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FORWARD PROGRAMME.

May 16,17 - Weekend. Mole Creek. Leader R.Booth.

May 31. - Sunday. Hastings. Prospective members. P.Brabon.

June 3. - Wednesday. 8 p.m. General meeting Terry & Anne's
house 8 Bath St. Battery Point.

June 13,14,15.- Long Weekend. Loongana. Leader R.Booth.

EDITORIAL.

Albert will be back in about 6 weeks time and from his accounts
of caving in the U.K. he will be anxious to tackle all our wetter
caves.

Mid-Night Hole has now been fitted with eyebolts to provide
a pleasant diversion from normal caving activities for A.S.F.
visitors next X'mas.

TRIP REPORTS.

KUDLA KHAN CAVE & AREA. Date 18,19 April. 1970.

Party. Brian Collin, Tim Walkden-Brown, Attila Vrana, Hillary ,

Saturday was occupied with a pleasant trip into the cave. The
fissure from the eyebolts to the formation chamber was explored
with no success. A disturbing aspect of this excursion was the
amount of spent carbide deposited indiscriminately throughout the
cave.

Members of the Northern Branch paid us a visit on Saturday
night and apart from general trogging talk agreed that combined
trips in the Mole Creek area could prove successful.

On Sunday the outside traverse was completed to the efflux
and several hours were spent in searching the area above the efflux.

The plot of the surface traverse together with the under-
ground traverse made by the Northern Branch has produced an
interesting picture and indicates that some good trogging is still
available in this area.

Brian Collin.

MIDNIGHT HOLE. (Abseiling).

May 16. Party. Brian Collin, Tim Walkden-Brown.

A trip neither Tim nor I will forget. Abseiling in a cave
has its own fascination but to have pitch after pitch in rapid
succession for over 500 ft. is exhilarating.

The pitches in succession from the top are.

<u>PITCH.</u>	<u>BELAY.</u>
70 ft.	Tree.
30 ft.	(see note).
120 ft.	$\frac{1}{2}$ " eyebolt.
20 ft.	$\frac{1}{2}$ " eyebolt.
100 ft.	$\frac{1}{2}$ " eyebolt.
180 ft.	$\frac{1}{2}$ " eyebolt.

note. The 70 ft. & 30 ft. pitches are close together & we used
the one belay for both. It would be desirable to place an eyebolt
on top of the 30 ft. pitch.

Ropes used were a 360 ft. No. 4 Nylon & a 160 ft. No. 2 Nylon.

All the pitches were dry but in wet weather the last two
drops could have a small quantity of water flowing down.

Although MIDNIGHT HOLE can be descended under reasonably
dry conditions the squeeze connecting MIDNIGHT HOLE to ENTRANCE
Cave ensures that both trogger & equipment are completely
saturated in liquid mud.

Brian Collin.