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EDITORIAL: Sorry Folks, but the SAG RAG is down for the count (temporarily) as our “super word processing program” and printer don’t agree with each other. You see, we were getting so used to it (spoiled!) that we feel kinda handicapped without it. The issue after the NSS convention, the next printing will be good reading. With the addition of convention news we will have a history of the last thirty years(!) of exploration, or rather, searching for caves on Tombstone Mtn.! Also, we have a superb article on cave photography too, so it’ll be a largish issue. Keep your chin up and your nose clean JW

CALENDAR:

- July 8 SAG mtg. at George and Dorothy Reel’s, 7908 Oakridge, Mt. Shasta, CA. (916) 938-4078. Several grotto members will be at the NSS convention during this time, and won’t make it to the meeting.
- August 12 SAG mtg. at Jim and Bea Kottinger’s, 1922 Highland Dr., Mt. Shasta, CA. (916) 926-3975. (See maps on back for location of both meetings.)

CONGRATULATIONS MAX! Max and Belinda Tenscher announce the arrival of their new baby daughter, Claire Roxann who weighed in at 7 lbs. and 5 oz. on May 30th.

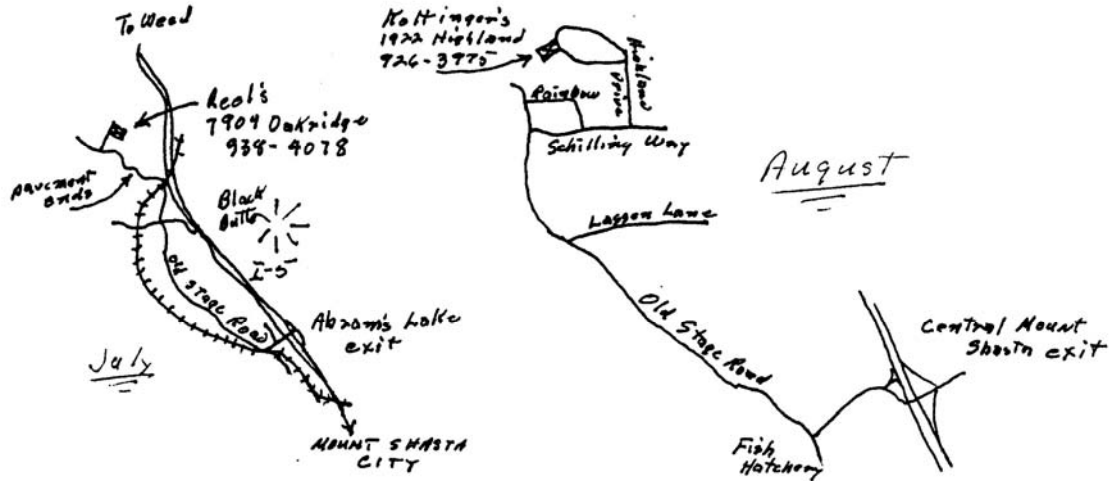
MAY SAG MTG. A SUCCESS ANYWAY: The Spring Beach Trip was pretty well attended, and in spite of not being able to tie in with Mark Fritzke for a cave trip on Saturday, through misunderstanding, we had a good time beachcombing instead. Saw whales migrating up the coast, perhaps a thousand feet offshore. Neat! Saturday eve at Dick LaForge’s, we had a great 3-D slide show of his on Lechuguilla Cave. Mark Fritzke then gave a slide show on rock climbing along the neighboring coastal cliffs. Some very long traverses too. All this, plus it didn’t even rain that weekend. Many thanks to Mark and Dick for their energy and expense for us!

CORRECTION: We regret to mention in the last issue of the RAG that Ray Miller was responsible for the words of wisdom, in his article titled, “It’s A Strange World We Live In”. Also at this time we can give him all the credit for his efforts in getting the last half dozen or more of the issues of the RAG printed at the Sisson Fish Hatchery Museum! And yet many more thanks need to get heaped on him for all the articles and other material for print ..., and for all of the morale support he’s given us too!

EXPLORATIONS BY SAG MEMBERS AND FRIENDS: More developments on the Significant Complex [Freudian Complex] cave mapping project ... This lava tube complex of caves is now 6800 ft. and still going strong! Many side passages and main segments of the cave complex need to be mapped. Call Liz Wolff at (916) 964-3123 if you are interested in helping with this project. A trip to Tombstone Mtn. the week before the later-defunct Grotto mtg. Read about it in our up-and-coming-real-issue of your RAG.

GROTTO CAVE FILES and LEADS LIST: The cave files and lead lists are available to all regular grotto members. Just call Jim Wolff before you come over! He will be able to give you mere details and/or maps on each lead or cave area.

GROTTO LIBRARY NEWS: Pretty good-sized collection of books and periodicals that have info. on caves, available to all grotto members. Sometime this year, a library list will be available, probably as a RAG supplement. Call the librarian at (916) 964-3123, evenings.



CHALLENGE OF THE MONTH DECADE -

Try taking a class of 27 third graders on a caving field trip sometime. WOWEE. But I got 'em all back. Ray Miller

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