

# IOCAVER

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Preserve our  
underground  
heritage: in  
caves, take  
only pictures,  
leave only  
footprints.



Hey! I think I've got  
a handbowl!

## Caving Calendar -

- Oct. 18-19 - BROCA Seneca, South of Seneca (Pendleton Co.), West Virginia
- Oct. 31 - Nov. 2 - Knox Cave Halloween Party, Knox Cave (Albany Co.), New York.
- Nov. 26-30 \*FALL IOCAving\*, Blue Bend campsite, Greenbriar Co., West Virginia.

If your club has made any (non-secret) discoveries, learned any new caving techniques, or has done anything else to be proud of, why not send it to me and become famous?

In the interests of safety (safety first!), here is who you should contact in case of an emergency while caving:

Northeast Cave Rescue  
(Boston Grotto, NSS), ph. 617-734-6680. For New York and New England caves.

Pennsylvania Cave Rescue -  
Doug Medville, 7418 Colshire Drive, McLean, Va. 22101.  
ph. 703-356-1204 (This used to be handled by Witany Grotto at Penn State.)

Virginia Region (Va. & W.Va.)  
UVa. Cave Club, contact Va. Security Office - 703-293-3546.

If you send me information, about other IOCA-type caving trips, I'll be glad to print it. Maybe some ambitious member of the netherworld will send me an article. Wouldn't that be great!

About me: I am presently a full-time student in History at UConn. In addition, I have a near full-time job with the Lairy Herd Improvement Ass. (of all things!), so my caving

(contd. p. 1) has been very limited this year and it looks as if things won't change until next semester when I'll either be drafted or with weekends free.

AROA CAVE HALLOWEEN PARTY - October 31-November 2

From the North: Take Adirondack northward (I 87) to last exit (Western Ave., Rt. 20). Turn right (west) on Rt. 20.

From any other direction: Take NY Thruway to Exit 24. Take first right-hand ramp after toll booth (Western Ave.).

Then follow Rt. 20 (Western Ave.) west to Lt. 146. Hang a left onto 146 and follow it straight to Altamont. In Altamont, do NOT bear right & follow 146. Instead, go straight onto Rt. 156. Follow 156 to the village of Knox. When there, turn right just before a gas station. Go 3 miles; then turn left onto a side road (There should be IOCA markers).

We will be camping at the cave site, so plan to bring water and stop at gas stations at strategic times. If it is left to everyone to bring appropriate refreshments, the result will be some sort of potpourri; let's hope it's good, anyhow.

For further information, contact:

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Thanks and a tip of the helmet to both Roan and Bruce Nolan for their aid to me in helping plan this affair. (Actually, They did all the work.)

CAVE LOVER

As I sat down one evening, - in - a cavern nearby, A forty - year old  
witless To me these words did say.

2/I see you are a caver  
And not just a common bum;  
For nobody but a caver  
Pours carbide in his rum.

5/My lover came to see me  
Before a descent one day.  
He held me in a fond embrace  
That broke six vertabrae.

3/I had a caver lover;  
His equal you never saw.  
If you put cave mud on it,  
He'd crawl right through a straw.

6/He kissed me when we parted  
So hard it broke both jaws.  
I could not speak to tell him  
His rope had thirteen flaws.

4/He never washed the cave mud  
From off his horny hide;  
He said it improved the friction  
When down the rope he'd slide.

7/I peered into the entrance  
And saw my lover go,  
Happeling gaily downward  
Five hundred feet below.

8/The cave it tried to kill him. 10/They tried in vain to pull  
It tried its vertical best; him out;/His bones were all  
But pits and chimneys were for him they could save.  
A game and not a test. They made them into pitons  
To conquer virgin cave.  
9/The crawlways squeezed to nothing  
And breakdown covered the floor. 11/That's how I lost my lover  
But when the whole(sic.) split in two So it's to this tavern I've  
My lover caved no more. And here I'll wait for someone  
Who puts carbide in his rum!

Thanks and a tip of the helmet to  
Bob Brown for this one. Send me more songs and I'll try to print  
them. Music and information for credits would be nice.

and now.....FALL IOCAving:November 1969!!!!

Fall IOCAving will be held in Greenbrier County, West Virginia  
November 26-30. As most cavers know, Greenbrier County contains  
some of the best caving in the United States; some would say  
The best. There are 96 caves listed in the 1958 edition of  
Caverns of West Virginia(William Davies); 15 more in the 1965  
edition; and the total has nearly doubled since. Here the caves  
are measured in miles and not feet. Davies book, if you do not  
already have it, may be ordered from the West Virginia Geolog-  
ical Survey, P.O. Box 879, Morgantown, W. Va. 26505 for the mere  
sum of \$3.50 + 20¢ postage. Topo maps which are especially use-  
ful are Lobelia, White Sulphur Springs\*\*\*\*, and Ronceverte.  
There are all types of caves in the Greenbrier basin: beauti-  
ful or ugly; horizontal or vertical; saltpetre; walking or crawl-  
ing; dry or (especially) wet. The "typical cave" is 2-5000 feet  
long with a stream and scattered speleothems(formations to some  
of you).

We will be camped in the Monongahela National Forest at the  
Blue Bend campsite. (Write to the White Sulphur Springs Ranger  
District, Mon.N.F., W.S.S., W.Va. for an excellent map of the  
forest: it has contour lines, nearly every road traversible by  
6C-type vehicles, and is usable for cave-locating.) Blue Bend  
has several advantages: excellent johns, paved access, \*it's  
free\*, and \*\*it has a big pavilion, with electricity, suitable  
for square dancing\*\*. If you want to volunteer your services  
as a caller, please give me two weeks notice, so I can get the  
electricity turned on.

Fall IOCAving will feature a trip through the Organ-Hedricks  
System, the longest in the state and one of the longest in the  
world. We will enter and exit a mile away - after a 3-4 mile  
walk underground. There will be a beginner's trip through there  
as well. Bone-Norman, one of the most beautiful you'll see in  
the state, will be featured on a photography tour. With the  
exceptions of a possible few more caves, you will be encouraged  
to explore your own - provided (of course) that you have ade-  
quate leadership and permission. I'll try to give anyone a hand  
with locations that need it, but no guarantees.

To get to Fall '69 IOCAving: Take Interstate 81 to Lexington, Virginia (2<sup>nd</sup> exit is best). In Lexington, take US 60 west (to White Sulphur Springs). It will merge into Interstate 64 before Clifton Forge. I 64 will last until White Sulphur Springs. If you take the White S.S. exit and go into the city on US 60, make a right (north) on the paved country road to Alvon (you will pass one of the country clubs on the right as well as many cattle breeding farms. At the junction with US 60, there should be a sign for Alvon, Sherwood Lake, Linnehaha Springs, and/or Neola.) After 10 miles or so, make a left onto a paved road which after about 5 miles will lead you to Blue Bend. As an alternative, you could proceed to Lewisburg on US 60 and turn right (north) on US 219. Make the next right after the hamlet of Maxwellton (it will be just before Frankford). There will be a sign here for Blue Bend. Follow this "main" road about 5 miles generally east to the Greenbrier River. Cross over (there is a bridge) and continue on from Anthony (where the river and the road intersect) c. 2 miles until you come to Blue Bend.

