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Bill Broeckel at the entrance to Sandwich Cave.
Photo by Becky Broeckel August 22, 2006.

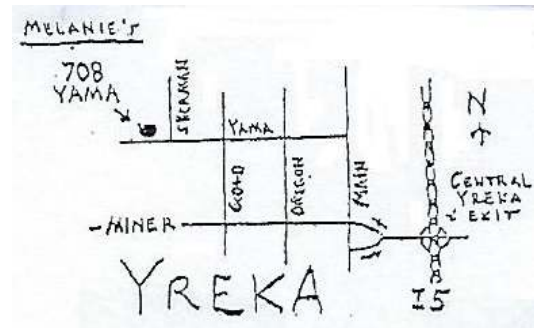
INSIDE: Freudian revisited.

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CAVE CALENDAR

March 23, 2024 Meeting at 7:30 pm at Melanie's

MAP TO MEETING



April 27, 2024 Meeting at Lake Shasta Caverns at 7:30 pm. Lake Shasta Caverns is located just about 17 miles north of Redding, CA, just off I-5. Take exit 695 to Shasta Caverns Road. Follow for 1.5 miles to the Shasta Caverns parking lot.

SAG RAG Summary

By Dave Smith and Dave Mundt

After 30 years editing the SAG RAG, beginning with issue 12(5) in 1993, Bill and Judy Broeckel have moved to Seattle to be close to their grand kids. I don't recall the state having any caves, so he might be back. For now though we'll do our best to keep up. This issue catches us up with SAG Minutes for Dec. and Jan. It also includes an introduction to the Freudian Complex, and a cave map from Liz, with the map also printed as a separate PDF file to preserve its high detail. That was also done for issues 42(4) and 42(5). This and the next issue will likely complete the set. None have location information but need to stay within the caving community.

Cover: As Editor, Bill didn't make many cover pictures. This one got as far as Sag Rag 26(2) p. 12, for a cave Bill and Becky mapped to a length of 70 ft and maximum depth of 5 ft. Not much breakdown, wasn't room. Anyway, Bill now stands at **2** covers, beating out Iraqi President Saddam Hussein by **1**. **DS & DM**

December 2, 2023 Shasta Area Grotto Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:28 pm at Broeckels in Yreka.

Present were Steve Hobson presiding, Bill and Judy Broeckel, Stephanie Griffin and Mike Stark, Daniel Hewitt, Melanie Jackson, CJ and Kit McKinley, Dave Mundt, Dave Smith, Mike Spiess, Barbara and Mike Stufflebeam and Jim & Liz Wolff.

Minutes were approved for the 2023 meetings not yet reported in the SAG RAG. They will be included in a revision to issue 42(5) and in issue 42(6).

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TREASURER'S REPORT:

The balance is the same as for October: bank: 314.48; petty cash:116.00; total: \$430.48.

SAG RAG REPORT: Bill is working on issue 42(6). Beginning with issue 43(1), Daniel Hewitt, Dave Mundt and Dave Smith will share Sag Rag responsibilities, keeping Bill's format. Dave S will handle the few paper copies still going out.

WEBSITE: Mike Spiess reported that with recent donations the WCC has completed payment for the Volcano property.

FACEBOOK (Kit): The page has many cave pictures, and is being read by members of other grottoes, some of them coming to our area.

LISTSERV REPORT: Up to date.

2024 CALENDAR:

Sat Jan 27 Meeting 7:30 at Steve's in McCloud.

Sat. Feb 24 Meeting 7:30 at Wolff's' in McCloud.

Sat. Mar 23 Meeting at 7:30 at Melanie's in Yreka.

The December meeting will be at Steve's.

OLD BUSINESS:

For the 2027 Western Regional SAG will be selecting the meeting location and camping area, in limestone if we can do it. Point persons are CJ, Stephanie and Dave Mundt.

NEW BUSINESS:

SAG officer nominees for 2014 are:

Chair: Steve Hobson

Vice Chair: Jim Wolff

Secretary: CJ McKinley and Liz Wolff (shared)

Treasurer: Melanie Jackson

The election schedule calls for SAG members who wish to make other nominations to have the agreement of the nominees and to forward their names to acting secretary Dave Smith as early as possible, to allow for the nominations to be revised, new ballots sent out, and votes returned in time for officers to be named at the Saturday January 27 grotto meeting.

SAG voted to approve Dave Mundt taking Bill's extra Sag Rags to Shasta Caverns as handouts for visitors, and to also approve his making copies of new Sag Rags available as they come out.

CJ may become a Trustee for Windler Cave (Sonora). She might also be able to arrange a visit for SAG members at a future point.

The grotto presented Bill and Judy with a book and pictures from cavers' collections during their 30 years here, and other mementos. They are renting out their house and are keeping the possibility of returning in three years open.

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TRIP REPORTS:

Oct. 28 Dan, Michael, Luke, Steph and Liz visited Bobcat, and some did Octopus as well but missed the Octopus room.

Last weekend Liz taught a survey class for Daniel, Cave Dave, Kit and CJ. Afterwards Jim, CJ and Steve explored Adam's Homestead, with Kit adding another 100 to 200 feet to it. There will be another class about Feb.

Today Mike and Stephanie did vertical training at Steve's, with Kit and CJ helping out, then were off to Adam's Homestead for some horizontal work.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm.

David Smith, acting secretary

DS**January 27, 2024 Shasta Area Grotto meeting**

Present: Mike & Barbara Stufflebeam, Melanie Jackson, Steve Hobson, Jim & Liz Wolff, James Newell, Dave Smith, Dave Mundt and Logan Hellein.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by Chairman Steve Hobson at his house in McCloud CA.

Minutes of the December meeting were accepted as corrected.

Treasurer's report showed a bank balance of \$410.48 and petty cash of \$116 for a total of \$526.48. Several people paid dues at the meeting.

Facebook: the site gets lots of visits.

SAG RAG: Dave S is waiting for Bill's last RAG to put on the listserv and to mail to those getting paper copies. A special issue is being planned for April 1, 2024, with a budget of \$100. Mike moved to approve the expenditure, Logan 2nd-ed. It, passed. Liz will head this up with Dave M and Barbara.

Election results: Steve Hobson, chairman; Jim Wolff, vice-chair; CJ McKinley & Liz Wolff will be sharing the secretarial work; Melanie Jackson, treasurer.

Website: all is working well.

New Business:

Projects: Samwell and APC: James Newell is heading up scrubbing graffiti in Samwell Cave and fixing the lock on the vapor barrier gate in APC. He is planning four trips to both caves to get the work done in February. He, and others, have done a great job in Samwell Cave on pure white formations and walls. James also recently fished four car batteries out of a stream near a pot grow in the woods. He'd like help getting them out of the forest.

Liz is looking for a few warm bodies to help get the Lava Beds Cave Loop survey project finished this year. Contact her for info. Liz will contact Sam Cuenca of the Klamath National Forest about the Sand and Barnum Cave gates that have taken a ton of abuse from the public. We have people with the skills to weld the bars back into Sand Cave gate but will need to check with Sam for the correct Barnum Cave gate key.

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Steve and Dave M have been looking at getting some Shasta Caverns and SAG informational cards made up to hand out to people who visit the Caverns and would like to find out more about caving opportunities.

Finally, SAG donated \$50 to Mike's nephew for his project two years ago to build bat houses. Mike & Barbara presented Steve with one of the bat boxes.

Upcoming trips: Marbles Aug 5-11; with camping at the spring on the upper karst to visit some of the less visited caves on Black Mtn. Contact Steve to reserve half a mule for \$225; riding horses are \$200. He will be contacting the outfitter soon to reserve the mules. There is a four mule minimum; so far Mike, Steve, Dave S, Jim, and Melanie are already planning for it. The early dates were set to be sure to get in and out ahead of any possible wildfires.

Calendar:

Feb 23, 2024 SAG meeting at Wolff 's in McCloud; activity TBD.
 Mar 23, 2024 SAG meeting at Melanie's in Yreka.
 April 27, 2024 SAG meeting at Lake Shasta Caverns.
 May 18, 2024 SAG meeting Lava Beds project (camp out); contact Liz to be included.
 June 29, 2024 SAG meeting at Hat Creek Campground.
 July 1-5, 2024 NSS convention, Sewanee, TN. Contact CJ about accommodations.
 July 27, 2024 SAG meeting at Dry Camp near Medicine Lake.
 Aug 5-11, 2024 Marbles with mules.
 Aug 24, 2024 SAG meeting at Stufflebeams near Lewiston.
 Sept 19-22, 2024 Western Regional meeting in Cougar, WA.

No training is scheduled with Siskiyou County Search & Rescue; we will do a training for Lava Beds if requested.

Cave trips: none reported.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm
 Liz Wolff, Secretary

LW

BORROWED: This next article, from Sag Rag 36(4) pp. 4-6, July-Aug 2017, will serve as an introduction to the fine Freudian map [Sag Rag 43(1) b)] that accompanies this issue. **DS**

OLD CAVES REVISITED, THE FREUDIAN COMPLEX...

By Liz Wolff

Sag Rag 36(4) p 4, July-Aug 2017

Ya ever feel a little weird? Weird enough to go visit Freud? That's exactly what several SAG members and friends did July 29, 2017. For practically this entire SAG group the area was a new one to cave in, but for Liz who had surveyed for a couple years out there, it is an old one. We parked close to the good road, got caving gear together and a chain saw (plus all the safety gear) to cut our way to the last parking spot on the road out to the Freudian Complex, and caravanned out to the "end" of the road. Arley Kisling, Steve Hobson, and Jim Wolff (Crew 1) sawed and moved parts of several trees off the road while Crew 2 consisting of Bill & Judy

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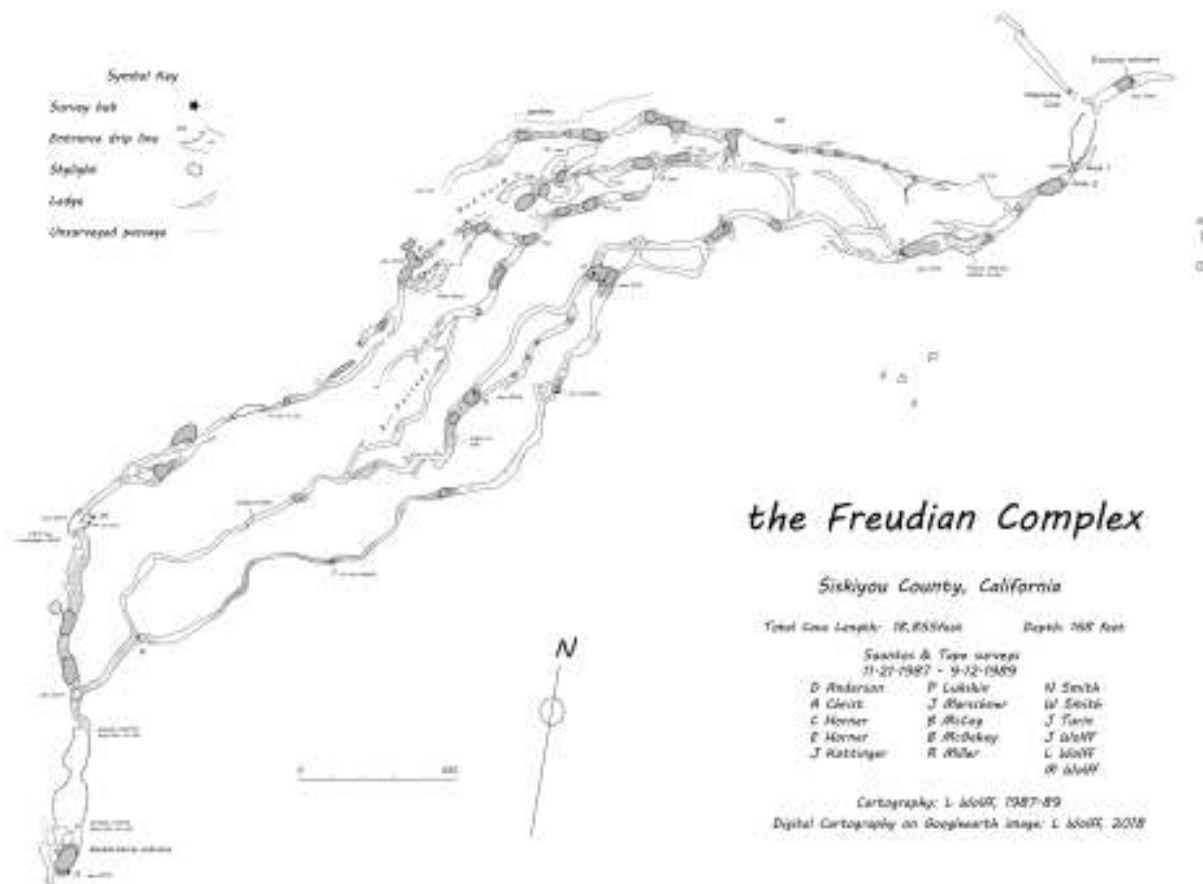
Broeckel, Colby Collins, Dave Smith, Liz Wolff and So Cal Grotto visitor Marc Heins surveyed a new little cave to the north of the road.

Crew 2 easily found their way to a small cave entrance Bill had found last year and scrunched their way into Wine Jug Cave, named for an old green glass wine jug found – intact – inside the entrance. The jug was taken out and photographed, then returned to the cave. Then the survey began with all present except Dave in the small cave. When quarters proved too tight for the entire crew to take part in the survey of this mainly intact tube, Liz, Marc, and Colby exited to join Dave and find the visible but impassable back entrance and the next cave up the flow. They found a nifty tree cast about 10' deep next to the second cave's entrance, that Bill is now calling Chinquapin Cave for the spiny Chinquapin leaves covering the floor of the crawl/slither sized cave. When the survey was finished and a small light was retrieved from the "too tight" back entrance by Colby, the crew rejoined the woodcutters for lunch. Wine Jug Cave is 58 feet long and four feet deep.

After lunch the Freudian tour started at "shiner 4" and went down past "shiner 6" to the Double Barrel entrance ("shiner 11"), approximately one mile from the cars, with trusty guide Liz leading the way. Just after "shiner 5" an attempt to dig into an upper-level side passage, found during the OHDG/SAG trip a couple of years ago, was made by Arley, Colby, and Steve, but still no entry was possible. This frigid-aired side passage that blows a gale will require a bit more persuasion than bashing rocks to get into it. After photos all the way down through the Left Passage and at every sunbeamed little skylight, the end of the main passage was reached. In the final skylight we found a nail with a bit of foil flashing pegged to a rock. Then it was down to the Double Barrel Entrance and more pics. After a snack break it was overland in the late afternoon heat back to the cars parked by the "Ant Farm" and the "Right Passage". A little cave music by *Dangerous Dick and the Duckbusters*, a little snack & lots of water later the group broke up to head home, all except for Marc who was camping in the area. **LW**



The Freudian Complex shiners are not so shiny these days. Here is "Shiner 0" up by Neil's Discovery.



Map: Freudian Complex (small)

When you just can't wait to get some food after a day of caving and know you aren't able to make it to Floyd's in time!



Cartoon by Kerry Brown



New Caver Rule 4: Caves are **not** shared.

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