

# The Cascade Caver

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COMING EVENTS: May regular meeting Monday May 15 (8 PM) at Dr. Halliday's, 1117 36th Ave. E. (at E. Madison)

Memorial Day weekend: Papoose Cave trip.  
May 6-7 possible Mt. Adams areatrip.

## April sightseeing - by Bill Halliday

On April 29, Charles and Edith Anderson, Don Tubbs, Jan Roberts and I did some scouting, saw some beautiful country, ditto some beautiful limestone and found one fewer cave than the celebrated April Fool trip (to be reported next month - the Caver has a nice report by Jan Roberts but insufficient space this time).

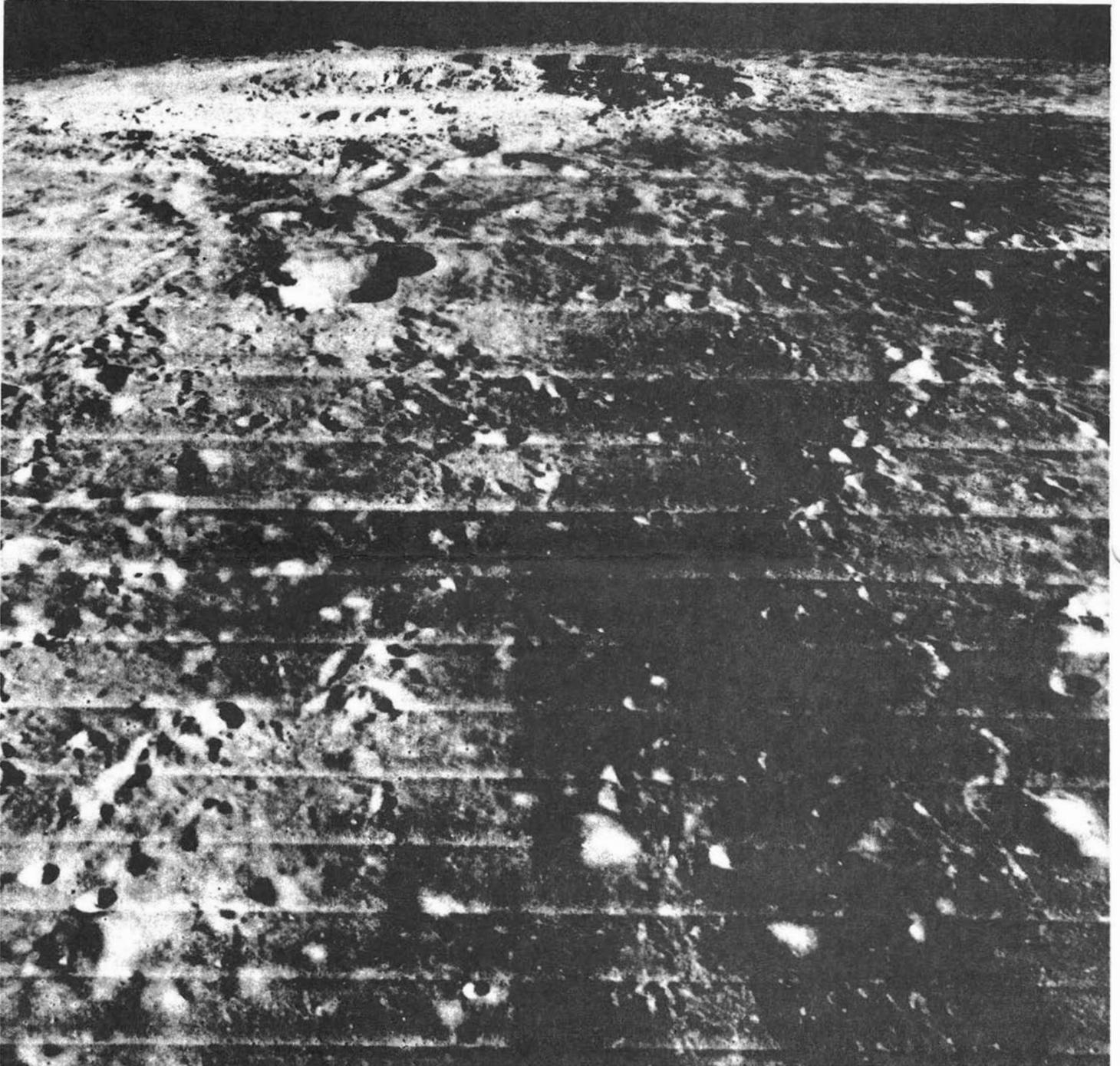
First we checked out the entrance of Lost Cave near Grotto - unfortunately there has been no miraculous opening in the dirt fill. Thence we proceeded to Darrington where Mr. Tommy Tucker kindly pointed out the location on Whitehorse Mountain of a pit a friend had fallen into - but there's two feet of snow there now. Thence to the Sauk River Bridge limestone deposit where we found moss growing in a small alcove, but no amount of digging would yield a cave. Thence to the Sutter Mountain deposit where we barely even found a sinkhole.

Then on to the Silver Lake limestone quarry, where the new Limestone Resources of Western Washington shows a cave on figure 102. Quarry workers said yes, there was a cave there - one of them had crawled down a moderate slope maybe a hundred feet til they hollered at him to come back. But it had been quarried away several years ago. There was a big sinkhole up by the big snag up by the water intake, if we'd like to take a look at that. Which was the closest we got to a cave all day. But it's a promising sinkhole, funnel-shaped and about 25 feet in diameter and depth, with a vertical down-slope side and two smaller sinks up-slope. And a few dozen feet away is a brand-new sink about 10 feet deep and 6' wide, with soft dirt which could be easily dug. (Time ran out before we could check out nearby Silver Lake deposit #2, with cold air and a tufa-depositing stream emerging from talus)

## It's time to help the North Cascades!

Hearings have just been completed in Washington, D.C. on the administration bill for a North Cascades National Park, and field hearings are to be held in our state in May or early June. For 30 days after these hearings, the record will be kept open for YOU to record your support if you are unable to take the time to appear personally. Address your letter to Senator Henry M. Jackson and ask that it be made a part of the record of the hearing. The number received is of great importance since this is a very important way for Congress to judge not only how many people have what opinions, but also how strongly they feel.

The Cascade Grotto has voted unanimously (at the April meeting) to ask that a significant karst area be included within the boundaries of the proposed National Park. In the present bill, the boundaries



With the technical assistance of The Boeing Company and N.A.S.A., THE CASCADE CAVER proudly presents the first probable identification of an extraterrestrial cave (we hope). If that sinuous, interrupted lava trench in the lower right isn't a collapse-segmented unitary lava tube, it ought to be; if it was on an aerial photo of Washington state, we'd sure go looking for some extra-big lava caves in the uncollapsed segments (the crater Fauth in the middle distance is 13 miles long and 4500 feet deep).

are so drawn that they omit all known karst as well as other features generally considered necessary for the interpretation of the complex history of the northern Cascades.

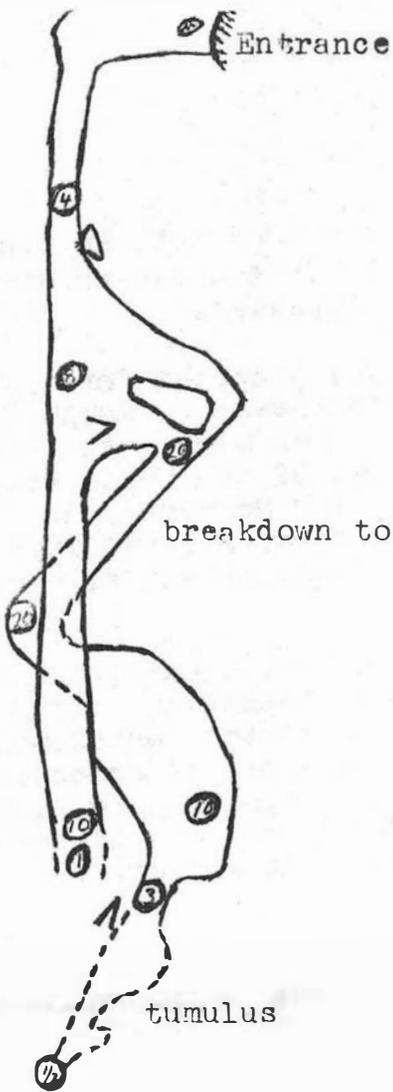
By only a minor extension of the boundary proposed for the new park, the small Twin Lakes karst area northeast of Mount Baker could be included. To include the important Dock Butte-Blue Lake karst area would include enlargement of the Mount Baker addition once proposed by the National Park Service. As Director of the Western Speleological Survey, Dr. Halliday proposed inclusion of this area in the park, at a preliminary hearing last year.

Conservationists and outdoorsmen in this area generally feel that the present proposal by the national administration is far too small and leaves far too much up to bureaucrats; for example it would protect barely half of even the "compromise" proposal of Governor Evans which calls for a smaller national park including the finest section of a very large national recreation area carefully zoned according to extremely strict conservation principles.

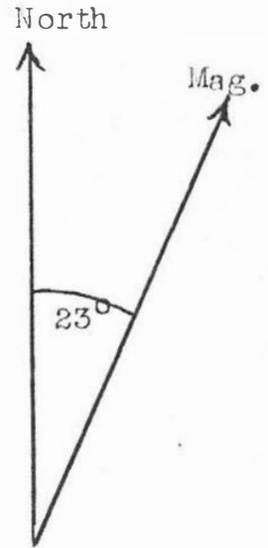
Almost everyone now considers a North Cascades National Park virtually certain, with the only questions those of boundaries, prevention of heliports and tramways, and whether or not the park can be achieved in time to halt additional logging and a proposed open pit mine in the heart of the Glacier Peak Wilderness Area.

Since the NSS Board has not enacted a policy on this, the Cascade Grotto has merely urged inclusion of karst in the national park when established, but our members expect to make strong individual statements. Time is running out for the North Cascades.

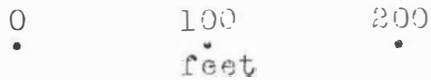
**WILL YOU HELP?** Even if it is only a short letter urging inclusion of significant alpine karst in a large national park or a smaller national park inside a large national recreation area, **WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR THE NORTH CASCADES - NOW!!!**



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