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COMING EVENTS

- July 28-30. Summit Steam Caves. Call Coughlin or Halliday.
- July 29-30. Paradise Ice Caves. Call Charley Anderson -- 682-9994
daytimes (work number)
- Aug. 12-13. Paradise Ice Caves. Call Anderson.
- Aug. 15. 3rd Tuesday -- regular grotto meeting at 8 PM at 1117 36th
Avenue East. Doors open at 7:55 PM. Special guests: Mr. and
Mrs. Jan Utterstrom. Those of you who don't qualify as old-
timers can refer to the map of Utterstrom's Cave System at
Mt. St. Helens on the cover of the 1975 Cascade Caver. Jan
pioneered littoral caves near Deception Pass, the northern
part of the Mt. St. Helens cave area, and some of the north
Cascades caves. Slides too.
- Aug. 26-27. Paradise Ice Caves. Call Anderson.
- Sept. 1-4. Vancouver Island caves. Call Bob Brown.
- Sept. 1-4. Idaho/Nevada caves. Call Anderson or Mark Vining.
Maybe including Lewis and Clark Cavern, Montana.
- Sept. 19. Regular meeting, 3rd Tuesday night. Slides of caving really
all over, and maybe additional program too.

Undoubtedly there are other trips planned; come to the next meeting and
let everybody know or find out. In the mean time, with the Caver so far
behind, PLEASE let Chuck Coughlin know whenever you are going some-
where or want to go somewhere.

RECENT EVENTS

With communications virtually shut off (has anybody talked with Rod
Crawford as to whether he is willing/able to continue as editor, and/
or catch up on missing issues?), this'ere temporary editor doesn't really
know about everything that has been happening recently, or just what dates
to bound the term "recently" by. For a start:

July 16. The rains came at 2:45 AM and washed us off of Mt. Baker, but
the Utterstroms were camped on the way back down and a very pleasant
time was had by all.

July 23. Roger Matthews and I rappelled down into the summit crater of
Mt. Baker and checked out the upper part of the main geothermal cave.

Patricia Halliday remained on the rim. Except for the steam, the curious sounds and appearance of numerous small fumaroles, and the odor and eye irritants, it has the appearance of a dendritic glacier cave. Some odd crystals need analysis, too. Delicate yellow sulfur crystals are obvious, but there are some mushy white stalk-like deposits that may be unusual sulfate minerals.

9 July. After the highly successful Mt. St. Helens altitude conditioning trip, I checked out the little cave alongside the highway. The longer of the two crawlways at the rear of the rockshelter goes only about ten feet, and the whole thing may have been dug.

3 July. Harrison's Crystal Cave, Barbados. Commercialization is about half-complete. Some beautiful Papoose Cave-style dripstone. For cavers, nearby Cole's Cave is more fun, with a succession of gours to be climbed, strode, and swum. Only an inch of air space in a couple of places. But Ole Sorenson has gotten leptospirosis twice there or in other Barbados caves.

5 July. Nassau, Bahamas. The Bahamas as a group, and New Providence Island per se turned out to be more speleoliferous than supposed. Details later.

July 22. The Oregon Grotto and especially the Slabics cordially invited the Cascade Grotto to come to their potluck, but without the Caver, almost nobody knew. Sorry. In any event, we hope the editor of the Oregon Grotto Speleograph will include our schedule and make it clear that the Oregon Grotto's members are always welcome on our trips and at all our functions. There was a great Memorial Day trip in the Oregon Desert, and yr temporary editor would like to attend again in 1979.

Hope you all join me in sincerest wishes for a speedy return to Rod's excellent production next month.

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