A person in a dark cave, illuminated by a headlamp, stands on a rock formation. A waterfall cascades down the cave wall behind them, creating a misty spray. The scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source being the person's headlamp and the ambient light from the waterfall.

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[Josh Hydeman]

[Back Cover] **Cave Ridge waterfall** [Cindy Wu]

Update

by Daryl Greaser

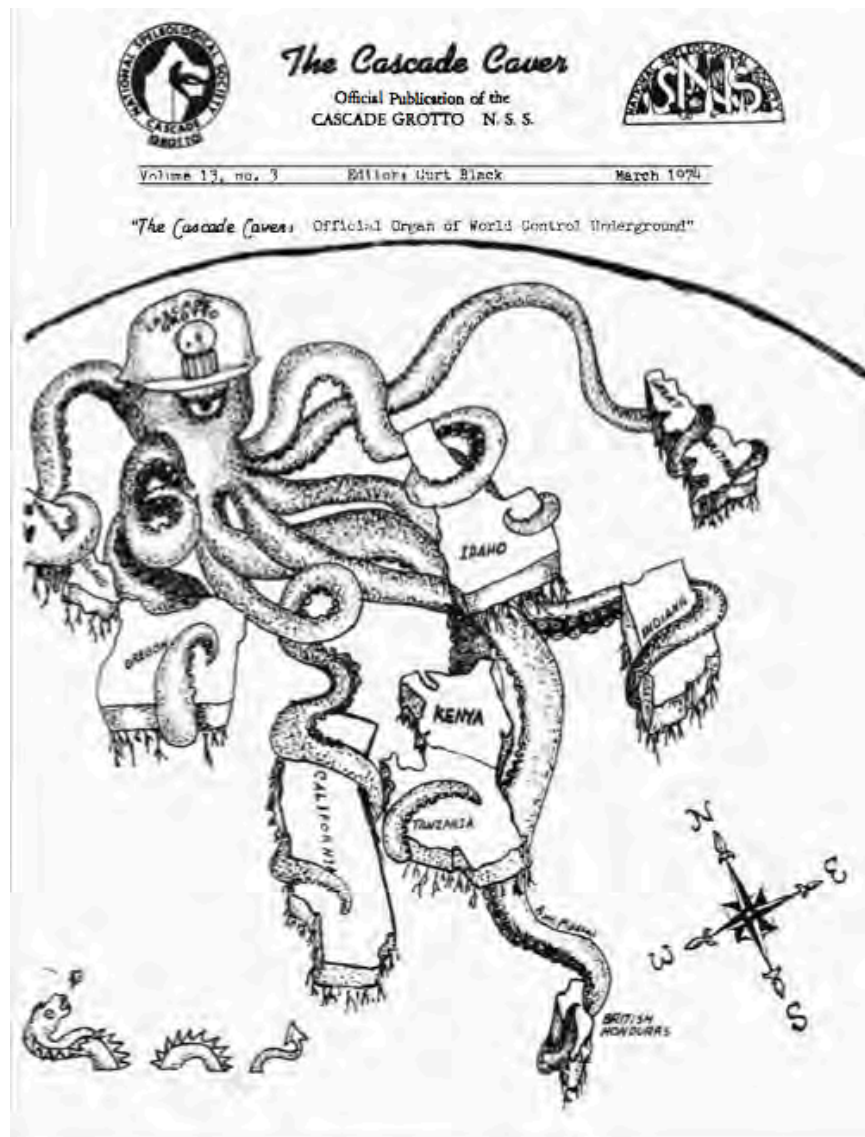
April 2023: Hello cavers! I present:

***The Cascade Caver*, Volume 57 Number 2, a 2018 recap issue.**

Wait, WHAT?! This is simply a catch-up volume to put the visual summary of 2018 I prepared to rest. Let's be honest - it's basically just a cursory scraping of the photos on Facebook. Years from now, Cascade Grotto will laugh at the fools who chose to archive grotto activities on a tenuous platform. "All hail the mighty PDF!" they'll say...let's hope, anyway!

I love reading through old issues of the *Caver*, there's so much knowledge that is buried in those pages. All of the old issues are available on our website: cascadegrotto.org

I love this one "The Cascade Caver: Official Organ of World Control Underground"



2018 Grotto Activities Wrap-up

compiled by Daryl Greaser

Here's a re-cap of *some* of the club activities from 2018; 2019s activities are scheduled to be on-par or exceed this years; I hope the following snippets get you excited about our impending 2019 caving season!

January:

21st: Vertical Training, Ravenna Park, led by Dusty Goldscheider

March:

Pub Night, Floating Bridge Brewery, U-District. Presentation on Papoose Cave (ID) by Daryl Greaser

April:

15th: Beginner Vertical Practice, Tacoma, led by Tom Evans

20th: Lechuguilla: 7 Days Underground - Presentation by Daryl Greaser at the Business Meeting

22nd: Rope practice, Ravenna Park bridge

Annual Beginner's Caving Trip, Lake Cave 4/28

Our Annual Beginner's trip was a roaring success, bringing ~40+ cavers to Southwest Washington for what was a first caving trip for many. We set up a primitive camp and split into groups; most visited Lake Cave on Saturday, and some went to Parking Lot Cave. Later that evening, another group went to Ole's.



Hyperbole at the Pub Night - Photo Frank Schaller



Aragonite crystal "bush" in Lechuguilla
- Daryl Greaser

4/29: Ape Cave clean-up trip. Ape is the most-visited cave in Washington State, and therefore, full of trash. The group spent the majority of the time digging batteries and other small debris out of large breakdown piles. We have plans to return this year (2nd Annual Clean-up Trip!) with “reachers” - those pinchers you can reach down in tight spaces that mechanics use to retrieve lost parts - to better extract these items. (This has already happened - see the next issue!)

May:

5th: Beginner’s Vertical Practice, Ravenna Park, by Dusty Goldscheider

26th: Deadhorse Trip by Brad Hutchison

26th: Lewis River Horse Camp area trip and vertical training, by Dusty Goldscheider

31st: SRT Practice, Ravenna Bridge, by Daryl Greaser and Dusty Goldscheider



Dusty instructs a participant who just happened to walk by (!!) the SRT Training in May. By Daryl Greaser.

June:

9th-10th Papoose / Ta’c Wees trip, by Daryl Greaser, Jeff Wurst (Gem State Chair), and Stephen Gladieux (NRMG, DUG,), 21 participants and 6 grottos represented! We split into three groups and entered the cave hours apart, only to see each other near the entrance. Veteran attendees had never seen so much water in Papoose before - water was flowing OVER the gate!! Yet that couldn’t stop Jeff Wurst and Josh Hydeman from braving the “Wet 40” (Butterfly Piddle) drop! The normally-dry 15-foot “Ladder Drop” had two waterfalls in it. A good time was had by all. Plans are in place to hold another “multi-grotto” event at Papoose in June 2019! Details in Vol 57, Number 3.

July

7th: Vertical Practice, Mountaineers Program Center, led by Dusty Goldscheider

14th: Vertical Caving: Novice vertical and companion rescue, Lewis River Horse Camp, Dusty Goldscheider

21st: Annual Women's Caving Trip, led by Frank Schaller, to Chubby Bunny Cave

30th-8/4: NSS National Convention, Helena, MT, attended by Cascade Grotto members Van and Eileen Bergen, Daryl and Kathryn Greaser, Cindy Wu, Renato Dalle Mulle, and Eric Jorgenson. Details and photos in Vol. 57 No. 3

August

1st: Peterson Meadow Pit, Montana, by Convention attendees Daryl and Katt Greaser and Eric Jorgenson; Details and photos in Vol. 57 No. 3

4th: Cave Ridge Cave trip, by Joseph Cruikshank and Sara Sawyer, 8/4

18th: Vertical Practice at the Mountaineers Program Center, Dusty Goldscheider, 8/18

Every weekend: Cave Ridge Trips, James Moorshire, others, August. details are sketchy, not unlike some of the ropes on the Ridge :)

September

8th-9th: Deadhorse and Happy Cave trips, Brad Hutchison

27th: Cascade Caver read-through, Eric Jorgenson

29th: Vertical trip to Wolff Cave, Lewis River Horse Camp, Dusty Goldscheider

October

trips and trips and trips

November

17th: Deadhorse Cave by Brad Hutchinson. Deadhorse is the longest cave in Washington at over 2.7 miles and contains maze-like passages and multiple entrances. Horizontal; no rope work required.

18th: Tooth Cave by Brad Hutchinson

December

Annual Grotto Holidays Party, Mark and Kat Wilson, Gig Harbor - around 23 attendees at this Pot-Luck. Lots of Caving Tall Tales!

18th: Grotto Meetup - Kenmore - The Hangar at Town Square. Join us for this "northside" meet up where will have a short presentation followed by a bunch of caving tall tales for the summer. All ages welcome in this, Kenmore's (free!) public space. Sponsored by Daryl Greaser.



Tom Evans led a SRT (Single Rope Technique) “vertical” rope training session at his school in Tacoma April 15th. Photos by Chris Larson





4/28/2018 Annual Beginner's Trip to Lake Cave. Beginners' Group (top),
Basecamp shenanigans (bottom) - Chris Larson



Lake Cave by Chris Larson



The namesake in Lake Cave (top), Passage in Ole's (bottom)
-Chris Larson



Caver transport
-Chris Larson



July 21 - Women's Caving Trip to Chubby Bunny

**Ape Cave Clean-up Trip, May
29th, 2018**



Ape Cave skylight (top), Diving for trash in breakdown (bottom)
- Sean Brady



Ape Cave Clean-up Trip, May 29th, 2018



Clean up crew in the cave (top); Happy cavers afterwards! - Daryl Greaser

Beginner's Vertical Practice, May 5th, Ravenna Park Bridge, Seattle



Hangin' around at the Ravenna Park Bridge - all photos by Chris Larson



Hangin' around at the Ravenna Park Bridge - all photos by Chris Larson

Advanced Vertical Practice, May 19th, Mountaineers Program Center, Seattle



Mountaineers Program Center practice - photos by Chris Larson



Deadhorse Trip, 5/26





Maurice negotiates the tight spot in Deadhorse Cave by James Mooreshire

Wolff Cave, May
by Dusty Goldscheider

Four of us in party, Laina McNichols, Eric Jorgenson, Tom Peterson, and myself - Dusty(Karl) Goldscheider. We accomplished 5 out of 3 goals for the trip. the 3 main objectives were to rig anchors to improve the upper entrance to main entrance through trip -completed, rig Deep pitch down to the formations accessed by crawl -completed, widen the tight crawl with hammer and rock chisel -completed. beyond those 3 goals, the next (#4) was to rig a rope for better access beyond the formation crawl -completed, then (#5) push further exploration -more connections and formations found!



Eric Jorgenson works on new passage; pristine helictites!
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Hiking Cave Ridge, June 2018 -

Photos by Cindy Wu

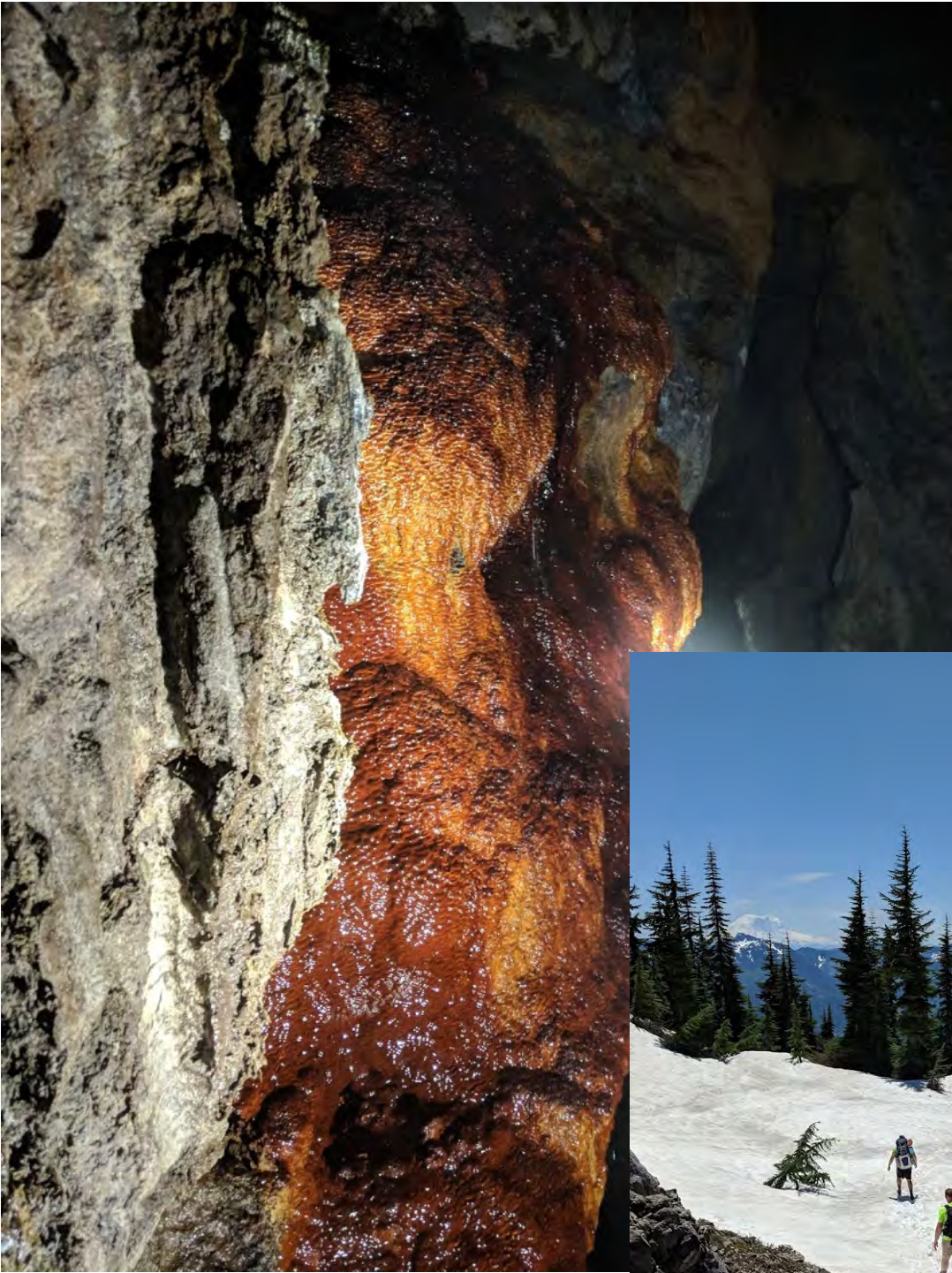
More photos can be seen at this link, as this goes to press in April 2023

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Vertical Practice, Seattle
Mountaineers Program Center, July
7th, by Dusty Goldscheider

**Vertical Training at Lewis River Horse Camp July 14 by
Dusty Goldscheider**



Wolffs Cave entrance - Tom Peterson

**Vertical Caving:
Novice Vertical & Intro To Companion Rescue
Saturday July 14th, 2018
Lewis River Horse Camp, WA**



May the Horse be with you . . .

An opportunity for new vertical cavers whom have accomplished at least basic vertical trainings. Novices can get their gear dirty, deepen their insights on considerations and skills inherent to successful vertical caving.

Saturday: skills practice & companion rescue intro plus as much caving as folks have energy for.

**Sunday: general caving in the area
Wolf cave trip/ your sat & sun**

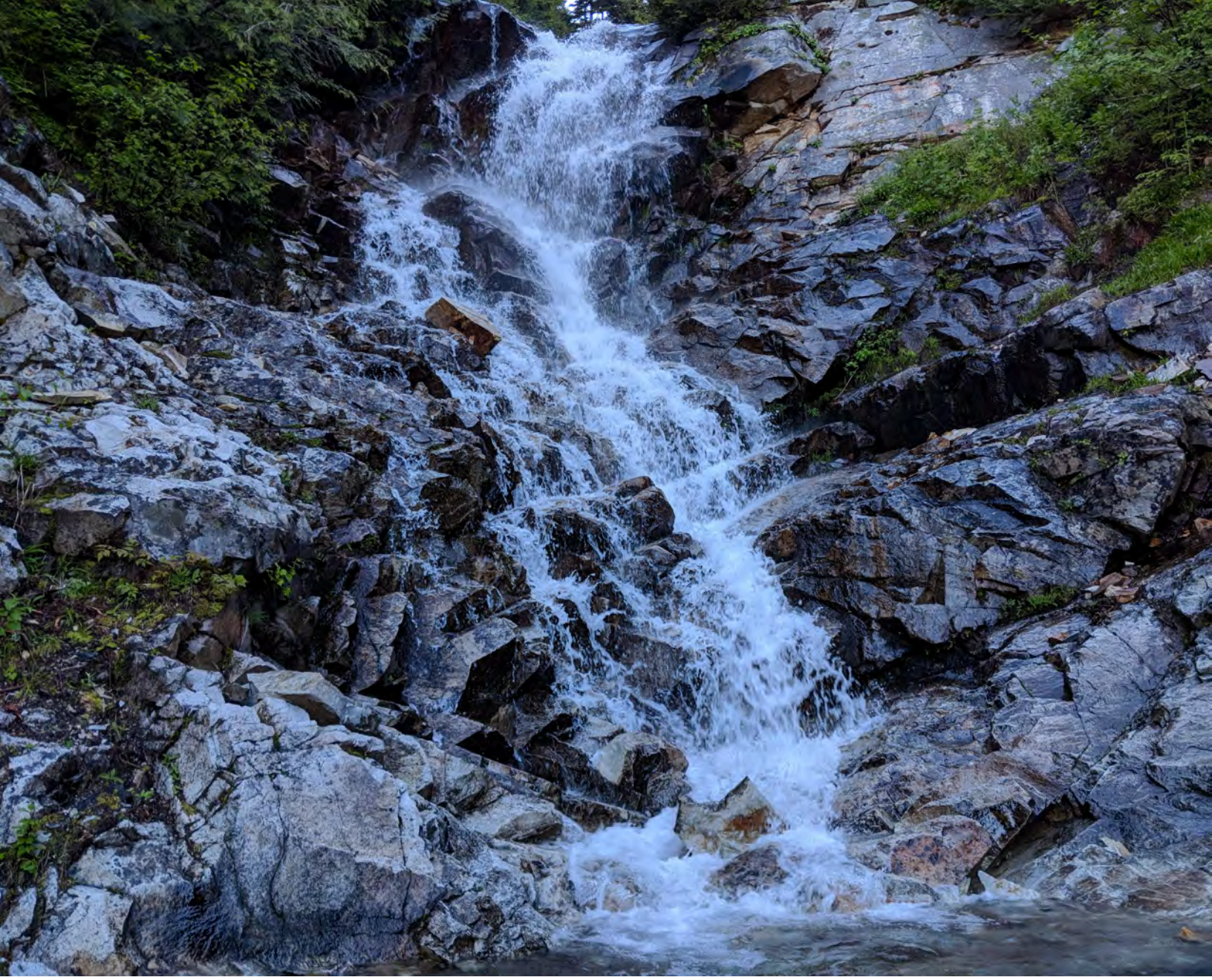


Falls Creek Cave - Chris Larson





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