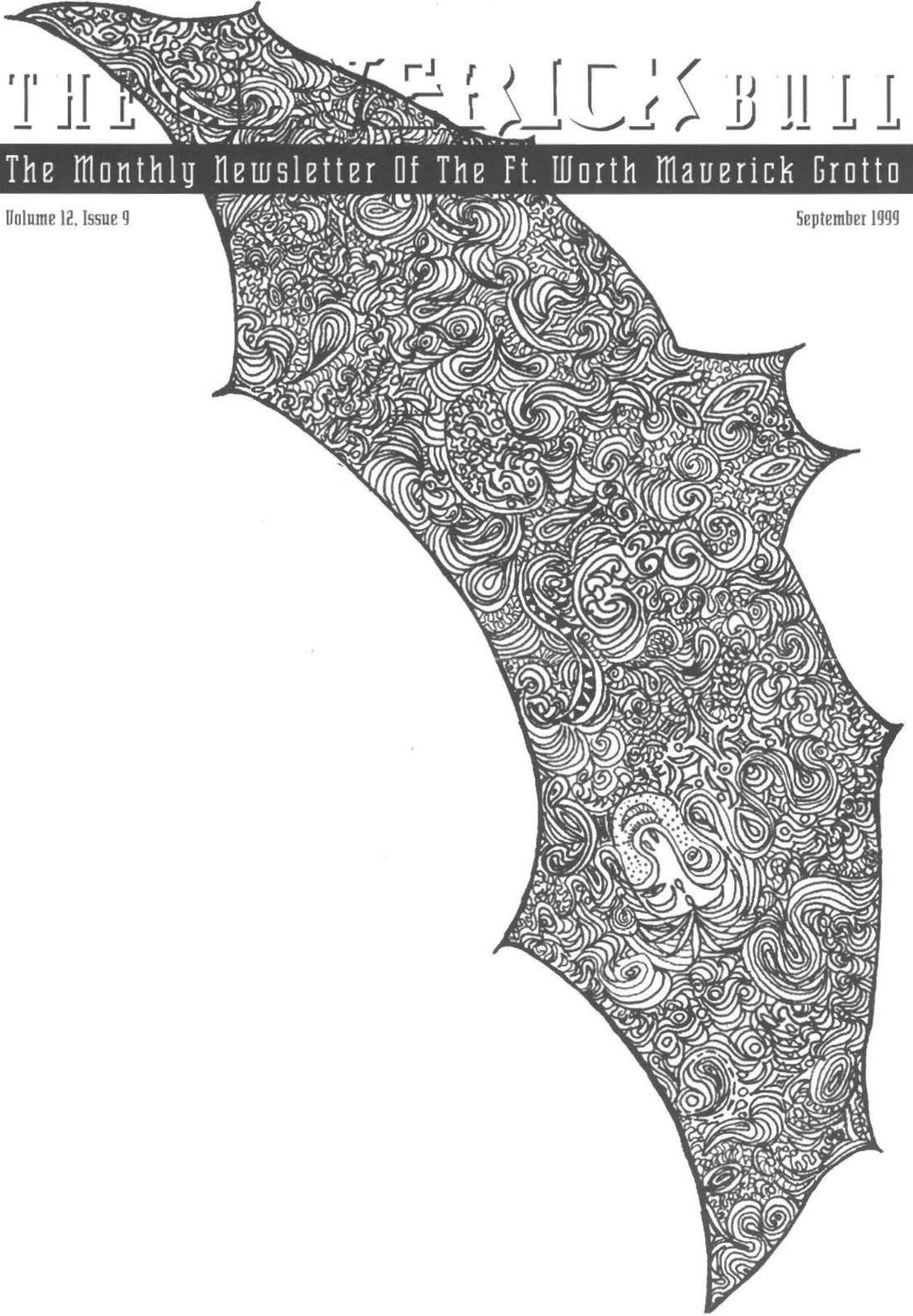


THE MAVERICK BULL

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The Maverick Bull is the monthly newsletter of the Maverick Grotto, an internal organization of the National Speleological Society (NSS G-322). The editor invites all individuals and other grottos to submit articles, news, maps, cartoons, art, photographs, and other two- and three-dimensional goodies. If the material is to be returned, a self-addressed stamped envelope should accompany it.

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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 E. Lancaster, Fort Worth. It is located less than one mile west of Loop 820. The time is 7 p.m., and the food is good.

Carbide: Grotto carbide is available at the meeting if prior arrangements are

made. Carbide is free for the asking. Contact Russell Hill at (817) 220-7108 or Butch Fralla at (817) 346-2039 for more information.

Library: Support your grotto library. Russell Hill is accepting books, magazines, and videos related to caves and caving for our library. Thanks to Russell for his efforts each month in transporting the library collection to the meeting.

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The Maverick Grotto Web Site is at
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August minutes

The 10 August meeting began at approximately 7 p.m. at Smokey's Ribs and was called to order 38 minutes later by Chairman John Langevin.

Visitors

Joe Ivy, Rebecca Jones, Jane Kerr, Steven Mulcahy

Announcements

Buch Fralix has two new promising holes full of dirt in Palo Pinto County and would like to make some one-day dig trips to turn them into caves.

Joe and Becky are now editing the *Texas Caver*. Submit! Submit! (joeivy@interserver.com)

Reports from Officers

Treasurer: We have \$410.09 and \$100 petty cash.

Old business

The dates of the fall party were set for 23-24 October. The location seems to be still in flux; stay tuned.

New business

Tony Sultana volunteered to put together a Maverick Grotto activities column for the *Texas Caver*.

Trip reports

R. D. Millhollin went to Gotano de Amecua in Mexico with Jean "Creature" Krajca.

Program

Joe and Becky gave a slide show of their exploration in Cueva de la Fuente, Mexico.

September meeting

The meeting will be Tuesday, 14 September, at Smokey's Ribs, 5300 Lancaster, at 7 p.m. The program will be a surprise, to me anyway.

NSG Fall BOG business meeting

Saturday, 23 October, 1999

Hosted by the Southeastern Cave Conservancy, Inc.

Meeting Location

The NSG Board of Governors Meeting will be held at the Chattanooga Clarion Hotel (the same hotel as the National Cave Management Symposium, which is being held that week) located in the Riverfront District in Chattanooga.

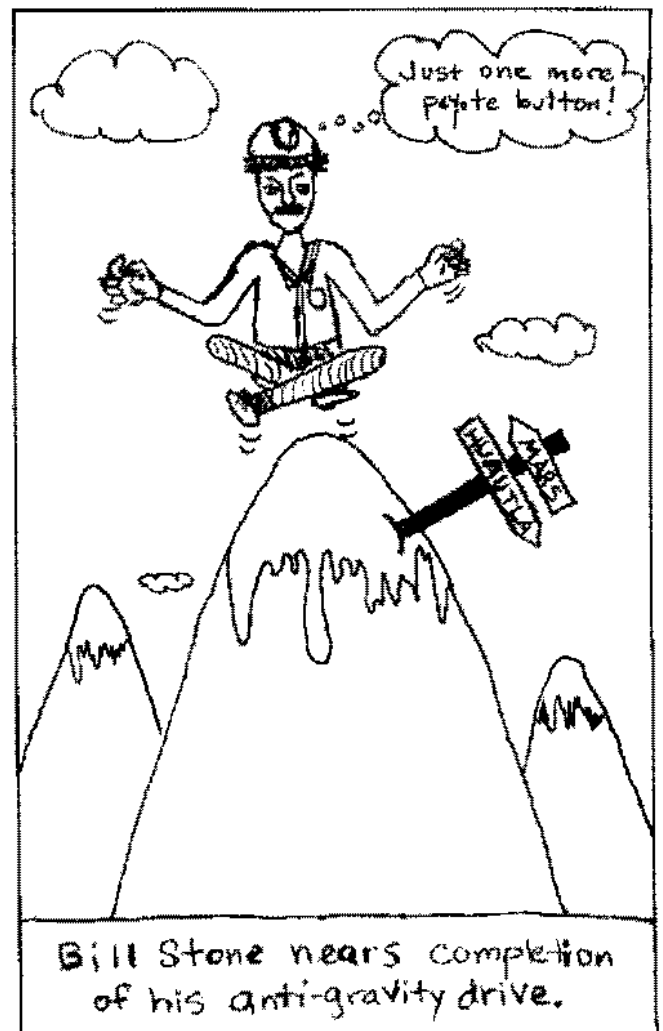
Friday Evening Festivities

The gracious hosts of the Friday night gathering are David & Terri Bain. They live in Tranton, Georgia, which is about 30 minutes from the meeting site. We will have a keg and a variety of soft drinks for you to enjoy. Please visit the nas web site <http://www.cavcs.org> (go to the society business page) for directions.

Saturday Evening Festivities

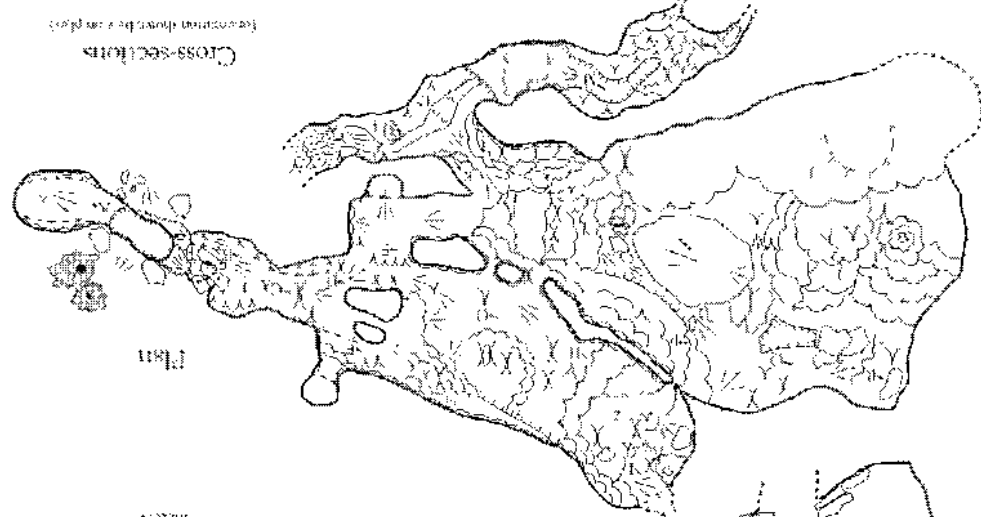
The SCC would like you to see the home of 10,000 Gray Bats at Fricke Cave, Georgia. When the Conservancy acquired this property, it was known that it was not designed for recreational caving; however, it is a wonderful place for hikes, relaxation, and bar-b-que! Come prepared to eat, drink, and mingle with cavers. Please keep in mind that this is an outdoor site, dress accordingly. This property is located about 30 minutes from the Clarion Hotel and maps will be provided at the business meeting.

Questions? Contact Scott or Jaime Fee (205) 854-1113 or scottfee@pipeline.com.

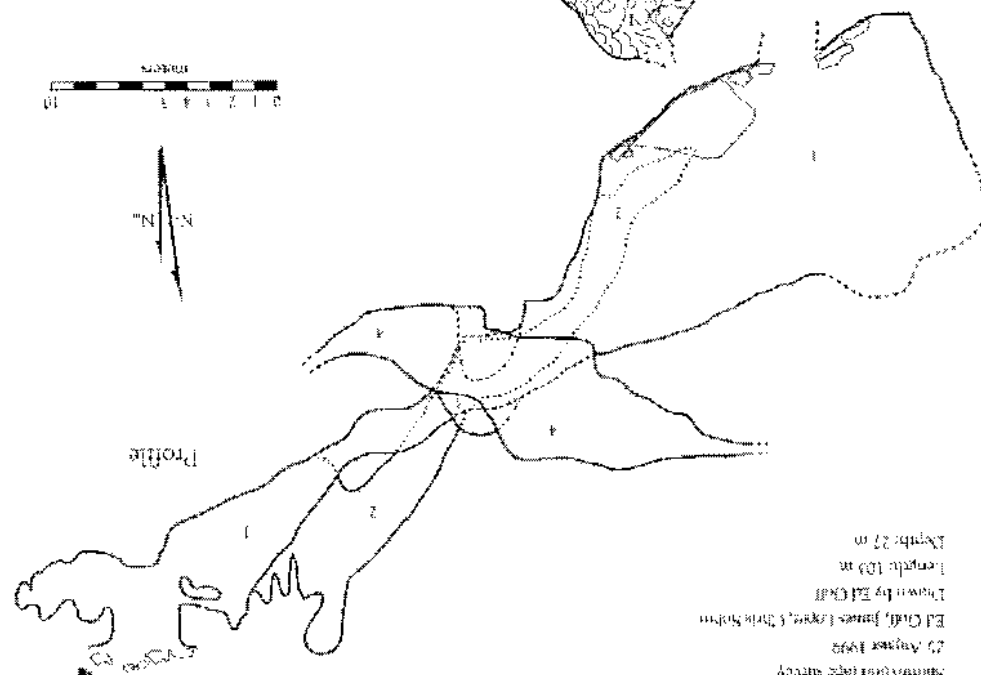




Cross-sections
(as shown from the samples)



Plan



Profile

Cueva de la Familia
 Mexico Town, Mexico
 Mammal trap survey
 29 August 1998
 Ed Coll, James Lopez, & Don Robm
 Drawn by Ed Coll
 Length 103 m
 Depth 27 m

Missing Bulls

Seen any of these issues?
They're missing from the
NSS Library Collection

Submitted by R. D. Milhollin

Volume	Missing issue numbers
Vol. 1	All
Vol. 2	1, 2
Vol. 3	1, 8
Vol. 4	5
Vol. 5	—
Vol. 6	1, 9, 11, 12

(Changed recorders of info, date substituted for volume number in rest of list.)

1992	1
1993	12
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1998	—

TCR

From CaveTex, 11 September 1999

The 1999 Texas Cavers Reunion will be held on the Flat Creek Ranch, located near Pedernales Falls State Park in Blanco County. As previously announced, the date is 16 and 17 October. This site will be familiar to many as we have held several TCRs here in the past. There is a fine swimming hole, a caver-built cave, and other amenities. As always we will have the best feed that cavers anywhere on this planet have ever thrown. More details will be forthcoming soon, as well as detailed directions and a map to the site.

September 1999

Texas Caver

From CaveTex, 10 September 1999
By Joe Ivy and Rebecca Jones

The May/June and July/August issues of the *Texas Caver* went to the printer today. They should be mailed in about a week. The September/October issue is nearly full and will be out in early October.

We would like to invite cavers from all over to contribute material. Articles need not be long or even well written. We're happy to revise text as needed and return things for review before publication. One or two paragraphs about an interesting cave will be appreciated, especially if it's accompanied by a map or photo.

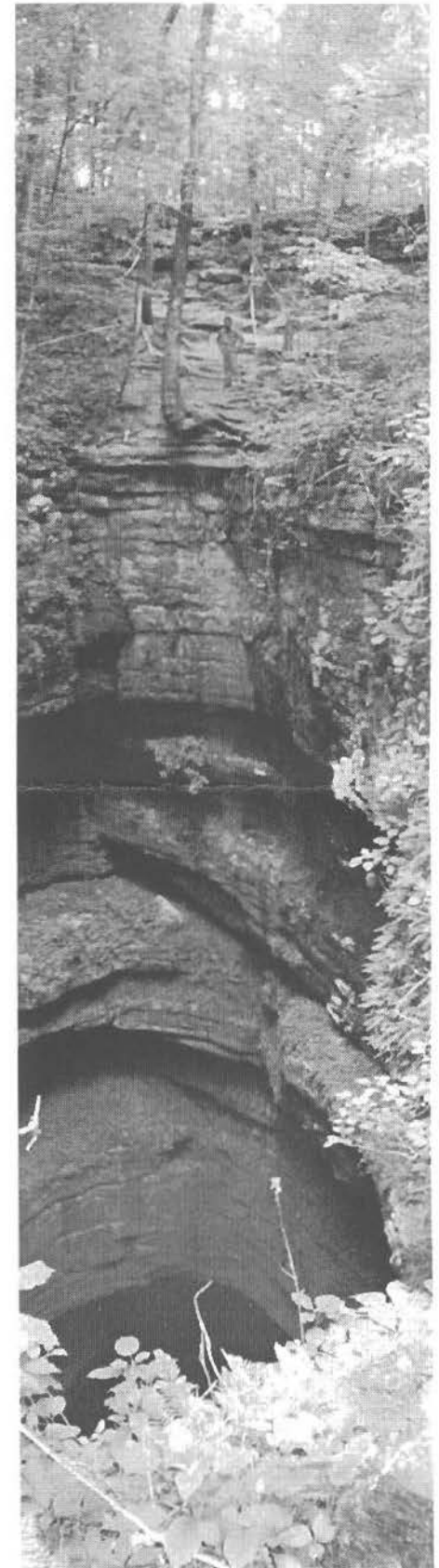
Those of you who've complained that the TSA overemphasizes the activities of Austin cavers, here's your chance to change that! We'd love trip and project reports from the rest of Texas. I've heard rumors that there are some nice caves in Arizona, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico, as well as other parts of Texas, but you wouldn't know it by reading what's been written for the *Texas Caver*.

The deadline for the November/December issue is 15 October. Stuff for January/February will be due by 30 November.

Text should be sent as .rtf files. Graphics should be sent as .tif files: photos scanned 4" x 6" at 266 dpi, line art no larger than 8" x 10" at 600 dpi. We can also scan graphics here.

If anyone has submitted unpublished material to any past editor, please contact us. Do not assume that your material has been passed on from editor to editor to editor. We've been calling around and have managed to turn up material from as far back as '97.

Please send material to Joe Ivy and Rebecca Jones, joeivy@interserv.com or 11916 Bluebonnet, Manchaca, TX 78652. (512) 292-1878



R. D. Milhollin at Neversink, Alabama

C A L E N D A R * O F * E V E N T S

17-19 September 1999, Kendall County Cave Survey. Contact Karen Perry rodp@swbell.net, or Allen Wong (210) 573-4820, coosh@aol.com

18 September 1999, James River Bat Cave. Work day sponsored by Texas Nature Conservancy. Contact Erica Gustafson (512) 263-8878

25-26 September 1999, High Guads Restoration Project. Contact Dave Jagnow (505) 662-0553, djagnow@rosdrunner.com

8-10 October 1999, Colorado Bend State Park Project. Contact Terry Holsinger (512) 443-4241, trhli@sprynet.com

11-15 October 1999, Capitan Peak Cave Dig. Lincoln National Forest, New Mexico. Contact Dick Venters rventers@aol.com

15-17 October 1999, Texas Cavers Reunion. Flat Creek Ranch, near Pedernales Falls State Park in Blanco County.

23-24 October 1999, Maverick Grotto Fall Party. Location to be announced.

12-14 November 1999, Colorado Bend State Park Project. Contact Terry Holsinger (512) 443-4241, trhli@sprynet.com

24-28 November 1999, Carlsbad Caverns CRF. Contact Barbe Barker (972) 594-1183, cavers@gte.net

10-12 December 1999, Colorado Bend State Park Project. Contact Terry Holsinger (512) 443-4241, trhli@sprynet.com

