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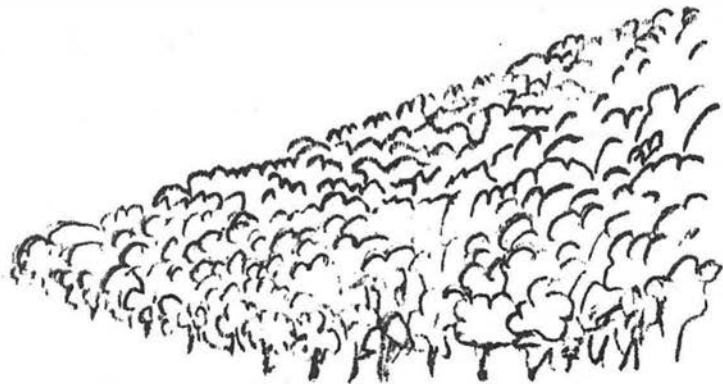
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The following is dedicated to those grottoites who have given their time in search of Jensen's Cave...

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COMING EVENTS

- July 4, 5, 6, 7. ~~Cave Ridge~~ Trout Lake Ice Cream Feed, & Spelooofest (Right-O, we changed the place -- Cave Ridge is still buried under tons of snow, and shows no desire to come out until perhaps August. We still had an all around good time (bottomed dynamited, ate ice cream, and let Mary White do it to us again -- see story).
- July 12, 13, 14. Bob Brown and Ken Byrd to Vancouver Island. Call Brown, 687-4470
- July 13. Paradise Ice Caves. Call Black, LA2-9817, 543-1668, 564-0988, 546-3410. etc.
- July 15. Regular Grotto Meeting preceded by an irregular Ice Cream Feed starting at 7:15 at camp long. All NW type cavers are encouraged to come. (about 50¢)
- July 20. Mossey Rock area (New Caves!!) call Jan Roberts, PR8-8503, for info.
- July 21. Cave Ridge 1 day Cascade, and Danger Caves. Call Black, or Pugh, SK9-6211.
- July 27. Oregon Grotto 10th An. Party(it's gonna be big) Call Larson's for info.
573-1782
- August 3, 4. Inner-Camp, Paradise Ice Caves, Call Anderson, 935-0136.
- August 10 - 11. Mt. Adams summit climb. Call Halliday, EA4-7474, or Brown.
- August 17 - 18. Mt. Baker Steam Caves recon. trip. Call Halliday, or Black.
- August 24. Mountaineers to Cave Ridge. Help Appreciated Call Black.
- August 25. Cascade Grotto guiding at Ape Cave.
- August 31, September 1 - 2. Labour Day Weekend NWRA Convention Craters of the Moon.
- Sept. 14 - 15. Cave ridge possibly Newton on Sunday.
- Sept 20 -22. Canada; Vancouver Island; Tahsis(!!!!!)
- Sept 27 -29. Papoose Cave, Id.
- November 9 -11. Papoose Cave Id.
- Thanks Giving Weekend. Hells Canyon W. the Oregon Grotto.

New Addresses

- Curt Black 5235 17th NE, Seattle Wa. 98105 Phone LA2-9817 (good luck!)
- Alex Sproul c/o his parents, 41 Woodland Dr., Staunton, Va. 24401
- Chris Barnett, Placid Oil Co., Hood Bay, c/o Channel Flying Inc., Box 3577, Juneau, Al.
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New Members

- Kay McKinney, 1442 Rainier Dr., Apt 3, Tacoma, Wa., 98466 Ph. 565-1627
- Dave Mischke, 23817 104 Ave W., Edmonds Wa. 98020 Ph. 542-2425

News and Notes From All Over

VICEG has supposedly located a cave up island with the potential for a 2 - 3 mile long system. Evidently it has a trunk passage that just goes, and goes with leads in every direction. More info after the July 13 trip!!

Mr. and Mrs. Russel Iatterson announce the birth of a son, and potential caver, Scott. Scott was the reason we haven't seen any Iatterson's for a while.

Isn't there anyone from the Cascade Grotto Going to this years NSS Convention? We need COG delegates! Are there no Halliday's, no Zarwell, no Coughlin's, not even a Sproul?!? There are to be many interesting questions discussed - If anyone is going, or knows of someone who is going, would they please contact me?

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Features

Trip Report: The 7th Annual Mini-Regional Convention -- Papoose Cave Id. Cascade Grotto: Alex Sproul, Tom Cunningham, Diane, and Robert Richardson, Stan Pugh, and Curt Black. Oregon Grotto: Mr. & Mrs. Luurt Niewenhuis. Gem State Grotto: Vern Blalock, Jerry Thornton, George Huppert, Randy Vance Dave Glauberg, Kirk Frazee, Mark Kerr, Bill Markowitz, some Daves, and a Lyle

Leaving Thursday, Alex, Tom, and myself arrived at the cave just in time for sunrise at 5:00. After a few (very few) hours of sleep we were awakened by the sound of a pickup truck full of Gem Staters. From them we learned all sorts of good news: (1) everyone else was camped at the lower campsite, (2) Robert Richardson was no where to be found (he had supposedly already been there five days looking for caves) (3) the Ranger we had hoped to guide through the cave was no longer in Riggin's, and that (4) no one had yet been to the cave, but due to the runoff they expected the lower entrance gate to be frozen shut. What a way to start the day!

After breakfast we went out in search of the lost Richardsons, looking first around shingle creek, near Impeachment cave, and then down in greater/lesser Riggin's. Finding nothing we returned to the cave and made ready to enter.

For Tom this was to be a special day; his first real (non-Washington) cave. We found the culvert passable, and proceeded to, and through the key-hole to the ledge at the 50' pit. Here Tom got his first technical challenge of the day; to get into Vanishing Stairwell without getting wet (the cave had more water flowing through it than anyone had seen before)

Continuing into Clearwater, we crossed some of the pools for which the passage is named, and came to the first pit. Since this passage hasn't been mapped we'll call it Splash Bottom Pit. It's about 30' deep starting with a tight crack which opens into a free fall drop, ending in a large (and may I add respectably deep) pool of water. There is a technique to doing this drop which Alex and I did our best to pass on to Tom. Alas without success. At the drops bottom is a stalagmite just under the water. The object is to swing over to this; balance there while you run enough slack rope through your brake-bars to allow you to jump to the wall, and then climb the wall around to shore. Tom did it almost perfectly, except he was just a tad short of rope. He made 3/4 of the way to shore on the stretch of the line before being snapped back to the middle of the pool. His legs, like his spirit, were not seriously dampened, and soon he was flashing bulbs for Alex's pictures.

Continuing without incident by the shield, (which now has a chunk missing out of it --- come on people, if someone can't climb under the shield without touching it, they don't belong in Clearwater, and probably shouldn't be in Papoose) we came to another

The Gals decided to walk (?) with us to the entrance. Let me state right now that this is not a walk for the average homemaker. My wife was about to find this out. The ladies did well until we got to the ladder where one can see that if one's footing were lost he could get to the bottom of the ravine much faster than planned. After much coaxing, the ladies negotiated the difficult part, and were at Papoose Creek in about 30 minutes. Because there are several large snow patches near the creek, the temperature is much cooler than near the road. I really wasn't prepared to see an opening as large as the one at Papoose. (anything larger than 3 X 3 feet is huge for western Washington) However the ladies hearts sank when they saw the size of the culvert they had to crawl through...with some H₂O to accompany them...but they managed to get through without soaking to the skin. The hike down to the ladder from the entrance was fun, but when they peered over the edge...that did it!!! No way was my wife going down that ladder! Although some will tell you that it is only a 15 foot ledge, don't believe them. It is at least 10 feet of fairly tricky negotiating to get to a ledge, from where if one slips one might see the ladder prior to hitting the floor. Much faith is needed to hang onto the rope, and swing over the edge, hoping the ladder is below

Luurt, and I went to the top of the "wet 40" ... and wet was the word, as the stream was larger than anyone had previously seen. We thought that we heard some voices, and sure enough through the key-hole came Curt, Bob, and Alex. Going back up the ladder is much easier, and we all made it through the culvert satisfactorily, except for a bent finger or two... "Got to keep those arms straight overhead when going through the tube."

It was getting dark fast as we started back up the hill. The gals were very very tired by the time we made it to the cars. One hour isn't a bad time, is it? It was a perfect evening back at the campsite...warm and no mosquitoes. Had a nice time eating and chatting, but had to get back to Pullman...Luurt had another test at 9 the next morning. We got the second ticket just south of Grangeville... another 1/2 hour shot!..not to mention the growing hole in Luurt's wallet!

Should you be planning a trip to Papoose, just remember that it is also called Seven Devils Cavern....."If the first one don't getcha..."

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Trip Report: Concrete Area Hank Ramsey and Rod Crawford
July 5 - 7,

By Rod Crawford

An entire day was devoted to locating jensen cave without success. We suggest that the only surviving grotto member who has been there (i.e. the good Dr.) be maneuvered onto that railroad grade himself. This seems to be the only way the cave is going to be found.

As reported by Stan Pugh the Ramsey cave sink has increased in size by about 1/2 (fortunately on the side opposite the road), and the debris have ended up in the Sand Room. Another two years like this and the lower cave will be blocked off completely. It would seem, therefore, that the stream should be diverted before this distressing eventuality can materialize. Anyone know how to operate a steam shovel?

Two *Ambystoma gracile*, and one *Rana aurora* were observed in the lower cave.

Three Mile Creek Cave is still there, and still blocked by dirt a tantalizing 70' back. Now if the Grotto, armed with shovels and wheelbarrows, could spend a day or so there.....

Two spp. of moss were collected 20' inside the entrance.

VULCANOSPELEOLOGICAL ABSTRACT

Cantu, Amador Jr. 1973. Cueva de la Sierra Partida. Assoc. Mex Cave studies NL, Vol. IV, no. 3, Dec. 101-102, map p. 103.

A bunch of Texas limeys explored and mapped part of what they think is the longest lava tube in Mexico, Cueva de la Sierra Partida, about 13 Km west of Ocampo, Tamaulipas, stopping at station 50 where, "the cave continued... but due to the sharp lava, and low ceiling it was impossible to continue. There was, however an air flow at that point." Ceiling height at this point, according to the map, was 0.3 meter....

Length is 2,788 feet (850 m) to that point, descent, 62 m. They expect this length to be exceeded by other nearby lava tube caves, one of which is Cueva de los Secundarios. Three entrances are present; the map makes it look like they fully segment the cave. A moderate biota was recorded; red lava is present, but the form was not described.

By W. R. Halliday

THE AUGUST MEETING will be held at the home of Dr. Halliday, and will start at 8:00 PM, August 19th. My apologies for not getting this on the coming events calender -- Hope to see you there! Address: 1117 36th Ave. E., Seattle, Wa.

This Months Cover came from, "My Daddy Was A Caver"; If you enjoyed it you might want to pick up a copy of the book: \$1.25 ppd. from "The Speleo Press", P.O. Box 7037, Austin, Texas 78712.

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