
CAVE EXPLORATION GROUP of SOUTH AUSTRALIA

NEWSLETTER [#36]

September - December 1964.

EDITORIAL:

Conservation and Caving

It is the duty of every caver, whether young or old, novice or 'old-hand', to protect and keep the caves as they were when they were first discovered. This may not be possible in some cases where locals have ready access, but make sure the vandalism is not added to by you, the trog. Guard the caves that you explore, do not tell just anyone where they are, and how wonderful is the formation.

Formation is unique to the cave environment and is worth preserving, for each cave will differ in this respect from every other. Formation takes hundreds of years to grow, but takes only a few seconds and one careless movement to destroy completely. Be careful with your head and your hat when passing under roof formation. Take a round-about route in preference to one underneath any roof formation. Formation once it has been destroyed can never be restored to its former beauty, in fact it has gone for ever.

Don't souvenir formation and crystals that are found in caves. This may well leave an unsightly hole in a naturally balanced display, which once destroyed will lose some of its uniqueness and natural beauty. Formation is only beautiful when it is in place on the roof or floor of a cave - so leave it there.

Formation is not the only thing that should be conserved by a caver in his subterranean travels. Animal life in caves is also unique and has many adaptations that have taken thousands of years to evolve to final perfection. Bone deposits are quite numerous in South Australian caves and contain one of the few good records of life in the more recent Geological times. To harm them in any way may remove a valuable link for the palaeontologists.

It is your duty to conserve while caving for parties in years to come, and in the near future. If you make new discoveries that are worth conserving let the Group know, but keep quiet to outsiders, for most harm is done in this way. Remember, watch your step at all times when caving, for conservation depends on you.

NOTICES:

The Quartermaster wishes to inform all members that the 50ft. of ladder lost at Naracoorte has been found by Terry Adams. It was taken from the boot of a cart and left in the parking area by the entrance to the Fox Cave. As the Group's gear is the property of all members, any future misplacement will be heavily penalised. All trip leaders are warned that they will be fined as they are responsible to the Quartermaster for all gear taken on a trip.

Change of Telephone Numbers:

Bob Davies: at work, 23.0461 ext.315.

Bob Sexton: at work, 23.0461 ext.158.

Judd McLean Smith: at Mt. Barker High during the school term, ring 503 and ask for Mt. Barker 329. at home, 49.9475.

ANNUAL CAVEMAN'S DINNER:

The Caveman's Dinner will be held on Friday 4th December. We hope that there will be twice as many people at this year's Dinner. A special subcommittee consisting, of Carmen Lumma, Kaye Sloan, Bill Rouse, and convened by Judd McLean Smith will be looking after all arrangements. Early bookings would be appreciated and can be made with any one of these people, at meetings, by phone or by writing.

The Annual Photographic Competition will be judged at the Dinner. There will be two sections, one for the best caving photograph of the year, and one for caving personalities.

There is no limit to the number of people that can attend, so bring all your wives, girlfriends and boyfriends etc. and make this the best Caveman's Dinner you have ever had.

PROPOSED EASTER CONFERENCE, 1965

On the next Easter weekend the Committee proposes to hold a regional conference with the newly formed Group of Mt. Gambier Speleos. It is hoped that a large number of our members will be able to attend, to make this be a weekend to be remembered. Troggs wishing to go should notify the Secretary as soon as possible. We hope to arrange a full programme for the weekend, including talks on caving topics relevant to the area, some caving and showing of slides of our other caving areas.

GENERAL MEETING REPORTS:2nd July, 1964

Members were informed of the formation of a caving group in Mt. Gambier, and if possible they would like to hold a regional conference on the Easter weekend 1965. Other business included: a display for the N.F.C. board; labelling of as much of the Group's gear as possible; and a loan to A.S.F. for an addressograph machine.

6th August, 1964

It was decided by the members that at future meetings there would be 40 minutes allotted for general business. If further time is required 75 percent of the meeting must call for it, and it can be no longer than 10 minutes. This is to apply when the Group has visiting speakers. It was also decided that the Annual Caveman's Dinner would be held on the first Friday in December, with the same caterer and at the same place if possible.

PAST TRIP REPORTS:Bowhill, 15th June 1964

The caves are at river level, or a foot or so above it. They are mostly rock-shelters, and not at all extensive. The one cave explored was muddy and had running water near the entrance. Pools deeper in the cave contained white, non-pigmented shrimps. Colourless cockroaches were also seen. The other holes along the cliff warrant further inspection.

Punyelroo, 18-19th June, 1964

The trip was not well attended, which was to the advantage of the surveyors, who have put another 1,000 feet of cave on paper. This was the main purpose of the trip, and little other exploration was carried out during the weekend.

Naracoorte, 15-16th August, 1964

Earth resistance surveying was continued in the Big Cave area, and a new extension to the Blackberry Cave was rediscovered and visited by all those slim enough to gain entrance. The chamber is an extension to the main line of the cave, and contains many fine groups of formation. It is quite large and is divided into two parts by a dome collapse. Entrance is gained through an 8½ inch squeeze through solid rock, which severely limits the number of people able to enter.

The bats were checked by another party, and the Bat Cave was found to contain very few bats, and all of those caught were male. The Tomato-Sticks Cave held the biggest colony of mixed sexes. Bats were also seen in the entrance of the Fox Cave and the Joanna Bat Cave.

COMING TRIPS:Bangor and Mt. Remarkable 12-13th September, 1964

Leader: Bill Rouse. The main purpose of the trip will be to check on reports of caves in this area of the lower Flinders. If time permits, the Mt. Remarkable caves will also be visited.

Mt. Gambier Area, 10-12th October, 1964

Leader: Judd McLean Smith. This trip is to establish contact with the Mt. Gambier Group, and if possible to go caving with them during the long weekend.

Avenue Range, 14-15th November, 1964

Leader: Ron Galbreath. This is a long postponed trip to an area that has not been visited for a number of years. The caving in this area is reported to be some of the best in the state.

Naracoorte, 12-13th December, 1964

Leader: Bob Davies. The purpose of the trip is to continue with the programme of work already started in the area.

TROG THOUGHT:

There is no more terrible sight than ignorance in action!

PROGRAMME, September - December, 1964.September, 1964

Thursday 17th General Meeting at 8.00 pm.
National Fitness Council Rooms, 70 South Tce.
Film Evening.

Tuesday 8th Committee Meeting
6 Hudson Ave, Rostrevor.

12-13th Bangor, Lower Flinders departs 7.00 pm Kintore Ave.
Leader: Bill Rouse, 237 Military Rd.,
Henley Sth. Phone 56. 2220

October, 1964

Thursday 1st General Meeting at 8.00 pm.
National Fitness Council Rooms, 70 South Tce.
Speaker: to be arranged

Tuesday 20th Committee Meeting
53 Cator St, Glenside

10-12th Mt. Gambier Area, Departs 7.00pm. Kintore Ave.
Leader: Judd McLean Smith,
phone Mt. Barker 329, home 49-9475.

November, 1964

Thursday 5th General Meeting at 8.00 pm.
National Fitness Council Rooms, 70 South Tce.
Indoor Caving Techniques - WEAR CAVING CLOTHES.

Tuesday 17th Committee Meeting
66 Ashfield Road, Elizabeth.

14-15th Avenue Range, departs Kintore Ave, 7.00pm.
Leader: Ron Galbreath, 66 Ashfield Rd, Elizabeth.

December, 1964

Friday 4th Annual Caveman's Dinner
place to be arranged.

Tuesday 18th Committee Meeting
23 Humber Road, Osborne.

12-13th Naracoorte, departs Kintore Ave 7.00 pm.
Leader: Bob Davies, phone work 23-0461 ext. 315.

CONTACT LIST:

President Athol Jackson,
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Secretary Bob Davies,
53 Cator St, Glenside, Phone (work) 23-0461 ext315

Search & Rescue Bill Rouse,
237 Military Road, Henley South,
phone (Home) 56-2220. (work) 4-5027.

Quartermaster Noel Mollet,
10 Amber Road, Highbury, phone (work) 8.0242.

STOP PRESS:

There is a new addition to the Mollet Family, Keith Russell.
 Congratulations Noel and Cynthia

Kangaroo Island Caves, The Story of their Discovery and Exploration.
 from the second part, Glorious Kangaroo Island, by Harold Bell.

On 18th November 1925, a party set out to explore caves reported on Mt. Taylor (K-6). Going up an animal pad, they came to the edge of a deep chasm. Entering the caves they spent some time exploring and getting themselves lost. Finally they found the way out and only returned to get some souvenirs from the floor! On reaching home they were told of Kelly's Hill further west, which was reputedly honeycombed and heavily timbered. They visited Kelly's Hill and found a small cave without extensions, followed by many others of no interest. They then discovered another large hole (K-3), which gave access to various chambers containing horns, stalactites, and tree roots up to 15 feet long, but shortly had to return home. After publicity in the Register, Bell was appointed caretaker of Kelly Hill and Mt. Taylor Caves, and spent some time with his brother searching for more caves to match the Midnight Cave, as their first discovery was named. After squeezing through a small passage, they were able to stand again, and found themselves to be in a series of chambers even more beautiful than the earlier ones ... "Great chocolate pillars supported the dome", stalactites with "ropes of crystal coiled around them", shawls and helictites were seen. They returned safely after several hours by following a line of candles. Another day, they found a line of stalagmites a chain long, and 2-3 inches high going over a slope and up to a rock shaped like a house, and therefore named "Noah's Ark". On a later occasion, an exploring party squeezed through a narrow crevice into a large chamber with a roof about 25 feet high. Scrambling over several large boulders, they saw a "thick shower" of stalactites hanging from the roof, some white and some yellow. Someone fetched lunch and late in the afternoon they proceeded out to find that one of the party was missing. After a fruitless search, they returned to the entrance and heard an answer to their final shout. During the past four hours, the last man had discovered a "river bed in the depths of the cave, and had followed it for over a mile, finding some extremely beautiful crystalline specimens that defied description". Later searching found a river bed, but not with the man's footprints, which were never found. Small bones and unrecognised animal tracks were seen in the mud. On 5th February, 1926, L.K. Ward visited the caves and spent two days there, making favourable comments on the tourist potential of the caves. On a subsequent occasion when searching for the lost river bed, a strong draft was felt. After a tight squeeze a great chamber with a sunlit roof hole was entered. This was found to be the "Animal Cave" where the strange tracks had been seen. Later investigations of the Midnight Cave and other caverns at Kelly Hill and Mt. Taylor had not yielded worthwhile discoveries.

TRIP REPORT WRITING

A trip report is an official account of the Group's field activities, recording the discoveries made and work carried out, and placing on permanent record the various observations or investigations of scientific interest made during the trip. It should not be merely a catalogue of anecdotes or menus, which may however have a place in "Speleodites", the informal caving record.

The following points are a guide to what should be looked for and recorded in the report. To assist in preparing the trip report, Field Sheets are issued and may be given to each caving party by the trip leader to secure "on the spot" information for his final report. This Field Sheet incorporates some of the points listed below as a reminder of what to look for.

1. Title of the trip.
2. Date.
3. Party.
4. General notes on the trip.
 - (a) Brief outline of the trip, areas and caves visited, special investigations carried out, maps produced.
 - (b) Cave numbers allocated and names of new caves.
 - (c) Camp sites suitable for future trips, and availability of firewood, water and shelter in the area.
 - (d) Attitude of locals to cavers or any special information about the area generally that may be of use on later trips.
5. Detailed Cave reports.
 - (a) Name, area and number of the cave.
 - (b) Description of the location of the cave; the section number or grid reference; the owner's name and address.
 - (c) History of the cave or traces found of earlier visits to the, cave, new discoveries made during the trip.
 - (d) Description of the entrance, giving details of size, shape and relationship to the surrounding country.
 - (e) Description of the cave. This may be largely accomplished by a map supplemented by notes drawing attention to particular points of interest; or by a written description giving precise details where possible of the size, shape and direction of passages and chambers, and an estimate of the depth and extent of the cave.
 - (f) General notes; description of features of interest in the cave or its contents, e.g. decoration, bones, insects, or animals present, aboriginal remains, geology, hydrology, air currents and floor deposits.
 - (g) Gear required both to reach and explore the cave.
 - (h) Notes on surveys, e.g. accuracy, completeness etc.
 - (i) details of specimens obtained, giving description, location etc.
 - (j) Possibilities for further exploration or investigation.
6. Appendices to report.
 - (a) Sketch or detailed cave map.
 - (b) Special reports, e.g. botanical, excavations, history of the area, fossil, mineral or fauna identifications.
 - (c) Bibliographical references to the cave; geological and surface maps available.
 - (d) Surface maps prepared of the area.
 - (e) Author of the report and the date of writing.

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TRIP REPORT.....FIELD SHEET

DETAILED CAVE REPORT

- 1 CAVE NAMEAREA No.....
- 2 LOCATION (Describe the location of the cave)
 Section number Hundred County
 Grid Reference
 Owners Name Address

- 3 HISTORY (Notes on the history of the cave, traces found of earlier visits
 new discoveries made during the trip)
- 4 ENTRANCE (Description of the entrance giving details of shape, size, and
 relation to surrounding country)
- 5 CAVE DESCRIPTION (Give precise details where possible of sizes shape and
 direction of passages chambers etc., and an estimate of the depth and extent
 of the cave)
- 6 GENERAL NOTES (Description of features of interest in the cave or its
 contents, e.g. decoration, bones, insects or animals present aboriginal
 remains geology, hydrology, air currents, floor deposits)
- 7 GEAR REQUIRED
- 8 NOTES ON SURVEYS
- 9 SPECIMENS (Give description and notes on location, etc.)
- 10 POSSIBILITIES FUTURE EXPLORATION OR INVESTIGATION

AUTHOR DATE
TO BE RETURNED TO TRIP LEADER AS SOON IS POSSIBLE.

CAVE EXPLORATION GROUP OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.ANNUAL CAVEMAN'S DINNER, 1964

The dinner will be held at the South Australian Rugby Union Hall, Bailey Reserve, Edwardstown, on Friday 4th December, 1964, at 8pm

The menu is as follows:

Hors d'oeuvres, Sherry and Fruit Juices (served approx
half an hour beforehand)
Home Style Soup
Whiting
Roast Chicken and Ham, with Roast Potatoes, Peas and Beans.
Steamed Plum Pudding with Brandy Sauce
OR Fruit Salad with Cream
Coffee
Cheese and Crackers.

Wines and Beer must be ordered and paid for before the Dinner.
These must be paid for separately. Penfold's Wines Pty Limited have been chosen, and this is the selection available:

Royal Reserve Hock
Eden Valley Moselle
Rhine Riesling
Royal Reserve Claret
Private Bin Port

There is no limit to the amount of wine that can be bought but orders must be given to Kay Sloan by the 16th November, 1964.

Beer is also available, and orders are to be given to Carmen Lumma. All these will be sold at less than retail price. Cottee's drinks will also be available.

The overall cost of the Dinner will be 30/- a head. The increase in price is due to an overall rise in Caterers' prices, and Hall Hire. The Sub-Committee arranging the Dinner would appreciate complete orders as soon as possible, and not later than the end of the second week in November. This will facilitate catering and seating arrangements.

For Dinner Bookings: Judd McLean-Smith
23 Humber Road, Osborne; Tel. 49.9475
OR
Bill Rouse,
237 Military Road, Henley South, Tel. 56.2220
For Wine Orders: Kay Sloan
1 Pine Terrace, Clovelly Park
For Beer Orders: Carmen Lumma
24 Jenkins Ave, Rostrevor; Tel. 37.2743

Photographic Competition.

There will be two sections again this year, and the final judging will take place at the Dinner.

The two sections will be:

- (1) the best caving photograph (colour slide)
- (2) caving personalities (colour slide)

All entries must be in by the Committee meeting on the third Tuesday in November. Slides may be given to any member of the Committee at any time before that date.

(please detach)

ANNUAL CAVEMAN'S DINNER, 1964. Order and Booking Form

Name Telephone Number

Address:

Number of people attending with Member:

Drink Order

<u>Wine</u>	<u>cost per bottle</u>	<u>No. of order</u>	<u>{For information {retail cost</u>
Hock	4/-		4/9
Riesling	6/3		7/6
Moselle	6/3		7/9
Claret	4/3		5/3
Port	6/6		8/6
<u>Beer</u>	3/-		

FOR SUB-COMMITTEE USE ONLY

Total cost of Dinner (at 30/- per head)

Total cost of Alcohol:

- Paid: 1 Deposit for dinner
 2 Balance for dinner
 3 Full payment for dinner
 4 Alcohol for Dinner (must be in full)

Return this form (complete) to Judd McLean Smith, do not worry about separate drink orders to Kay Sloan and Carmen Lumma.