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## ABOUT THE CLUB...

UCMC (U.C. MOUNTAINEERING CLUB) IS A GROUP OF PEOPLE FROM THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY THAT SHARE THEIR VARIOUS INTERESTS IN VARIOUS OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES. MOST OF THE CLUB IS MADE UP OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS FROM THE UNIVERSITY, BUT MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO ANYONE INTERESTED.

SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE ACTIVELY PURSUED BY MEMBERS OF THE CLUB INCLUDE ROCK CLIMBING, MOUNTAINEERING, BACKPACKING, CANOEING, RAFTING, BICYCLING, CAVING, AND OTHER RELATED AREAS. TRIPS IN THESE OCCUR EVERY WEEKEND AND DURING BREAKS, AND THE CLUB IS ALSO VERY ACTIVE THROUGH THE SUMMER. THE BEST WAY TO FIND OUT ABOUT THESE TRIPS IS TO ATTEND THE WEEKLY MEETINGS OR SUBSCRIBE TO THE GOOSE DOWN GAZETTE, WHICH IS DISTRIBUTED FREE TO ALL MEMBERS. A SMALL CHARGE IS INCURRED FOR HOME DELIVERY OF \$2 FOR ALL 8 ISSUES.

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AT THE MEETINGS, REGULAR BUSINESS IS ATTENDED TO AND TRIPS ARE PLANNED. AT EVERY OTHER MEETING, A SPECIAL PROGRAM IS PLANNED, AND SLIDES ARE OFTEN SHOWN. MEETINGS USUALLY LAST UNTIL ABOUT 8:30.

## DUES

ANNUAL (INCL. SUMMER) \$9.00  
QUARTERLY 4.00

INCLUDED IN THIS ARE USE OF EQUIPMENT, THE GOOSE DOWN GAZETTE, VOTING RIGHTS, AND ELIGIBILITY FOR QUARTERLY GAS-PAID TRIPS.

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MOUNTAINEER'S PLEDGE

"I PLEDGE MY ALLEGIANCE TO THE T-SHIRT OF THE UC MOUNTAINEERING CLUB AND TO ITS MEMBERS FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE GROUP OF COMPANIONS UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH SEARCH AND RESCUE FOR ALL."

THAT'S RIGHT FOLKS! SEARCH AND RESCUE FOR ALL! IN CASE YOU MISSED THE LAST FEW MEETINGS, OR IF YOU STILL MANAGE TO FALL ASLEEP DURING THEM, YOU MAY NOT HAVE HEARD THIS BIT OF GOOD NEWS. AS OF THIS SUMMER, EVERYONE IN THE CLUB IS ELIGIBLE TO GET INVOLVED WITH SEARCH AND RESCUE. THERE ARE A FEW QUALIFICATIONS, SUCH AS A GOLD CLUB T-SHIRT, ATTENDANCE AT FIRST AID AND SEARCH&RESCUE INSTRUCTION AND AN ENTHUSIASM FOR HELPING TO SAVE SOMEONE'S LIFE. FORMAL TRAINING WILL BEGIN THIS FALL. IN CASE AN INCIDENT OCCURS BEFORE THEN, THE LEADERS WILL CALL YOU AND YOU'LL BE INSTRUCTED ON THE WAY TO THE AREA. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR HELPFUL COMMENTS, PLEASE SEE MARK, RICK, MARTY OR BOB K. LET'S ALL PULL TOGETHER AND MAKE THIS ENDEAVOR SUCCESSFUL.

MARTY H.

FALL CALENDER!!!!!!!!!!

OCTOBER

- 10 OPEN HOUSE
- 12 -13 ROCK CLIMBING COURSE  
BASIC \$10
- 17 CAVING LECTURE  
DOC DOUGHERTY
- 19 -21 CLIMBING - SENECA ROCKS, W.VA.  
BILL STRACHAN
- 24 SIGN UP FOR FALL BREAK TRIP TO  
ALPENA, MICHIGAN (\$10 DEPOSIT)
- 27 HALLOWEEN PARTY
- 31 SEARCH & RESCUE LECTURE  
MARK HARTINGER, MARTY HUSEMAN

NOVEMBER

- 9 -12 CUMBERLAND GAP, BACKPACKING  
FALL CLUB OUTING
- 14 FIRST AID LECTURE  
MARTY HUSEMAN, MARK HARTINGER
- 17 THANKSGIVING DINNER - JANE R.  
LAUREL MOUNTAINS, PA.
- 21 - 25 BACKPACKING (MARK H.)
- 28 SKIING MOVIE

DECEMBER

- 3 - 7 FINAL EXAMS
- 8 -16 BACKPACKING IN MICHIGAN

\*\*\*NOTE: THIS LIST IS BY NO MEANS COMPLETE. MOST TRIPS ORIGINATE AT THE MEETINGS. IF YOU HAVE ADVANCE PLANNING OF A TRIP, PLEASE INFORM THE EDITOR FOR PUBLICATION.

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SATURDAY, OCT. 27

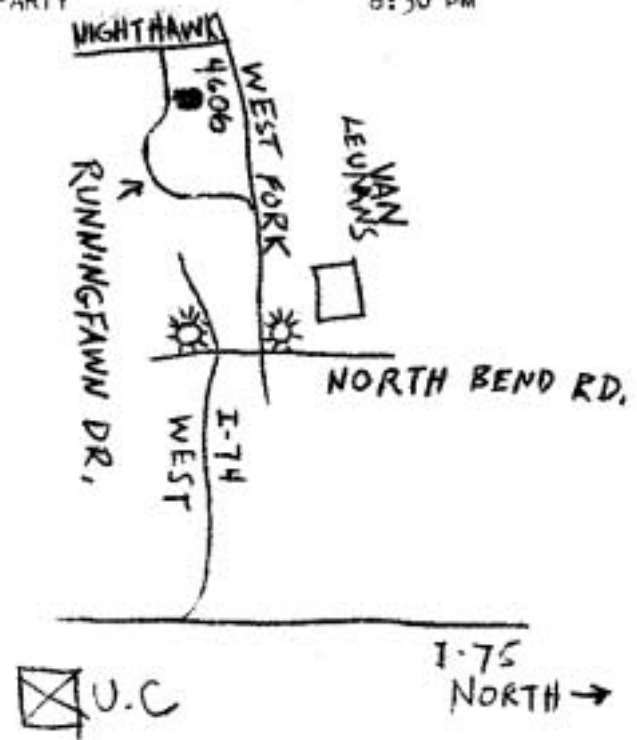
HALLOWEEN PARTY

8:30 PM

IF YOU CREAK OR GO BUMP IN THE NIGHT, OR HAVE SOME FRIENDS WHO DO, THERE'S GOING TO BE A PARTY THAT WILL INTEREST YOU. YES, IT'S THE HALLOWEEN TIME AGAIN, AND ONCE AGAIN, BOB KESSLER WILL BE HAVING ANOTHER COSTUME PARTY IN HIS BASEMENT ARCADE. NORMAL ATTIRE WILL KEEP YOU OUT IN THE COLD WITH THIS ONE; CRAZINESS WILL ADMIT YOU. DRESS TO KILL-OR-SHOCK AND BRING YOUR OWN DRINK (HEY, I'M CHEAP YA' KNOW). BOBBING FOR DISCO RECORDS WILL BE FEATURED AS WELL AS MIDNIGHT SCREAMING FRENZY AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD. LOT'S OF CLEAN (HUMPH!) FUN GUARENTEED. BRING A FRIEND. IF LOST, CALL

574 - 8080

SAY "BOO" BEFORE YOU SPEAK.



## GLIMPSES OF GLACIER

INSTEAD OF TRYING TO WRITE AN ARTICLE ON THE WHOLE GLACIER TRIP, I DECIDED TO PICK OUT 3 GOOD TIMES AND WRITE ABOUT THEM.

EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING WE ARRIVED IN ST. MARY'S CAMPGROUND INSIDE GLACIER NATIONAL PARK. MOST OF US ELECTED TO DOZE IN THE CAR, AS WE HAD ONLY 3 HOURS TILL DAYLIGHT. SO FAR, OUR VACATION HAD BEEN THRILLING; WE COULD ONLY GUESS AT WHAT LAY AHEAD. INSTEAD OF IMMEDIATELY STARTING ON OUR SIX DAY TREK, WE DECIDED TO SPEND THE DAY AS TOURISTS, TAKING PICTURES AND FILING OUR ROUTES AT THE RANGER STATION.

THE SCENIC ROUTE THROUGH GLACIER PARK IS CALLED THE "GOING TO THE SUN ROAD," AND RIGHTLY SO. MARVELOUS SCENERY SURROUNDED US ON BOTH SIDES AS WE CREEPT DOWN THE WINDING ROAD. EACH BEND WAS MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN THE LAST. EVERYONE WAS HELD SPELLBOUND, BUT SOON THE ITCHY FINGERS PREVAILED, SNAPPING OFF PICTURE AFTER PICTURE. DAZZLING McDONALD LAKE WITH MULTICOLORED ROCKS UNDERNEATH CRYSTAL BLUE WATER. PICTURE-SQUE GOOSE ISLAND PLACED IN THE MIDDLE OF A LAKE SO PRISTINE, SO ELEGANT. ENORMOUS MOUNT JACKSON, RISING ABOVE ALL LESSER PEAKS WITH STUDIED APLOMB.

COME NIGHTFALL, WE COOKED OUR DINNER IN ANTICIPATION OF THE DAYS TO COME. CHRIS N. WENT INTO TOWN AND BROUGHT BACK OLYMPIA AND COORS. LET THE PARTY BEGIN! MARK AND GARY PERFORMED THEIR "HANG ALPINE" SKIT, MUCH TO THE ENJOYMENT OF ALL. CHRIS H. DECIDED A WOOD FIRE WASN'T SUCH A BAD IDEA AFTER ALL, WHILE SUE ATTEMPTED TO HEAT HER SOUP ON THE GRATE. JOHN, MARTY, TOM AND JANE WERE JUST CONTENT TO WATCH THE FIRE. HOWEVER, AS THE SHADOWS GREW LONGER, THE FRIVOLITY GREW STRONGER. POOR NADINE HAD TO GET OUT OF BED BECAUSE WE MADE SO MUCH NOISE! ONE BY ONE, ANIMAL NOISES FILLED THE AIR: BAAAAA, MOOOOO, OINK OINK, GRRRRR, HEE HAW, RUFF RUFF, A-OOOOOO. BEFORE WE KNEW IT, OTHER CAMPERS CHIMED IN AND HAD A REAL CACOPHONY GOING! PEOPLE STARTED JOINING OUR FIRE, AND BEING PERFECT HOSTS WE OFFERED THEM OUR BEER. SOON, CHRIS HAD TO GO INTO TOWN FOR ANOTHER BEER RUN, AND ANOTHER....

EVERYONE WAS REALLY FRIENDLY. WE TALKED OF OUR HOMETOWNS AND THE PLACES WE'D BEEN. THE PARTY GREW SO NOISY THAT A FOREST RANGER AMBLED OVER TO TELL US TO SHUT UP. HE ENDED UP STAYING

AND HAVING A BEER. EVERY TEN MINUTES IT SEEMED, DAVE WOULD RUN OUT INTO THE FIELD TO RELIEVE HIMSELF - WITH EVERYONE'S FLASHLIGHTS BRIGHT UPON HIM. AFTER AWHILE, THE CAMPERS WERE BACK IN THEIR RV'S. A DELIGHTFUL COMMENT WAS HEARD FROM TWO GIRLS WHO THOUGHT THEY WERE OUT OF EARSHOT: "YEAH, MARY, I LIKED THEM ALL, BUT THE TWO FAGS WERE THE BEST." WAS IT DAVE AND CHRIS OR MARK AND GARY?

NARRATOR: ALL IS QUIET AT NIGHT ON FIFTY MOUNTAIN. MARTY AND JANE HAVE ALMOST FALLEN ASLEEP. SUDDENLY JANE GASPS:

JANE: OH NO!

MARTY: WHAT? WHAT'S WRONG?

JANE: (PULLING OUT TWO 1/2 PACKS OF PEPPERMINT GUM): I LEFT SOME GUM IN MY POCKET!

MARTY: OH MY GOD! THE BEARS!

JANE: (WHITEFACED) WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

SILENCE -EVERY SOUND COULD BE A BEAR.

MARTY: WE'VE GOT TO GET IT OUT OF THE TENT!

JANE: BUT WHERE?

MARTY: I HAVE TO GO TO THE KAIBO, SO I'LL PITCH IT DOWN THE HOLE.

JANE: ARE YOU SURE?

MARTY: I GUESS.

JANE: I'LL HOLD MY WHISTLE IN MY MOUTH WHILE YOU MAKE A DASH FOR IT.

NARRATOR: MARTY UNSHEATHS HER HUNTING KNIFE AND SLOWLY ZIPS DOWN THE DOOR OF THE TIMBERLINE. AS SHE PLAYS HER FLASHLIGHT AROUND THE PERIMETER OF THE CAMP, EVERY SHADOW SEEMS TO MOVE. SHE MUTTERS: "I FEEL LIKE A NEON SIGN!"

THEY CHUCKLE HYSTERICALLY FOR A FEW SECONDS. MARTY JUMPS OUT AND MAKES A BEE-LINE FOR THE KAIBO AND LOCKS THE DOOR BEHIND HER. PITCHING THE GUM, SHE RUNS BACK TO THE TENT. SHE LOOKS AT JANE WITH THE WHISTLE CLINCHED IN HER TEETH AND THE LOOK OF PANIC ON HER FACE, AND THEY BOTH LAUGH NERVOUSLY. VOWING TO EACH OTHER TO LISTEN FOR THE BEARS, THEY FALL ASLEEP INSTANTLY.

THE LAST DAY WE SPENT IN CUSTER, SOUTH DAKOTA, SUE, JANE, CHRIS N. AND MARTY TOOK A RIDE TO SEE SYLVAN LODGE AND LAKE. SYLVA MEANS "TREE" IN LATIN, AND THERE WERE CERTAINLY A LOT OF THEM GRACING THE PATHWAYS AND HILLSIDES. SYLVAN LAKE WAS VERY LOVELY, WITH ALL SORTS OF PATTERNS OF METAMORPHIC ROCK SURROUNDING IT. THE REFLECTIONS ON THE WATER WERE PRETTIER THAN THE IMAGES THEMSELVES. -CONT'D

AFTER WE WALKED AROUND THE LAKE, WE STOPPED AT THE SOUTH END AND SAT DOWN TO TAKE EVERYTHING IN. AS CHRIS THREW PEBBLES IN THE WATER TO CREATE CONCENTRIC RIPPLES, MARTY QUOTED FROM THOREAU: "THE LAKE IS EARTH'S EYE; LOOKING INTO WHICH THE BEHOLDER MEASURES THE DEPTHS OF HIS OWN NATURE."

EACH INDIVIDUAL HAD THEIR THOUGHTS. JANE SAT UPON A ROCK, CLOSED HER EYES, AND FOLDED HER HANDS IN PRAYER. MARTY ALSO PRAYED, THANKFUL FOR A SAFE AND EXCITING TRIP, AND FOR EVERYONE WHO MADE IT WORTHWHILE. CHRIS WAS DEEP IN THOUGHT, PERHAPS THINKING ABOUT GROWING OLD. SUE LOOKED AS IF SHE WAS REMINISCING BACK TO A HAPPY TIME IN THE PAST. FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES THE SPELL WAS UNBROKEN.

THEN, A SMALL COMMOTION OCCURRED 15 FEET AWAY FROM SHORE. A LARGE DRAGONFLY HAD FALLEN INTO THE WATER, UNABLE TO FLY OUT. HE STRUGGLED AND FLAPPED, BUT TO NO AVAIL. THEN IT SEEMED AS IF HE DIED. NO! HE STARTED TO STRUGGLE AGAIN, AND SLOWLY MOVED TO SHORE. HOW DID HE KNOW WHICH DIRECTION TO TAKE? ALL FOUR FRIENDS BECAME INVOLVED IN HIS STRUGGLE FOR LIFE, CHEERING THE INSECT ON, HOPING HE WOULD MAKE IT. OFTEN, HE STOPPED FOR BREATH, BUT EACH TIME HE FORGED ON. AS HE GOT CLOSER TO THE BANK, MARTY WANTED TO LIFT HIM OUT WITH A STICK, BUT CHRIS SAID: "NO, LET'S SEE IF HE MAKES IT ALONE. IT IS SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST, YOU KNOW." AS THE DRAGONFLY PAINFULLY PUSHES HIS FRONT LEGS ONTO THE BEACH, WE HEAVE A SIGH OF RELIEF.

THIS LITTLE EVENT HAS MADE US PONDER OUR OWN MORTALITY. AREN'T WE SOMETIMES THE DRAGONFLY IN THE WATER? WILL WE ALWAYS ESCAPE WITHOUT A HELPING HAND? WILL ANYONE SEE OUR STRUGGLE; WILL ANYONE CARE? ANXIOUS TO KEEP MOVING, WE HIKE BACK TO SYLXAN LODGE.

MARTY HUSEMAN

THE SEPTEMBER CLUB TRIP TO THE GRAND TETONS, YELLOWSTONE, GLACIER, WIND AND JEWEL CAVES, MT. RUSHMORE AND THE NEEDLES OF SOUTH DAKOTA WAS MADE BY DAVE WEBER, MARTY HUSEMAN, NADINE FOLINO, JOHN WALLACE, MARK HARTINGER, TOM BODNER, CHRIS HUGHES, JANE RIELLY, CHRIS NORDLOH, GARY GOODMAN AND SUE KANDLER.

AT 12,804', MIDDLE TETON STOOD NOT AS ANY MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT OR OBSTACLE, BUT AS A CHALLENGE OF ENDURANCE. OUR CAMP WAS AT 10,000', WHICH WAS FINE FOR AN EARLY START UP MIDDLE BUT DEFINATELY RESTRICTIVE FOR ANY ATTEMPTS OF THE GRAND TETON (13,766'). UNFORTUNATELY, OUR FIRST PROBLEM APPEARED AS WE LEFT CAMP AT AN EXTREMELY LATE 8:30. MARK HARTINGER, TOM BODNER, CHRIS NORDLOH, MARTY HUSEMAN, DAVE WEBER, NADINE FOLINO AND SUE KANDLER STARTED THE ARDUOUS ROUTE UP MIDDLE TETON VIA THE SOUTHWEST COLOUR.

WITHIN 3 HOURS THE MIDDLE-SOUTH COL WAS REACHED, OFFERING EXCELLENT VIEWS OF ICEFLOW LAKE, AND ALSO CLAIMING THE ENERGIES OF NADINE AND SUE. CONTINUING WAS OMINOUS, NOW THREATENING WITH A GOOD VIEW OF OUR ROUTE AND ITS INTRICATE COMPLEXITIES AND LOOK OF IMPOSSIBILITY. SO ON WE TRUDGE, NOT GETTING MUCH MORE THAN A LOOK AT OUR OWN TWO FEET BELOW US. MARK AND DAVE ARE AFFIXED TO A FAST PACE, INTENT ON REACHING THE SUMMIT BY 3:00. BUT PROBLEMS ARISE, LEAVING THE OTHER THREE FARTHER BEHIND.

AT LAST TO THE STEEP FINAL COLOUR; DAVE AND MARK ARE UPSET WITH THE REALIZATION THAT THEIR ENERGIES HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TOWARDS A FALSE SUMMIT; MIDDLE TETON IS NOW IN VIEW - FARTHER ON. UNSURE FOOTING TELLS THE OTHERS TO HOLD OFF. SUCCESS LIES IN ATTAINING THIS ALTITUDE (ABOUT 12,500') AND RELISHING IT. WE TWO MUST MAKE IT, THOUGH, FOR IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE OTHER GROUP MADE THE GRAND (GARY, JANE, JOHN AND CHRIS H.). NOW OR NEVER. NO ICE LEFT. WE LEAVE OUR PACKS AND ASCEND THE LAST 200' WITH JUST WATER AND CAMERAS. THE SUMMIT APPEARS QUICKER THAN EXPECTED, AND MARK AND DAVE SIGN IN WITH DIZZY-MINDED AWARENESS THAT THE PUNISHMENT WAS WELL WORTH IT, FOR HE THEY STOOD. THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR SUCCESS FOR THEM. PICTURES WERE SNAPPED EAGERLY, ESPECIALLY ONES WITH THE OMINOUS GRAND LOOMING  $3/4$  OF A MILE AWAY AND GLARING FROM A THOUSAND FEET ABOVE.

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OF THE GROUP THAT ATTEMPTED THE GRAND, JOHN WALLACE ATTAINED THE SUMMIT OF A SUB-PEAK, THE ENCLOSURE, AT AN ALTITUDE OF APPROXIMATELY 13,300'. ROUTE STARTED WAS THE OWEN-SPALDING.

# THE GRUB CITY NEWS



## SINKING VALLEY

THE DREAM OF EVERY CAVER IS VIRGIN CAVE. THE VERY THOUGHT OF A CAVE THAT HAS BEEN NO OTHER HUMAN BEFORE YOU, LEAVES ANY CAVER STARRY-EYED. IT'S A HARD THING FOR NON-CAVERS TO UNDERSTAND; IT'S THE ZENITH OF SPELUNKING FOR CAVERS.

WELL, THE UC STUDENT GROTTO OF THE NSS NOW HAS A CHNANCE TO EXPERIENCE THE CLOSEST THING TO VIRGIN CAVE - UNMAPPED CAVE. FOR THE PAST FEW WEEKENDS, DOC DOUGHERTY HAS BEEN LEADING MAPPING TRIPS TO AN AREA KNOWN AS SINKING VALLEY IN CENTRAL KENTUCKY. THE CAVE HE HAS BEEN MAPPING IS CALLED "BIG SINK", NAMED AFTER THE HUGE SINK HOLE THAT HOUSES THE CAVE ENTRANCE.

BIG SINK IS NOT TOTALLY VIRGIN, BUT THERE PROBABLY IS MUCH THERE THAT'S NEVER BEEN VISITED. IT HAS NEVER BEEN MAPPED, AND SO MUCH OF IT IS UNEXPLORED.

THE CAVE ITSELF IS UNIZUE AND CHALLENGING. IT'S MAIN PASSAGE IS A LARGE TRUNK STREAM PASSAGE. MAPPING TO DATE HAS PUSHED THE MAIN STREAM TO 1500 FT., WITH MUCH MORE OF THE MAIN PASSAGE LEFT TO MAP. WHAT'S REALLY EXCITING IS THE NUMEROUS SIDE PASSAGES THAT HAVE YET TO BE MAPPED OR EXPLORED!

THE SINKING CREEK VALLEY IS A UNIQUE KARST AREA, WITH RATHER STRANGE DRAINAGE PATTERNS. CONSEQUENTLY, "DOC" CAN ONLY GUESS ABOUT HOW MUCH THE STREAM WILL RISE IN THE WINTER (A TYPICAL FEATURE IN WET CAVES), POSSIBLY DELAYING THE MAPPING TILL NEXT SUMMER. BUT THEN, NOTHING MAY HAPPEN AND THE WINTER WILL TURN INTO AN EXCITING TIME OF EXPLORATION.

SO, IF YOU'RE A CAVER AND DON'T MIND WATER, OR IF YOU'RE A BEGINNER AND YOU DON'T MIND DARK, WET PLACES, GET INVOLVED. THERE'S LOTS TO DO, AND YOU'LL ENJOY IT. SEE DOC, BOB KESSLER OR MARK HARTINGER ABOUT FUTURE TRIPS. THE CLUB HAS CAVING GEAR, ALL YOU NEED IS A SENSE OF ADVENTURE AND A LOVE OF MUD.

BOB KESSLER

## GROTTO NEEDS INFORMATION

THE UCMC STUDENT GROTTO NEEDS THE NAMES AND MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS OF ANY UCMC MEMBERS WHO ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF THE NSS. THIS WILL GREATLY HELP US COORDINATE OUR CAVING EFFORTS. PLEASE TELL MARK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR PUBLICATION IN THE NEXT GOG.

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## BINK'S CAVE, FIELDHOUSE PIT, AND OTHER MISCELLANY...

ON SATURDAY, OCT. 6, MARK HARTINGER, KATHY MURPHY AND LOU SIMPSON LEFT CINCY FOR A ONE DAY CAVING TRIP TO SINKING VALLEY. /WELL, A LIGHT DRIZZLE ON THE TRIP DOWN DAMPENED ANY SINKING VALLEY ATTEMPTS, SO THE TRIP SET OUT FOR ALTERNATIVE BINK'S CAVE TO MAP AND EXPLORE BEYOND THE FIRST PIT.

MAINLY FOLLOWING A HORIZONTAL DIRECTION WITH INTERMITTENT DROPOFFS, THE CAVE FOLLOWED A NORTHEASTERLY LINE ALONG ONE MAJOR CANYON, TERMINATING IN A CHIMNEY UP TO A SMALL ROOM AND A CRAWLWAY LEADING FROM IT. LOU PUSHED THROUGH WITH A YELL OF "SCOOP!" AS HE ENTERED A LARGE ROOM, BUT THIS PROVED TO BE THE TERMINUS OF THE CAVE. TOTAL LENGTH - ABOUT 80 METERS, AS THE MAPPING WAS DONE IN METRIC.

AFTER A SHORT ORDEAL OF GETTING THE VOLTAGE REGUBATOR TEMPORARILY FIXED ON MARK'S DATSUN, TWO CAVES WERE DUG INTO WHICH WERE LOCATED RIGHT ON THE ROAD (US 27) IN SOMERSET, BUT NEITHER AMOUNTED TO ANYTHING DESPITE VIGOROUS HAMMERING AND ROCK MOVING (WHICH IS WHAT TURNS LOU ON ANYWAY) TO GAIN ENTRANCE INTO THE PITS.

THE DAY WAS ALREADY TUBNING OUT PRETTY WELL, SO THE TRIP STOPPED IN TO CHECK OUT THE FIELDHOUSE. LOU STARTED TO CUT THE GRASS WHILE MARK AND KATHY MAPPED A 12 METER CAVE WITH A 25' DROP THAT LOU HAD DUG OUT BY THE BARN IN PREVIOUS DULL WEEKS. THE CAVE PROVED TO HAVE AN INTERESTING ENTRANCE PIT, THOUGH, AND WAS EXTREMELY WELL DECORATED.

MH

QUICK STOP CAVE WAS DISCOVERED ON APRIL 1, 1979, BY MARK HARTINGER (MIAMI VALLEY GROTTO, UCMC STUDENT GROTTO) WHILE RIDGEWALKING FOR A BACK ENTRANCE TO SALLY TURPIN CAVE. LOCATED AT THE BOTTOM OF A LARGE SINK, THE ENTRANCE IS BLOCKED BY A LARGE AMOUNT OF WATER ORIGINATING FROM A SPRING IMMEDIATELY ABOVE THE ENTRANCE.

A QUICK CRAWL INSIDE THE ENTRANCE CANYON ENDS UP IN A LARGE TRUNK WHICH CONTINUES ABOUT 45' BEFORE TURNING NORTH AND ENDING ABRUPTLY IN ABOUT 20' IN A SLIGHTLY DECORATED PASSAGE. THE ONLY OTHER PASSAGE IS A SMALL LEAD IN THE FLOOR WHICH CONTAINS THE MAIN WATER FLOW. THIS EXTREMELY TIGHT CRAWL HOLDS ITS VICTIMS IN THE WATER FOR ABOUT 20' BEFORE IT BUMPS, AND HAS BEEN DESIGNATED DEAD TURTLE CRAWL FROM A RECENT OCCUPANT.

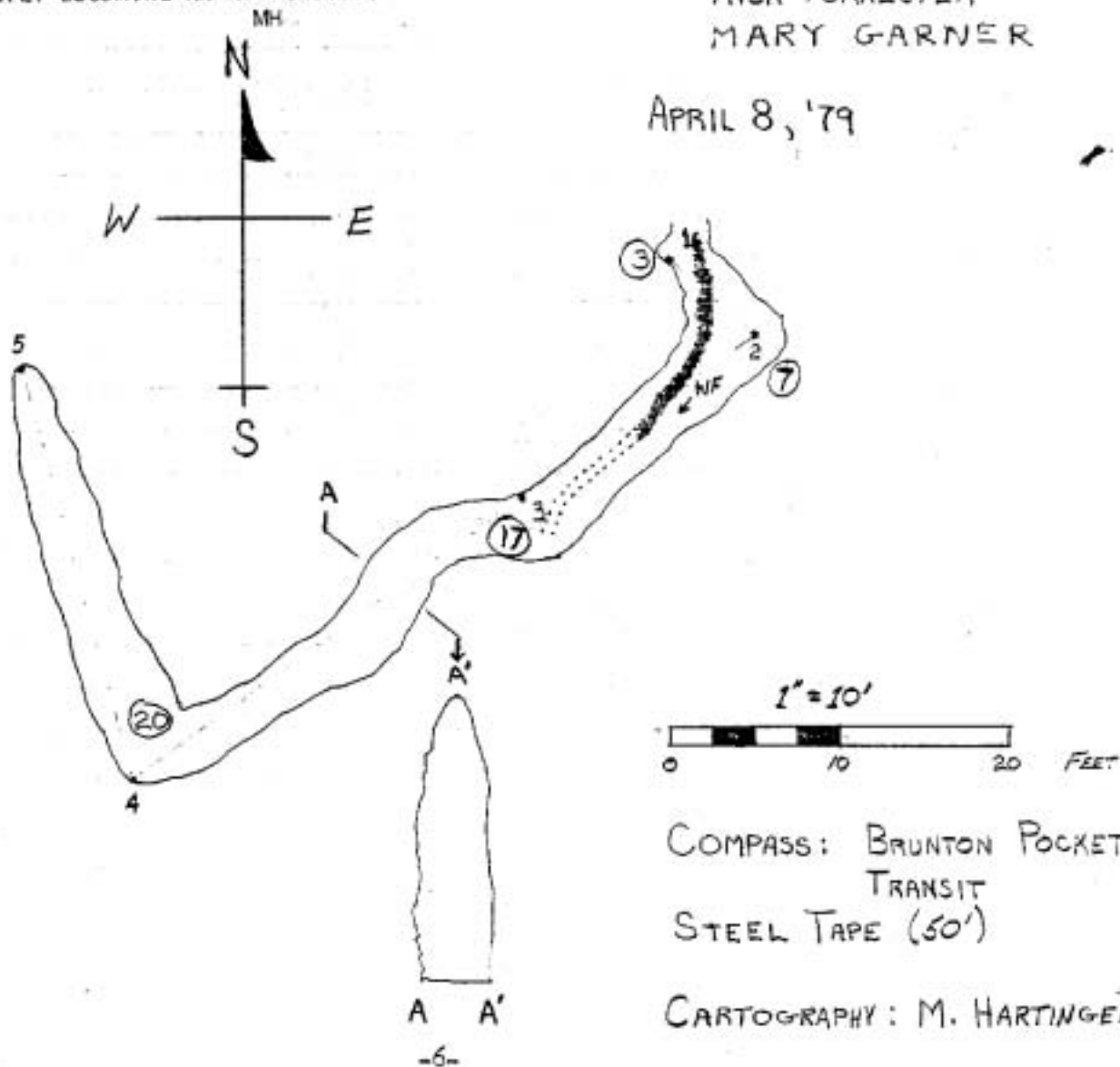
THE CAVE, SURVEYED ON APRIL 8, '79, WITH AN "ASTOUNDING" 79' OF PASSAGE, HAS THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF BEING THE FIRST SUCH SURVEY BY UCMC STUDENT GROTTO PERSONNEL SINCE THEIR RECENTLY BECOMING AN NSS GROTTO.

## QUICK STOP CAVE

HOPE QUAD., KY  
 SURVEYED BY PERSONNEL OF THE  
 UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI  
 MOUNTAINEERING CLUB  
 STUDENT GROTTO:

MARK HARTINGER  
 BOB KESSLER  
 DAN LYNCH  
 RICK FORRESTER  
 MARY GARNER

APRIL 8, '79



\*\*\*\*\*ASK THE QUACK\*\*\*\*\*

SELF EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE  
FOR PREVENTION OF OUTDOOR MISERIES OR SURVIVAL EMERGENCIES

\*\*\*\*\* THESE QUESTIONS, WHEN ANSWERED TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY, CAN GIVE YOU THE LEVEL OF YOUR ABILITY TO COPE WITH UNUSUAL EMERGENCY SITUATIONS AND INDICATIONS OF THE AREAS YOU MAY NEED MORE KNOWLEDGE. \*\*\*\*\*

ANSWERS WILL APPEAR IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE GDG.

- 1... How long can the average person function without water intake? (Temp. 100°)  
1. 10 DAYS 2. 3 DAYS 3. 2 WEEKS 4. 1 DAY
- 2... INSULATION IS ANYTHING THAT HAS THE FOLLOWING QUALITY:  
1. DEAD AIR SPACE 2. MANY LAYERS 3. CLOSE WEAVE MATERIAL 4. WATERPROOF
- 3... RANK THE FOLLOWING PRIORITIES TO CONSIDER DURING A SURVIVAL SITUATION:  
1. FOOD 2. SHELTER 3. WATER 4. BECOMING UNLOST
- 4... WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO BE ABLE TO USE PROPERLY IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5... WHAT CLOTHING MATERIAL SHOULD YOU AVOID IN WET WEATHER? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6... WHAT ARE THE GENERAL BODY NECESSITIES OF SURVIVAL BESIDES AIR AND SHELTER? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7... THE INTERNATIONAL DISTRESS SIGNAL FOR WILDERNESS USE IS: 1. SOS  
2. 3 FIRES, WHISTLE SOUNDS OR 3 OF ANYTHING 3. LARGE FIRE 4. NONE OF THESE
- 8... WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING CAN CAUSE CIRCULATORY UPSET? 1. HYPOXIA 2. HYPOTHERMIA  
3. HYPOHYDRATION 4. HYPERTHERMIA 5. FATIGUE 6. EXHAUSTION 7. NONE
- 9... ASSUMING WATER IS SCARCE, WHICH WOULD REQUIRE THE LEAST AMOUNT OF BODY FLUIDS FOR ASSIMILATION? 1. PROTEIN 2. FAT 3. CARBOHYDRATES
- 10.. CIRCLE THE INITIAL SIGN OF HYPOTHERMIA: 1. STUMBLING 2. SWEATING  
3. SHIVERING 4. DUMB BRAIN
- 11.. OTHER THAN EVAPORATION, WHICH WAY COULD THE BODY LOSE HEAT TO THE ENVIRONMENT.  
1. RESPIRATION 2. CONDUCTION 3. RADIATION 4. CONVECTION (ALL THAT APPLY)
- 12.. CIRCLE THE WAYS HEAT CAN BE INTRODUCED INTERNALLY IN THE BODY: 1. CONVECTION  
2. CONDUCTION 3. RADIATION 4. MUSCLE ACTION (ALL THAT APPLY)
- 13.. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING ARE SYMPTOMS OF HYPOHYDRATION OR DEHYDRATION? (CIRCLE)  
1. HEADACHE 2. FATIGUE 3. CONSTIPATION 4. INCREASED PULSE 5. MUSCLE CRAMPS
- 14.. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS THE MOST IMPORTANT IN A SURVIVAL SITUATION?  
1. SKILLS 2. CLOTHING 3. ATTITUDE 4. EQUIPMENT 5. FOOD INTAKE
- 15.. THE NEEDLE IN A COMPASS POINTS TO : 1. TRUE NORTH 2. GRID NORTH  
3. GEOGRAPHICAL NORTH 4. NONE OF THESE
- 16.. HIGH ALTITUDE CIRRUS CLOUDS FORECAST WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING WEATHER CONDITIONS?  
1. COLD FRONT 2. THUNDERSTORM 3. HIGH WINDS 4. WARM FRONT
- 17.. BODY VENTILATION AS WELL AS BODY INSULATION IS NEEDED IN VERY COLD ENVIRONMENTS?  
1. YES 2. NO
- 18.. REST CAN BE THE BEST CURE FOR MOST SELF INFLICTED OUTDOOR MISERIES?  
1. YES 2. NO
- 19.. CAN YOU TIE A KNOT IN A ROPE THAT YOU WOULD TRUST YOUR LIFE TOO IN A 150' LIFT FROM A FLOODING ISLAND? 1. YES 2. NO
- 20.. WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR YOU IN THE BACKCOUNTRY? 1. RANGERS 2. SHERIFF  
3. YOU 4. YOUR FATHER
- 21.. YOU NEED WARM CLOTHING FOR A 2 DAY TRIP IN THE ARIZONA DESERT? 1. YES 2. NO
- 22.. WATERCHILL CAN BE WORSE THAN WINDCHILL? 1. YES 2. NO
- 23.. FAST SWIMMING IN COLD WATER HELPS TO KEEP YOU WARM AND PROLONG SURVIVAL?  
1. YES 2. NO
- 24.. WHEN YOU ARE EXPOSED TO WINDCHILL OR WATERCHILL THE FETAL POSITION CAN BE BENEFICIAL? 1. YES 2. NO

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SELF-EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE...

- 25.. IF IT WAS VERY COLD AND YOU WERE GIVEN ONE ITEM FROM THE FOLLOWING, WHICH WOULD YOU CHOOSE DRESSED AS YOU ARE NOW?  
1. KNIFE 2. FIRESTARTER 3. DOWN JACKET 4. WOOL BLANKET
- 26.. YOUR INNER BODY RESPONSES TO HEAT GAIN, HEAT LOSS, WATER LOSS AND CHEMICAL UPSET CAN CAUSE WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING? 1. OVERALL TIREDNESS 2. LOSS OF MUSCLE USE 3. DUMB BRAIN 4. AN ATTITUDE CHANGE (ALL THAT APPLY)
- 27.. IN THE DESERT IT IS BEST TO CONSERVE AND PROTECT THE WATER YOU HAVE INSIDE YOUR BODY RATHER THAN EXPEND IT DIGGING FOR NEEDED WATER. 1. YES 2. NO
- 28.. SURVIVAL SITUATIONS CAN DEVELOP (CIRCLE THOSE THAT APPLY) 1. ON THE DESERT 2. IN THE ARCTIC 3. WHEN YOU MISMANAGE YOUR BODY 4. IN THE CITY 5. IN AN AUTOMOBILE
- 29.. HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE YOUR BODY TO ACCLIMATIZE TO A TEMPERATURE EXTREME ENVIRONMENT? 1. TWO DAYS 2. ONE DAY 3. ONE MONTH 4. ABOUT 2 WEEKS
- 30.. HOW LONG DOES THE AVERAGE SURVIVAL EMERGENCY LAST?  
1. ONE HOUR 2. ONE MONTH 3. THREE DAYS 4. SEVEN DAYS

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