

sag rag

April Fool's 2024 Special Edition!



MONUMENTAL DISCOVERY: Near the Cave of the Giant Vanilla Spice Pinecone in Lassen County, a prehistoric, fossilized book has been found. Paleontologists were able to carefully extract and examine it, and it appears it is the first, and only, volume of:

“Everything that Men know about Women.”

Apparently, that knowledge passed eons ago and was never recovered, until now.

INSIDE: Bleu Tuba Cave, and the SAG Member of the Year!

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CAVE CALENDAR

There will be a meeting somewhere, at some time. Most people already know about it so we don't need to repeat the information.

MAP TO MEETING

North on Interstate 5, unless you are coming from the East. Turn left at the house that used to be painted green.

SAG Member of the Year!

It's been a long-standing SAG tradition to recognize a member of our caving community that has contributed greatly to our core values, welcoming new members, pitching in wherever needed, and just putting a face to our organization! Join us in a round of applause for Stan Garibaldi, SAG 2023 Member of the Year!



Stan loves to cave and is now with us again after a little "vacation" in beautiful Pelican Bay, California! He was ~~released~~-sent home and now jokes about his tattoos and is fond of saying "don't be intimidated by my prison tats, take me underground and I'll show you bats." He's a little strange but a heckuva nice guy. We asked him what his favorite thing about caving is, he replied "I like it when we push a really small lead and find a hole, we think no one can get through, and the gang picks me up and uses my head to bash through it."

March 29, 1957 Shasta Area Grotto Meeting Minutes

The meeting was not called to order as the meeting has not yet occurred.

Present was nobody.

No previous meeting minutes were reviewed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: There's some money under the mattress.

SAG RAG REPORT: All the news that's fit to print.

WEBSITE: The internet is still functional, and many people still use it.

FACEBOOK (Kit): Yes.

LISTSERV REPORT: Also, yes.

2024 CALENDAR:

Caving
Caving
Caving
Caving
Meeting
More Caving

OLD BUSINESS:

Eh, no worries.

NEW BUSINESS:

The members voted unanimously not to have a SAG "TIK TOK" presence.

TRIP REPORTS:

Dave (Cave Dave, the other Dave, not the first Dave who was in SAG first before Dave that is the second Dave, and not the other other Dave, who lives up near Tulelake and reminds everybody of a movie star) and his wife Sherry enjoyed a wonderful trip to Florida! They enjoyed many fun activities, including an airboat ride in the Everglades. Dave (Sherry's husband Dave) even got to hold a baby alligator! It was their first vacation in many, many years and they enjoyed a wonderful time. Dave (the husband of his wife Sherry) thought about sneaking his caving gear into his luggage and looking for a Florida grotto, but then realized that it was not about him, like it usually is.

Bleu Tuba Cave

Liz and Jim Wolff, and Bruce Rogers, in the Year of Our Lord 1918, had been caving up near the Lava Beds National Monument when they heard a strange whistling noise. Or perhaps, as they reevaluated, maybe a moaning. Thinking that perhaps a wild animal was meeting its demise, they set out with fear and trembling to find the origin of the mystery! As they sojourned through the wilds, they realized that the noise seemed to be that of an instrument. A wind instrument. Played very badly, and loudly. After some discussion they agreed that it sounded like a tuba!

Liz thought a smaller tuba, played well, should have an earth splitting sound. Jim maintained that a larger tuba, played well, should have an earth moving sound.

Bruce though played tuba for the last decade and can confirm, the tuba sounds a little bit like a whale. It starts sounding like a cross between a French horn and a euphonium. Its tone rings out a lot more and becomes this emotion-inducing beautiful tone.

They all agreed that the sound they heard was a tuba!!!

Suddenly, a coven of squirrels ran out of the forest as the moaning grew more intense. Punctuated by a strong wind, the three ~~musketeers~~ intrepid explorers found a hole, that was a cave, that was blowing air! Wow, what! A cave making a sound like a tuba!

Excited about their find, and hungry from the trek, they decided it was time for lunch. But alas, they had not thought to bring any provisions! As luck would have it though, appearing from the woods, was a group of lost Pacific Crest Trail hikers. They had just come from Mt. Shasta, and had some leftover salad with Bleu Cheese Dressing.

Although the salad was about 4 hours old, a little wilted, and had anchovies, for Bruce, Jim and Liz it was the Bleu Cheese dressing that provided the culinary appeal to assuage their hunger. The dressing gave Bruce a small tummy ache.

And so it was that Bleu Tuba Cave found its name!

The location is kept highly secret. Other noises in the woods suggest a Green Oboe Cave, a Chartreuse Clarinet Cave, and a Mauve Bassoon Cave.

Should anyone want to continue the exploration for these caves, please contact Jim Wolff.

Bleu Tuba Cave

Lava Beds Natural Monument

Length: 247' Depth: 8'

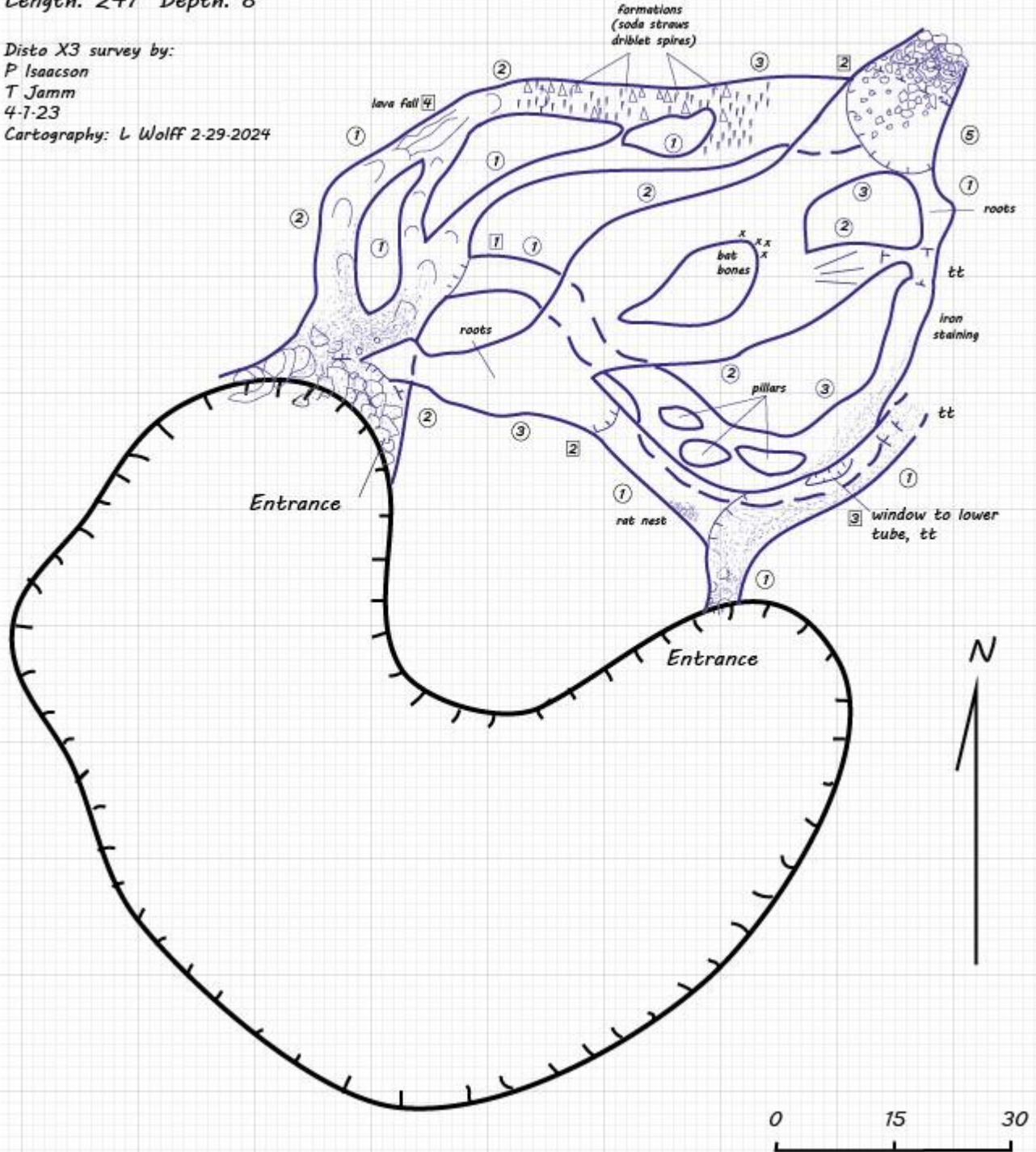
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THE CAVER'S COOKBOOK

In this section we like to feature some of our grotto's favorite recipes. If there is one thing we like almost as much as caving, it's cooking. And eating what we cook.

We took a poll, and it was a hands down winner that our first winner in our Caver's Cookbook is a delicacy provided by our own Steve Hobson.

Steve Hobson is always a gracious host, providing many a fine meal to SAG members. Here he shares his favorite dessert:

Hobson's Rutabaga Surprise

Ingredients:

- 6-7 ripe rutabagas.
- 1 large pre-made graham cracker crust.
- 2 cups jellybeans
- 2 cups marshmallow cream
- 3 cups brown sugar
- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1-quart apricot brandy

Directions:

Cut the rutabagas into sugar-cube sized pieces. Simmer in a small saucepan with the apricot brandy until tender. Gently fold in the chocolate chips until melted.

Carefully transfer the contents into the graham cracker crust. Spread 1/3 of the marshmallow cream on top. Sprinkle all the jellybeans carefully on the marshmallow cream.

Cover the jellybeans with the remaining marshmallow cream. Using a spoon, mash all of the brown sugar into the marshmallow cream. Bake at 350 degrees until the brown sugar has completely melted and penetrated the contents.

Serve warm with butter and enjoy!



“DEEP THOUGHTS”

One of our favorite activities is to turn off our illumination devices (lights, we sound more important the more syllables we use) in a cave and enjoy a few moments of silence. Often we have “deep thoughts”, like the caveman below.



“No! It picture of hunt. It not ‘really about inner conflict’ ...”

We hope you enjoyed our April Fool's edition, published in random months to surprise you! April Fool's!