



David T exiting Roadside #2

Amy Tucker

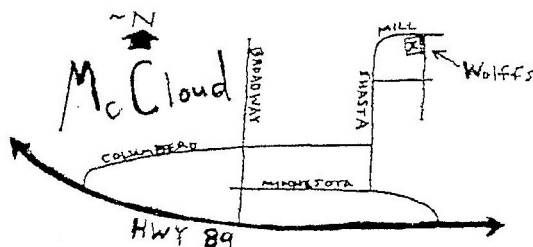
Inside: Siskiyou Land Trust (SLT) Auction Trip

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CAVER CALENDAR 2018

December 7 SAG meeting 7:30 pm at Wolffs' in McCloud.

Map to Meeting



SAG RAG SUMMARY

By Bighorn Broeckel

The Siskiyou Land Trust (SLT) works hard to manage local lands for natural and scenic values, including recreational uses, and SAG is honored to do our part to help. Yeah man, we had to go caving. Read all about it here in Liz Wolff's "We have a Winner!" The rest of the issue gets filled up with three little cave maps from 10 years ago. Whatever. Enjoy **BB**

Sept 21, 2018 Shasta Area Grotto Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:44 pm at Wolffs' in McCloud.

Present were: Bill Broeckel, Steve Hobson, Melanie Jackson, Barbara and Mike Stuffelbeam, Dave Smith, Doug and Tabitha Viner, and Jim and Liz Wolff.

Minutes: The minutes of the August meeting were accepted as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: The treasury has a balance of \$ 1,090.00.

Listserv: The name list has been modified as directed by the chairman.

Website and E-RAG: Both are up to date.

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SAG RAG Report: The next issue should have the Executive Committee Revision of the Constitution, Bylaws and Conservation Statement for review and input from grotto members. Liz has prepared a Dry Camp report.

Correspondence:

Joel Despain has put information on caves in Cuba on the internet.

Doug Viner reported that there will be a webinar by CA Fish and Wildlife on bats in buildings in the southeast. Liz has the webinar papers.

Calendar

Oct 13 SAG/SAR cave rescue practice, details TBA.

Oct 26, Dec 7 SAG meetings are planned at 7:30 pm.

Old Business

The Siskiyou Land Trust cave trip is not yet firm.

The revisions to the SAG Constitution, Bylaws and Conservation Statement are ready to go to the grotto membership.

New Business:

The December meeting will be on the 7th, with a cookie exchange.

After a discussion of possible sites, it was decided that the October SAR training exercises will be at Pluto's Cave because of its proximity. Training will concentrate on patient hauling.

Work is underway to redo bolts in Dynamited Cave, a vertical cave in Washington. Anyone wanting to help should contact Eddie Cartaya (ecartaya@fs.fed.us).

At the August Dry Camp two new people, Angela Hooker and Jeff McFarland, joined the grotto.

Trip Reports:

At the multi-grotto Dry Camp trip in August Doug and Tabitha Viner got in their first vertical practice session in several years. On a tight schedule they also visited the Halls of Santana and Roadside Complex.

Dave and Melanie took 6 people through part of the Freudian Complex, from Shiner 4 to Double Barrel and back by way of the Air Passage. This was Melanie's first visit to Freudian since the "failed" rescue practice a few years ago, when Barbara Schiermeyer was never found. Sometimes you haveta self-rescue.

Steve led a photo trip with Brent McGregor, Tom Rickman, and Ginger Sanders and grandson Logan to Roadside Complex, Bobcat and 3-Level Ice Cave.

On the 17th, Sam Cuenca, Liz and Ray Miller took part in the Forest Service and Fish & Wildlife Annual Bat Walk to Barnum Cave. Fifteen people attended, staying mostly dry on what became a rainy afternoon. One of the gate bolts was missing and will need to be replaced. The Fish & Wildlife Magazine will do an article on the Bat Walk.

Bill Broeckel visited Lick Creek and Wagners Caves in Montana. These were "vertical" caves with ladders and handlines, hairy in parts. Lick Creek holds the largest cave room in Montana.

Over the Labor Day weekend, Jim, Dave and Steve and Steve's friend Dan Mauro visited the Marbles, Steve and Dan riding up on horseback. On the 31st all hiked to one of the high caves. After a search to locate it, Steve and three additional cavers (Elben Andrews, Jacob Egorov and Misha Rejkovicz) dropped into the upper section. The SAG contingent also made a trip to Sky High Lakes, with Steve and Dave re-finding a cave on the way that turns out to have been surveyed earlier by Bill Broeckel. The cave has changed and could use a resurvey.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 pm.
David Smith, SAG Secretary

WE HAVE A WINNER !

By Liz Wolff

Siskiyou Land Trust auctions SAG-led October cave trip

Land Trust Cave Trip

Sam Baxter orchestrated the donation of a cave adventure by the Shasta Area Grotto to the Siskiyou Land Trust. The adventure was auctioned in June and the trip held finally on Oct 27, 2018. SAG participants included Steve Hobson, Melanie Jackson, Dave Smith and Liz Wolff, and prospective SAG members Kit & CJ McKinley visiting from the coast. The SLT auction winner was Amy Tucker who brought her husband David, her sister Kathy Imwalle and neighbor Daniel Soltis.

Sam met us all at the Forest Service office in McCloud, introduced us all to one another and then left. The rest caravanned out to the Roadside Complex for an introduction to caving for the SLT. They had a ball climbing and crawling around five of the six caves in the complex, got a little muddy and learned a lot about lava caves.



SAG and SLT at the Roadside #1 entrance
L to R: Dave S, Amy, CJ, Kit, Kathy, David T, Melanie, Daniel, Liz

Steve Hobson

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David T modeling the flow lines in Roadside

Amy Tucker

Then it was out to the Spatter Cones for lunch provided by the SLT and continuing adventure. CJ was hooting and hollering from the tops of all the spatter cones, enjoying the views down into the vents.



Dave S & Kit check out one of the Spatter Cones

Amy Tucker

After lunch the crew headed to Three Level Ice Cave to climb, crawl, clamber and slither through the cave. A good time was had by all.

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Daniel checking beyond a low spot

Amy Tucker



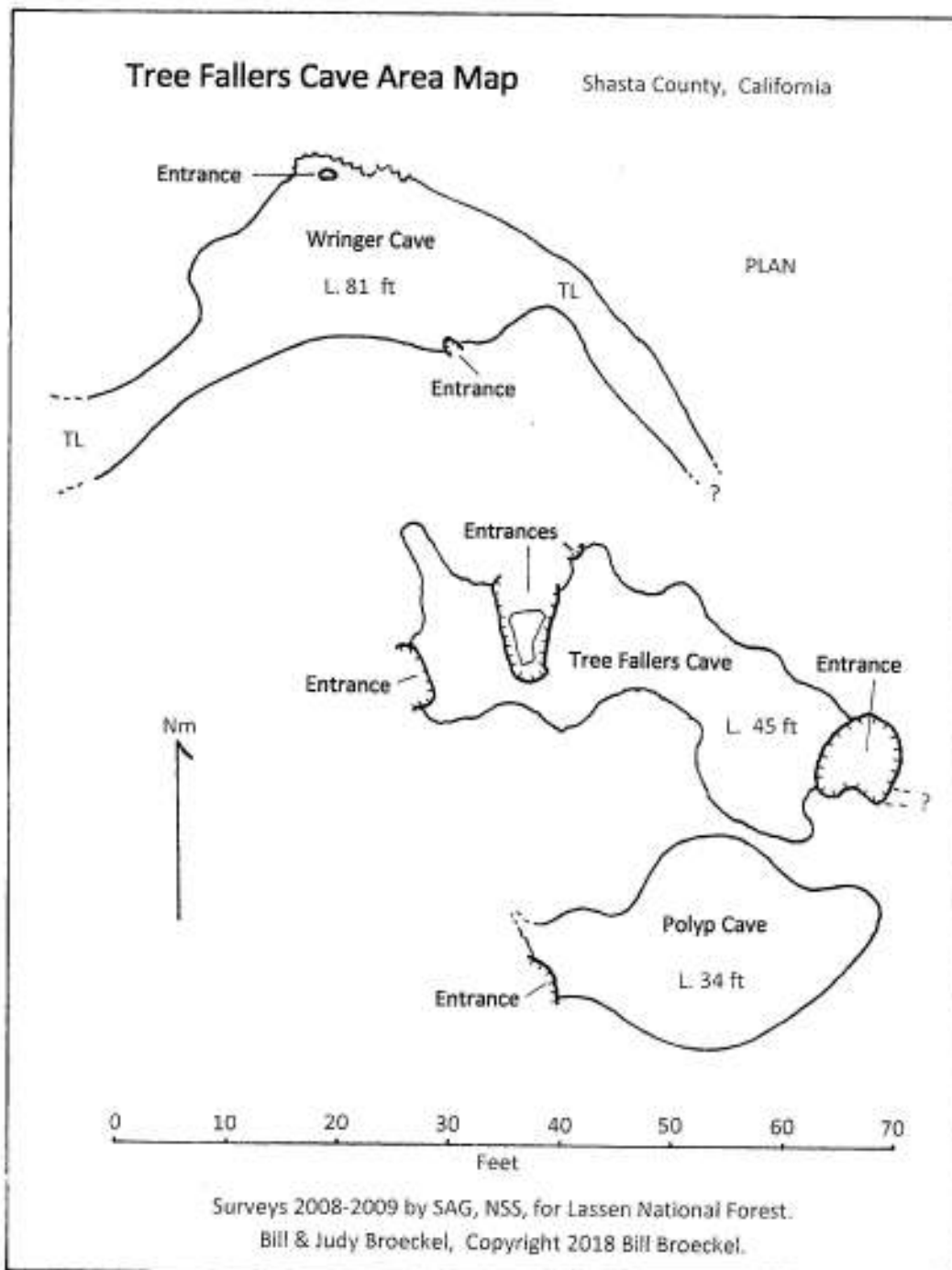
Looking down to the ice in Three Level, back entrance

Steve Hobson



David T in Roadside #3

Amy Tucker

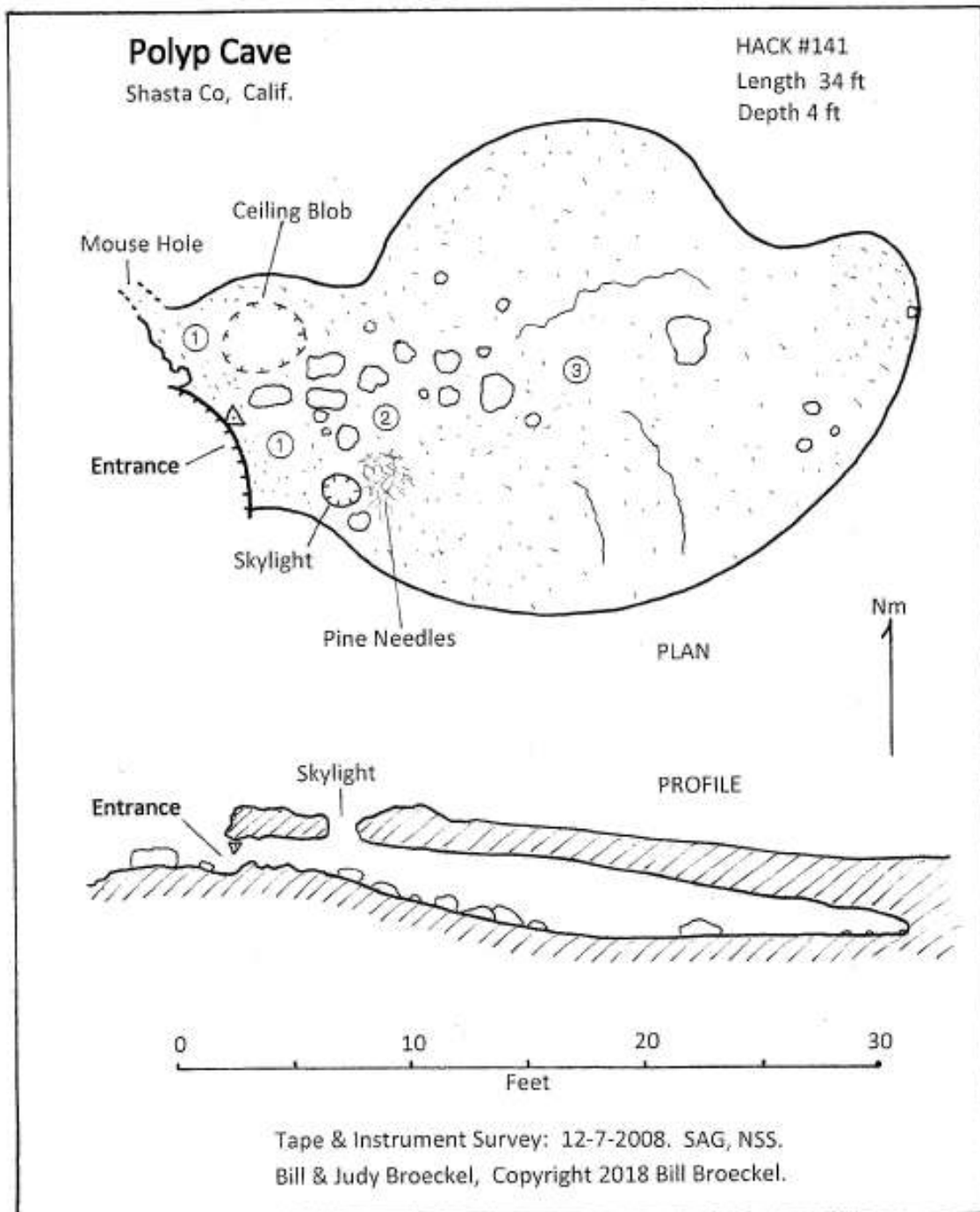


Map: Polyp, Tree Fallers and Wringer Caves

TREE FALLERS AREA

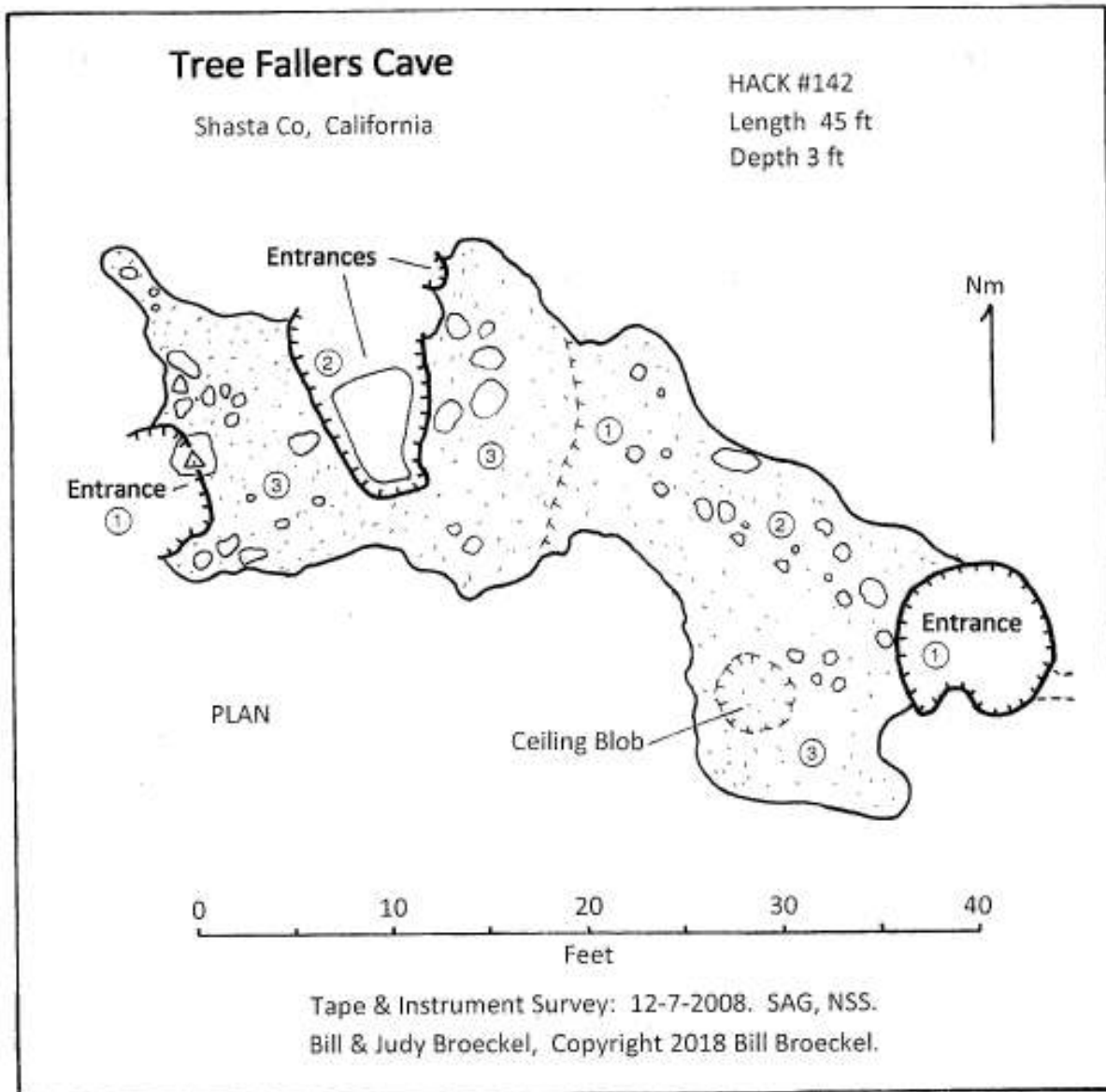
by Bighorn Broeckel

Back in early 2009, I think I mentioned this cluster of very small caves at a grotto meeting. They form a little group of three in the Hat Creek lava flows. They are all less than 100 feet in length. The highest ceilings are three feet. The “dip” of this particular flow detail is west, but the caves seem to be spreading north and south in a dispersal pattern. Stone’s Throw Cave is not too far away, on the other side of a trail, and is probably related.



Map: Polyp Cave

Polyp Cave This was the first of the three that we came across. It has a main entrance leading easily into a low room with no leads except for a mouse hole heading toward the other caves. The cave shape is polypoid, and might be described as a vesicular, blister, or bubble cave, which we like to call “blob” caves. Often fat, globular, single room caves of random, ink blot shapes, blob caves can pose problems in determining flow direction and in distorting ordinary caving concepts such as “passage” and “length”. So I’ll go in and come out to say “it’s just a glob”. This one was cavey enough to get quickly surveyed one cool December day.



Map: Tree Fallers Cave

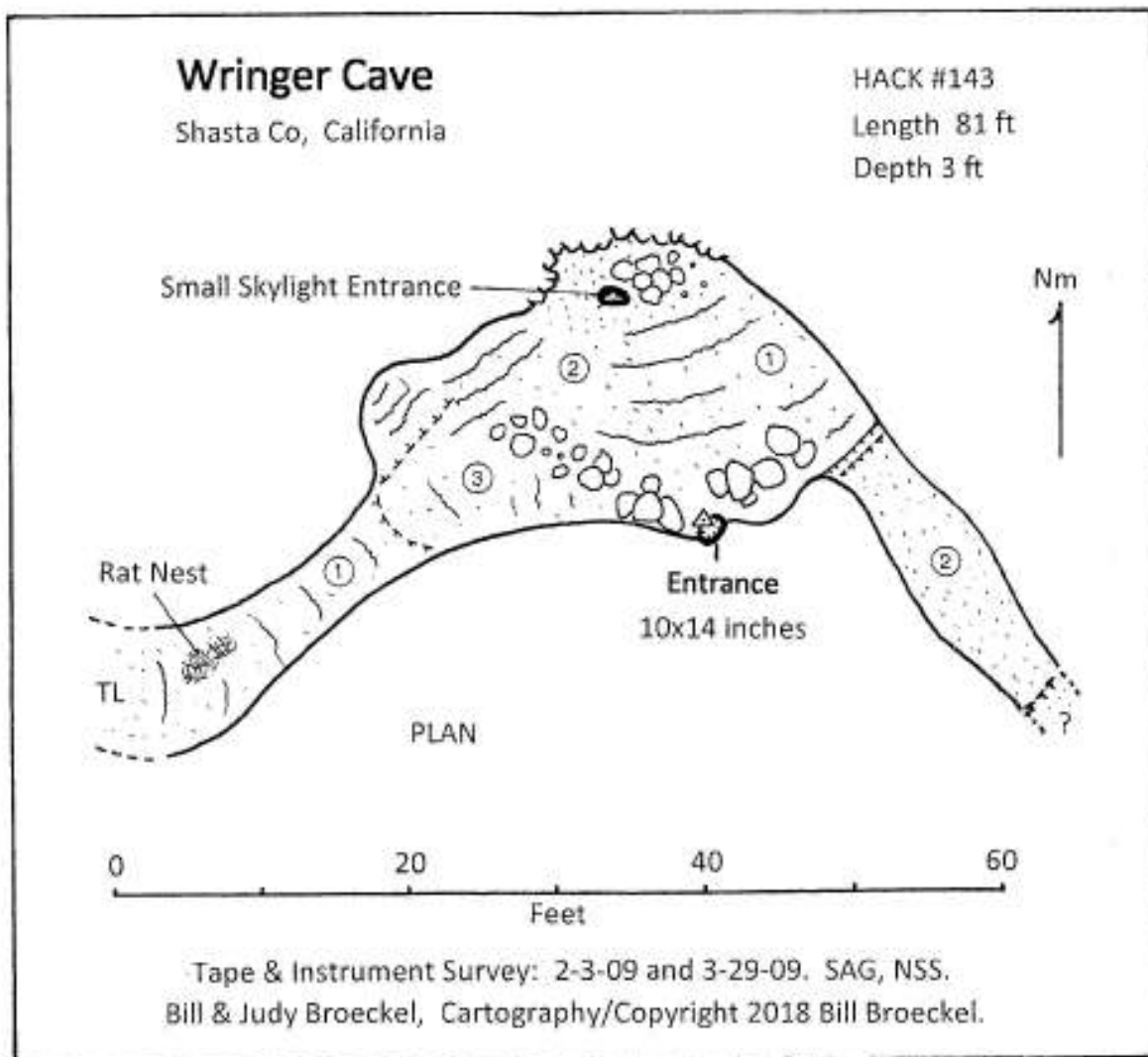
Tree Fallers Cave The next cave north is more of a directional lava tube, with four entrances. Survey was started at the westernmost entrance, where there is a cut tree stump. From here it is relatively easy to crawl the entire length of the cave, and take a look at the problematic lead at the east end. Like in Polyp Cave, there is a nice "ceiling blob". These may represent residual tree casts often seen in low temperature spreading lava distribution areas (lava bayous or swamps). Note that ceiling blobs and blob caves are two different things.



Polyp Cave entrance 12-07-08



Tree Fallers Cave western entrance – note felled tree and new baby tree 12-07-18



Map: Wringer Cave

Wringer Cave Last of the three to be surveyed, Wringer has just two rather small entrances. Squeezes can be enjoyable or terrifying experiences, and there is a fine line between the two. The Wringer Cave entrances look doubtful, but were not that bad to negotiate. Terrifying squeezes include extended compression zones, vertical components, likelihood of injury, instability, bad air, potential entrapment, stuff like that. Individual experience and body type are also important variables. Here, however, the Wringer Cave through trip presents an enjoyable squeeze challenge for many cavers willing to try it on for size.

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Wringer Cave southern entrance 2-3-09



Wringer Cave northern entrance 2-3-09



Kathy, Amy & Melanie in Three Level

Steve Hobson

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