

We are still the  
Aggie Speleological  
Society

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# Caving Accidents

*April 4, 2024*

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*Josephine Shaw*

# FUN FACT

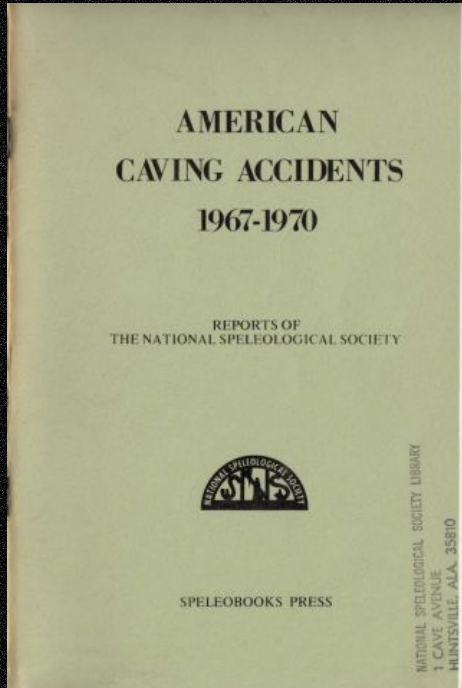
Caving is a **DANGEROUS** Activity



**AMERICAN CAVING  
ACCIDENTS**



# WHAT IS THE ACA?



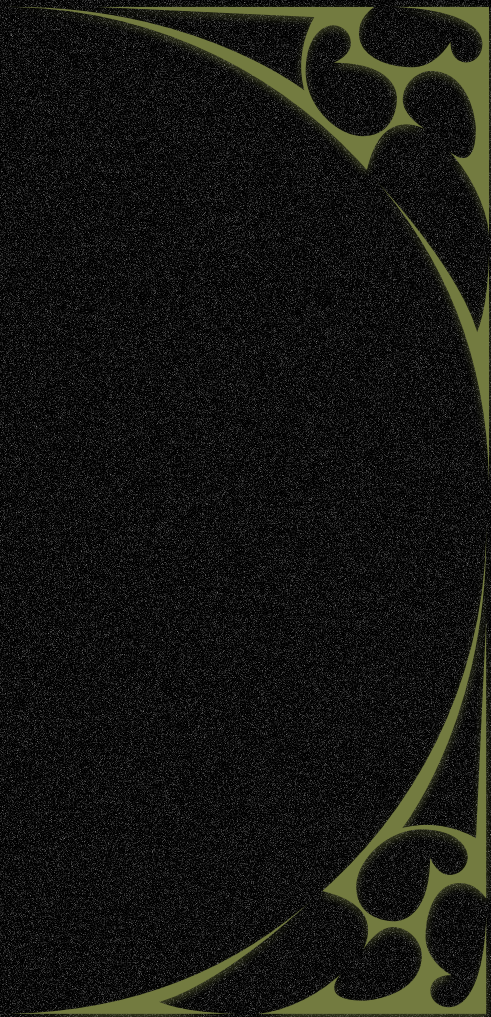
*“Laughter, Learning, Tributes and Remembrances”*

*- Dave Hughes NSS 14550*

- ❖ Caving accident and safety incident journal with analysis from the North American caving community.
- ❖ Published first in 1967, biyearly since 1971.
- ❖ Aims to help cavers by learning through others' experiences.

# HOW DOES THE ACA COLLECT REPORTS?

- Cavers can submit if they were involved in the incident/rescue. Anonymity is optional.
- ACA vets media reports by contacting those involved when possible.



# INCIDENT TYPES

# ACETYLENE- RELATED





# BAD AIR



# ROCKFALL

ASS HOLE CAVE

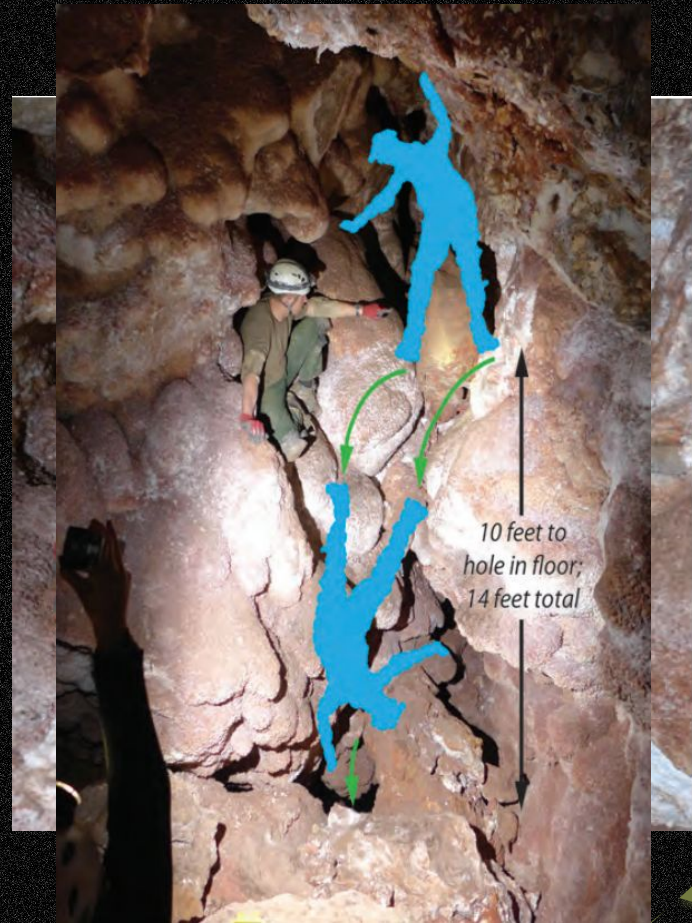


Dick Jr.



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# CAVER FALL

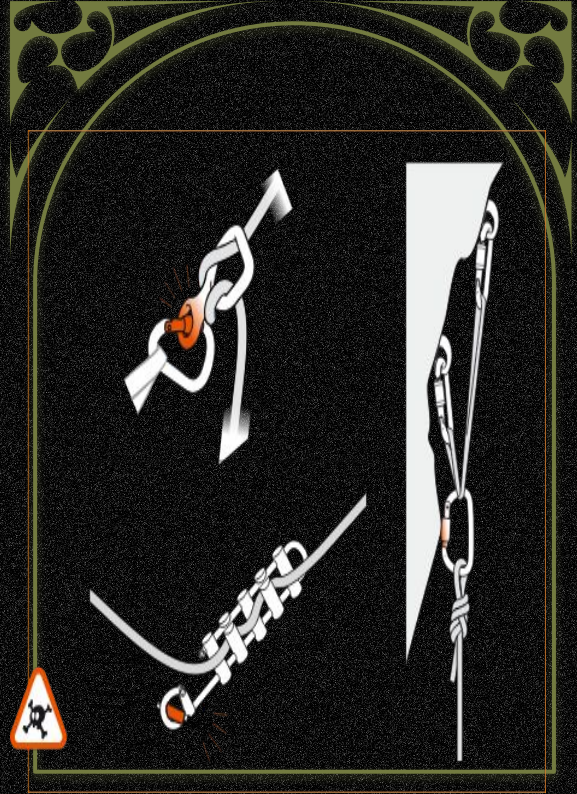


10 feet to  
hole in floor;  
14 feet total

# LOST CONTROL ON RAPPEL



# EQUIPMENT PROBLEM



**DIFFICULTY  
ON  
ROPE/LADDER**



# FLOODING



**DROWNING**





**EXHAUSTION**



VS

# HYPOTHERMIA



Josie questioning her life choices  
Blue Springs Cave, TN  
March 2024

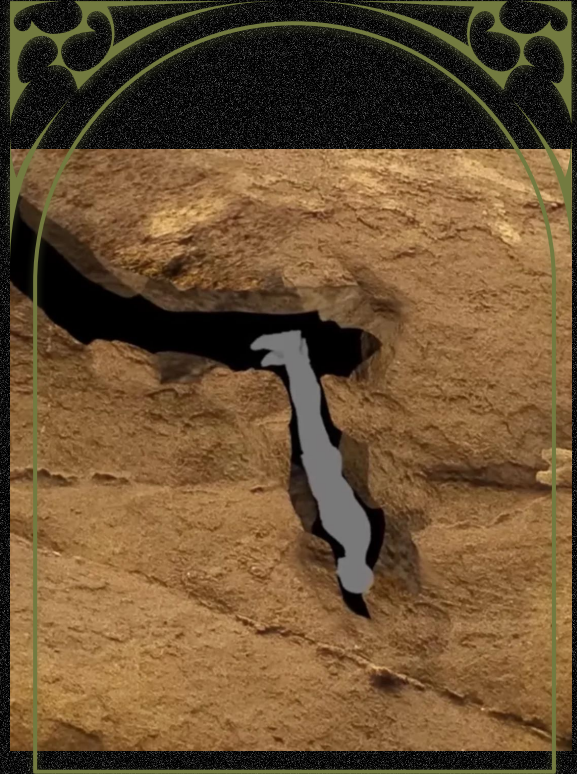
# ILLNESS/ MEDICAL ISSUE



LOST



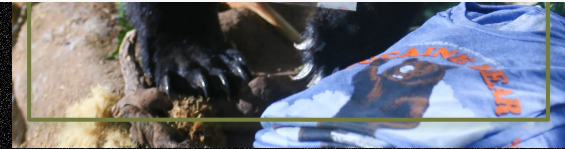
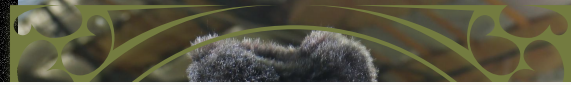
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# TRAPPED OR STRANDED

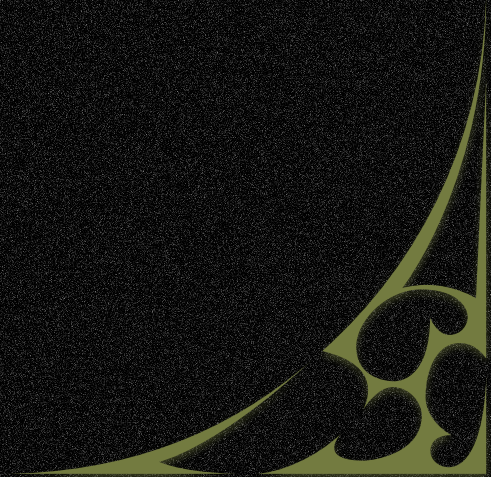


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# SO WHAT'S THE POINT?

- ❖ LEARNING FROM OTHER'S MISTAKES IS HOW WE GET TO KEEP CAVING!!!
  - ❖ Remembering those who lost their lives.
- ❖ Incredible resource for safety protocols for situations you may never have thought of encountering.







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Announcements

# Upcoming Events



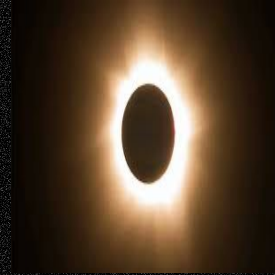
*April 5*

Park in the Dark: Outreach  
@ Lick Creek Park



*April 6*

Dexter & the Moonrocks  
Houston, Texas



*April 7-8*

Grant Critchfield Dig &  
Eclipse Extravaganza

Stay Late after the Meeting!



# Grant Critchfield Sign-Up



# Dark in the Dark

~500 members of the public will be present to attend night hikes, visit educational booths (that's us) camp, attend Bat Walks ect.

- Run a table on **cave and bat conservation!**
- Attend a Bat Walk
- Members who have completed their BCI training - Check the groupme for info on *participating* in Bat Walk



I'm cool and interested in going so I'll join groupme



# Dexter and the Moonrocks Houston Tickets



# Upcoming Events



*April 12-14*

*Robert Pfluger's Survey and  
Cave Exploration Weekend*



*April 13*

*Invasive Plant Pull @ Lick  
Creek Park*

# Robert Pfluger Survey and Dig



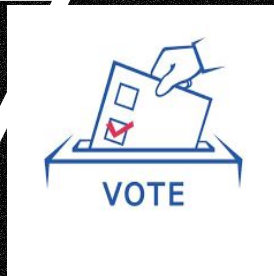


# Upcoming Events



*April 17*

*International Bat Day*



*April 18*

*Deadline to declare interest  
in running for an officer  
position in elections 5pm*



*April 18*

*“Crash” Kennedy presents on  
Bat Gates in honor of  
International Bat Day  
(last meeting)*

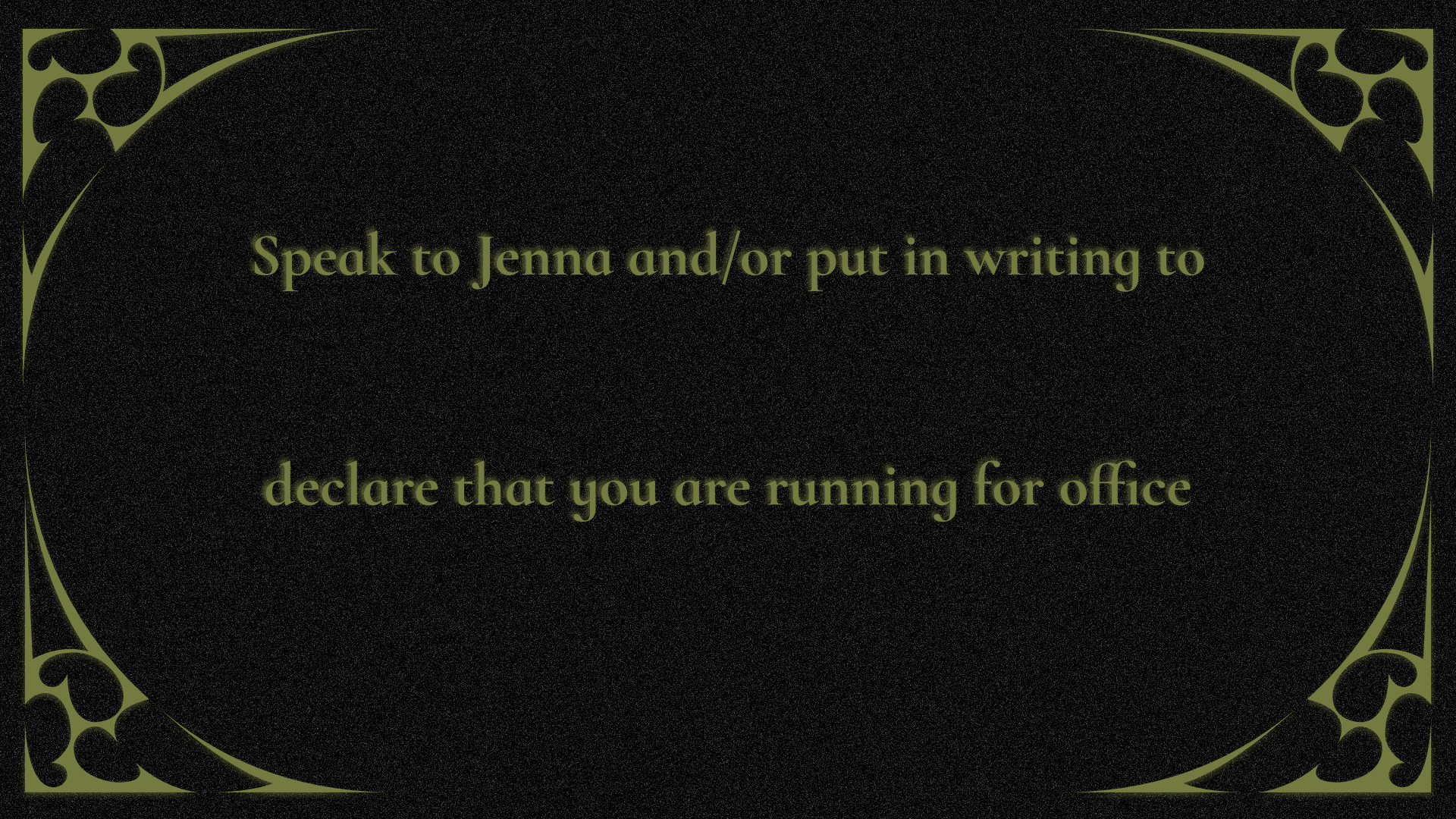
# Can I run for an officer position?

## Article IV. Officers

### Section I. Requirements

The officers of this organization must meet the following requirements:

- a. The officer must have held membership in the Aggie Grotto for a minimum of three months prior to running for an officer position.
- b. The officer must be a dues-paying member of the Grotto.
- c. The officer must be in good standing with the Grotto.
- d. The officer must be vertically checked off through the Grotto.
- e. The officer must be able to commit a minimum of four hours per week to the Grotto during the duration of their term.
- f. The officer cannot have been recommended to the Safety or Violations Committee within three months of them running for office.
- g. The officer must be a member of both the National Speleological Society and the Texas Cave Management Association.
- h. The officer must have been a member of a committee for a minimum of three months prior to running for an office position.



Speak to Jenna and/or put in writing to  
declare that you are running for office

# Upcoming Events



*April 19*

*Park in the Dark (bio blitz  
data collection) @ Lick  
Creek Park*



*April 20-21*

*Cascade Caverns dig  
Bio Blitz (4/20)*



*April 21*

*MUSTER  
7 PM*

# Park in the Dark- Bioblitz



# Cascade Caverns Dig



# Muster



# Upcoming Events



*April 25*

*ASS Elections  
(officers do not rise to power  
until after ASS Blowout)*



*April 26-28*

*Cave Mentor Weekend at  
D&P*



*May 7*

*ASS Blowout  
Gods and Goddesses: The  
Fall of Rome  
(new officers rise to power)*



# Cave Mentor Weekend



# Grant Critchfield Eclipse Weekend

- Sunday 10 am leave
- Arrive by 12 pm at the property
- 12 pm-2 pm meet with Mr.Critchfield, set up camp, look around property
- 2 pm-2 am digging
- Monday 11 am wake up
- 1pm all cars are packed
- 1:27 pm eclipse starts
- 2:30pm leave property
- 4ish pm arrive at Walmart





Josephine Shaw

**ASS President**

**'24-'25**

# Officer Candidates

Kyle W.	President
Tristan B.	President
Josie S.	President
Edward E.	Vice President
Chris G.	Secretary
Will F.	Quartermaster