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EDITORIAL.

Once again the format of "SUSS", has changed. On prying further information from the G.P.O. on just what the requirements were for having "SUSS" registered as a periodical, it was found that the format of this circular, was an acceptable alternative to the last attempt, the small 9"x8" edition; a more favourable alternative as it entails typing straight quarto stencils instead of the sticky cutting process involved in the "9x8". Rejoicings from the Secretary!

Notice is hereby given of a meeting to discuss coming trips as the May Vacation which promises varied caving activity, is close at hand. The Meeting will be held in the 3rd Yr. Lab. of the New Geography Building at 7.45 p.m. on Thursday, 11th May. It is not a General Meeting so the evening will be devoted to informally discussing the coming trips and will be highlighted by speakers, Barbara Dew and Dr. Ted Faunce who will be giving talks of general interest; Barbara, on "Bats", and Ted, on "Some aspects of First-Aid in Caving, with special reference to Mouth to Mouth Resuscitation".

Leaders of coming trips are asked to prepare a few words on the agenda of their trip for the Meeting.

The next General Meeting will be held on 15th June in the New Geography Building at 7.30 p.m. As only the shortened version of the minutes will be presented to the Meeting, there should be ample time to discuss past and coming trips. More guest speakers will be invited. It is hoped that by a gradual process of elimination, the Society will eventually <sup>hold</sup> General Meetings which are of general interest to enthusiastic trogs and are not the usual "Bush Lawyer's Picnics".

Find out your blood group. A short Questionnaire of a medical nature will be issued with the next Newsletter. This includes a

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a blank space for your blood group. You are advised to fill in the form and return it to the Society, Pronto, as this information could save your own life, in the case of an emergency.

FOURTEENTH INTERNATIONAL SALON OF SPELEOLOGICAL PHOTOGRAPHIC ART.

(Organised by the National Speleological Society of America).

There is still time: Opportunity for the Photography fanatics of S.U.S.S. to see how their talents compare with overseas's efforts. Entries would have to be sent Air Mail as the Entry Form states "postmarked no later than midnight, 12th May".

Details in Brief.

Must be related to caves or caving. Can belong to a Scientific, Scenic, Activity, Humor, or Story Series group. The entry form doesn't mention a prize although it is a competition. No entry fee is required for foreign entries. See Secretary for all the other details and the entry form.

COMING TRIPS AND EVENTS.

TRIP MEETING - 11th May. New Geography Building, 7.43 p.m.

COLONG - Walking and Caving. Pushing off around the 16th May.  
Ring Alex Jones at XL1471. (For about 1 week)

JENOLAN - Caving in Central Level of Mammoth Cave. Frenchmans Cave will probably be revisited and an attempt will be made to enlarge a squeeze which shows possibilities, in the Glass Cave. 20-21st May. Transport Needed. Ring Jenny Tomlinson at XX7105 (H) or MW1307 (W).

JENOLAN - Trip for the purposes of surveying and mapping the Northern River Extension of the Central Level Mammoth Cave. Should last about 1 week, beginning 27th May. Ring Teddy Anderson (XF3157) or Jeff Hinwood (JW1175).

YARRANGOBILLY- Trip will be strictly caving and will probably be limited to 12 people as continued good relations with the Tourist Bureau are essential. Queen's Birthday Weekend, 10-11-12th June. Ring David Anderson (XF3157) or Jenny Tomlinson (XX7105).

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MONSTER WORK PARTY AND BARBECUE.

Peter Knowland has extended his hospitality to his Lot (L1) at Sagars Road, Kenthurst, on 13th May. Those participating in the removal of trees and other miscellaneous hard work, will be rewarded with free beer (9 gallon keg) and a barbecued sheep. The usual S.U.S.S. Dancing Girls will contribute to the evening's entertainment. General activity begins about 10 a.m. THOSE ARRIVING AFTER 5 P.M. WILL BE ASKED FOR A 15/- CONTRIBUTION TO THE GOODIES. Camping accomodation overnight. Some indication of numbers expected would be appreciated by Pete. Ring the Secretary (XX7105) or (MW1307) who will pass messages etc. on to Pete.

TRIPS PAST (what?)

JENOLAN. Easter. Led by Henry Shannon and Warren Peck in conjunction with N.T.U.C.S.S. The aim of the trip was to explore as much of the Northern River Section as Possible. With the aid of the Newcastle Soc. it was possible to set up an underground camp at a point about 150 feet from the crossing <sup>in</sup> the Central Level River, and a short distance from the rockpile of the Northern River Passages. It was from this site that the "76 hours underground" record was established.

Three Extensions were found:-

1. Downstream from the 2nd portion of the Central Level River - an extension of the river about 50 ft. long, which still goes.
2. A flood passage which takes water from the infinite crawl out of the main branch of the Northern River Passage to the Central Level River, (this is between the two previously known sections) about 170 ft. long.
3. A dry passage leading up from the main branch (left), allegedly 250 ft. long.

Summary. Exploration was attempted in the Northern River Extension but no further progress was made. In the Northern River Passages three extensions were discovered and mapped in the process. A total of 940 ft. were mapped, but to a standard that should not be considered final.

Footnote: Henry claims that someone from the underground camping party has his tape. Would holder please return it?

YARRANGOBILLY - Easter - A well attended trip led by Tom Landecker and Elizabeth DeBurgh. The Coppermine Efflux and West Deep Creek Caves were visited, and an attempt was made to locate a second exit in the Lower East Deep Creek Cave. Photographers were well rewarded in Upper East Deep Creek. Further exploration was also carried out in Eagles Nest.

WOMBEGAN - 29th and 30th Apr.- A Search and Rescue Trip led on behalf of the A.S.F. N.S.W. Co-ordinating Sub-Committee by Ron Wardrope of S.U.S.S. There were reported to be a huge number of searchers, but this didn't appear to adversely affect the organisation which was commendable. More details of this trip will be published when an official trip report is presented to the Society by the organisers.

GENERAL.

The Society welcomes Graeme Campbell (address published in Year Book), as a new member. Please accept our congratulations/condolences. S.U.S.S. crushed carbide has gone up to 1/- per lb. as at 9d. per lb. it was being sold at a loss. Barbara Dew at Trop. Med. S.U.S.S. cloth badges still on sale from Barbara Dew.

LIBRARY MATERIAL: Would any member or person who has any material belonging to the S.U.S.S. library and for which they have not signed, please return it to the librarian, Glen Chandler, without delay.

The following publications are included in the above category -

Cave Research Group Publication No. 9

Cave Studies Nos. 1, 2

Rassegna Speleologica Italiana, Vol. 6 No. 4

Die Höhle, Heft. 4 1959

Mitteilungen der Kohlenkommission 1955, Nos. 1,2

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June, July, Oct. 1959.