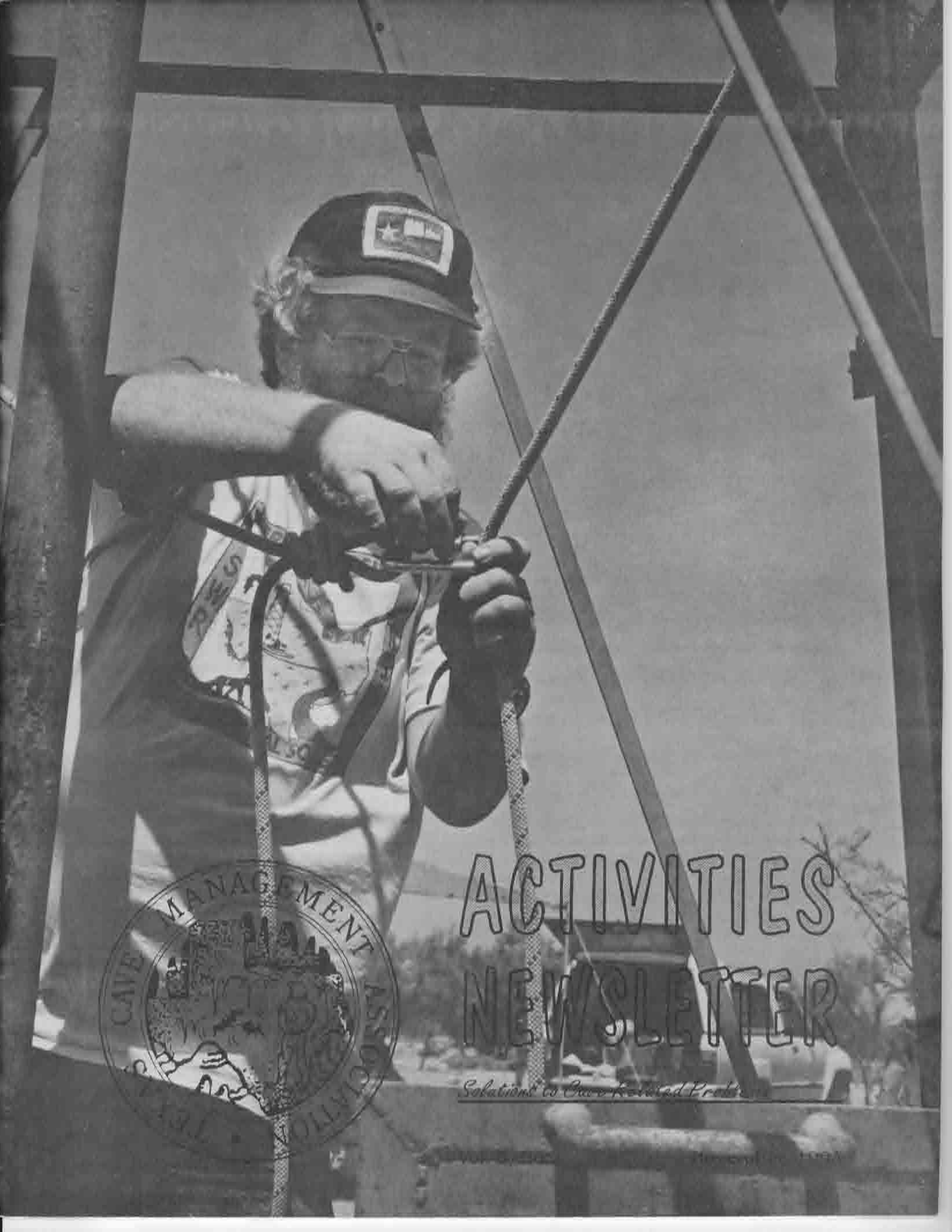
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NEXT MEETING

A TCMA regular meeting will be held at the winter TSA Meeting (when announced) at 9 AM on Sunday Morning. Board or other special meetings will be announced via. U.S. Mail. Special meetings will be called 15 days prior.

FRONT COVER

Site Manager Walter Feaster rigs for a drop into O-9 Well Caverns at a TCMA Board Meeting held in Sonora on August 13th, 1994.

INSIDE BACK COVER

Miscellaneous captioned photos.

BACK COVER

O-9 Well site boasts a large, professionally painted sign which was furnished by the site managers and the Permian Basin Speleological Society.

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

TCMA Activities Newsletter belongs to the members. Provide information of interest to your fellow cavers. Your thoughts and your submissions are necessary for the growth of the newsletter. TCMA Members are the real publishers of the quality and content of future issues of this publication.

DEEP IN THE EDWARDS AQUIFER

August 13-14,1994

by Jay Jorden

Destination: 0-9 Water Well, Crockett County; Caverns of Sonora, Sutton County.

Personnel: Walter Feaster, Gralin Coffin, Tony Abernathy, Permian Basin Grotto; Doug Allen, Mike Warton, Carolyn Biegert, Bill Russell, UT Grotto; George Veni, Carl Ponebshek, Bexar Grotto; Ron Ralph, Waco; Jay Jorden, Dallas-Fort Worth Grotto; Noble Stidham, Lubbock Area Grotto; Bill Sawyer, Caverns of Sonora.

The highlights of this trip included a visit into **0-9 Well**, the state's seventh deepest cave, and a visit and meeting of the Texas Cave Management Association at the **Caverns of Sonora**, a world-class commercial cave.

Leaving Dallas early Saturday, I drove southwest on U.S. 377, then cut west through San Angelo into Crockett County and arrived shortly after 10 a.m. at the ranch where 0-9 Well is located. After driving several miles down a deserted county road, I made the proper turn and soon saw the landmark windmill that is over the cave entrance. Camp had been vacated, the cave gate was locked and the well was not yet rigged, although rope was nearby. An awning for meetings had been erected and it appeared that camp had been hastily abandoned, probably for a reconnaissance trip. After climbing to the top of the windmill and scanning the horizon for cavers, I left a note and determined to drive on toward Sonora, where some folks had camped overnight, figuring that we would meet somewhere along the road.

I was right. Rounding a sharp curve on the dirt road out of the ranch, Carl's van was barrelling along. Inside were Bill, Carolyn and Noble. They had just left Sonora after not immediately seeing anyone else at their camp. When we returned to the windmill, camp was abuzz with activity. Mike Warton, Doug, Gralin, Walter and others had just returned from a recon in some of the numerous sinkholes elsewhere on the ranch. After everyone caught up on the news, the cave gate was unlocked and it was soon determined that only Walter and Jay would be caving in **0-9**. It was a trip to the bottom to derig the ropes that had been placed for the post-convention trip into the cave. Nine or more cavers from as far away as California had visited 0-9 after the NSS Convention in Brackettville.

0-9 Well -- managed by the Texas Cave Management Association --is a vertical, wet cave. The trick is to be able to rappel with a wetsuit down the 127-foot entrance drop, squeezing past the windmill pipe in the process, then wedge yourself in the narrow pit, un-clip the main rope from a carabiner and bolt for a redirect, get past this and then reclip the rope for the remaining descent.

It's a sporting cave, with the pit ending in a stream passage. The water descends through a series of rimstone dams to the top of the First Waterfall. To descend that, we maneuvered over the top of the 55-foot falls with the rope in a rebelay of sorts to a ledge where the second drop starts. We rappelled into a pool of water in a room that is 18 meters long, 9 m wide and 30 m high. Large breakdown blocks littered the floor of the room. From there, the stream passage continues beneath the break down to the top of a five-foot-high rimstone dam that is not climbable. The rope rigged at the top of this also serves as the means to descend the Second Waterfall, which drops 38 feet into a deep pool.

This one was a lot of fun, since we actually rappelled through the water to the bottom of the drop. From here, the Mud Mountain was visible in the Lake Room, which was a series of steep slopes and another 14-foot drop lower. The cave sumps past a deep pool in this room.

Walter and I derigged all the ropes as we ascended. He knew a little trick to play on new visitors to the lower parts of the cave -- the person on top of the Second Waterfall dams up water with his body and then lets it all go in a big surge. I got thoroughly drenched climbing out but loved every minute of it. The water was refreshing in a hot Farmer John's wetsuit!

Ascending the remaining stream passage and other drops was somewhat adventurous, since all the high rimstone dams are easier to slide down than to climb back up! Also, by the time we were back at the bottom of the windmill pipe, we had multiple wet rope coils to deal with. I stuffed one of the largest inside my Monster TAG pack along with my wetsuit top, then tethered the pack for the climb out. Walter went first and then the crew above lowered a pigtail for me to tie the heavy pack onto as I got close enough. Then, removing the main line from the clipped carabiner redirect proved to be sporting to accomplish with full weight still on the rope. Even after wedging as high as I could in the pit, that rope was tenacious! Finally, several minutes later, after basically climbing over the point, it came out and the ascent continued along

narrow fissure walls that were covered with daddy longlegs, harvestmen and millipedes.

Bill Russell said 0-9 is a window into the Edwards Aquifer, the multicounty reservoir which serves as the sole water supply for the city of San Antonio. However, the water from 0-9 is probably on the other side of an aquifer divide and eventually ends up in the Rio Grande.

After the TCMA crew did some painting and other maintenance on the gate that Mike Warton had designed and built, our group began heading toward Sonora for the evening meal and meeting. We stopped in Ozona for provisions, then arrived at the Caverns of Sonora campground about 8 p.m. Noble had brought a grill and baked many potatoes. Then cavers threw on their steaks and soon had meals fit for kings and queens as dusk fell on the campground.

Walter Feaster, 0-9 Well Site Manager, shows Chairman Carl Ponebshek the bottom of the well using sunlight and mirror.

The cave, which was a water stop along the old stagecoach line from Ozona to San Angelo, is at the corner of four sections of land. But the actual entrance is controlled by the University of Texas. 0-9, according to the 1994 NSS Convention Guide-book, was also a watering stop for big cattle drives by the Case Cattle Co. from Mexico to Kansas City before the advent of railroads.

It's a charming place, with peacocks and raccoons roaming the grounds at will and large shade trees abounding. The TCMA meeting continued into the early morning hours. Along with the business session, George Veni announced that the fourth restoration project at Caverns of Sonora will be Nov. 19 and that the Texas Speleological Association project at Government Canyon is Labor Day Weekend. He said

cavers need to call ahead for access to both projects.

Mike Warton, the TCMA executive director, said he was pleased with the work that the site managers have done at 0-9. The successful outcome of the post-convention trip there was mentioned. Gralin and Walter received certificates from TCMA for their work at the cave. After a lengthy discussion on TCMA business which will be the subject of up-coming minutes from secretary Carolyn Biegert, the next meeting was set for 8 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 4, at Government Canyon.

On Sunday, some post-convention business was accomplished and cavers met with the manager at **Caverns of Sonora**. It's a 20,000-foot-long cave that was made world-famous after members of the Dallas-Fort Worth Grotto scampered across a narrow ledge in the Devil's Pit and discovered the best decorated sections, including myriad soda straws, helictite, angel wings, dog tooth spar and other speleothems. Several cavers took the tour and also checked out some carbide residue in the cave before beginning the long trip home.

Doug Allen and Mike Warton enjoy portable shade at O-9 Well.

NORMANS CAVE LAWSUIT

October 25, 1994

Dave Luckins, President
National Speleological Society

Recent digests have carried discussions of an unfortunate accident at **Normans Cave**, West Virginia where a 62 year old woman fell during a "wildcat" Cave-for-pay trip and broke both her ankles. Lawsuits against the trip leader, a nearby commercial cave operator, and the land owner were filed as a result of the accident. The suit against the landowner was especially grievous to cavers as this owner had been friendly to cavers and was not aware of any commercial use of his cave.

Cavers in the region explored several options for assisting the land owner. The Virginia Region played an active part in helping to define a roll for the National Speleological Society in assisting cavers who desired to support the landowner in his defense. As a result of their leadership, the NSS Board of Governors adopted the following motion during its Fall meeting on October 15, 1994.

" Moved that the NSS will assume a leadership roll in representing caver interests on landowner liability issues associated with cave accidents. Our goal is to foster an environment in which cave owners are held harmless for accidents in their cave during trips for which the landowner received no fee.

In particular, the NSS will actively assist the regional caver support for the owner of the entrance to Normans Cave, West Virginia, in his defense of a suit resulting from an accident in his cave."

As a result of that motion, the officers of the NSS have undertaken the following:

1. A restricted fund has been established to permit cavers to donate money to help defray the landowner's legal expenses as he defends himself.

2. The NSS Legal committee has been asked to assist the landowner's attorney where possible.

3. In order to be better prepared to assist land owners confronted with similar problems in the future, the NSS Land Owner Relations committee has been asked to take an active roll to:

A. Develop a legal discussion and list of precedence on these issues that could be provided to the landowner for his attorney to use in developing a defense.

B. Obtain copies of suits, dispositions, judgements, et al for such suits and provide upon request when it serves our interests.

C. Seek to establish a favorable legal precedence for the principle that the landowner is not liable for injuries suffered by those who enter their cave without fee to the landowner and widely advertise our success.

D. Consider if further legislation may be necessary, given current cave laws, and assist local NSS Regions to develop such legislation.

I've spoken to the landowner, his family, and their attorney. The landowner is very moved by the expressions of support he has received from cavers and wants each of you to know how much your support means to him and his family. I've outlined the above plans to him and to his attorney and they both welcome and appreciate your assistance.

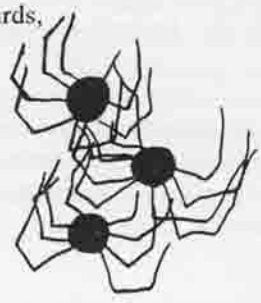
You can help by doing the following:

1. Encourage your fellow cavers to donate to the defense fund by sending contributions to the NSS at 2813 Cave Avenue, Huntsville, AL 35810-4431. Make your check to the NSS, BUT, be sure to include a note indicating the donation is for Normans Cave Defense. That way the money will be channeled into the correct checking account.

2. Timeliness is important. Please help by getting the work out to concerned cavers by using your grotto meetings, your newsletters (naturally, permission to reprint this article is granted), and by posting this email message to cavers who do not subscribe to the Digest.

3. The Landowner Relations Committee has its work cut out. There's a lot of research to be done in the legal stacks. If you are aware of a caver studying law who may be able to help with the research, please contact me at [dluckins@delphi.com].

Warmest regards,



Dave Luckins,
President NSS

TCMA MEETING AT TEXAS CAVERS REUNION

(totally unofficial)
by Noble Stidham

TCMA Board of Directors met on Saturday morning, October 22, at the Texas Caver's Reunion near Johnson City, Texas. As usual, the good times rolled the night before and the meeting started somewhat later than scheduled. After only a reasonable delay, a quorum of directors appeared. Carolyn Biegert, TCMA's Secretary, was to depart early and left her tape recorder for later preparation of minutes of the meeting.

This brief article is not intended to replace any official minutes of board discussions, but rather to provide some highlights for those absent until official minutes can be typed and reprinted for members.

TCMA's bylaws under review by legal department at *The Center For Nonprofit Management.*

As members are aware, TCMA's bylaws have been under review by the legal department at *The Center For Nonprofit Management* (CNM) in Dallas for several months. The purpose of the review was to bring TCMA up to speed with current State laws and regulations. CNM did a nice job at a reasonable price. The TCMA Board is now confident that all aspects of our corporation are up to date and legal. The Board met early Saturday to approve the resolutions and bylaws which were presented to a general membership meeting on Sunday morning.

President Ponebshek (under the new bylaws) was absent due to illness and Mike Wharton, Vice President was also absent. Ron Ralph was asked to preside over the group and agreed to do so. Copies of the resolutions and new bylaws are reprinted in this issue for members to read.

The Board unanimously consented to continue to maintain its membership with *The Center for Nonprofit Management.* The CNM's legal department made excellent recommendations with respect to keeping TCMA legal and updated on current laws affecting our own nonprofit status. Yearly membership is nominal for the benefits received. All TCMA members are

eligible to participate in CNM's seminars and schools which range from management training to grant writing. CNM also has statewide coverage with a bi-weekly newsletter in which members may advertise and receive notices of upcoming seminars. Items and schools which appear useful to either the board on the general membership will be passed on through this newsletter or special mailings.

Subsequent to adoption of the revised and restated bylaws and a resolution by directors on October 22, 1994, TCMA members, during their annual meeting the following day, ratified the bylaws and also elected Bruce Anderson and Jim Wolff to fill two newly created positions. Bill Sawyer was also named to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Lee Jay Graves. Jack Ralph's position as Treasurer was assumed by Bruce Anderson.

Directors expressed their thanks to Jack Ralph and Lee Jay Graves for their work with TCMA. Both men expressed their desire to remain active and help in any way they are able to further the efforts of TCMA and cave management and conservation in general. The Board looks forward to a good relationship with its new members.

Secretary Biegert verified a quorum at the general membership meeting on Sunday morning. Carolyn will remain as TCMA's Secretary.

On Sunday morning, prior to the TCMA General Membership meeting, the NSS Convention Committee held its final meeting. The last remaining business of the committee was to decide how the $500 honorarium from the NSS is to be used. The Committee wholly adopted Mr. Bob "Rune" Burnett's suggestion to offer the money to TSA under the stipulation that a special fund be set up to purchase a permanent site for TSA and TCR functions. As the 1994 NSS Convention Committee needed to close its books, a check for $500 was given to Jay Jorden for safekeeping. The honorarium will be given to TSA only when a trust fund is set up to receive the money, and will not be deposited in the TSA general fund.

Remember now, this is not the official minutes of TCMA, only the often transported memory of your publisher. I will not show up to be shot at dawn for failing the finer points.

The next TCMA Board Meeting will be held at 9:00 AM Sunday morning at the appointed place of the TSA Winter Meeting (yet to be announced) with a general membership meeting to follow.

Cave consistently, Noble...

RESOLUTIONS BY THE UNANIMOUS CONSENT

OF THE DIRECTORS

TEXAS CAVE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 9.10 of the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act and the Bylaws of Texas Cave Management Association, Inc., a Texas corporation (the "Corporation"), the undersigned, being all of the directors of the Corporation hereby declare that when this consent or a counterpart thereof has been signed the following resolutions shall be consented to, approved and held for the purpose of acting upon proposals to adopt such resolutions:

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (the "Board") approved a draft of amended and restated bylaws in January 1994 and such amended and restated bylaws were approved thereafter by a majority of the members pursuant to a ballot vote; and

WHEREAS, the Board appointed Carl Ponebshek chairman of the Board and president of the Corporation, Mike Warton vice president of the Corporation, Carolyn Biegert secretary of the Corporation and Jack Ralph treasurer of the Corporation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the draft Bylaws of the Corporation are repealed and that new Bylaws, in the form attached hereto, which previously have been reviewed by the Board, are hereby ratified and adopted as the official Bylaws of the Corporation (subject to approval by the membership at the 1994 annual meeting) and the secretary of the Corporation is hereby directed to identify the form of Bylaws so adopted and to place the identified copy thereof in the official minute book of the corporation;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that in accordance with Section 4.2 of the Bylaws, the following individuals are ratified as directors and shall constitute the Board for the term indicated opposite their respective name:

Carl Ponebshek	through 1995
Bob "Rune" Burnett	through 1995
Lee Jay Graves	through 1995
Ron Ralph	through 1995
Jay Jorden	through 1996
Bill Russell	through 1996
Noble Stidham	through 1996

RESOLVED FURTHER, that (i) the members shall elect at the 1994 annual meeting of the members two new directors to each serve three-year terms from 1995 through 1997; (ii) the members shall elect at the 1995 annual meeting of the members three new directors to each serve three-year terms from 1996 through 1998 and one director to serve a two-year term from 1996 through 1997; and (iii) the members shall elect at the 1996 annual meeting of the members three directors to each serve three-year terms from 1997 through 1999;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the officers of the Corporation hereby are authorized, empowered, and directed to do all things and acts, execute and deliver all other instruments, documents and certificates and to pay all costs, fees and taxes as may be, in their sole judgment, necessary, proper, or advisable in order to carry out the business and affairs of the Corporation, including submitting the Bylaws hereby ratified and approved by the Board to the members for approval at the 1994 annual meeting of the members; and that all of the acts and deeds of the officers of the Corporation which are consistent with the purposes and intent of these resolutions be and hereby are, in all respects, approved, confirmed and adopted as the acts and deeds of the Corporation.

In Witness Whereof, the undersigned have executed this unanimous consent this _____ day of _____, 1994.

_____
Carl Ponebshek

_____
Bob "Rune" Burnett

_____
Lee Jay Graves

_____
Ron Ralph

_____
Jay Jorden

_____
Bill Russell

_____
Noble Stidham

RESOLVED, that the amended and restated bylaws, in the form attached hereto and approved by the Board of Directors of the Corporation, are hereby ratified and adopted as the official Bylaws of the Corporation.

REVISED AND RESTATED BYLAWS

OF

TEXAS CAVE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

Article 1

THE CORPORATION

Section 1.1 Name. The name of the incorporated business as stated in its Articles of Incorporation is Texas Cave Management Association, Inc. (the "Corporation").

Section 1.2 Period of Duration. The period of duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

Section 1.3 Liability. The liability for debts of the Corporation shall be limited to property of the Corporation.

Section 1.4 Powers. Without limiting the generality of any other provisions of these Bylaws, the Corporation, acting by and through its Board of Directors (the "Board") is authorized to do all acts permitted by the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act as the same shall be amended from time to time; provided, however, the Corporation, except to an insubstantial degree, shall not engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of the Corporation.

Article 2

OFFICES

Section 2.1 Permanent Address. The initial registered office of the Corporation shall be at the place designated in the Articles of Incorporation. Thereafter, the permanent address shall be at such other place as the Board may from time to time designate by resolution.

Section 2.2 Other Offices. The Corporation may have other offices at such places, within or without the State of Texas, as the Board from time to time may determine or the business of the Corporation may require.

Article 3

MEMBERS

Section 3.1 Annual Meeting. Annual meetings of the members shall be held on such date, at such time, and at such place as shall be determined by the Board. All Board members shall use all reasonable efforts to attend the annual meeting of members. At each annual meeting, the members shall elect Board members and transact such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting. At least 20 days prior to each annual meeting of members, the Nominating Committee shall present to the Board slates of director nominees. The Board shall present such slates to the membership at the annual meeting. Nominations for directors may also be made by members from the floor at the annual meeting, provided that if a nominee is not present, written proof is presented that the nominee will serve if elected.

Section 3.2 Special Meetings. Special meetings of the members may be called (i) by the President; (ii) upon written request of at least 15 members; or (iii) upon the request of the Board. Special meetings shall be held within

30 days after receipt of any of the above requests and shall be held at such place as shall be determined by the Board. The purpose of any special meeting shall be specified in the notice of the meeting or any waiver of notice of the meeting.

Section 3.3 Notices. Notices of meetings of members shall state the date, time, and place of each meeting and shall be given not less than 12 nor more than 50 days before the date of any such meeting.

Section 3.4 Quorum. At all meetings of the members the presence of ten percent of the members shall be a quorum for the transaction of business, and the act of a majority of the members present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the membership, except as may be otherwise specifically provided by statute or by the Articles of Incorporation or by these Bylaws. If a quorum shall not be present at any meeting of the members, the chairman of the meeting may adjourn the meeting from time to time without notice other than announcement at the meeting, until a quorum shall be present.

Section 3.5 Unanimous Consent in Lieu of a Meeting. Any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the members may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing setting forth the action so taken shall be signed by all of the members and such unanimous consent shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote at a meeting.

In addition, if the Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation so provide, any action required by the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act to be taken at a meeting of the members or any action that may be taken at a meeting of the members may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action to be taken, is signed by a sufficient number of members as would be necessary to take that action at a meeting at which all of the members were present and voted.

Section 3.6 Classes of Membership. The Corporation shall have six categories of members:

1. Regular
2. Family
3. Associate
4. Corporate
5. Institutional
6. Honorary

The amount of dues and the annual period to be covered by dues and fees shall be established by the Board.

Section 3.7 Voting Rights. Each member, regardless of class of membership, shall be entitled to one vote on all matters to come before the membership.

Section 3.8 Termination and Removal. The membership of any member shall automatically terminate upon receipt by the Chairman of the Board or Secretary of the member's written request for such termination. The Board may remove any member upon a two-thirds vote of all directors and circulation to all members of a written statement of the reasons for such removal. All rights and interests of the member shall cease upon termination or removal.

Article 4

DIRECTORS

Section 4.1 Board of Directors. Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, the business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by the Board, which may exercise all such powers of the Corporation and do all such lawful acts and things as are not by statute or by the Articles of Incorporation or by these Bylaws prohibited.

Section 4.2 Number of Directors and Term of Office. The Board shall consist of seven directors until the 1994 annual meeting of the members, at which meeting two additional directors shall be elected to increase the Board to nine directors. The number of directors may be increased or decreased by resolution of the Board, but in no case

shall the number of directors be more than nine or less than three. No decrease in the number of directors shall shorten the term of any incumbent director. Except as expressly provided otherwise herein, the term of each director shall be three years and each director may be elected for additional terms; provided, however, that each director shall continue to serve as a director until his successor has been elected and has qualified. Each director must be a member of the Corporation. At the 1994 annual meeting of the members, the members shall elect two new directors to each serve three-year terms from 1995 through 1997. The terms of Carl Ponebshek, Bob Burnett, Lee Jay Graves and Ron Ralph shall expire December 31, 1995. At the 1995 annual meeting of the members, the members shall elect three directors to each serve three-year terms from 1996 through 1998 and one director to serve a two-year term from 1996 through 1997. The terms of Jay Jorden, Bill Russell and Noble Stidham shall expire December 31, 1996. At the 1996 annual meeting of the members, the members shall elect three directors to each serve three-year terms from 1997 through 1999.

Section 4.3 Election of Directors. Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting of members.

Section 4.4 Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring in the Board may be filled by election at an annual or special meeting of the members called for that purpose or by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors, though the remaining directors may constitute less than a quorum of the Board. A director elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected for the unexpired term of his predecessor in office. Any directorship to be filled by reason of an increase in the number of directors shall be filled by election at an annual meeting or at a special meeting of the members called for that purpose. A majority of the members may, at any time and with or without cause, terminate the term of office of all or any of the directors by a vote at any annual or special meeting called for that purpose. Such removal shall be effective immediately upon such action of the members even if successors are not elected simultaneously and the vacancies on the Board caused by such action shall be filled only by election by the members.

Section 4.5 Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board may be held with or without notice at such time and place as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board; provided, however, at least one regular meeting of the Board shall be held each calendar year. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President on twenty-four (24) hours notice to each director, given personally or by mail or by telegram; special meetings shall be called by the President or Secretary in like manner and on like notice on the written request of at least two directors. The purpose of any special meeting shall be specified in the notice of the meeting or any waiver of notice of the meeting.

Section 4.6 Quorum. At all meetings of the Board the presence of a majority of the directors then in office shall be a quorum for he transaction of business, and the act of a majority of the directors present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Board, except as may be otherwise specifically provided by statute or by the Articles of Incorporation or by these Bylaws. If a quorum shall not be present at any meeting of the Board, the directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without notice other than announcement at the meeting, until a quorum shall be present.

Section 4.7 Unanimous Consent in Lieu of a Meeting. Any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the Board or any committee of the Board may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing setting forth the action so taken shall be signed by all of the directors or committee members, as the case may be, and such unanimous consent shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote at a meeting.

In addition, if the Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation so provide, any action required by the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act to be taken at a meeting of the Board or any committee of the Board or any action that may be taken at a meeting of the Board or any committee of the Board may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action to be taken, is signed by a sufficient number of directors or committee members as would be necessary to take that action at a meeting at which all of the Board members or committee members were present and voted.

Section 4.8 Telephone Meetings. Members of the Board or members of any committee designated by the Board may participate in and hold a meeting by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment by which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other.

Section 4-9 Committees. The President may designate a committee or committees, each committee to consist

of two or more persons. Each committee may include or be composed entirely of persons who are not directors of the Corporation. Each committee shall have such power and authority and shall perform such functions as may be designated from time to time by the President.

Each committee shall have such name as may be designated by the President and shall keep regular minutes of its proceedings and report the same to the Board when requested by the Board.

Section 4.10 Nominating Committee. The President shall designate a nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall be responsible for recruiting new directors and new officers, verifying membership, and overseeing the orientation of new members.

Section 4.11 Advisory Board. The Board may designate an Advisory Board of Directors which shall consist of such members as the Board designates by resolution. Such Advisory Board shall serve at the pleasure of the Board and shall perform such functions as may be designated by the Board.

Section 4.12 Compensation of Directors. No director or member of any committee of the Board may be paid compensation for his services as a director or member of any such committee. Such person, however, shall be entitled to reimbursement for any reasonable expenses incurred in attending the meetings of the Board or the meetings of a committee. The reimbursement of directors may be on such basis as is determined by the Board. A director shall not be barred from serving the Corporation in any other capacity and receiving reasonable compensation for such other services.

Article 5

NOTICES

Section 5.1 Form of Notice. Whenever under the provisions of a statute or of the Articles of Incorporation or of these Bylaws, notice is required to be given to any member or director and no provision is made as to how such notice shall be given, it shall not be construed to mean personal notice, but any such notice may be given in writing, by mail, postage prepaid, addressed to such member or director at such address as it appears on the books of the Corporation. Any notice required or permitted to be given by mail shall be deemed to be given when it is deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid.

Section 5.2 Waiver. Whenever any notice is required to be given to any member or director, under the provisions of a statute or of he Articles of Incorporation or of these Bylaws, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated in such notice, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

Article 6

OFFICERS

Section 6.1 In General. The officers of the Corporation shall be a Chairperson of the Board, a President, one or more Vice Presidents, a Treasurer and a Secretary. The Corporation may also have an Executive Director. The members also may appoint one or more Assistant Secretaries, one or more Assistant Treasurers and such other officers and agents as the members shall deem necessary, who shall be appointed for such terms and shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as shall be determined from time to time by the members. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person, except that the offices of President and Secretary shall not be held by the same person.

Section 6.2 Appointment. The Board shall appoint the officers of the Corporation for a one-year term. Each officer of the Corporation shall hold office until his death, resignation, removal from office, or the appointment of his successor. Any officer or agent appointed by the Board may be removed at any time without cause by vote of a majority of the whole Board. If any office becomes vacant, the vacancy shall be filled by the Board.

Section 6.3 Salaries. The salaries of all officers of the Corporation shall be fixed by the Board; provided,

however, that no salary shall be paid when to do so would jeopardize the status of the Corporation as a tax-exempt organization under federal or state law.

Section 6.4 President. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation and shall have the general powers and duties of supervision and management usually vested in the office of the President of a corporation, and, subject to the powers of the Board, he shall have general supervision, direction, and control of the business of the Corporation. He shall preside at all meetings of the directors and members, if any, if present thereat. Except as the Board shall authorize the execution thereof in some other manner, he shall execute deeds, bonds, mortgages, and other contracts on behalf of the Corporation which the Board has authorized to be executed, and shall cause the seal, if any, to be affixed to any instrument requiring it and when so affixed, the seal shall be attested by the signature of the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary.

Secton 6.5 Executive Director. The Executive Director, if any, shall be responsible for the day-to-day business of the Corporation. The Executive Director shall report to the President and the Board as directed from time to time.

Section 6.6 Vice Presidents. The Vice President shall, in the absence or disability of the President, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President. Any Vice President shall have such powers and perform such duties as the Board may from time to time prescribe, or as the president may from time to time deligate to him.

Section 6.7 Secretary. The Secretary shall atttend all meetings of the Board and the members and record all votes and the minutes of all proceedings in a book to be kept for that purpose. He shall give, or cause to be given, notice of all special meetings of the Board and the members and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board or the President, under whose supervision he shall be. He shall keep in safe custody the seal of the Corporation, if any, and, when authorized by by the Board, affix the same to any instrument requiring it. He shall keep the register of the post office address of each member of the Corporation which shall be furnished to the Secretary and updated by each member.

Section 6.8 Assistant Secretaries. Each Assistant Secretary shall have such powers and perform such duties as the Board may from time to time delegate to him, and each Assistant Secretary shall, in the absence of the Secretary, or may otherwise, if the Board so directs, perform the duties of the Secretary.

Section 6.9 Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have the custody of the Corporations funds and securities and shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements of the Corporation and shall deposit all monies and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the Corporation in such depositories as may be designated by the Board. The Treasurer shall disburse the funds of the Corporation as may be ordered by the Board, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements, and shall render to the President and the directors, at the regular meetings of the Board or whenever they may require it, an account of all his transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the Corporation, and shall perform such other duties as the Board may prescribe.

Section 6.10 Assistant Treasurers. Each Assistant Treasurer shall have such powers and perform such duties as the Board may from time to time prescribe.

Section 6.11 Bonding. Each officer required by the Board to do so shall give the Corporation a bond in such form, in such sum, and with such surety or sureties, as shall be satisfactory to the Board, for the faithful performance of the duties of his office and for the restoration to the Corporation, in case of his death, resignation, retirement, or removal from office, all books, papers, vouchers, money, and other property of whatever kind in his possession or under his control belonging to the Corporation.

Article 7

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 7.1 Fiscal year. The fiscal year of the corporation shall be fixed by resolution of the Board.

Section 7.2 Seal. The Corporation may have a seal and said seal may be used by causing it, or a facsimile

thereof, to be impressed or affixed or reproduced or otherwise.

Section 7.3 Checks. All checks or demands for money and notes of the Corporation shall be signed by such officer or officers or such other person or persons as the Board from time to time may designate.

Section 7.4 Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Corporation shall indemnify any one or more of its directors or former directors against the liabilities and expenses actually and necessarily incurred in connection with any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or proceeding whether civil, criminal, administrative, arbitrative, or inves-tigative, any appeal in such an action, suit, or proceeding and any inquiry or investigation that could lead to such an action, suit or proceeding, in which one or more of them was, is, or is treatened to be made a defendant or respondent by reason of his holding office as a director, or by reason of his serving as an officer of the Corporation while serving as a director of the Corporation, if, upon a majority vote of the directors not involved in the proceedings or upon any other determination permitted by Article 1396-2.22A of the Texas Nonprofit Corporation Act, it is determined that the director or former director, (i) conducted himself in good faith, (ii) reasonably believed, in the case of conduct in his official capacity as a director of the Corporation, that his conduct was in the Corporation's best interest, (iii) reasonably believed, in all other cases, that his conduct was at least not opposed to the Corporation's best interest, and (iv) in the case of any criminal proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful; provided, however, that indemnification may not be given with respect to matters in which any such individual shall be adjudged to be liable to the Corporation, or on the basis that personal benefit was improperly received by him, whether or not the benefit resulted from action taken in his official capacity. The Corporation shall reimburse to any director or officer named a defendant or a respondent in any proceeding by reason of his holding office, reasonable expensesof such suit or proceeding if the director or officer has been wholly successful, on the merits, or otherwise, in defense ofsuch proceeding.

Article 8

AMENDMENTS

Section 8.1 Amendments. These Bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new bylaws may be adopted at any annual or special meeting of the Board by a two-thirds majority of those voting. The amendment shall then be published by newsletter to the membership for approval at any annual or special meeting of the members.

I the undersigned, being the Secretary of Texas Cave Management Association, Inc., hereby certify that the forgoing is a true, accurate and complete copy of the Bylaws of Texas Cave Management Association, Inc. adopted by its Board of Directors as of _____, 1994 and approved by its membership as of _____, 1994.

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Carolyn Biegert, Secretary

MINUTES OF TCMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS 6/25/94 THROUGH 9/4/94

Respectfully submitted by
Carolyn Biegert

06/25/94, BRACKETTVILLE, TEXAS

The meeting was called to order at 09:20 A.M. by chairman Carl Ponebshek.

Directors and Officers present:		**Directors and Officers absent:**	
Carl Ponebshek	Noble Stidham	Mike Wharton	Bob Burnett
Jay Jorden	Jack Ralph	Ron Ralph	Lee Jay Graves
Bill Russell	Carolyn Biegert		

Secretary's Report:

Jay Jorden summarized the minutes of the 05/25/94 Executive Committee Meeting at Brackettville. This was not an official Board meeting because there was not a quorum of Directors and Officers present.

1. The results of the Directors and officers elections were announced and certified.
2. An additional vacancy on the Board of Directors was announced. (Mike Warton's term had also expired.) Carl Ponebshek appointed Ron Ralph, who was fifth in the voting for Directors, to the vacant position until an election can be held. Jay will check with attorneys to see if this is O.K.
3. Jay reported that he has not received a report from the Center for Non-Profit Management.
4. Jay also reported that Washington Ins. Co. had not approved coverage for buses that TCMA wanted to provide for NSS Convention transportation.

Jack Ralph made a correction to the minutes that Jay Jorden sent to Directors and Officers. He stated that he was not present at the Executive Committee meeting as had been indicated in Jay's minutes.

Motion: Jay moved adoption of minutes with the correction. Second, Noble Stidham. Approved, unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Jack Ralph reported that he has not been getting the necessary information on a timely basis. As of March 19,the checking account balance was $4,818.95. Since then, three checks totaling $525.00 (to Washington Insurance Co. and the Center for Non-profit Management) have been debited and a deposit of $1272.00 for Buttercup Creek was made. Current balance is $4,565.95. Jack also reported that about $2,400.00 of that total is dedicated to grant projects and $1272.00 to Buttercup Creek, leaving a balance of $875.00 of working capital.

Noble asked what a comfortable bank balance would be for TCMA operation. Carl answered about $4,000.00, including the $1,272.00 for Buttercup Creek. Jack noted that TCMA needs to raise an additional $2,500.00.

Jay gave some background on the TCMA banking situation. The bank is in Fort Worth and statements go to Jay Jorden. Jack reported that the Bank of America account is now closed and recommended that TCMA keep the Fort Worth account and bank by mail. Jack Ralph needs to be added as a signatory.

Jay reported that Mike Anderson needs to be paid for election expenses. He also reported that he had sent checks to Washington Insurance Co., based on the amount due for last year's coverage, to continue TCMA's coverage even though an invoice had not yet been received. Carolyn presented one invoice that had come to TCMA's P.O. Box just before the NSS convention. Jack verified that the premium has not changed and that Jay had sent the correct amount.

Motion: Jay Jorden moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Second, Jack Ralph. Approved, unanimously.

Old Business:

1. **Lawn mower for Whirlpool Cave** - Ron Ralph has donated a self-propelled lawn mower for Whirlpool and will take it to Gill Ediger's house.

2. **Matching Funds** - Ron Ralph's proposal has been accepted and is being studied by interested parties.

3. **TCMA Activities Newsletter** - Noble reported that he needs timely material.

4. **Promotional Items** - Noble would like to work on a new TCMA brochure. Noble will use the old brochure that Jay updated for NSS Convention. Jim Wolff suggested that TCMA put up the brochure at Midnight Cave clean up project in Austin to generate interest. Bill Russell suggested that it be put up at cave open houses. We may want to put up the TCMA display in a public place. Jay suggested developing some new information for the display. Carl may be able to get some items from Edwards Underground Water District. Jay announced that he has some TCMA patches and suggested that TCMA print some more T-shirts. Carl volunteered to man the TCMA information and promotional items display at future TCMA and TSA functions.

5. **Whirlpool Cave** - Jim Wolff reported that riding mower is working, but needs some maintenance. He has been renting a trailer to transport the mower. He would like to try to find or build a trailer for the mower so that it can be used at Buttercup Creek as well. Another option would be to buy a new mower that can fit in a pick-up truck. Carl reported he had priced a new mower at the BX (PX?) for about $700.00 and thinks it could be transported by truck. Jim also reported that a new weed trimmer is needed as well. Jim reported that the Whirlpool display needs a new piece of plexiglass and information with phone and P.O. Box numbers for contacting TCMA. Noble said that he would print a sign. Jim Jasek has also offered to help. Sign should read: For access or donation information, please write P.O. Box 202853, Austin, Texas, 78720-2853.

   Jim also reported that Whirlpool Cave visitation has been greatly reduced this year. City of Austin has reassigned the person in charge of the "Kids at Risk" program, which reported that Chris has been helping him with money and labor. Mike Grimm is also helping him. Jim may turn over management to Mike Grimm later this year. Jim further reported that the Whirlpool Cave lock installed last fall had disappeared (a sheared-off portion of the lock was found by Mike Walsh) and a new lock was on the cave gate as of two weeks ago. Jim found the right key to the lock in the lock box, but the wrong key was in the cave. Visitors following TCMA instructions for locking the cave gate could have been locked into the cave. Jim made new keys and distributed them.

   Finally, Jim suggested that a list of duties for the Whirlpool manager be written. Bill Russell volunteered to help. Jim would also like to see a new cave gate (one that will allow the cave to breathe and allow more recharge when it rains) installed at Whirlpool and a new management plan developed for the cave. Bill Russell will work with Mike Warton on this. Jim would like TCMA to raise money for Whirlpool management. He reported no expenses he wanted to be reimbursed for. Carl expressed TCMA's appreciation for Jim's hard work.

6. **Lost Oasis Cave** - Jim reported that he had not done a lot at Lost Oasis, except to pick up some trash. He has found at least one dump site on the property. To prevent further dumping, TCMA needs to put up a fence and "No Trespassing" signs. Approximately 1,000 ft. of fencing is needed. Chain link fencing would be desirable for front portion (about 200 ft.). Plain wire (not barbed wire) might suffice for connecting to existing ranch fencing. Noble Stidham reported that he has a tractor with a post hole digger, oil field pipe, and a fence stretcher that TCMA can use.

   Jim also reported that Lost Oasis is open to U.T. cavers. He would like TCMA to sponsor a digging project and training session sometime. A budget is needed to buy materials and to provide refreshments for volunteers. Selling 1 acre of Lost Oasis property was discussed as a possible option for raising money for cave management in the future.

7. **Operating Funds for Whirlpool and Lost Oasis** - Jim suggested an operating fund of $200.00 for managing Whirlpool and Lost Oasis. Lawn mower needs repair and fuel. Grass seed and fertilizer are also needed.

Motion: Carl moved that TCMA set aside a revolving fund of $200.00 for Jim Wolff for Whirlpool and Lost Oasis Caves management from which reimbursement for operating expenses will be made upon presentation of receipts to the Board. Jay Jorden seconded and amended the motion to read: TCMA will set aside a revolving fund of $200.00 for Whirlpool and Lost Oasis Caves manager/managers, from which reimbursement for operating expenses will be made upon presentation of receipts to the Board. Bill Russell seconded the amended motion. Approved, unanimously.

8. **Management Funds for Other TCMA Caves** - Bill Russell suggested that TCMA contact other TCMA cave managers about a budget for operating funds. Carl said he would do this. Jim mentioned that Austin cavers have not been able to get on any trip to 0-9 Well. TCMA needs to develop guide line for arranging trips. Carl will check on this as well.

9. **Lost Oasis Cave Tax Exemption** - Carolyn and Jay reported that no notification of tax exemption for Lost Oasis Cave Preserve has been received from the City of Austin. Jay filled out forms and mailed before the deadline. Bill Russell said that he would pursue this.

New Business:

1. Jim suggested that future candidates for TCMA Board of Directors and Officers elections write something about their interests and goals for publication in the TCMA newsletter prior to elections.

2. Carl is working with Bob Cowell to find a trailer that can be donated to TCMA. Trailer should be wide enough for the mower (more than 37 in.) and be compatible with 4-wheel drive trucks.

3. Jack suggested that the next meeting be a long one (six hours) so that Directors can talk over philosophy for TCMA. Noble suggested that future meetings be held at TCMA caves. Whirlpool was suggested. Announcement will be made in time for those meetings.

Announcements:

1. Jim announced that there will be a TSA project (removing trash from the cave) at Midnight Cave in Austin on the first weekend in October. Camping will be available next to the cave, courtesy of the City of Austin Parks Dept.

2. Carl announced that the Government Canyon project will begin Labor Day weekend in San Antonio. The property, which contains Government Canyon Bat Cave, is now owned by the Texas Nature Conservancy and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Carl suggested that a lengthy TCMA meeting could be held during this weekend.

3. Carl also announced that there will be a TCMA meeting during TCR weekend In October.

Meeting adjourned at 11:07 A.M.

8/13/94, CAVERNS OF SONORA

Carl Ponebshek called the meeting to order at 9:45 P.M.

Directors and Officers Present:
Carl Ponebshek, Chairman
Mike Warton, Executive Director
Carolyn Biegert, Secretary
Jay Jorden Bill Russell
Ron Ralph Noble Stidham

Directors and Officers Absent:
Jack Ralph, Treasurer
Lee Jay Graves

Proxy given by:
Bob "Rune" Burnett

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of 6/26/94 meeting were mailed to all directors and officers. Motion: Ron Ralph moved to waive the reading of the Minutes of the 6/26/94 meeting and to approve them as printed. Second: Noble Stidham. Approved, unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

No report was provided by the Treasurer. Jay Jorden reported that he had obtained a new signature card for Jack Ralph and Carl Ponebshek to sign. Ron Ralph asked Carl Ponebshek to request that the Treasurer provide a written report to Directors and Officers.

Executive Director's Report: Mike Warton reported the following:

1. A work project is planned for Marigold Cave Preserve in the near future (September or October).
2. He has received calls from site managers about protocol for cave visitation. Mike wants to rewrite policy for management of cave preserve sites. He suggests that each site manager write a policy for their caves and present it to the Board. Once approved, policies would be printed in the Texas Caver.
3. No break-ins or trash dumping problems have been reported at Marigold.
4. Training for fire ant control is planned for site managers. Mike hopes to get a federal permit from U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Such a permit is needed because Marigold Cave is an endangered species cave.
5. 0-9 Well activities were reported by Walter Feaster. There have been 4 or 5 trips into 0-9 Well this year. Most have been recreational, including a post convention trip that was enjoyed by 8 or 9 out-of-state visitors. A new sign has been erected at the site, part of agreement with the UT System. The windmill, the tie-off point for rappelling, has also been repaired. The visitors register and a bolt have been replace inside the cave. Lessees are pleased with TCMA's management of the cave.

6. The contract for managing 0-9 Well has elapsed. Mike will be working on a new contract, but expects no problems. He reminded the directors that access to the cave is dependent on the livestock ranching activities of the lessees.
7. Mike presented certificates of appreciation to Walter Feaster, Gralin Coffin, and the PBSS for their excellent management of 0-9 Well.

Old Business:

1. **TCMA Address** - TCMA's address must be changed with the NSS. The Secretary will send a letter to Scott Fee and Gary Bush updating TCMA's address - TCMA's address must be changed with the NSS. The Secretary will send a letter to Scott Fee and Gary Bush updating TCMA's address and requesting information about future reporting procedures. Directors would like clarification of TCMA's relationship to the NSS.

2. **Letterhead** - Noble Stidham has obtained paper (500 sheets, 25 in. x 35 in.) at a cost of $98.00 and has printed a new letterhead to be handed out after the meeting. There is enough paper to print the new TCMA brochure. Carl volunteered to

donate the money for the paper. Printing was gratis by Noble Stidham. Noble can also print (gratis) new business cards for active TCMA directors. Paper costs for 500 sheets of card stock would be $20.00. Warton and Ponebshek expressed their appreciation for Noble's efforts.

Motion: Ron Ralph moved that TCMA allocate the money to print about 50 business cards each for active TCMA Directors. Second: Mike Warton. Approved, unanimously.

3. **Center for NonProfit Management Review** - Jay Jorden reported that he had finally heard from the attorney reviewing our records for the Center. The attorney reports that some additional changes to the TCMA Bylaws are needed to comply with the Texas Nonprofit Corporation Act. These changes are as follows:

   a) Article 3, Membership meetings - TCMA Bylaws must stipulate how members are to be notified for membership meeting.
   b) Article 4, Section 1, Directors - By law, a simple majority of Directors is not needed to conduct business. To expedite conducting Board business, this could be changed to needing 2 or 3 Directors for voting.
   c) Bylaws should stipulate how nominations are made for electing Directors.
   d) Bylaws should stipulate how Directors who are remove shall be replaced.
   e) By law, TCMA must have a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Secretary and Treasurer should not be able to vote if they are not members of the Board of Directors.
   f) Election of Directors and Officers must be ratified at a membership meeting with a set of resolutions. Only 10% of TCMA members need to be present for ratification of elected officials.

Jay reported that he would be meeting with the attorney in the near future to iron out the details of the Bylaws changes needed.

Discussion: Bill Russell suggested that the current TCMA officers, Secretary and Treasurer be made Board members. Other concurred that officers should all be Board members and that the Executive Director may or may not be a Board member.

Motion: Bill Russell moved that TCMA authorize nine Directors for the Board and choose from those nine a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Executive Director may or may not be a Board member. Second: Jay Jorden. Approved, unanimously.

4. **Elections:** - Carl Ponebshek announced that two Directors' terms expire next spring. Ron Ralph's position can be voted on at the same time.

5. **Membership** - Noble Stidham reported that TCMA has 68 members, and that 21% of these memberships are expired. TCMA needs to have a membership drive and increase communication with its members to keep memberships current. Mike Warton pointed out that a Membership Committee or the Secretary usually takes care of this. TCMA Treasurer has been doing this job because he had the information on who has paid dues. Ron Ralph suggested that the Treasurer continue to handle membership records and notifications that dues are due. Noble wants to do an article for the Texas Caver to encourage new memberships. It was suggested that the name of a TCMA contact for each Grotto be included in the article. Carl Ponebshek will help man a TCMA booth at TCR, where newsletters will be available for new dues-paying members. TCMA needs to make clear what Honorary memberships for Advisory Board members entail. Finally, the resignation of Mike Walsh as a Life Member of TCMA was submitted to the Board by Carolyn Biegert.

6. **Insurance** - Letters notifying TCMA of changes in Washington Insurance Company status were presented to the Board. Washington is no longer an agent for Cigna Property and Casualty. Jay Jorden will inquire about what this means for TCMA's current policies. The Secretary also presented the Board with an invoice for $25.00 for a rider on TCMA policy for Dolph Briscoe in connection with Indian Creek Cave. It is unclear who authorized this rider to the TCMA policy. Prior discussions recalled by Board members suggested that such a rider would be contingent upon gaining access to Indian Creek Cave. Board members decided to pay the fee.

7. **Matching Funds** - Ron Ralph will still match one to one donations of Board members to TCMA through the end of the year.

New Business:

1. **Advertising** - The Board feels that TCMA should advertise management services. Having a booth at TCR and recruiting contact persons for the Grottos will help spread the word among cavers. Noble Stidham is updating the TCMA brochure. A copy is available for Directors and members present to look at and correct before printing. The brochure will be ready by TCR. Noble also announced that he had placed an ad in the Texas Rural Electric Cooperative Magazine. The ad, which will run in September, is aimed at cave owners who are interested in cave management services. Noble also suggested placing brochures in real estate offices. George Veni suggested holding TCMA projects to promote memberships and make contacts.

2. **Grant Acquisition** - TCMA needs to work on preparing grant proposals as a means of raising money for cave management. Bill Russell wants TCMA to decide what types of caves we want to manage (i.e. Caves with recreational potential, endangered species caves, or both). Bill will get together with Mike Warton on such a list.

3. **Future Meetings** - The next TCMA Board meeting will be at 8:00 A.M., September 3, 1994 at Government Canyon. A TCMA membership meeting will be held Sunday morning at TCR. A TCMA Board meeting will also be held at the Winter BOG. At Carl's request, Jay will work with Noble to prepare announcements in time for future meetings.

4. **Announcements** - Carl Ponebshek expressed appreciation for the efforts and enthusiasm of the new Board members. Carl also announced that all future TCMA correspondence should go to him at 247 Army Blvd., San Antonio, TX, 78215. Phone: 210/229-2696.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 midnight.

9/4/94, GOVERNMENT CANYON

Carl Ponebshek called the meeting to order at 8:15 A.M.

Directors and Officers Present:
Carl Ponebshek Ron Ralph
William Russell Carolyn Biegert
Bob "Rune" Burnett
(Jay Jorden arrived after the meeting had ended.)

Directors and Officers Absent:
Jack Ralph Noble Stidham
Mike Warton

Proxie given by: Lee Jay Graves

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the August 13, 1994 meeting were given to all Directors and officers present.

Motion: Rune Burnett moved to waive reading of the Minutes. Second: Ron Ralph. Approved, unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: None.

Executive Director's Report: None.

Old Business:

1. **Stationery** - Carl reported that printed envelopes are now available for the new TCMA letterhead.

2. **Report from Nonprofit Management Center** - Jay Jorden will give a report when he arrives. The board will reconvene at that time.

3. **Insurance** - Washington Insurance is no longer an agent for Cigna Property and Casualty. All future business should be directed to Cigna, directly.

New Business:

1. **Lost Oasis Cave** - Jim Wolff reported an attempted break-in at Lost Oasis Cave. Damage to the gate has been repaired. Jim saw a truck that he believes belongs to the person who tried to break in. Carl expressed a desire to prosecute if the individual is caught. Jim reminded the board that a "No Trespassing" sign has not yet been posted.

2. **Whirlpool Cave** - Jim Wolff reported that he has replaced the starter on the lawn mower and it still will not start. He also reported that the cave took no water during recent rains. Bill Russell stated that he would like to install a recharge gate in the future. Carl pointed out that TCMA might be able to get a grant for such a gate.

3. **Next Meeting** - TCMA Director's Meeting: 9:00 P.M. Friday October 21, 1994 at the TCR site, Stricklin's Ranch, near Pedernales Falls State Park. TCMA Membership Meeting: 9:00 AM, Sunday, October 23, 1994 at the TCR.

Meeting Adjourned - 8:45 A.M.

TEXAS CAVE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

OCTOBER 1994

Beginning balance:		$ 4,382.95
Plus deposits:		
10/30/94	$ 575.00	
Total deposits:		575.00
Total to be accounted for:		$ 4,975.95
Less expenditures: 10/30/94		
#189 Mike Anderson	$ 47.14	
#190 Jay Jorden	$ 37.99	
Total expenditures:		85.13
Ending balance:		$ 4,872.82
Central Bank & Trust		
10/31/94	$ 4,957.95	
Less outstanding checks	85.13	
Adjusted balance:	$ 4,872.82	
Grant balances:		
RASS Bat Grant	$ 750.00	
TSA (OTR Site Trust)	500.00	
Wrey Trust	92.87	
Buttercup Landscape	500.00	
Buttercup Monitoring	2,148.00	
Total Grant Funds:		3,990.87
Balance of funds in general account:		$ 882.12

Respectfully submitted,

J.Bruce Anderson
Treasurer

Photo Ops

Photos by Noble Stidham.
8 x 10 Glossys are available
in the lobby during intermission.

"Rune" and Dianne help in the survey of the LAG Cave site at Government Canyon. A human skull was uncovered during the November work weekend. LAG Cave is closed until archaeologists have a chance to investigate the find.

Betty Johnson works with teammates to remove dirt and rocks from the small LAG sink where the skull was found. The skull is named Ralph. Ralph is not to be confused with the other guy who's last name is Ralph.

Meanwhile Carol Holsey (LAG) gets sidetracked from the survey as she tries to get a bearing on the first BIGFOOT in the Government Canyon area. As it turned out, it was only Scott Skoruppa removing a big rock from his shoe.

Mark Johnston and Bill Elliott during a break at the HI-TECH Conference which was held in Austin in October. Approximately fourty cavers attended. Emphasis of the conference was the presentation of all of the cave survey software available.

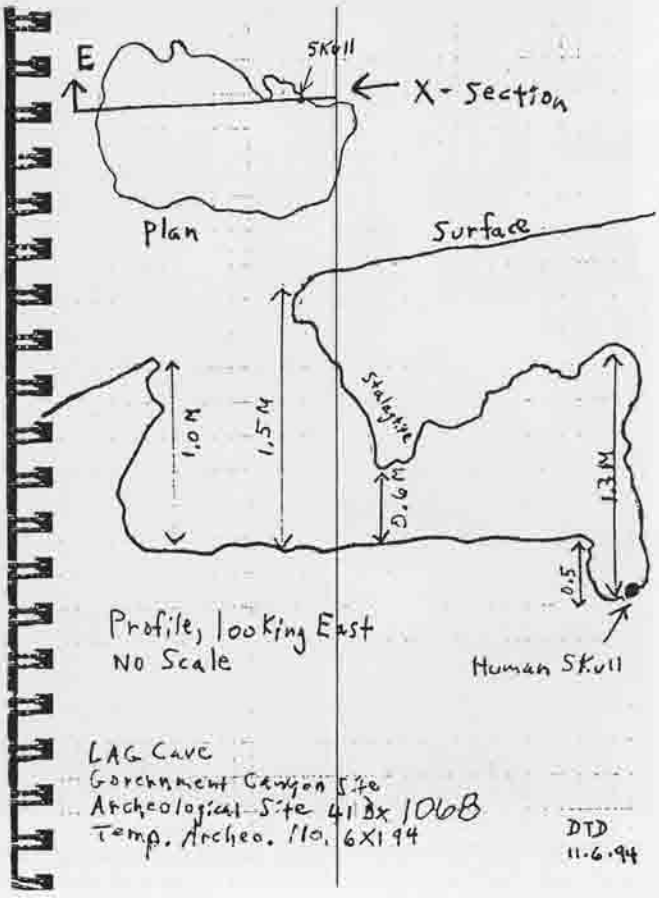
TCMA Director Jim Wolff holds the gate at Lost Oasis Cave for Scott Skoruppa. It was Scott's first cave trip.

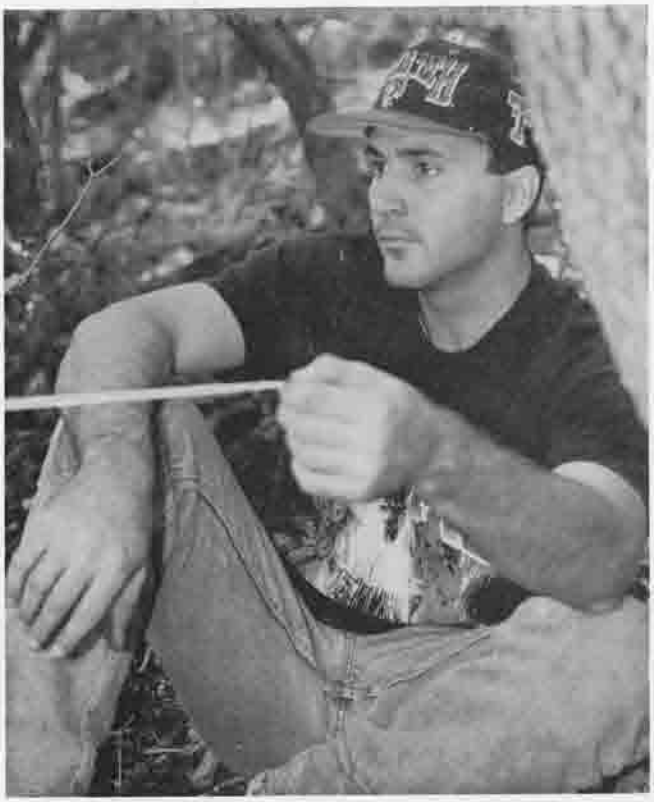
Dan Dennison, LAG, stands in the entrance to LAG Cave as he receives inventoring instructions from Ron Ralph.

Poor Ralph may be found lying face down at the top R/H corner of the scale card. The skull is against the back wall of the small cave known as LAG Cave. The cave is now considered an archaeological find. Excavation has stopped until archaeologists have made a thorough investigation.

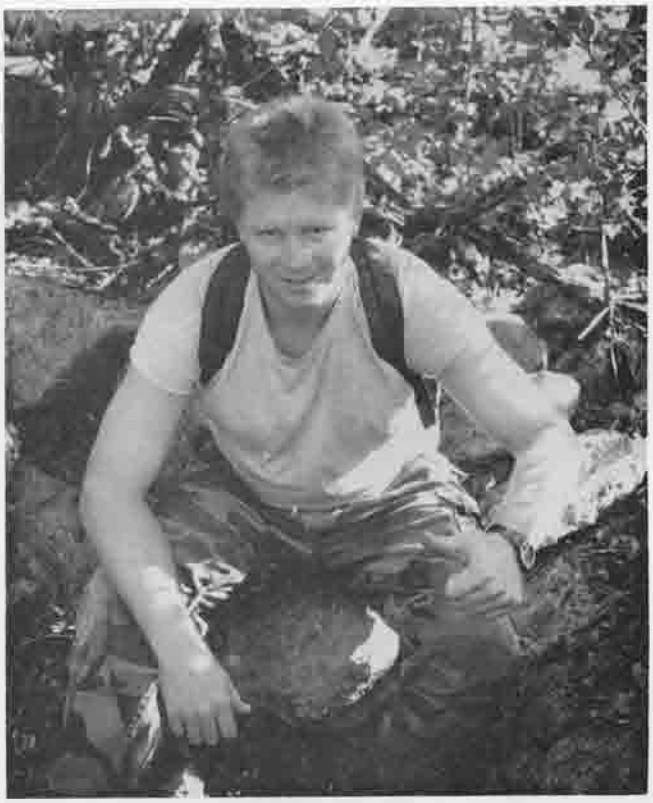
A better view of the entrance sink to LAG Cave with Ron showing Dan the science of making detailed notes of the find.

Dan's profile of LAG Cave and some notes concerning the skull found in the back of the cave.





Scott Scoruppa holds a level tape while others measure the profile of the ravine contalning LAG Cave. A boring Job, but someone has to do it.



Thumbs up to yet another blowing lead at Government Canyon. Ace photographer forgot to get the caver's name. I'm sure I'll hear about it. My humble apologizies.

Salamanders abound at the entrance drop in Whirlpool Cave In Austin. In October, hundreds of tiny newborn salamanders (about 1/2 inch long) were under rock at the base of the ladder.

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