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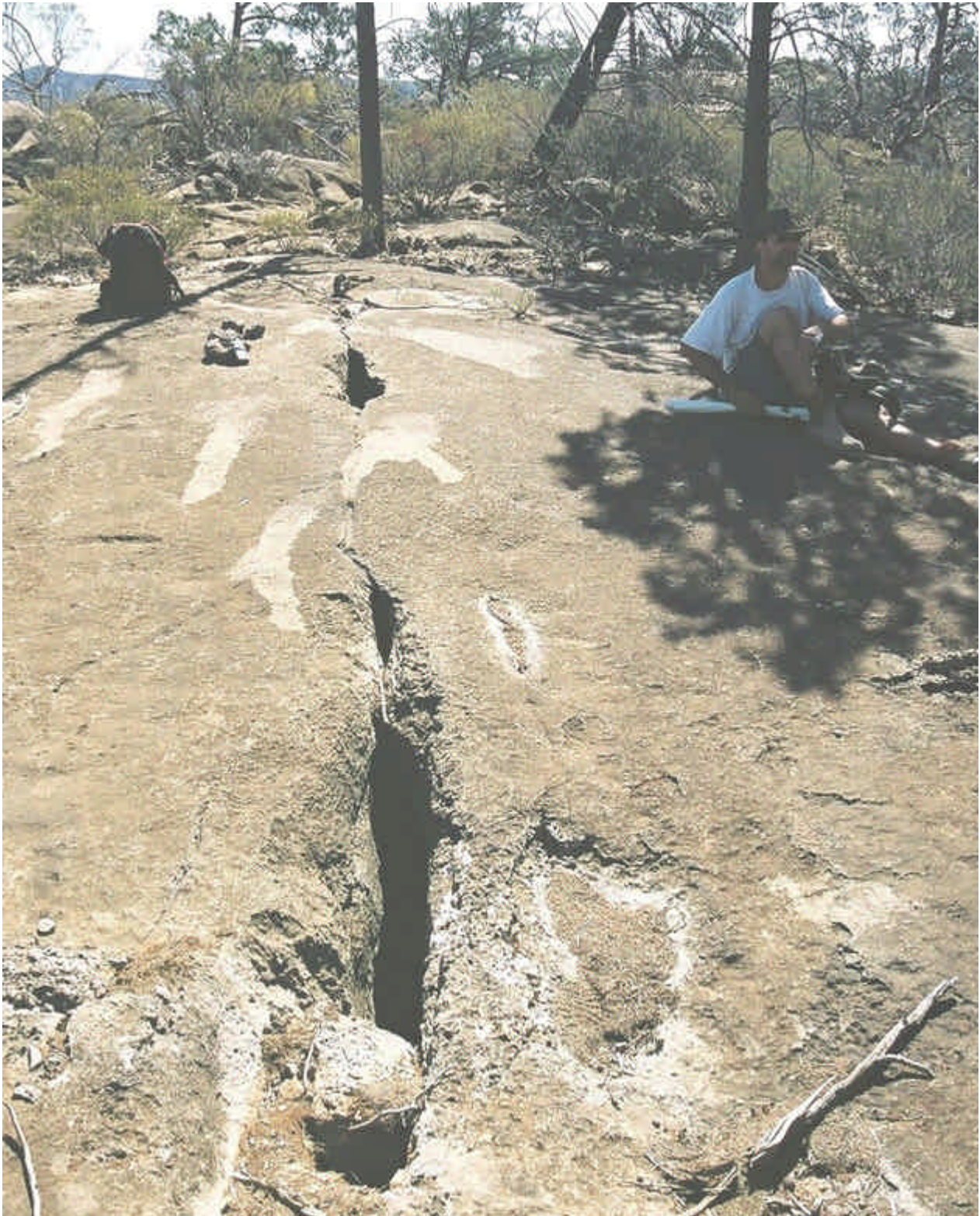


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**Cover Photograph: 'Rock Art' around Entrance of X73 in the Flinders Ranges.
Photo: Bill Binks.**

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QUARTERMASTERS NOTE.

High usage equipment will now be stored at the quartermaster's residence. Please make arrangements with the QM well in advance of required date for equipment. The QM can be contacted at the telephone numbers on the previous page.

NEWSLETTER MATERIAL

The deadline for copy or background material for Volume 49 Number 4 (Issue 196) must reach the Editor by Wednesday **10th NOV 2004**. Material not meeting this deadline may be retained for possible use in a following issue. The preferred method is via E-MAIL at atholjax@adam.com.au as an attachment or on 3.5" IBM floppy disk, in Word or ASCII text format. Of course other forms of communication will still be gratefully accepted.

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PRESIDENTS SPOT

Next year CEGSA will have attained a half-century lifespan. Some members are putting together a summary of what we have meant for caving, caves, society, and ourselves. If you know of anyone who can contribute information about our history and achievements please let us know as well. Past members as well as present are being approached, even some persons who have never been members!

Because caving was a youngster's sport when it began in earnest in the fifties, many founding members and those who joined shortly afterwards are still alive. Now is the time to record what they remember; if we wait for our centenary, it will be too late for most of them to tell us anything.

Also, remember that history began yesterday. We need help with recent events not just those that happened decades ago. If everyone contributes just a few paragraphs we can assemble a very significant document.

The hardest history to recall is not the events that happened on caving trips, these are largely recorded in Records as trip reports. It's the events that happened in society that influenced us and those of our activities that influenced society that are difficult to determine.

Graham Pilkington

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

In response to PRESIDENTS SPOT, CEGSA NEWS, Volume 49 Number 2, Edition 194.

On reading PRESIDENTS SPOT I reflected on an article I wrote for CEGSA NEWS Volume 46 Number 1 Edition 181, "MEMBERSHIP – A QUESTION OF NUMBERS". Based on the membership records I posed a number of questions; "Do Prospective Members join the club for a short period of time and then leave?"; "Is the core membership, the Life and Full members, of CEGSA slowly aging?"; "If the "mean age" of CEGSA members is slowly rising, will the club become less active and therefore less viable?".

Looking at the records for the last thirteen years, these questions are as true today as they were in February 2001.

YEAR	LIFE	FULL	ASSOCIATES	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP
2003	12	51	10	73
2002	12	51	15	78
2001	12	55	17	84
2000	12	50	25	87
1999	12	47	13	72
1998	12	47	11	70
1997	12	51	20	83
1996	12	51	24	87
1995	12	53	19	84
1994	12	49	24	85
1993	13	46	15	74
1992	11	44	17	72
1991	11	47	10	68
AVERAGE	11.9	49.4	16.9	78.2

Not only is CEGSA the repository of a great deal of speleological knowledge, but by default it sets the benchmark for recreational cavers in South Australia in standards of caving technique, safety, minimum impact, landowner liaison, surveying and record keeping. CEGSA must not only be viable, active, meaningful and relevant, but it must be seen to be these things. We all place a different interpretation on these values and it will only be through open and honest discussion and a genuine effort to be inclusive that CEGSA will continue to grow and to survive.

Based on my experience in recruitment, the following issues should be addressed immediately:-

- Compared to other clubs, CEGSA is an expensive club to join, even more so for a family. CEGSA needs to provide value for money through facilities, training, networking and most of all varied activities.
- The lack of advertised trips in CEGSA NEWS, Calendar of Events ie.
 - o Volume 49 Number 1 Edition 193; no trips with dates, Clean Up Australia Day probably at Reynella Cave
 - o Volume 49 Number 2 Edition 194; 2 trips to Avenue Range and a post ASF Conference trip to Mole Creek in Tasmania
- The lack of contact telephone details in CEGSA NEWS, Calendar of Events. It must be made as easy as possible for people to obtain information about trips and to go on trips.
- 26 Approved Trip Leaders were listed in Volume 46 Number 1 Edition 181. Not many of these appear to have lead CEGSA trips in the last three years and this is something that needs to be redressed. The lack of trips and the lack of variety of trips impacts adversely on membership.
- Research should be undertaken to document the reason that members do not renew their membership. Problems and shortcomings cannot be solved until they are identified.

I do not believe CEGSA needs to “seek new members” as it seems to me that CEGSA has a steady stream of inquiries and new members joining. The problem is with retaining members!

Simon Kendrick.

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Slight correction to CEGSA News

Hi Athol.

Latest newsletter looks great. Well I am biased I suppose with the cover shot an all.

Anyway must be becoming an old fart as I noticed a couple of errors that might be worthy of a correction.

Not sure how they sneaked in seem ok on the originals I sent to Marie. Anyway.

1)Page 46 Elderslie Cave is given U215. However Big Bird Cave on page 48 = U215.

2)The photo of Phil Maynard on Page 51 is in Henschke's Quarry Not Elderslie Cave.

3)The Paragraph on Wet Cave on Page 32 Should be entitled Mystery Creek Cave.

Sorry for the confusion

Damian Grindley.

TRIP REPORTS

Flinders Ranges. 9-17 April 2004.

Eddie Rubessa, Bill Binks, Lance Hoey, Barbara Weisner.

Friday 9th April. Our plan was to continue exploring the area east of Blinman, around Eregunda Creek and further south, towards Wilkawillina Gorge, before moving to Narrina Pound for the second half of our trip. Travelling from Adelaide separately, Eddie met Lance and Barbara on Friday at midday on the Narrina Road (after he had a tyre blow out and a rear leaf spring break on his reliable Land Cruiser). They set up camp in Eregunda Creek where it crosses the Wirrealpa Road about 12 kms east of Blinman. I was waiting at the Blinman Hotel with my family, getting frustrated in my attempts to buy beer to take away – very difficult on Good Friday!! Eventually Eddie turned up and we headed back to Eregunda Creek to stoke the fire.



Cliffs above Second Glance Cave (B Binks)

Saturday 10th April. Eddie and I went to Angorichina to get the tyre fixed while Lance and Barbara relaxed at Eregunda Creek. It was a pretty relaxed day, spending a few hours over lunch trying to sort out the battery problems with Barbara's new Landrover Freelander. Late in the day we drove down the creek a couple of hundred metres to Second Glance Cave, F200 and dug out the bottom sump, trying to make further progress (there is a slight breeze). It's tight and low, but it may be possible to push further. The cave is already about 60 m long, and we think it might get to about 4 m below creek bed level.

Sunday 11th April. We drove south from the Wirrealpa road, on Angorichina station, continuing to pursue the Wilkawillina limestone of the Bunkers Range. The geo map clearly shows the band, intersected by several fault lines, tending south-east in the direction of Wilkawillina Gorge. We parked on a low ridge near a mining exploration site (black bags of drilling samples were lined up all over the place), admired the distant view of the red Grindstone Range, and then started walking. It was hot and the limestone wasn't showing much promise for caves. Eddie and I made it to a large gorge about 2 km to the north of the car, where we spotted some yellow-footed rock wallabies on the cliffs. But no caves, no features. Although the rock was definitely Wilkawillina, it just seemed too fractured for any cave development. We headed back to Eregunda Creek, checking out some very dry bores and tanks along the way. Eddie would have to wait for his swim.

Late in the day we had a quick look at F206 (Glance Upper), an interesting collapse on the ridge high above Eregunda Creek near our camp.



Entrance of F215 (B Binks)

Monday 12th April. We spent about three hours walking the hills just the north of the Wirrealpa road-Eregunda Creek crossing. Splitting up and scouring the slopes, the four of us could cover a good area, and found some small holes. I discovered a small collapse, about 1 m deep, high on a ridge (allocated F215) and two nearby pokey "x-files". X-files are not as significant as F numbers, although the distinction seems to have got very hazy. Eddie had the GPS and made good use of it, marking about 10 small features. The limestone here was better; with more massive, solid slabs. We later allocated xfiles to 5 of these (X53 to X57) and worked out one was F178 (found in 1999); we now have a GPS fix for it.

We had a relaxing lunch under shady gum trees at Eregunda Spring and finally could go for a swim in the shallow but clean pools :) Driving along Eregunda Creek, we got GPS locations for F57 and F61 (and harassed by angry bees from Little B Cave, F57). As the afternoon light started to fade we hiked up to F159, Stinking Glove Cave, also carrying a bucket, rope and a ladder with plans to pull some rocks out of F158 (a 4 m deep pothole we started digging in 1998). However, finding F159 took a bit longer than expected, so Barbara and I had a quick look, then with the sun setting we headed back to the car and returned to Eregunda Spring for another swim to wash of the dirt.

Tuesday 13th April. Barbara and Lance headed back to Adelaide (apparently not turning the engine off the entire trip for fear of being stranded with a dead battery again). Eddie and I returned to Angorichina village for supplies (beer, iced coffee, a little bit of food). Warning: beware of asking for "yuppie" beers at the shop at Angorichina. They openly admit they prefer catering to more traditional tastes. We then drove to Narrina homestead and had a good talk to Alan Ireland. Alan told us about 'four wheel drivers' messing up the station tracks, run-ins with wild dogs and how they are now exporting goat carcasses overseas from Pt Augusta. The song could be: "Sheep go to Heaven....Goats go to Pakistan". We drove on along the top track of Narrina pound to the western side, and found a shady, tranquil campsite near claypan dam. It was so nice we stayed there for the rest of the week.

Wednesday 14th April. We had decided to do some systematic searching of the Wilkawillina limestone at this end of Narrina pound (it basically goes in a thick band all the way around). We started immediately north of claypan dam – this is the area where the "mythical" Mt Hack Cave (F70) is supposed to be (as hazily reported by Jack Ireland). There are some fairly unassuming, low hills in this area that didn't appear too promising for finding caves in (of course some low unassuming hills up here actually have substantial caves in them). The rock here was pretty fractured and generally red-brown weathered rather than the better looking slabby stuff. We still haven't found Mt Hack Cave. However we did find a few shallow surface depressions, mostly 0.5 – 1 m deep and 4 – 8 m across. Four of these were recorded as xfiles. The fourth (X63) was the most impressive – in darker grey slab-type limestone, but still no actual opening.



Eddie at lightning struck Calitris pine
south of claypan dam (B Binks)

Thursday 15th April. We spent the day mainly tagging, re-locating and taking entrance photos of known caves south of Narrina Hut (about half an hour drive south of claypan dam). Near Patawarta Gap, we started at F208 then walked to F205, Hawaii Five-O Cave. Of course despite having walked this area before, we found another feature very close to F205. The number F217 was allocated to this large surface collapse, 8 m in diameter with a significant central joint enlargement of 0.4 m wide running through the middle. We also recorded 6 other minor features as x-files in the area, which are mostly shallow surface collapses/dolines in solid Wilkawillina limestone. This area shows a lot of potential for cave discoveries.



Eddie at F217 collapse (B Binks)



F218 entrance (B Binks)

After lunch we walked the main ridge south/south-west of claypan dam. Initially, the rock didn't look very promising – very fractured and no sign of cavity formation. It improved though the further we walked. Up higher on the ridges, by the time we got to our turn around point, it was looking really good – massive slabs of dark limestone, with some enticing cracks. It started to 'smell' of caves.

We headed for the claypan bore tank – a great place for a cleansing shower.

A couple of kms to the north we tried to re-locate F204, without success. While scampering all of the hill sides, I suddenly found myself looking down into a black slot. We gave this and its twin slot a new number, F218 (both about 1.5 m long and 0.25 m wide, dropping to 4 m deep).

We tagged and photographed F19 (Joint Cave) and re-checked its location, along with nearby F76. A large rock pavement / enlarged joint area about 50m away from these features was allocated the number F219. It also has a vertical hole dropping

about 10 m to a rock choke. Finally, we tagged and photographed F67, Pea Pot on the track north back to claypan bore.

Friday 16th April. The weather was starting to cool down, which was excellent; relaxing with an espresso coffee in the early morning, checking over the index of karst numbers and locations, whilst NOT being harassed by thousands of flies was really good. We continued our 'systematic' search of the good limestone south of claypan dam, near where we ended



F220 Blood Cave entrance (B Binks)

our walk on Wednesday afternoon. Also wanting to GPS check the location of F199, we headed for the top of the main ridge. On the way, I came across another new cave: F220. This was exciting. An outcropping slab of limestone, an entrance hole into an enlarged rift with vertical development! With no ropes or bolts (the only tie off points would be scrubby bushes), we had to drag ourselves away, and leave further exploration of this enticing hole until a future trip. In honour of Eddie slicing open his hand trying to traverse a slippery scree slope nearby, we named it Blood Cave.

We continued on to F199 on the ridge top, and found another five x-files, mostly cracks/collapses in solid limestone pavements on the ridge (see cover photo of X73).

Our search for new caves continued south-west walking over some great limestone, but we found no more features. Back at the car, we drove south to re-locate F181 and F182. There



F203, Storm Sink (B Binks)

was some confusion over their locations, due to the offset of 200 m or so in GPS data now (compared to when the locations were first recorded four years ago). Eventually we sorted it out, got new locations, and tagged both features. A re-discovered 2 m deep slot under a native pine, which was originally classed as an x-file, was allocated the number F216. We also checked the locations of F203, Storm Sink and a nearby collapse, which was given the new number F221 (Sheoak Sink).

Saturday 17th April. It was sadly time to pack up and leave for Adelaide, and we intended to go via Warraweena Gap to the north-west. This plan changed suddenly when we got to a padlocked gate and a sign saying "Private Conservation Park....Keep Out". We had assumed it was a public access route, but you have to organise a key first. Disappointed, we

headed south, past Narrina Hut again down to Patawarta Bore. A quick walk in a low and Wilkawillina-outcropping ridge about 1 km east of F205 yielded another three x-files (X75–X77; all collapse/cracks).

The 8 hour trip back to Adelaide from there was pretty straightforward, via Angorichina HS to pay our camping fees to the Farghars, then Parachilna Gorge, Wilmington etc etc.

It was a very relaxing and also productive trip. All up, we recorded

- 25 new x-files
- 7 new F features (up to F221 now)
- and tagged 6 caves.

We've increased our knowledge of the Wilkawillina limestone belt in the western Narrina pound area, and slightly reduced the extent of it that we still need to walk over. It still shows great potential.

Bill Binks.

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Corra Lynn Cave, 5Y1, 19-20 June 2004

Another Faith Luthern Secondary School trip.

19-20th Graham Pilkington (trip leader), Greg Kretschmer (teacher) and 10x 3-month Associates.

19th only Tom Szabo and 2x 3-month Associates (Peter & Dale Rivett).

20th only 3-month Associate Linsay (teacher).

With only 10 students and an experienced caver-teacher, CEGSA did not need to supply more than one Trip Leader; however, we had two on Saturday because of the addition of two extra members trying out caving with CEGSA.

Tom, Peter, Dale and I arrived early on Saturday to enjoy the cave before the students arrived. After collecting the school group from town, they had the pleasure of exploring Corra Lynn without being told where to go. A “base” camp was set up with Tom as anchor then they explored as three groups, reporting back to base every 5-10 minutes. I acted as roving observer. Team members were exchanged occasionally to spread passage knowledge around. This technique worked surprisingly well with everyone enjoying themselves while learning how to navigate. By mid-afternoon, Tom had to return to Adelaide and took his two passengers with him. The rest of us then did a round trip via the Rope Crevasse and the low tunnels and rift back to the start of the upper Rope access tunnel. Half made the circuit in each direction to widen the experience.

The night was spent at Greg's parent's place in Port Vincent. Linsay arrived in time for dinner. In the morning, my van refused to start so it was dragged by the school bus to a local garage workshop to be fixed while we went off for a second day at Corra Lynn Cave. I got some strange looks from people, you'd think they'd never seen a school bus towing another vehicle.

The day was spent searching for smugglers' treasure. At least that's what the letter said that I found stashed in my van. It indicated that many years ago Corra Lynn was used to hide contraband but the rough location of some of the missing items was known. It implicated that a “Pilkington” had been involved in the original organization and that a descendant had been spending many years thoroughly searching the cave to recover what was left. At least it hints at why my van was sabotaged. Bushwalkers Chamber and the Big Stalagmite were visited in the morning and two parcels of goodies found. I cannot understand how I had missed them over the past few decades. Thanks Tom for the novel idea and funding!

After lunch, we had a trip to the Limestone Bridge via the Wombat Runs and returning down the Bandicoot Bypass.

Graham Pilkington

Avenue Range (1) 11th-14th June 2004

Participants; Marie Choi, Chris Fischer, Kevin Mott, Fred Aslin, Adam Branford, Brigid Larkin, Monica, Anthony Hele

Our previous trip to the area had only left us with a heap of more caves to explore as we had gone to a nearby property to check out 1 new hole only to have Chris pull a few rocks on his wander of the area and open up a new cave and also locate some others. As it was the last day only a quick recy trip occurred that told us Chris had found quite a significant hole for the area. It would have to wait until 2004.

Chris and I were eager to get as much done this trip so because I had some time off from work we arrived a day and a half before the others, unfortunately I left the maps at home and we spent the first few hours zig zagging around until we found the area again. This report won't go into too much detail as a more comprehensive report will be written up after our October trip. However once we located the property Chris's memory kicked in and we located the caves very quickly. Unfortunately so had someone else and we found string, and damage through out the cave. We spent a couple of hours in there looking around and commencing the survey. It's quite an impressive cave with unusual tree roots, many large dried rim pools and some of the biggest cave pearls I have seen. It also goes and goes. We spent our whole weekend in the cave and even met up with the land owners who then told us of more holes on their property near their house. So what was originally thought to be an area with a few small caves is now becoming quite significant, it's had little visitation over the years but that's since changing, if you want a chance to find and explore new caves then this is an area to come. Keep tuned for the full report after the October trip. But read on to see what Adam got up to.

Marie Choi

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Avenue Range (2) 11th -14th June 2004

On the June long weekend it was once again time to brave the stench of the shearing shed and head back to Avenue Range for another weekend of caving. Monica, Nick, Brigid and I left Mount Gambier bound for the Thomas's property early Saturday morning. After a relatively wet trip up, we arrived ready for the days caving. Monica and I had the task of putting a traverse through U217. Although Dave G had previously been through the cave, we needed to check the traverse and have an extra bit of a look around. Brigid was to go with Marie and Chris and work on another feature located close by.

The entrance is a small solution tube approximately 2 metres deep. It isn't too hard, as even I managed to negotiate my way in with little difficulties. Once in, the cave heads off in two directions. We soon came across a large frog who appeared rather perturbed by our presence, and it soon turned its back to us and hopped away. We headed down to the south and off the east. The cave can be basically summed up very simply: Low and crawly and without any walls. Once down onto the base level that the vast majority is on, the cave 'goes' off in every direction. As far as the beam of my headlight went, there was cave, and then some. The majority of the cave is around .5 metres high, with nasty rocks that eat overalls. Occasionally, there is a solution tube heading towards ground level that enables you to stand to give your legs a stretch. Apart from that, the cave is almost entirely low, with some sections of decoration that are reasonably interesting.

There are lots of small columns, and little flowstone cones, with many straws, that are very dark and short. Vast expanses of the cave are black dark caramel in colour except for

sections on the roof that are black. Monica and I surveyed around and off of Dave's original traverse, cutting ourselves and cursing as we made our way through the crawl.

Interestingly, it was in the deepest part that we reached today that had a centipede, spider webs and fresh possum guano. Indicating that possibly there is another entrance in the area that we were in but we didn't find it. After much more cursing and swearing, we headed back for the entrance and exited for a well deserved rest. The knees certainly appreciated a break after crawling around for 4 hours. Once back at the cars, we met up with Brigid, Chris and Marie, who informed us that the journey out of the cave had been quite a challenge for Brigid. Indeed she only moved several metres in half an hour as she made her way through the tight little entrance.

Once back at the shearing shed, Monica and Nick headed back to Mount Gambier while the rest of us had tea and relaxed for the night. Kevin endeared himself to us by producing the melodious tones of a cow on heat. So melodic, I think he managed to scare every bull away for a 10 mile radius. The Thomas girls, Danielle and Cristy put on a lovely campfire and we sat around for many hours chatting and laughing. Later, during the night it absolutely poured.

On Sunday morning Brigid and I went with Fred, Kevin and Tony to look for some new features on another property near the Thomas's. We had been to this place previously and had found many new features. Today we met with some of the locals who have been visiting the place for years. They weren't able to show us anything that wasn't previously known, but it was interesting listening to them talk about how the land had changed.

We had a good look around the rises looking for new features but didn't locate any. Once back by the swamp, Brigid and I surveyed U174 while Fred, Kevin and Tony searched for more entrances. In U174, the entrance drops onto the top of a rock pile. The way in is a little snug but I managed to get in without too much difficulty. The cave is basically an entrance chamber with a roof step around the majority of the cave. Once in, one was greeted with a mass of really large Wetas, with many adults and juveniles. I managed to take some close shots of the long legged creatures, with some success. There were also the long gone remains of an animal down on the lower section.

There is a little decoration on one side, with most of the floor covered in large and small rocks. The cave does go onto a lower level but it is very crawly and a little out of my league. Down one end there is a crawl that appeared to lead on along the edge of the rockpile but it was very low and flat, something that Mr. Glowacki would love. After coming out of the cave we went back to the others who were in the process of opening up some other entrances. None of them really did much but it was good having a look in them all the same.

Soon enough we went back to the shearing shed and had a bit of a rest. Late afternoon a series of fronts passed through bringing torrential rain and spectacular lightning. We were all inside by the time the storms came although the toilet tent was a little worse for wear. Four of us battened down the hatches, trying to fix the toilet tent as the winds howled and the rain poured. It was all rather amusing, sitting around a hole in the ground, holding onto the poles while the tent tried to take off. Later in the evening, Kevin went to use the aforementioned facility, and managed to slide down the hill, on his bum, on the wet grass. Or so he says. All we know is that he returned to the shed, with a very wet and soggy botty.

(A Soggy-Motty-Botty. Ed.)

The night went well with intermittent but very heavy showers and storms. I spent some time down in the Thomas house laughing and carrying on. The rest all relaxed in the shed.

The next morning it was time to clean up and get ready to go home. We cleaned up all our mess in the shearing shed and spoke to Kevin and Fred about what our jobs would be for the day. They wanted us to investigate a small hole in a paddock to see what it did. We were

also to do some door knocking around Bool Lagoon to try to locate a previous land owners whereabouts. We said our goodbyes to everyone and headed off. We soon arrived at the paddock with the hole and got ready, hoping to find some lengths of virgin, decorated passage. We geared up, set up the ladder, and Brigid entered. While making her way down the ladder, I awaited for the shrieks of joy. Once she was at the bottom I heard the message: "Is this all there is?" It seemed that the hole was just that, a small hole, with no passage and no leads. In fact barely enough room for one person So, Brigid returned to the surface and we headed for Bool Lagoon.

By the time we got there, it was belting down with rain, was freezing cold and blowing a gale, so it was decided that the best place to be was in front of the fire, so home we went.

In all it was a good weekend, albeit cold and wet. The shearing shed really isn't all that bad to stay in and you get used to the smell pretty quickly. I think there is another weekend of work planned later in the year. We'll certainly be back.

Adam Branford.

TECHNICAL and OTHER ARTICLES

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MEMBERSHIP FEES

CEGSA MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR YEAR 2004

Full Membership	\$ 44.00
Full Country Membership	38.00
Associate Membership	36.00
Long Term Associate	44.00
Joining Fee	12.00

ASF LEVY FEE FOR YEAR 2004

Single	\$ 68.00
Family	121.50
3 Month Introductory	20.00

YEAR 2004 FEES

	CEGSA	+ASF	TOTAL
Full Membership	\$44.00	\$ 68.00	\$112.00
Full Country Membership	38.00	68.00	106.00
Associate Membership	36.00	68.00	104.00
3 Month Introductory	5.00	20.00	25.00

Variation for Family Membership

1 st Full Member + 2 nd Full Member			
Less \$16.00 for only 1 CEGSA News	\$72.00	\$121.50	\$193.50

1st Full Member + 2nd Associate Member

Less \$16.00 for only 1 CEGSA News	\$64.00	\$121.50	\$185.50
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1st Associate Member + 2nd Assoc Member

Less \$16.00 for only 1 CEGSA News	\$56.00	\$121.50	\$177.50
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The New Member fees are adjusted at the time of the joining date.

Fees do not include the Joining Fee of \$12.00

Please make sure the payment of fees includes both CEGSA and ASF if applicable. If there are any queries regarding the fees please give me a ring on 8258-9847.

Chris Gibbons

Treasurer

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Steve Bourne's "40th" 26th June 2004

There was movement at the caves, for the word had passed around, That Steve was turning 40, and a party was announced.

Yes that's right "40" years old. I have known Steve for quite a while, over 10 years and when I look back at old photos he hasn't changed all that much. Oh the waist isn't as trim and the hair a little thinner, but he's much the same as all those years ago when he took me and one of my youth groups on a cave tour.

Steve was a casual cave guide back then whose main employment was as a shearer. It was also obvious that he was a bit of a larrikin full of fun and passionate about caves. In all the years I have known Steve he has maintained that passion and eagerness about caves and it hasn't waned. Even with his rise through the ranks his energy and passion has stayed. Since taking over the reigns at Naracoorte caves you can feel the energy and passion he brings spread through the atmosphere of the place and workers. The caves are a regular hive of activities with a lot of emphasis that encompasses hands on approach by visitors.



Steve's "40th" was also an opportunity to celebrate some of his achievements at the caves. However just because he's the boss doesn't mean he gets off when it comes to getting roasted at his party. The party started at 6pm on Saturday with a BBQ and assortment of food along with an almost endless supply of beer. Then a "this is your life" slide show of Steve along with funny stories of his past antics and achievements, footballer, tennis champ,



Shearing champ. His great fashion sense was also depicted (Love those little shorts with the tucked in shirt and long socks) along with pics of Steve with long hair. His antics like being stranded in a tractor bucket with a mate with the only refreshments being any cans of beer they could catch if someone was kind enough to chuck them some in the hours they spent raised in the air. Then there was the recent paleo conference at Naracoorte, when Liz was presenting her paper and was interrupted by a scream that was accompanied by Steve dressed as Fred Flintstone, club in hand chasing a Wilma through the venue.

The party with its 40+ guests continued when Steve did an impromptu fashion show modelling his new undies with the bat strategically placed on the butt to those assembled, At least they were clean. The music and parting including Steve's unique style of bogun dancing continued to 4am when Steve finally wandered home promising to be back at 8am to cook breakfast. Well he finally rocked up around 10am to cook for those who had the stomach for it. A great time was had by all including Steve. Happy "40th" mate.

Marie Choi

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SOCIAL JOTTINGS

Many CEGSA members will be pleased to learn that former CEGSA members Daniel & Rebecca Fletcher have a baby daughter Samara Jade, born 22nd October 2003.

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After a six year relationship, Simon Kendrick and Tracy Colhoun were married on the 14th July 2003. Simon has resigned from his job at the Scout Outdoor Centre and is selling his house in Norwood. In July Simon and Tracy will be moving to their new house in Huonville, 30 minutes drive south of Hobart. Simon takes up his new position as Manager, Snowgum, Hobart in August. If that is not enough, Simon & Tracy are expecting their first child in January. They look forward to keeping in touch with their many friends in CEGSA and to catching up during visits to Tasmania.

Marie Choi.



TRIP LEADER STATUS

According to CEGSA records the only members who have trip leader status are as follows:-

Member		Status
Fred	Aslin	Vertical Ladder
Adam	Branford	Horizontal
Marie	Choi	SRT
Paul	Harper	SRT
George	MacLucas	SRT
June	MacLucas	Horizontal
Tim	Payne	SRT
Graham	Pilkington	Vertical Ladder + Abseil
Eddie	Rubessa	Vertical Ladder + Abseil

Some other members submitted forms for recognition as trip leaders but did not attach any details about their past activity so they were not processed. The committee does not know if these members were notified of the situation as the officer has resigned and left the state. We have only just been able to extract the existing records from the officer and have realised the situation. We apologise to any members who were not notified of the situation. Mark Sefton is revising the Trip Leader Status requirements, particularly in relation to the suggestions made at the special meeting held recently. Stay tuned for further developments. If you have any queries regarding Trip Leader Status please contact Mark Sefton.

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GENERAL MEETINGS

Over the past few months it has become almost impossible to have a properly constituted meeting due to the lack of a quorum despite the change to the quorum requirements. The committee has decided to dispense with any business at general meetings except for those items that are required by constitution and attempt to provide a more social flavour to the meetings.

To start the ball rolling there will be an auction at each meeting of a good quality item and there will be no reserve on the items. If any members have some good quality items that they are prepared to donate to the cause they would be welcome. Please contact any of the committee members with details.

At the October meeting we are planning to conduct "The Great Debate, Digging Versus Not Digging". Come along and join in the debate with your ideas about the subject. Don't be afraid to be controversial, you won't be alone.

As usual the Royal Society room is not available in November so the General Meeting will be held at the Hackney Hotel at 7.30 PM. Why not come along an hour early and have dinner with us before the meeting.

If any members have any ideas for General Meetings or have something that they would like to be provided at General Meetings please contact the committee members with your ideas and/or requests.

The Committee.

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ASF CONFERENCE January 2005

See Australian Caver No.161 March 2004 or May 2004 CEGSA NEWS No.194 for details.

PRIVACY OF INFORMATION STATEMENT

This privacy statement has been prepared in order to demonstrate the commitment of CEGSA Inc. to protect the personal privacy of its members.

No superfluous Data Collection

- * CEGSA aims to collect as little information as it can; only collecting the data which is necessary to maintain and improve its service to members.

Collection of Personal Information

- * Information will be collected by means of application for membership forms provided to prospective members and current members.
- * Information will not be collected by the club without the member's consent.

What personally identifiable information will be collected?

- * Your name, address, telephone numbers, emergency contact details and Email address.

The period for which the information will be held.

- * For as long as you are a member of the group.

The information collected may be used for the following purposes.

- * To send you CEGSA NEWS and other club information.
- * To register you with the Australian Speleological Federation.
- * To be published in the CEGSA Annual Report.
- * As a means of contact by other members.

Disclosure of personal information

- * We require members name, membership number and status to be available for publication in the Annual Report and CEGSA NEWS. If you do not wish other details published you must request same in writing to the Group specifying which details.
- * Office bearers are required to have at least a contact telephone number available for publication in CEGSA NEWS.
- * In the unlikely event of an investigation it will, however, provide information to a law enforcement agency, if they have exercised a warrant for the inspection of its records.

Security

CEGSA uses reasonable precautions to keep the personal information disclosed to it secure.

Accountability

CEGSA offers members the opportunity to view all information that it maintains about them and to have any inaccuracies in this information corrected. It may ask for identification in the interest of security.

Notification of Changes

If CEGSA decides to change its privacy policy, it will post the changes in CEGSA NEWS so that all its members are always aware of what information it collects, how it is used and under what circumstances it may be disclosed.

Contact us

If, at any time, you believe CEGSA has not adhered to its stated policy, please contact the Secretary, in person, or by mail to its Postal Address: PO Box 144, Rundle Mall, Adelaide, SA 5000.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Type of Event	Description	Contact
25/08/04	General Meeting	Royal Society Room, SA Museum, Adel.	Graham Pilkington
25/08/04	CEGSA NEWS	Distributed	Chris Gibbons
TBA	Surveying	Blinman Mine	Eddie Rubessa Bill Binks
8/09/04	Committee Meeting	Hackney Hotel 95 Hackney Rd Hackney	Graham Pilkington
22/09/04	General Meeting	Royal Society Room, SA Museum, Adel.	Graham Pilkington
1-4 10/04	Caving and Surveying	Avenue Range	Marie Choi Kevin Mott
13/10/04	Committee Meeting	Hackney Hotel 95 Hackney Rd Hackney	Graham Pilkington
27/10/04	General Meeting	Royal Society Room, SA Museum, Adel.	Graham Pilkington
10/11/04	Committee Meeting	Hackney Hotel 95 Hackney Rd Hackney	Graham Pilkington
10/11/04	CEGSA NEWS	Articles due	Athol Jackson
24/11/04	General Meeting	Hackney Hotel 95 Hackney Rd Hackney	Graham Pilkington
24/11/04	CEGSA NEWS	Distributed	Chris Gibbons
TBA	Surveying	Sand Funnel Cave, Naracoorte	Marie Choi
2-9 01/05	ASF Conference	Dover, Tasmania	See Australian Caver No. 161
9-17 01/05	Post Conference Caving	Mole Creek, Tasmania	Marie Choi
	Caving	Ongoing Vic Fossil Survey contact	Garry Woodcock
	Caving	Regular trips to Sellicks Hill contact	Grant Gartrell

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All other contacts see page 61.

Don't forget to register your trip with the Trip Liaison Officer so that the trip becomes official and is covered by insurance. If it is not registered then it is not covered and you may be liable. You must also be an accredited trip leader with the appropriate skill endorsement to take a party underground. Also, please make sure that a report of the trip is submitted.