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OCTOBER AND COMING EVENTS

October 4-5 Field trip: Papoose Cave, Idaho (call Bob Brown)
October 6 Grotto executive committee meeting 8pm, Halliday's
October 13 Field Trip: Papoose Cave, Idaho (call Bob Brown)
also: Dynamite Cave (call Don Tubbs)
October 18 (Sat.) Practice rescue in a Wash. cave. You will receive a call sometime after 7am.
Also, Rescue Unit dinner at Brad's restaurant, Burien 6PM.
Also: Rescue movie and speaker at Vern Frese's 8PM
October 20 Regular meeting, 8pm, Halliday's: movie, slides, trip rpts.
October 25-26 Field trip to be announced: perhaps Vancouver Isl.
Nov. 1-2 Field trip to be announced: , perhaps Mt. Adams
Nov. 3 no executive committee meeting this month
Nov. 17 Regular Grotto meeting; special publicity and program to attract new members.
Nov. 27-30 Field trip: Papoose Cave. (call Don Tubbs or Ron Frost)
Also: Eastern Nevada (call Bob Brown)
Planning is underway for a joint lava tube trip with the Oregon Grotto.

New phone numbers and addresses

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RECENT FIELD TRIPS IN BRIEF

Ron Pflum and several others joined Ken Sinkiewicz in a Vancouver Isl. trip in September which included "Casteret Cave", which hit the newspapers shortly thereafter because of refusal of the Canadian Speleological Society to reveal its location to the government without promise of protection. They report that it's quite a cave. The newspapers described it as about 4,000 feet long.

Bob Brown, Russell Patterson and other provided a last-minute report on the Oct. 4-5 Papoose Cave trip. They found still another virgin passage which will be a main target of the Oct. 11-12 trip. On an earlier trip they had to rescue a party from Moscow, Idaho, stranded below the 15' pit. The portions of the cave visited by non-NSS cavers is showing increasing trash. To date there has been no reply to the request for a special use permit.

The NW regional meeting was held at Trout Lake Labor Day weekend, but no report has yet come this way.

Ye editor visited 63 caves in England, Scotland and South Wales in late August and September. Gaping Ghyll and Ogof Ffynnon Ddu are real caver's caves. Slides at the October meeting.

OVERDUE REPORT ON AN IMPORTANT JOINT GROTTO TRIP TO MT. ADAMS-
Bill Halliday

The weekend of Oct. 7, 1967, saw another joint Cascade Grotto-Oregon Grotto trips to the Mt. Adams area. Participating from the Cascade Grotto were Rob and Kay Stitt, Luurt Nieuwenhuis, Stuart Ferguson and yr. scribe. First target was Dynamited Cave, where the recently vandalized entrance was inspected and a support party arranged for Stuart Ferguson who led a group of about a half dozen to the waterfall.

Meanwhile the rest of us, plus the Larsons (Charlie is chairman of the Oregon Grotto) did some long-overdue scouting. First was the new Todd's Cave System, not far SE of the lower end of the Big Trench System, but best approached from the Mann Butte Road. Nothing remarkable turned up.

Next came a cave just on the other side of the Big Trench, recently discovered by a group from Longview, hence referred to as Longview Cave. Though small, it proved to have some unusual flow features well worth p photographing after a nasty crawl. The Big Trench, incidentally, was aflame with vine maple leaves, red and yellow in the afternoon sun.

Proceeding east, down slope, Luurt showed us some effluent sinks just North of Lava Bridge, but no cavernous segments were penetrated. This system needs remapping. Then on down the Lava Bridge road, which becomes the Butter Cave road if you have enough road clearance, missing the Jug cave system which we didn't know about then, past Cave Creek Road Cave System and Beerbottle Caves, to Butter Cave and Madison's Fence Cave and through Madison's place to two new caves almost across the road (the one leading south from Trout Lake) from Madison's spectacular gate. These are Potato Cave and Prickly Floor Cave. Unfortunately, both proved low and largely choked with silt; as neither exceeded 200 feet in length, neither was considered worth mapping.

Then on up the road toward camp. But Charlie braked and stopped. "W "What do you think of that cave?"he asked. What cave? The one right on the east shoulder of the road...Massey's Barn Cave we later called it, since it's right by Massey's barn. But we were hungry....

It was a beautiful, clear night, and COLD! Next morning, little Tumulus Cave in the campground at Trout Lake was steaming like mad; larger Outhouse Cave nearby didn't steam a bit. Maybe we've been missing something here just because you have to crawl indefinitely in a 9 inch space on rough lava.

Main target Sunday was the new Madison's Fence Cave. To avoid the very nasty up-tube crawl at the lowest sink, we started mapping overland, the went under ground in both directions, mapping about 2500 feet to the seeming end of the upper level in a gurry of breakdown mixed ~~wix~~ up in a flow plug. Then we tackled the lower level which continues on to a continuation of the upper level and eventually popped out of a very tight orifice an estimated 800 feet onward (this part was not mapped due to lack of time). The first people out called that there was a good road just through the trees, and the area looked remarkably familiar. It took less than one minute to identify our exit as a sink at the lower end of the little Beerbottle Cave system I had previously pronounced impassable. Scratch one system...

And on home, via planned visits to Olson's Cave, right on the road south of Trout Lake, and a short trip into Massey's Barn Cave. But a recently dead porcupine was discouraging at the latter, and irrigation water had converted the mud of the former into excessively gooey paste, so....back to Seattle.

BYRON GLACIER CAVES, ALASKA -- Chuck Pease -- 12 July, 29 July, 7 Sept

Being more of a spelunker than a mountaineer I immediately began looking for caves when I arrived in Alaska last March. I still have not located any Limestone caves, but there are plenty of glacier ones around.

My first acquaintance with the Byron Caves was on Sat. July 12. Dave Albert, April Allen and I found two caves at the toe of the glacier. On the right side of the stream were two entrances that soon joined int one tunnel that was about 600 feet long and averaged fifteen feet wide and seven feet high. In a couple of places small waterfalls emerged from the ceiling. The floor was glacial moraine. A second cave was located above the left stream and consisted of a single large chamber with a stream. Both upstream and downstream exploration was stopped by siphons.

On Tuesday, the 29th, April and I returned and discovered enough snow had melted to reveal another huge cave entrance. This was the cave that the right hand stream exited from. A little boulder hopping and a climb over a ten foot high snow bank in the cave, since melted, enabled us to penetrate 300' before the river hit our wall. The water easily swept away 75 pound boulders when we attempted to bridge it so we retreated.

September 7th, we finally were able to continue exploration of this main cave. Entering along the left side this time, we were able to go all the way to the end where the roof met the floor. This passage is approximately 1500' long and averages 25' wide and 9' high. The last 400' is a series of steep cascades and involves numerous stream crossings. A small rock cairn and register were placed inthis last level room. Prior to here the stream is too large to successfully cross on boulders. Two and a half hours were spent exploring the cave. It will be interesting to return in a year or two and see how many people, if any, have explored the cave as far as the register.

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