

CAVE EXPLORATION GROUP OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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February - April 1966

EDITORIAL

It is noted that all those interesting articles have yet to be submitted for publication. Be bold, hash out, become famous by writing for the Newsletter.

Help fight Communism by coming to the A.G.M.
Where are your Projects?

J.D. Bishop
EDITOR

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting will be held in the South Australian Museum Lecture Room on the 23rd of February at 8.30 p.m. The Annual report will be presented to the meeting which will be followed by the election of officers and committee for 1966. Nominations are required for President, Vice President, Secretary and five committee members. Nominations must be in before the meeting commences.

COMING TRIPS

On the weekend 26th-27th February the Group will be combining with the Adelaide Bush Walkers on a trip to Corrells Cave at Curramulka on Yorke Peninsula. How would you like to cut pieces of string etc. and help others to remain lost. If you are interested contact Bill Rouse.

In March (19th-20th) Alan Hill is running a survey trip to Naracoorte to map the extension in the Beekeepers Cave. Come along and learn how to survey a cave using a staff and if you don't know how to survey a cave at all, come along and learn so that you too may become one of the "greats" in cave surveying.

No local trip has been programmed for the Easter Long weekend. Anyone wishing to organize a trip or wishing to go on a trip please contact the committee as early as possible.

On the Anzac long weekend (23rd-25th April) Norm Hocknell is organizing a trip to the Mt. Burr area with a main objective of mapping Tindales Cave and locating as many other caves in the area as possible with a view to a scientific study of them in the future.

PAST TRIPS

MULLAMULLANG CAVE 1965-66 EXPEDITION

This cave was the major objective of the recent 1965-66 CEGSA Nullarbor Expedition and was entered on the 2nd of January 1966 to try and thoroughly work out the deeper sections of the cave. Camp 1 was set up and occupied for a week on the rock pile above Lake Cigalere 2¼ miles from the entrance. As a trial exercise in mass underground camping it was most successful even with the few errors of judgement we made.

The effort put into this trip was enormous when such tasks as the running of the phone wires, and the many sherpa loads accounting for 1½ tons of material moved in, are considered, and the resulting lack of spectacular returns were disappointing.

However, we did get results, and a lot of them, some being:-

1. 2 miles more of the cave, mapped up to Grade 6.
2. ½ mile further of assorted smaller passages discovered.
3. Discovery of a significant geological series of tunnels above the main cave.
4. Discovery of a blowhole above the Dome.
5. A complete study and probably a satisfactory answer to the wind movement problem.
6. Specimens of the "Eyeless" Cockroach.
7. A complete photographic coverage leading to a movie production.
8. A complete understanding of underground camp logistics.

It is not intended to report the trip here, there will be a full Occasional Paper printed just on Mullamullang when the survey is finished and there will be numerous slide nights in the next few months.

There are already some new unanswered questions about Mullamullang and a trip has been suggested for later on in the year interested?

Another disappointing aspect of the trip was that the dozen or so dolines that were looked at in the Madura area all proved to be blind ones. It seems strange that practically all the dolines surrounding Mullamullang don't go anywhere when in other parts of the Nullarbor a large percentage of them have caves attached to them.

PAST MEETINGS

October

Three films presented at this meeting.

Two films on French caving.

1. PADIRAC - The Black River
2. SONDEURS D'ABIMES

which were kindly lent to the Group by the French Consulate

and the third was a travelogue on New Zealand which was lent to us by Mr Clarrie Pace who ably projected the films for us.

November

A quick tour around some of the Tourist caves in the U.S.A. followed by a tour through some of the National parks in U.S.A. was presented with the aid of colour slides by Don Rankin from Pennsylvania who is on a holiday around Australia.

January

The January Meeting was taken up mostly by Grouch night where some Members put forward their pet grouches and these were kicked around the meeting room with a few people airing very strong views on some of the subjects.

MEMBERSHIP

The Committee extends a welcome to the Group the following people as associate members.

Virginia Ridgley, Peter Hawke, Bill Daw, Barbara Dicker and Trevor Bright.

THE TEN YEAR XMAS CELEBRATION

The Christmas ding held at Alan Hill's place was quite a swinging affair. Lots of fun was had by all. After a rowdy popular vote, Grant Gartrell won the slide competition and was duly presented with the spoon. Congratulations Grant. Prizes given at the ding were:-

Noel Mollet,	Leather medal for conscientious objecting.
Justin Cole,	Leather medal for consistent and meritorious engagement with the P.M.G. in getting newsletters out on time.
Grant Gartrell,	Leather medal for major breakthroughs in cave safety, and Bar to get himself out again.
Fred Aslin,	Leather Anchor to use until the record keeper catches up.
Tom Wigley,	Leather medal for consistent urging for the Nullarbor expedition.
Bob Sexton,	Leather Finger for keeping in touch with.
Dick Heffernan (Mad Dog)	Leather medal for not making a face on the Nullarbor.

Congratulations go to these people for outstanding service to caving in the past year.

OBITUARY

It is with regret that we acknowledge the loss for an undisclosed period of time of R.T. Sexton. Bob has been transferred to Pt Lincoln and he would not mind having visitors dropping in. The Group expresses appreciation for the mountains of work done in the past by Bob and we shall sorely miss his cheerful presence. The best of luck in your new job, Bob.

NOSTALGIA CORNER - TEN YEARS AGO

February 29th 1956

Consolidating Annual General Meeting of CEGSA was held at Museum Lecture Rooms - President - Mr. E. Hamilton-Smith,

March 1956

First full programme appeared and the first official trip - 3rd, 4th March, Curramulka - Roger Textor.

Easter 1956

Trip to Glenelg River Caves - Bob Sexton.

April 1956

Dr P.S. Hessfeld lectured on "The Limestones of the South East of South Australia".

April 1956

Trip to Mt Remarkable Caves - N. Mollet.

QUESTIONS

Have you visited the Public Library to borrow "The complete book of Cave Explorations" yet?

Have you given your pressure group its final briefing before the A.G.M. yet?

Did You learn what a grouch night was?
Know what a slushie is?

CAVE EXPLORATION GROUP (SOUTH AUSTRALIA)

PROGRAMME FEBRUARY-APRIL, 1966.

February	16th.	Committee Meeting - Alan Hills, 84 Perseverance Road, Tea Tree Gully.
	23rd.	Annual General Meeting - S.A. Museum Lecture Room, 8.00 p.m.
	26th-27th.	Curramulka (CEGSA - Bushwalkers) - Leader W. Rouse
March	16th.	Committee Meeting - Place to be decided.
	19th-20th.	Naracoorte to survey Beekeepers Cave. Leader, A.L. Hill.
	23rd.	General Meeting - Nullarbor slides by Tony Dillon - S.A. Museum Lecture Room 8.00 p.m.
April	8th-11th (Easter)	See Newsletter.
	8th-17th. (Easter)	Mullamullang (Tentative). See Alan Hill by 15th March.
	20th.	Committee Meeting - Place to be decided.
	27th.	General Meeting - "Tour the World with Movies" - Mr Rossenrigg S.A. Museum Lecture Room. 8.00 p.m.
	23rd-25th. (Anzac)	Mt. Burr to survey Tindales Cave - Leader N. Hocknell.

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The Q.M. would appreciate all gear returned promptly after a trip. Trip leaders are reminded that a rental will be charged on all gear returned late.

Applications to attend trips must be with Trip Leader at least 7 days prior to trip departure and applicant must find out time and place of departure of trip from the trip leader.