





October 8th meeting site
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Shasta. Area Grotto meetings are held at 7:30 pm on the second Friday of each month. Meeting places are rotated between Redding, McCloud, and Eureka.

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COMING EVENTS

- August 13 Grotto meeting.
Meet at Jim and Liz Wolff's, 6 Mill road, McCloud. Meeting will be at Sharon Kisling's fire lookout, so be at Wolff's by 7:00 or call for directions (916) 964-3123.
- August 13 Marbles trip.
Call Jim Wolff (916) 964-3123 or Arley Kisling (916) 964-2569.
- Sept 4-6 Western Regional at Avery Ranch, near Valecito, Ca.
The grotto has extra registration forms if you didn't get one.
- Sept 17 Grotto meeting campout. Meeting is postponed 1 week. Will be in Roger Jones' new caving area in the Trinity Alps. Call Claude for details. (916) 246-3942.
- October 8 Grotto meeting.
At Dick and Cherry LaForge's. See map on opposite page. Cooking and sleeping space is available. Trip to Patrick's Point cave (150' drop) on Saturday.
- Fall 1983 Western Regional.
Possibly a joint Western and Northwestern regional. We are looking into the feasibility of hosting at Shasta Lake.

Cover artwork courtesy of Sharon Kisling. See "LOGO" item in the GROTTO NOTES on page 3. Dick LaForge also supplied information for GROTTO NOTES and for the article on the convention. Ron Rogers arranged for reproduction of the cover.

EDITORIAL

The chairman thinks we need a newsletter for communication. To be of any timely value, it should be published bi-monthly. To get the first issue out the chairman appointed himself to be the first editor (hopefully of short tenure). Anyone interested in becoming the editor or co-editor should contact the chairman.

Deadlines will be the Grotto meeting of every odd numbered month. The newsletter will be handed out at the next meeting (every even numbered month). Members who do not pick up their copy should send in stamps for postage. Six 20¢ stamps will get members a year's subscription.

We need a name for the newsletter. Send in your suggestions to be published in the next issue for a vote. Our grotto name does not do much for the 1/3 of our members in the coastal area. Think of that when you come up with a newsletter name. Do we need to change the grotto name?

GROTTO NOTES

ROPE – The Grotto has purchased 200' of new Blue Water III rope.

GROTTO CARBIDE – (2 choices). Bring your 2 lb. coffee cans or 1 gal. plastic milk cartons (10 lbs.)

Claude has donated 75 lbs. of carbide to the Grotto. It's 12 years old and needs to be sifted, but still provides adequate light. Each member can get 2 lbs. free at each grotto meeting.

Dick bought 100 lbs. of fresh carbide at the convention. For sale at his cost of 42 1/2 cents per lb.

FILM – Dick has Kodachrome 36 exp., cheap.

MARBLES – Mark Fritzke and Lynn Clarke went up to the Marbles and returned July 19th. They found a new entrance into Upstream and mapped about 800', also found a small cave of about 300'. They report snow patches here and there, but pretty dry overall. Mark got his car front-ended by a cattle truck coming around a corner uphill in his (Mark's) lane.

LOGO – Cover designed by Sharon Kisling from ideas presented at last grotto meeting. Our grotto artists, Arley and Sharon Kisling, would like to produce a grotto logo for silkscreening on T-shirts for under \$5. Send your suggestions to them at P.O. Box 101, McCloud, CA. 96057.

NEW MEMBER – Tom Hesseldenz, manager of the Nature Conservancy's McCloud River Preserve, was signed up at the July meeting.

CALIFORNIA NATURAL DIVERSITY DATA BASE – We're looking into obtaining access to this computerized information system. Supposedly has good restrictions for sensitive features like caves. Information is provided only to those who show a bona fide need for it.

7/10/82 POWDER HILL SYSTEM GROTTO TRIP REPORT by Claude Smith

After each grotto meeting there is usually a field trip on Saturday. This time, the Wolffs, Smiths, Tom Hesseldenz and his friend from the Nature Conservancy, visited the Powder Hill lava tube system to finish up mapping there. We mapped Many Names Cave (235'), Arch Sink (328'), 3 Way Sink (436'), and did some surface surveying. Wolffs took everyone on a through trip of Bobcat (4,000'), which was a nice jaunt.

On the way back to the vehicles, Jim started hollering his head off. I tried to ignore him, fearing the worst, (that he had found another lava tube), but too late, he saw me on the road. Reluctantly, I trudged over to where he was and peered down a pit into a lava tube. I tried to convince him that it was just one of the skylights to Bobcat. but he wouldn't buy it.

We then had to figure out if we could get in. How about using the Grotto's new virgin 200' Blue Water III – no good, we had left it at Wolffs' house! By then the challenge of getting in had overtaken my fear of having to map another tube. I climbed down the 8' drop, Followed by Jim.

When I thought I heard Jim say Oh No, it goes, I knew that the warm Budweiser I brought back, after walking to the car to get the grotto rope that wasn't there, was getting to one of us. We started mapping, getting seven 100' straight shots. I actually enjoyed it. What?? (Must have been the beer). The cave was all walking passage with only one 5' square spot of breakdown. Every twenty feet or so there was a curtain of tree roots hanging from the ceiling to the floor. Jim promptly named the cave Rooty Tooty.

After 956', the roof started sloping down to the floor, but luckily it was getting later so we elected not to push to the bitter end. I should have stayed to finish it though, because now Jim insists we go back, and ... well ... he might find another one!!

1982 NATIONAL CONVENTION

Our grotto was well represented with 10 members there. Dick LaForge chaired the Cave Photo Lesson Session and gave a popular 3-D slide show. Jim and Liz Wolff gave slide presentations on lava tubes and Northern California Caves and lead a post-convention trip. Mark Fritzke took 1st place in the SRT climbing contest. Steve Knutsen narrated a slide show on Mexico caving. Others in attendance were Arley Kisling, Roger Jones, Ron Rogers, Claude and Mary Belle Smith. We have 8 copies of the convention program book, if anyone wants one.

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