo all others in less space.

REI is located just west of the intersection of the Dallas North Tollway and the LBJ Freeway. To get there from Ft. Worth and the mid-cities, take I-30, 183, or any east-west artery to Dallas and get on Stemmons Expressway (I-35), then follow it north and then turn east on 635 instead of continuing north toward Lewisville and Denton.

Take the North Dallas Tollway-Dallas Parkway exit. (The Galleria and its twin towers are visible on the

left, or north, as you exit.) Make a left on the overhead ramps, cross over 635 and make a left (or U-turn) to go back on the I-635 West service road. Stay on the service road, go through the light at Welch Road, and REI is on the immediate right. It is in a former Best Products building. If you get to Midway Road, you've gone too far.

From downtown Dallas, go north on the tollway, crossing over 635, and make the left to go west on LBJ. Then stay on the service road and watch for REI past Welch Road.

The REI store closes at 9 p.m. A climbing wall and shopping are available at the store before the meeting. If cavers want to get some climbing practice in, it's advisable to come around 5:30 p.m. The line forms quickly and early.

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The Pinks and Hell Below

by Chad Fenner

Caves: Pink Panther, Palette, Dam, Pink Dragon, and Hell Below

Cavers: Chad Fenner, John Langevin, Dave McClung, Barbe Barker, Clark and Susie Giles, Kevin Glover, Mike Huber

Date: October 1 and 2, 1994

I had originally wanted to go on a caving trip with Ft. Worth-cavers-moved-to-Temple Alvis and Dawn Hill. We planned on the Pinks (Panther,

Dam, Palette) and Hell Below. After getting the permits, I add John Langevin and Clark and Susie Giles to the entourage. I then get the phone call from Alvis that he and Dawn couldn't make it. Oh well, I'll try again next time. In their place, enter Dave "Cave" McClung and Barbe Barker.

There's also something about the Dam permit. We can only get it if a ranger joins us. Turns out Kevin Glover and Carlsbad caver are going to Dam cave anyway that day, so with special dispensation, that gives us eight (Note: The National Forest is cracking down on the misuse of permits. A group of Scouts was fined while we were there. Read your permits completely and follow all rules!)

The first day is the two-mile round trip hike out to the Pinks (not to mention the 400-foot elevation change). I had been to Palette, Dam, and Dragon. Dave had been to Panther



Of course, Kevin and Mike had each made the Pinks trip several times. (For Kevin, that also included a less-than-successful trek with myself, Tony Jones, John Thompson, and John Mauro, where we found nothing but 70 mph winds.) The Pinks are new to everyone else.

Just into the hike, Mike discovers that he left something back in his truck. He drops his pack, hands his rope to Dave, and tells us to go on -- he'll catch up with us at the entrance. I later decide that this was really a ploy to get us to carry his and Kevin's rope, as well as ours.



The Speleogasm Room

We make it to the top of the 400-foot climbdown pretty uneventfully. The cliff is just as steep as I remember it. I don't think I've ever taken the same route down twice.

When we get to the Pinks, Kevin and Mike go on to Dam. The rest of us go to Pink Panther. Kevin has asked that we split up into two groups when we enter the Speleogasm Room (assuming we can find it) to minimize any impact we might have on it.

After the main drop, John and I set up to do some photos, while Dave tries to remember how to find the Speleogasm Room. He does find it, and after an hour or so, John and I get our turn. They say that the Speleogasm Room is the most highly decorated room in the Guads, outside of Letch. Well, since I've only been to about 25 caves in the Guads, I really can't say, but it sure takes the cake from anything I've ever seen. I just sit there in awe, trying to figure out some way of capturing a small piece of this room on film. (I didn't even come close.)

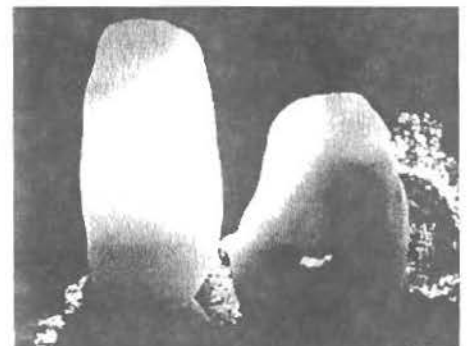
We finally tear ourselves away from Panther and make a couple of quick stops

More Speleogasm

at Palette and Dam. We then enter Pink Dragon. Even speeding through Palette and Dam, we still are rushed in Dragon to try to avert a nighttime return hike (You remember -- the mile hike and 400-foot elevation change, except this time the change is in the UP direction!) Well, in spite of our efforts, we do make that hike in the dark (again), but not until after seeing the Dragon, Fried Egg, and other wonders in Pink Dragon. The squeeze into the back area is longer and narrower than I remember.

As usually happens when hiking back from the Pinks in the dark, we don't take the most direct route back. But other than the rattler that I swear I don't see until Susie yells, "Snake!" as he sits there snugly between my last two footsteps, the hike back is pretty uneventful. (Thanks to Mike for putting up the glow-in-the-dark trail markers.)

The next day is Hell Below. Mike joins us again (again with special dispensation, this time from Ransom Burner, who just happens to be on the Hill). Mike wants to see if he can find a "squirt" of water he found spanning a passageway high above the New Year's Eve Gallery.



Some glowing stalagmites in Hell Below

After the main drop (which is still as much of a thrill now as it was the first time I did it), we make our way to the pools where, again, John and I set up for photos, while Mike and Clark hunt for the squirt.

As it turns out, Mike is more successful than John and I. None of our pool shots came out very well. Oh, well, I'll just have to try again some day. We eventually all finish and head



out. Considering that the Hell Below hike is so short you can yell from the cave entrance and hear it in the parking lot, the hike back is pleasantly SHORT. Even the 90-foot entrance drop isn't that bad.

All in all, it was a great trip. I think next time I won't try to do both Pink Panther and Pink Dragon in the same day. Course, I'm not overly anxious to see that hike again, at least until I no longer see about 20 lbs. around my waist and see about 10,000 flights of stairs on my stair master. I say that now, but somehow I bet I will have long forgotten it by the time the next trip rolls around.

Fitton Cave

by Susie Giles

Cave: Fitton

Cavers: Clark and Susie Giles, John Langevin, Brian Hall, Wayne Pierce

Clark and I left Fort Worth on Friday afternoon, and it was eight hours later when we found Caver's Camp in the Buffalo National River Area in Northwest Arkansas. There was a bright full moon that provided plenty of light by which to set up camp. John Langevin and Brian Hall arrived Saturday morning, followed shortly by Wayne Pierce.

We are new to caving, and the prospect of doing a "long" cave had us checking our packs to make sure we had plenty of bulbs, batteries, etc. We had been warned it would be a very long day. First, a two-mile hike to the entrance of Fitton Cave, then twelve hours in the cave, and finally the return hike in the dark. We were ready - even fully equipped with brand-new Nalgene bottles (for which I decided guys



are best equipped).

It had rained Friday night and continued to drizzle on Saturday morning. It was a slippery climb from the creek bed up to the cave. We were pretty soggy by the time we reached the entrance about 10:00 a.m.

Just inside the gate we found more slipperiness in the form of cave salamanders. They were cool. We saw orange, black, and translucent blind ones that day. I understand the translucent ones are on the endangered species list. They were in shallow pools of water. The orange and black ones were crawling around on rocks near the entrance.

After examining the grand entrance room we set off for the Tenuri room, so named because the word "Tenuri" is emblazoned on a rock in the room in calligraphy. We took several side trips including one to Chrystal Passage where Clark tried valiantly to fit through the narrow slit at the top of the breakdown pile. He had made it through Needle's Eye, but this passageway was just too tight. John, Brian, and I went over the rock pile and crawled down to Chrystal Passage. The gypsum chandeliers were well worth the work it took to get there. We went back to Clark and Wayne, and then explored several other crawls full of beautiful gypsum flowers, some with yellow coloring from sulphur.

We lunched on an overlook to a very large cavern, then made our way to the Diveboard. This was a neat outcropping resembling a diving board. We climbed and crawled our way to the Tenuri room and then found our way to the Helectite passage. We rested and took pictures

until about 8 p.m., then set out for the return trip. What had taken us 10 hours to get to only took 2 hours to get out. We were blazing out of that cave. It was all I could do to keep up with Wayne who knew the cave very well.

I don't know where I was getting the strength from during the death

march back to camp. I felt like a hand was gently pushing me from behind. I could not remember being so tired in a very long time. It was an awesome day of caving.

Election Time for the D/FW Grotto

As per grotto bylaws, the D/FW grotto will hold officer elections during the November meeting (which, by the way is on Thursday, November 17 this year).

Also, as called out in the grotto bylaws, nominations were held during the October meeting. The nominations are as follows:

Chairman: Mike Pearson

Vice-Chairman: Don Metzner

Secretary: Jay Jorden

Treasurer: Barbe Barker

Quatermaster Librarian: Dave "Cave" McClung

Program Chairman: "Danger" Don Metzner

Trip Coordinator*: Chad Fenner

* not an official office (That way I can still be secretary in the Maverick Grotto. -CF)

Come be a part of our grotto political process and vote in this month's meeting.

Election Time for the Maverick Grotto

As per grotto bylaws, the Maverick Grotto will hold officer elections during the November meeting.

Also, as called out in the grotto bylaws, nominations were held during the October meeting. The nominations are as follows:

Chairman: Mike Anderson

Vice-Chairman: Mike Nelson

Secretary: Chad Fenner

Treasurer: Mark Porter

Quatermaster: Russell Hill

Come be a part of our grotto

Notice! Notice! Notice! Notice! Notice! Notice! Notice!

The November Dallas/Ft. Worth Grotto Meeting will be on Thursday, November 17.

Normally, during the month of November, the D/FW grotto meeting is moved from the fourth Wednesday to the third Wednesday. However, this year, due to an REI scheduling conflict, the meeting will be held on the third Thursday.

political process and vote in this month's meeting.

(I love cut and paste! -Ed)

Ron Kerbo on the FCRPA

from The Cavers Digest

I have followed the FCRPA (Federal Cave Resource Protection Act) with great interest and agree with all of the comments to move into the future with caution, especially with the process of nominating caves. It is certainly true that in many cases a national park could protect caves without the FCRPA- in point of fact, a park could protect all of its caves without FCRPA- and it could still be that way.

We are now stuck with the act, and although I am not a big fan of the act, but now we find that we must learn to live with it. As always I suggest that cavers in their own areas develop a trust and good relationship with the local land managers. Last month a caver who was trusted by a park, is an NSS member, a JV with CRF working on projects within the park, a volunteer for the park, and well-liked and trusted by the park's cave specialist entered a park cave without permission (The park would have approved a permit to explore the cave.), pumped out a sump and in so doing dug up the bones of a native burial and now has a whole group of archeologist's and historic and native american coordinator types really stirred up. His actions are certainly a violation of the FCRPA as well as ARPA and a betrayal of trust.

So now what? Just remember we all need to work together to make these things work. I'm not on Cave-

net but would welcome your comments. My E-Mail address is Ron_Kerbo@NPS.Gov. As the process continues and I am in touch with Washington, Despain, and all the regions (where we need a lot of help as the NPS slowly comes apart), I need to keep in touch with all of you on this and other subjects.

--Ron Kerbo

New CCNP Bookstore

News Release National Park Service

By Bob Crisman September 15, 1994

RIBBON CUTTING AND GRAND OPENING SCHEDULED FOR NEW CARLSBAD CAVERNS BOOKSTORE

A new bookstore, stocked with what may be New Mexico's largest selection of items on national parks and related natural history topics, will have its grand opening September 24 and 25.

Located in the Visitor Center at Carlsbad Caverns National Park, the Cavern Bookstore is operated by the Carlsbad Caverns-Guadalupe Mountains Association under an agreement with the National Park Service.

A ribbon cutting with Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce members on hand is scheduled on Saturday, September 24 at 10 a.m. to officially open the store. Special sales and discounts on items related to Carlsbad Caverns will be available all day on both Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Also, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, the Carlsbad Classical String Trio, consisting of Cathy

Queen, Martha Clark, and Ron Smith, all of Carlsbad, will perform. Refreshments will also be served on Saturday.

Everyone is invited to come and see the new bookstore, which besides books, also carries videos, bat postcards, bat houses, and other educational items.

The Carlsbad Caverns-Guadalupe Mountains Association is a nonprofit organization, and profits from its operations benefit the two national parks it serves.

Texas Speleological Survey's Technical Workshop

Saturday, November 12, 1994 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas Moody Hall 209

All cavers and interested persons are invited to attend TSS's first Technical Workshop ever! The emphasis of this informal workshop is on medium to high technology for cave cartography, science, exploration, and management, not on caving equipment and techniques. The goal of this event is to showcase the latest computer hardware, software, and scientific gadgetry that is of interest to cave cartographers, speleologists, and conservationists. There is no fee to attend this one-day workshop. Here are a few of the things we hope to show you at the workshop:

* Demos and comparisons of cave surveying software, such as SMAPS, Caveview, CAPS, Compass, and the new Windows programs: David McKenzie's Walls and John Fogarty's Core. Other programs may be shown.

* Accessing the Internet and the Caver Digest with your computer.

* TSS's computer databases: caves, maps, bibliographies.

* Displays of different types of maps available from the U.S. Geological Survey and the Bureau of Economic Geology, University of Texas; how to obtain and use these maps.

* Demos of Keith Heuss' cave radios.

* Discussions of Geographic Information Systems (GISs), mapping software that can contain database information about geographic points and areas.

* Discussions of Geographic Positioning Systems (GPS), portable electronic devices used to navigate or to precisely locate geographic features using military satellite signals.

* Various instruments used in cave studies: psychrometers, thermometers, Drager multigas detectors, oxygen meters, etc.

* Data loggers used to record temperatures and humidities, or other data, in caves. The data can be transferred to a computer, calibrated, analyzed, and graphed.

The TSS Technical Workshop is being organized by the following cavers (call or send e-mail if you have questions or something to add): Mark Johnston, computer consultant and technophile, Lubbock. 806-798-2502. 73541.2210@compuserve.com; William R. Elliott, Ph.D., consulting cave biologist, Austin. 512-835-2213. welliott@mail.utexas.edu; Martha Meacham, Instructional Computing Coordinator, St. Edward's University, Austin. 512-416-5863. martham@admin.stedwards.edu The workshop runs from 10 a.m. to 5 a.m. and will be loosely organized, but punctuated by lectures or discussions by one or more selected individuals. This is a great opportunity to meet knowledgeable cavers and advance your technical skills.

To get to St. Edward's, take South Congress to the 3000 block, and take University Circle through campus or take Woodward St. along the south side of campus to Theatre Pass Drive. Or, from IH 35 South take the Woodward exit (third exit past the Colorado

River), go west on Woodward about 1/2 mile and look for the tall, castle-like building. Turn north on Theatre Pass Drive and then left at the first drive and parking lot next to Moody Hall. The workshop is in Moody Hall 209, southeast corner of the second floor.

HUAUTLA IN THE MEDIA AGAIN

As reported in the September issue of the *Maverick Bull* (a newsletter of greatly lesser quality than that of the *Oztotl Bull*, but I know the editor personally, and he's O.K. --Ed), Dr. Bill Stone and his Huautla project were the subject of an article in the August issue of *Scuba Diving*. Well, now, Bill has made news in two more periodicals: Issue #4933 of *Wired* magazine, and the November issue of *Outside*. Apparently, from the response on the *Cavers Digest* (the Internet Cavers exchange), the articles are "less than complementary". The *Outside* article goes into the "obsession" that Bill Stone has, which has led to the death of two of the projects members. The article also interviews some of the "lesser" members of the project who sometimes feel left out by Stone.

Barbra am Ende, one of the leaders on the project, urges all cavers to ignore the media-biased article and boycott the issue. IN THE BEGINNING

The Maverick Grotto

by Butch Fralia

In the beginning there was only DFW, an old Grotto of great renown, and it was in Dallas. Upon a dark night, some who professed to be speleos (children of the underground) gathered high upon a hill in a County called King, on a Ranch called Bateman, near a cave called Styx. Many a liter of fine lager (the nectar of Oztotl) were consumed and spirits ran high! A warm fire lit the night and the hearts of the speleos who gathered there. A voice spoke from the dark saying, "let there be more and

let it be in Fort Worth!" That night the thought was not well received but the suggestion took root and later other voices sprang forth saying "let there be more and let it be in Fort Worth!" Thus in the summer of 1986 were the beginnings of The Maverick Grotto.

The early speleos, those called the founders, gathered at a later time to discuss their thoughts. There was Donna Anderson, Corky Corcoran, Dale Ellison, Butch Fralia, Joe Giddens and Danny Sherrod. The ancient speleo, Joe Giddens, wise in the lore of the old time speleos, spoke on that which must be accomplished to become acknowledged by the most illustrious of speleo organizations, The NSS. There must first be a gathering of those of similar mind. A drafting of a constitutional document complementary to the society of caving. A statement of intent on the part of other speleos willing to say "let there be more and let it be in Fort Worth!" These were the words of the ancient speleo, Joe Giddens, wise in the ways of the ancient art.

It came to pass in November of 1986 a gathering of some twenty speleos willing to say, "let there be more and let it be in Fort Worth!" In the minds of most, gathered on that long passed night was remedy to a monthly drive on a work night to the far away county of Dallas. There was willingness to expand the ranks of speleos unable to make the trek to far away county Dallas.

And so it came to pass in those days, the formation of the Grotto of Mavericks. Those known as Mavericks were numbered twenty and became known as the charters. They chose leadership to guide them through the rocky passages of the early days. These were named as Chairman: Corky Corcoran, Vice-Chairman: Donna Anderson, Treasurer: Joe Giddens, and Secretary-Editor Butch Fralia. This leadership remained mostly in place for the passing of a single year.

Mighty Joe Giddens was called away to a far place called Arkansas and there today remains. Upon the





*Can you name this D/FW and Maverick caver
from this 1988 photo?*

beginning of the second year the cavers of the Grotto called Maverick were managed by Dale Ellison.

In the second year, the finances of Corky Corcoran, the first of Chairmen, heeded the call of night shift. Editor Butch Fralia produced twenty-eight issues of "Bull" then moved on to other demands of life. Donna Anderson served two years in the role of Vice Chairman until she returned to the ranks of Speleos where she is still a strong and respected influence. Speleos Dale Ellison and Danny Sherrod are still among us. Through the years have they held high office and left us with the legacy of their contributions.

During the passing of eight years, the grotto of Maverick has seen many fine cavers enter its chambers. Those such as the one known as Dave "Cave" McClung well known in the hearts of all. Among us has walked the well known David Finrock until called from our midst by prime time television. Many have come and abide still while others have come and

gone.

Thus is the story of the Grotto of Maverick in its beginnings. Long may it live in the county Tarrant and forever shall it dwell in the hearts of those who have known its times, its trials and its tribulations.

Ed's note: I fully intended to have a history of the D/FW grotto included as well, but due to communication problems between myself and Pete Lindsley I was unable to get the story in time to be published. Perhaps it may show up in a future *Ozotti Bull*.



Or how 'bout this one?

Calendar Of Events

November 4-11 1994, 7th International Symposium on Vulcanospeleology, La Palma, Canary Islands, Spain. USA contact: William R. Halliday, IUS Working Group on Volcanic Caves, 6530 Cornwall Ct. Nashville, TN. 37205, (615) 352-9204, FAX (615) 385-0491.

November 19-27, 1994, 4th Annual Caverns of Sonora Restoration Project. Contact George Veni, (210) 558-4403

November 26-27, 1994, Mystic Cave Trip. Contact Greg Mooty

December 9-11, 1994, Colorado Bend State Park - Contact Butch Fralia (817) 346-2039

January 13-15, 1994, Colorado Bend State Park - Contact Butch Fralia (817) 346-2039

February 10-12, 1994, Colorado Bend State Park - Contact Butch Fralia (817) 346-2039

March 10-12, 1994, Colorado Bend State Park - Contact Butch Fralia (817) 346-2039

April 7-8, 1994, Colorado Bend State Park - Contact Butch Fralia (817) 346-2039

May 12-14, 1994, Colorado Bend State Park - Contact Butch Fralia (817) 346-2039

June 9-11, 1994, Colorado Bend State Park - Contact Butch Fralia (817) 346-2039

July 17-21, 1994, Colorado Bend State Park - Contact Butch Fralia (817) 346-2039

August 3-8, 1994, Colorado Bend State Park - Contact Butch Fralia (817) 346-2039

July 17-21, 1995, NSS Convention, Blacksburg, Virginia. Contact Carol Tideman, (410) 792-0742.

August 3-9, 1996, NSS Convention, Salida, Colorado. Contact Skip Withrow, (303) 693-0997

