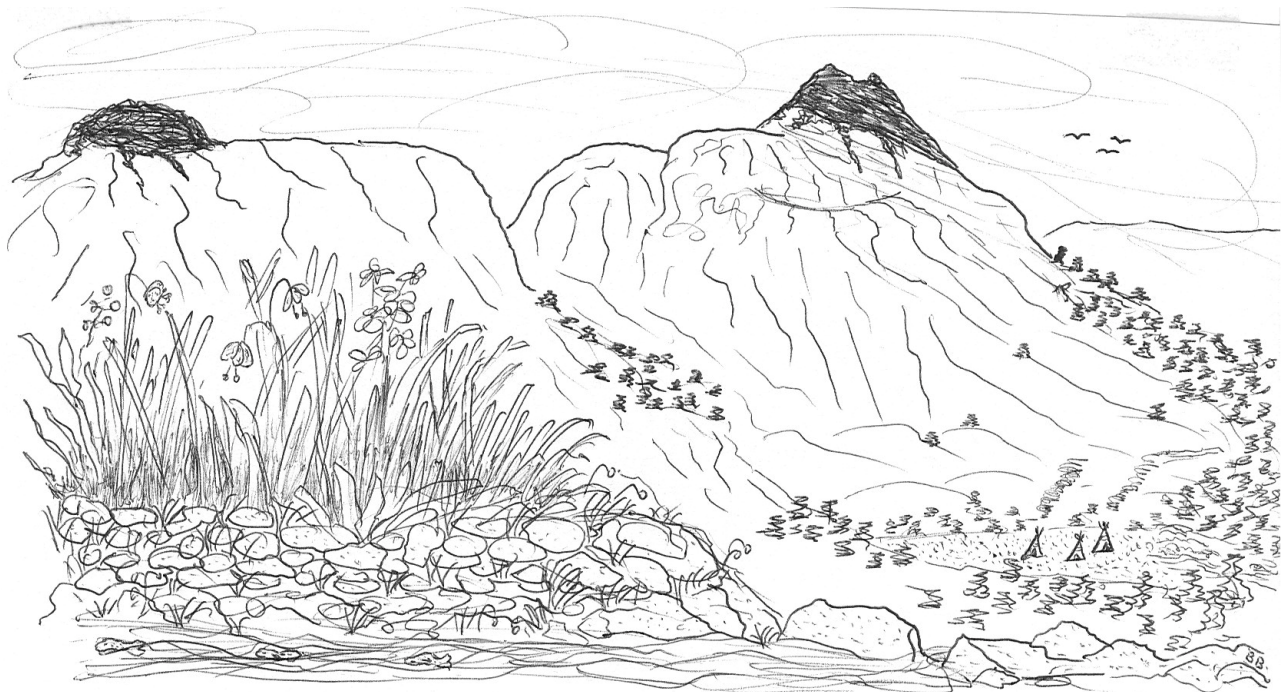


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QUOTE FROM JOSEPH MARSHALL, LAKOTA AUTHOR, EDUCATOR AND MEMBER OF THE FORT PHIL KEARNY ADVISORY BOARD. SUBMITTED BY JIM WOLFF



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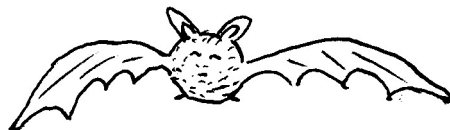
### CAVERS CALENDAR 2001

- Apr 11            Region 5 Forest Service cave meeting in Placerville (see further).
- Apr 13 Friday    SAG meeting 7:30 pm. Melanie Jackson, Yreka. (530) 842-9714.
- Apr 27-29        Cave campout at Chirpchatter. Bill Kenney. (541) 883-2781.
- May 11 Friday    SAG meeting 7:30 pm. Wolffs in McCloud. (530) 964-3123.
- June 8-10        Cave campout at Hat Creek. B. Broeckel. (530) 842-3917.
- July 23-27        NSS Convention, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky.
- Aug 24-26        Proposed weekend for WRTC OCR, Harris Springs (more detail later).
- Oct 16-19        Cave & Karst Management Symposium, Tucson, Arizona (see further).

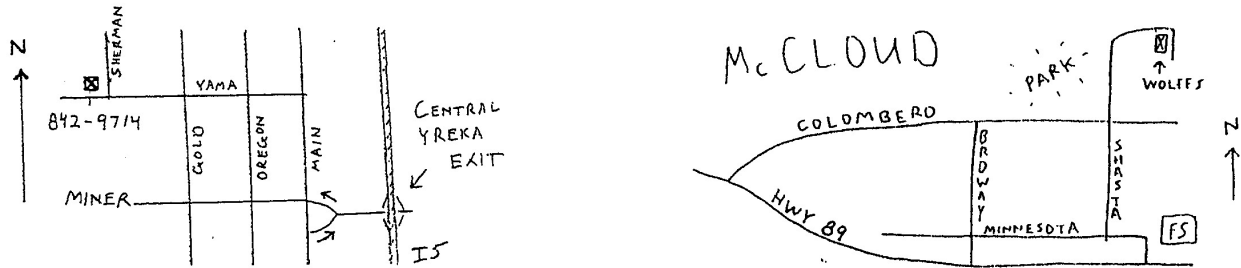
### ANNOUNCEMENTS    From Liz Wolff (SAG President)

Hi SAGites. Nothing ever works out as originally planned, especially when dealing with the government. The gating of Sand Cave has been postponed to late Sept or early Oct. It all depends on when the bats are gone from the cave. So everyone may relax, it won't be next week. On a more cavernous note, the grotto has committed to leading an Underearth Weekend trip to the limestones of Shasta Lake April 27-29. Bill Kenney is heading it, if you want to lead trips or have anything you want to see, write him at [kenneyfam@fireserve.net](mailto:kenneyfam@fireserve.net) or call him at 541-883-2781. Camping will be at Chirpchatter campground and trips will be into the Lo Pass area, or somewhere else close by. This is steep poison oak country, with pit caves known, but nothing very long or deep. Your own personal vertical gear is a must. This trip is open to anyone in the region, and there could be many participants. Another commitment, several months away, is to host an Orientation to Cave Rescue taught by the Western Region Training Commission. It will be at Harris Springs Campground, and is provisionally to be during the last weekend of August. We will be providing meals: breakfast and lunch (a make-your-own buffet), and a Saturday night dinner, something hot. I don't know yet if there is a cost (probably) or what it would be. There is a maximum of 30 students allowed, and you can take the class instead of working (to make it easy for all the people involved.)

Liz Wolff, SAG chair



### Maps to the Meetings



## FIRST CAVE MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

APRIL 11, 2001 PLACERVILLE, CA

### April 11 Workshop in a Nutshell

**What-** A workshop on cave management has been scheduled. The audience will be Forest Service Personnel, though we hope to have some speakers from other groups and agencies. The purpose of the meeting is to initiate more proactive management of cave resources in Region 5.

**When:** April 11, 2001

**Where:** Placerville, California (Meeting place to be announced later)

**Who Should Attend-** Each Forest with cave resources would benefit by sending a representative knowledgeable about its cave resources.

**Homework-** One representative from each attending forest will be asked to come to the meeting prepared to make a presentation and answer the questions on their cave resources listed below.

**Questions-** If you have questions, please e-mail or call John Chatoian ([jchatoian@fs.fed.us](mailto:jchatoian@fs.fed.us) <<mailto:jchatoian@fs.fed.us>> 707-562-8933) or Juan de la Fuente ([jdela Fuente@fs.fed.us](mailto:jdela Fuente@fs.fed.us) <<mailto:jdela Fuente@fs.fed.us>> 530-841-4413).

## SHASTA AREA GROTTO FEBRUARY 17, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM. at the Wolff's home in McCloud.

Present were: Bill, Cheryl, & Zane Kenney, Dick & Kathy LaForge, Mark Fritzke, Ray Miller, Jim Kottinger, Jim & Liz Wolff, Robert Nixon, Melanie Jackson.

Minutes: were accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: February Balance \$ 868.17.

Correspondence: E-mails rec'd about the Western Region Meeting Sept. 14-16 at Berkeley Tuolumne Meadows. A change is being made in the Vertical contest that takes place at the NSS convention. They would like to make it a skill contest rather than a speed contest. Comments regarding this can be sent to Don Dunn.

OLD BUSINESS: Sand Cave Gating – There are two dates available. March 19.23 or April 2-6 with the earlier being more desirable. Regarding the Cave also the county and the F.S. want to do road side spraying for fuel reduction. The grotto may possibly want to volunteer to help reduce the brush for 200 feet on either side and above the cave to avoid spray getting into the cave and to the bats. The assistant District Ranger finally went over the heads of his superiors at the F.S. to get two signs done for the Bat Cave. They were placed at the Natural and Road side entrances to the cave. Ray, Jim and Liz gave input for the information to be placed on the signs. The McCloud F.S. asked for grotto contacts to use in case anyone inquires about caves and caving. It was suggested that e-mail addresses only be used. No Phone #'s. We received responses from other grottos regarding Web Page designs. Robert Nixon had asked for information and statistics and what to include or not include on our grotto Web Page.

There was plenty of input for who would be reached for what purpose and what conservation and ethics issues etc. should or should not be included. I have attached the e-mails we received to these minutes, but will not go into further detail here as it too lengthy. Cave pictures that you may want to have considered to be on the site should be sent to Robert at least one week before he does the page. Robert will do a web site on a trial basis. This initial site will allow for your input and feedback. We have definitely decided we do not want to be linked to the Chamber of Commerce Web site. With your input to Robert the grotto web site will either evolve or disappear. April Under the Earth Days. What do we want to do other than Shasta Lake. We could move the grotto meeting weekend to the Under Ground Weekend camp out.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made and passed to do a yearly update of the immediate members information. This would include vehicle identification, emergency contact #'s, and health info. Our current information is very outdated for most grotto members. This would be for use on caving trips. Melanie Jackson volunteered to do the updates and distribute the info to the members for use in the event there is a need as in a cave rescue or an injury. At this point in time there have been no such mishaps in a long time.

Cave Trip Reports: The Wolff's and 2 other OHG members mapped 2 caves in the Cassel area. One a sort of in and out cave and the other had a 32ft. entrance drop through a small window. It was a warm steamy cave. It was also noted that a teacher, his young son and some students dropped this pit with a rope on a pry bar, one figure eight, 2 seat slings and no ascenders. Only the kids had lights the teacher had none. Evidently they all made it in and out all right. Scary!

### Future Meetings

March 9th Bill & Judy Broeckel's in Yreka

April 13th Melanie Jackson's in Yreka

April 27-29th Under the Earth Day Shasta Lake or Low Pass Road TBA

May 11th the Wolff's in McCloud

June 8-10 Hat Creek Camp out.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

A pizza and salad dinner preceded the meeting and Mark Fritzke showed slides of the High Guads after the meeting. Awesome as we all expected.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melanie Jackson

MJ

**National Cave & Karst Management Symposium, Oct. 16-19**

The 2001 National Cave & Karst Management symposium is scheduled for October 16 through 19, 2001, in Tucson, Arizona. It has been several years since this Symposium has been held in the southwestern United States and the first time ever in the state of Arizona. It is timely for many of you to make the effort to communicate your ideas for improving cave management – particularly those of you who live in the Southwest and have had trouble with travel distances in the past.

Submit abstracts for papers and sessions to Tom Strong [cbstrong@dakotacom.net](mailto:cbstrong@dakotacom.net). For additional information on sessions, contact Tom strong: work (520) 795-2001 or home (520) 31-9127.

Please direct information requests to Jerry Trout, US Forest Service, Federal Building, 300 W. Congress, Tucson, AZ 85701 [jtrout@fs.fed.us](mailto:jtrout@fs.fed.us). Phone: (520) 670-4552.

The 2001 symposium schedule and other information is listed on the NSS web page [www.caves.org/nckms01](http://www.caves.org/nckms01).

As in the past, the 2001 Symposium is expected to attract a large number of federal, state, and private caves managers who are responsible for making decisions that affect the preservation, protection, and visitation of caves throughout the United States and in several foreign countries. The sessions are designed to orchestrate information-sharing about management techniques, to present current best practices for protecting caves and cavers, and to discuss changes that promise to improve future education and caving techniques.

Arizona encourages you to plan to attend all or part of the 2001 symposium and to participate in communicating your thoughts, concerns, and suggestions. You will have many opportunities to interact with participants through conversations, panel discussions, question-and-answer periods, field trips, presentations, displays, and multimedia events.

We are also discussing a Project Underground workshop conducted by Carol Zokaites, to be held either in conjunction with or during the pre-Symposium on Monday, October 15; a post-Symposium BCI workshop conducted by Jim Kennedy, to be held Friday and/or Saturday, October 19 and 20; and several pre and post Geology Field Trips, caving trips, and other local interest sessions. We are discussing events to be held at Kartchner Caverns State Park, Colossal Cave Mountain Park, and the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum (with its own man-made cave).

Jim & Val are forwarding this information at the request of Jerry Trout, NSS 4279 RL, USDA Forest Service National/Region 3 Coordinator/Cave Resources.

**LBRC Final Countdown**

Janet M. Sowers

March 18, 2001

Dear CRF board and jv' s, NHA board, NSS Western Region cavers, and other friends of Lava Beds,

With one month to go we wanted to bring you up to date on the Lava Beds Research Center (LBRC) fund raising campaign. As most of you know, we have been raising money for the past three years to build an on-site research facility at Lava Beds National Monument. By the time our Memorandum of National Park Service expires at the end of April we need to have raised \$200,000, and we are very close. Assuming that all of our outstanding pledges are good, we have \$192,000 in hand! Wow!

It is down to the wire now and we MUST we raise enough money to successfully complete the project. An additional eighteen thousand dollars will both fulfill our commitment to the NPS and provide a \$10,000 cushion to cover unexpected contingencies such as unmet pledges, inflation, or cost overruns. We would rather not schedule CRF expeditions to hang sheet rock! The goal of our final drive, therefore, is \$18,000.

Please, if you haven't had an opportunity yet to be a part of this effort, or if you are able to make an additional contribution, we need your help now. We invite you to use the donation form printed below and mail it in by April 30. Your gift will be greatly appreciated! ! !

All of us on the Campaign Committee sincerely thank all of you who have supported the research center fund raising campaign. We are so excited to see this dream coming true and are especially grateful to have had your participation. We hope to see you around the fireplace of the research center soon! The tentative schedule, assuming we meet our fundraising goal, is to prepare bid packages and select a contractor by the end of the summer, then begin construction in the winter or spring of 2002.

Sincerely,

Janet M. Sowers, Chair, LBRC Capital Campaign Committee  
Cave Research Foundation

and the rest of the committee:

Peri Frantz, Bill Frantz, John Tinsley, Christopher Richard, Bruce Rogers, Pat Helton, Peter Bosted, Larry Hearne, Chuck Barat, and Craig Dorman

Project details can be found at <http://www.pwpconsult.com/lbrc.site>.

**Cave Research Foundation**  
**LBRC final countdown**

**DONATION FORM**

I/We wish to contribute to make a tax deductible gift toward the construction

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Lava Beds Natural History Association  
Attn: Kathleen Lubscem  
Box 865  
Tulelake, CA 96134.

You will receive a letter acknowledging your gift and providing tax documentation. The names of those giving \$500 or more will be inscribed on the research center's "Dripstone Wall".

Thank you for your support!

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Janet M. Sowers

**MARBLES 2000** By B. Broeckel

The July Speleocamp included Tom Kline, Cynthia Ream, her boyfriend Dave, Bill Kenney, Mark Harder, Scott Linn, and Paul Amado from San Francisco State. Amado told us that Jerry Davis would be coming up later with a grad student to do some more of their research on cave sediments.

By July 2, the entire Sundquist family had also arrived. That day Bill Kenney joined the Sundquists and the Broeckels (Benj and myself) to check on Cliffside Cave. The boys Benj and Forrest had a great time exploring miniscule Cliffside Cave. This cave would make a good new cache site, except that the location is hardly convenient.

Rich Sundquist found a new cave nearby, so after lunch Cynthia Ream, Dave, Rich, and I returned and mapped some short crawlways and a climbable pit for a total cave passage length of 182 feet. Midori Sundquist cooked up some good pasta for supper, then Benj and I headed home. Later on, a big rainstorm came in, Tom Kline, Rich Sundquist, Scott Linn, and Cynthia Ream were still able to make a trip out to the Kneegrinder in Bigfoot Cave. Three blind pits were checked, and

new survey was added, about 300-400 feet. Benj and I had mapped 100 feet in Bruise Spring Stream, so the survey total for the July 2000 KMCTF Speleocamp was about 600-700 feet.

I showed up too late for the next two speleocamps. Both of these speleocamps were also rainmakers, and this a drought year! In September, speleocamp cavers included Roger Jones and Jim Wolff. I understand there was another Bigfoot trip out to the Illusion, but I don't have the details. Then in October, despite some heavy rain, Steve Knutson and Scott Linn were still able to do a survey trip, and mapped 120 feet in a passage off the Banana Room in Bigfoot Cave.

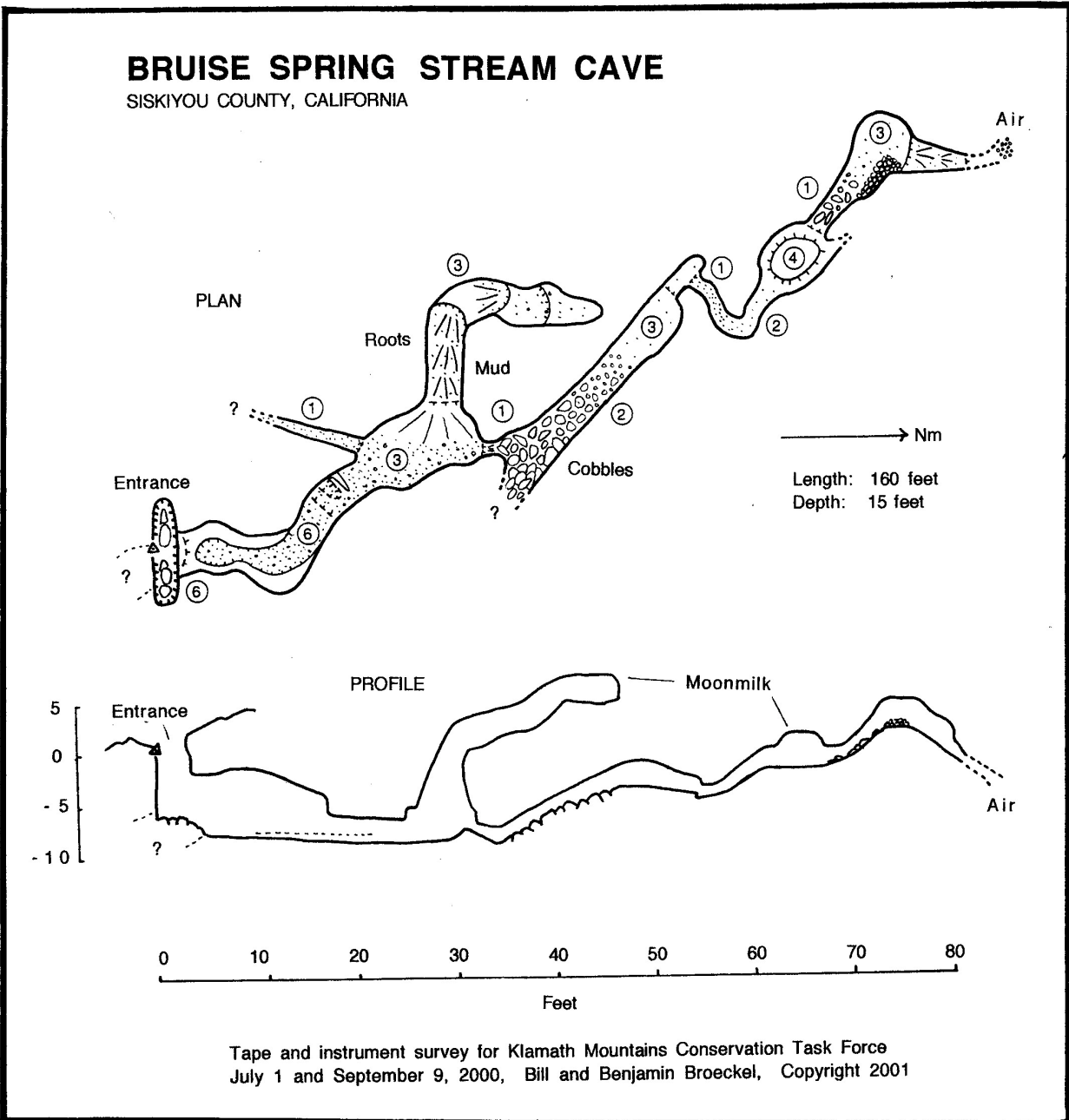
Altogether, my son Benj and I surveyed a total of 160 feet in a cave that definitely turned out to be Bruise Spring Stream, already well-known to the KMCTF. The map generated from these most recent efforts in this cave accompanies this article.

Klamath National Forest, KMCTF, and the Shasta Indian Tribe are all currently working on plans for the conservation of the caves in the Marble Mountains. Can three birds fly together? For the sake of the caves, I hope so, and I'm watching for some progress to be made towards this end in 2001. **BB**



Benj Broeckel in one of the "big rooms" of Bruise Springstream Cave





Map: Bruise Springstream Cave

## **KLAMATH INDIAN FLOOD STORY**

Reprint from the SISKIYOU PIONEER 3/9, 1966, page 88-89. The Karok Indians, compiled by Vera Toleman.

“The Klamath Indians had a story of a great deluge. A very old tradition has it that the people became so bad that God decided to destroy the world. Men had lied, deceived their neighbors, they had robbed, plundered, stolen property of others, and had even murdered for gain of property; unwedded women had become mothers and had lived lives of shame. God, in his anger, had appeared to the Talth and said that all would be destroyed. He said to a chosen high priest, ‘Go forth and find the good people.’ Now it happened that this priest found but four who were fit to be saved. They were another priest, himself, and their wives. So God commanded these two men to build a great raft, they were jeered by the common people. But the rains came, the waters rose, and all was destroyed but the two high priests and their wives and the raven and the dove that were taken with them on this huge raft. So much rain fell that all was a great sea and all living things perished. The raven was sent to determine whether he could find dry land. He found some dead fish and ate them and ever since has been a degraded bird that ate carrion. But the dove brought a green twig. The raft finally settled on the mountain top of Ne-Gam-Alth in the far northeastern part of this region. This part of the mountain turned into white flint and may still be seen glistening in the sun and moonlight. This is supposed to be the Marble Mountains which are high and white and of pure marble. It was from these two Talth and their wives that the present Indian people came.”

## **YREKA LIONS WANT GOVERNMENT TO BUILD MARBLE MOUNTAIN ROAD**

Reprint from the March 3, 1925 issue of the YREKA JOURNAL.

“At the meeting of the Yreka Lion’s Club at the Yreka Inn last Thursday noon a committee was appointed to look into the feasibility of making a national park of the most scenic part of Marble Mountain, and having a government road built to the park at government expense as has been made for Crater Lake and Oregon Caves.”

“Another committee appointed to get signatures to petition for a Junior College and the committee is right on the job. The matter of beautiful paintings of Marble Mountain and Mount Shasta to adorn the walls of the lobby of the Yreka Inn was given over to another committee which is to learn what may be had and probable cost of the same.”

## **EDITORIAL COMMENT**      By B. Broeckel

Regarding the flood story, you can’t help but wonder how much of this was “value added” in the process of translation. Still, I think that it is interesting to see a Karok deluge myth that plunks down the equivalent to Noah’s Ark right on top of Marble Mountain.

Regarding the road to Marble Mountain, can you just imagine how different things would be if this service club in the 1920s had been successful in their scheme? Zounds, it is good sometimes that some ideas die in committee. **BB**

**REPRINT FROM SISKIYOU DAILY NEWS  
Bigfoot Sighting at Oregon Caves**

July 5, 2000. RESEARCHERS INTERVIEW MAN WHO HAS "SEEN" BIGFOOT. Selma, Ore. (AP) – Grants Pass psychologist Matthew Johnson insists he's not crazy.

Even when he tells people that he heard, smelled and saw the Pacific Northwest's mythical Bigfoot while hiking Saturday with his family at the Oregon Caves National Monument.

"It was very tall, it was very hairy," Johnson said. "It was nothing else but a Sasquatch. I swear to God."

Johnson said he was squatting in the woods near one of the monument's backwoods trails when he spotted the creature standing upright about 60 feet away, hiding behind a tree and spying on his wife and three children.

He said shortly before the sighting, his family had just detected a pungent, musky scent on the trail and heard some deep, guttural groans in the

woods nearby, as if the sound was following them.

"I lived a lot of years in Alaska," Johnson said. "I've been chased by a grizzly bear. This was no bear."

Johnson said he ran off to get his family and report the sighting to monument rangers.

Rangers checked the area Sunday and found "nothing unusual," monument Superintendent Craig Akerman said.

But the incident has caught the attention of Bigfoot researchers in Northern California, who spent part of Monday retracing Johnson's steps. According to a ranger, they found some partial prints in the area.

Bigfoot, or Sasquatch, is the name given to a large, hairy, ape-like creature reportedly living clandestinely in the woods of the Pacific Northwest.

This was the first known report of a Sasquatch sighting at the monument, Akerman said.

Many sightings of Bigfoot in the past have been recently discredited as hoaxes.



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