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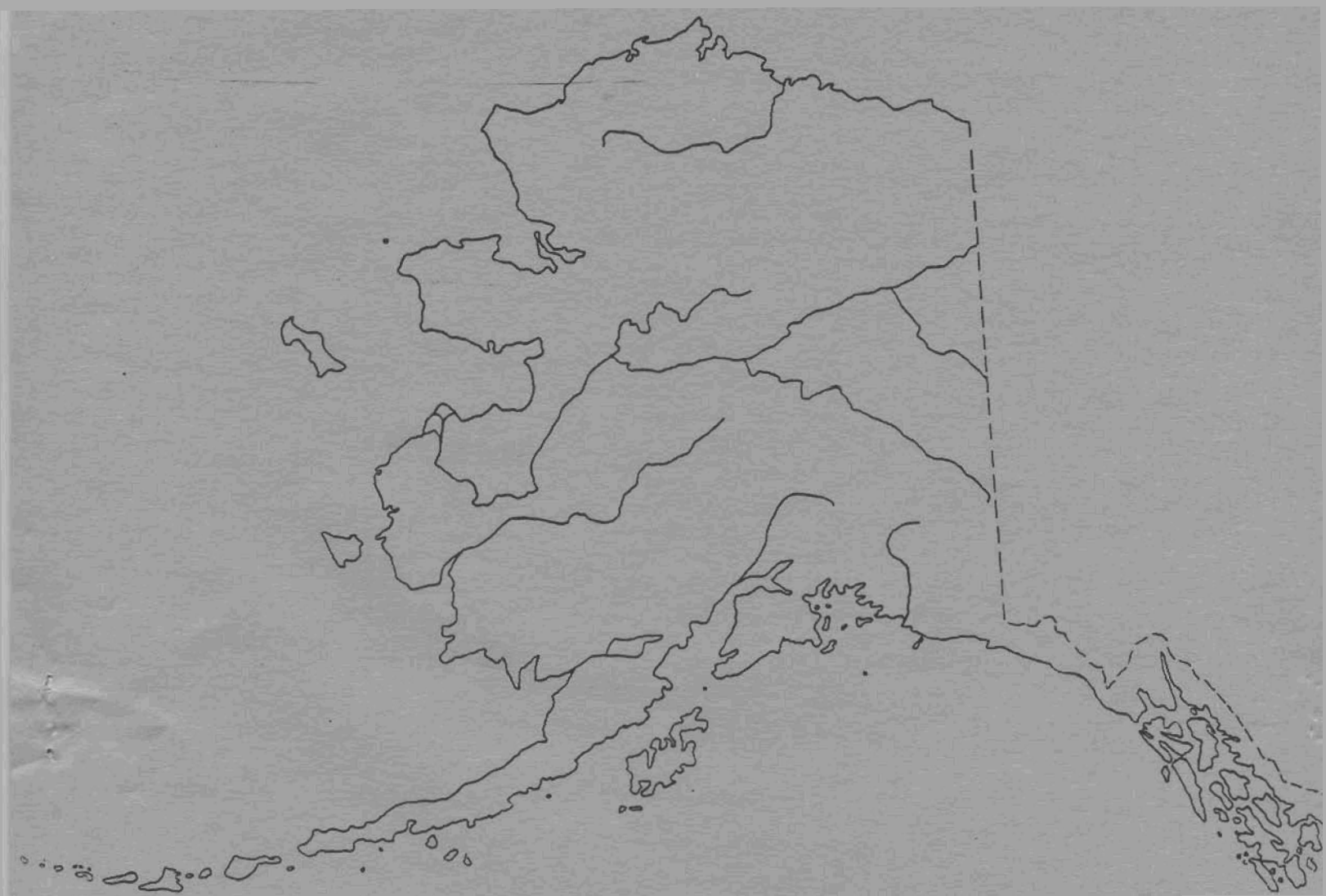
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

[If you are interested in going on any of these trips please contact the trip leader as soon as possible. To find out if trips are planned which were not listed here or if you would like to announce a cave trip anywhere else please call Rich Hall, 265-3365W, 333-2090H.]

- June 18 Glacier Grotto Meeting. Meetings are held in room 312 Grant Hall, Alaska Pacific University at 7:30 pm. The program will be an NSS slide show on Wyandotte Cave, Indiana.
- July 16 Glacier Grotto Meeting. Meetings are held in room 312 Grant Hall, Alaska Pacific University at 7:30 pm.
- July 18-24 Eighth International Congress of Speleology in Bowling Green Kentucky. This is the first time that the International Congress has been held in the United States. There will be a week of sessions, meetings, and trips as well as pre-congress, post-congress and daily excursions to caves and karst features. For further information request the Second Circular from: Eighth International Congress of Speleology, The Secretariat, Department of Geography and Geology, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101. Fees range from \$5 for a single day's sessions to \$130 for full membership. An abbreviated NSS Convention will be held the weekend following the Congress (July 25-26).
- August 20 Glacier Grotto Meeting. Meetings are held in room 312 Grant Hall, Alaska Pacific University at 7:30 pm. The program will be an NSS slide show on Wind Cave, South Dakota.
- Aug 29 -
- Sept 6 Annual 'Week before Labor Day' Chitistone Valley Cave Trip. Jay Rockwell (277-7150) will be leading the trip and we hope to have a scaling pole ready to get into Star Cave.
- Sept. 17 Glacier Grotto Meeting. Meetings are held in room 312 Grant Hall, Alaska Pacific University at 7:30 pm.

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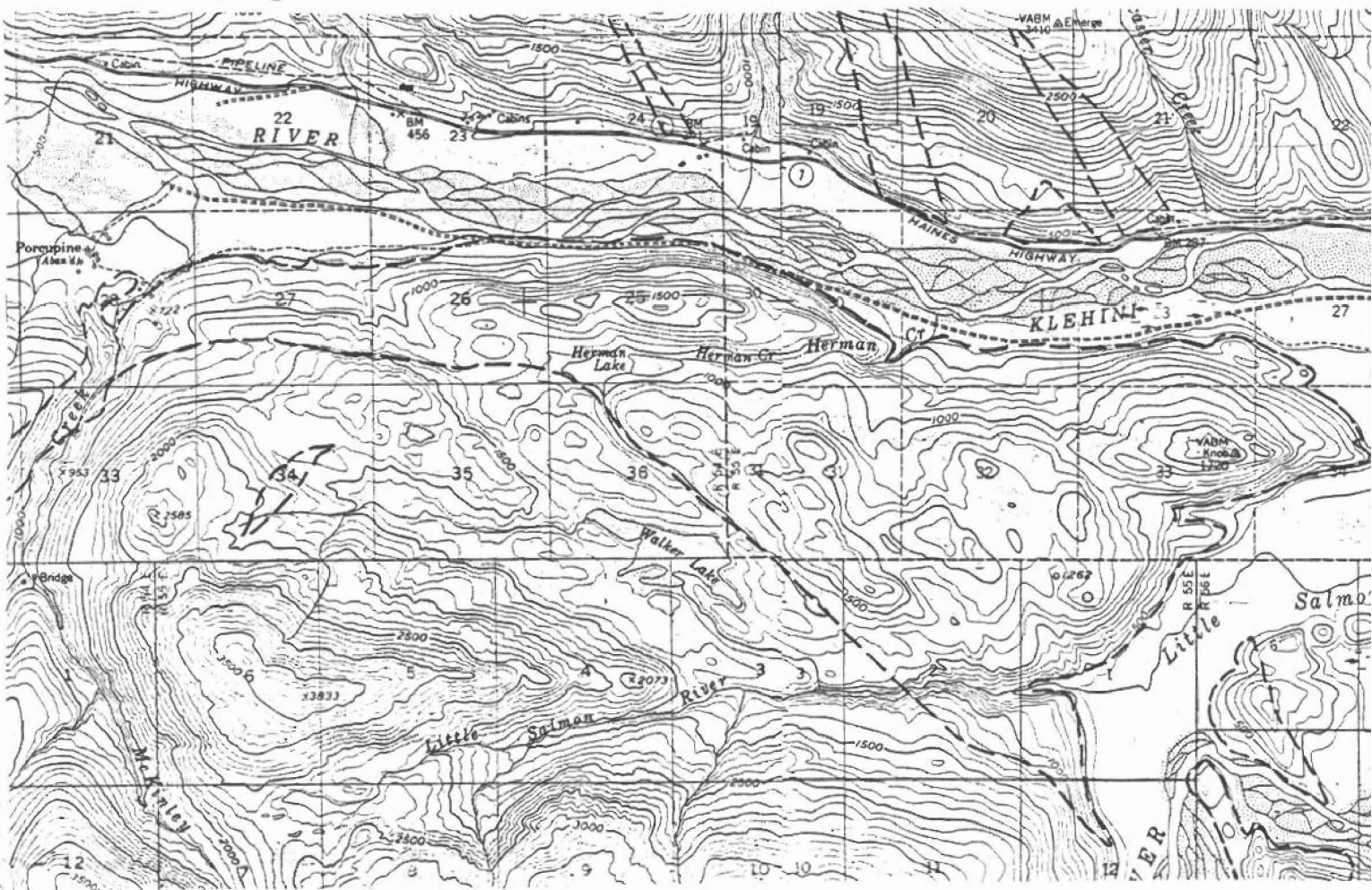
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# PROGRESS REPORT ON CAVE LAKE CAVE, HAINES

On August 9, 1980 Carlene and I hiked into "Cave Lake" (Herman Lake), taking with us a local gal who had expressed interest in seeing how the lake emptied into the cave. The lake level in one month had dropped about 9 or 10 feet exposing the entire entrance so that we could just walk right in. A smaller and lower entrance was swallowing the lake runoff. We hurried inside and when we encountered the cave stream my eyes bulged when I saw scores of white little shrimp-like creatures swimming in the water. After about 40 or 50 feet the stream emptied into a large pool which marked the end of our progress. Most of the cave is of large proportions to this lake. After exploring some side and upper leads our friend went outside while we began surveying. We surveyed 292 feet and outside found out that the girl had seen a large black bear come close to the entrance. She patted her 44 magnum as she told us.



Location of Herman Lake on the line between the Skagway B3 and B4 Quadrangles near the abandoned mining camp of Porcupine. The large dashes indicate the boundary of the marble (from USGS Professional Paper 832).

On September 11th we pushed a new route to the cave using our car for a 4X4 after some heavy rain. This left a steep ten minute walk down to the lake. We took Leki, our little boy, on this trip and took him into the cave with us to the pool which to our dismay was the same level as before. Carlene and Leki then left me alone with the challenge of getting across the lake somehow and she made a departing joke about a lurking shark. I didn't especially favor the situation while wading up to my thighs with hundreds of unknown white creatures swarming around but Leki was screaming because he was scared. Bag the wading; I climbed across the ceiling for about 20 feet and with bleeding hands reached the other side. It sumped. I swam back. I changed places with Carlene and she photographed the cave while I fished for Arctic Grayling and baby sat. A large animal (probably a bear) came close in the brush but Leki made some noise and scared it away. I wonder if we should tote our 357 magnum in the caves we enter?

On September 20th I went back to Cave Lake Cave with three young men. Between the four of us we had three rifles and two handguns for it was moose season. I packed in our rubber raft this time and while the others fished in the lake, one guy catching 43 Grayling in about two hours, I went paddling around the cave's pool. In just two weeks its water level had dropped four feet but still sumped. If all goes well there will be some winter expeditions to the cave when water is at its lowest. I photographed one of the fellows on the raft in the cave pool, that is until he fell in the pool which I then plumed at ten feet deep. We have collected several interesting bugs at Cave Lake Cave and hope to hear if we find anything new.

Kevin Allred

[Since this letter was written Kevin has told me that their planned winter trips at low water didn't pan out because after hiking through thick brush and deep sticky snow he found that the cave entrance was well under water again. He also has his first set of critters identified as a Spotted Frog tadpole, Rana pretiosa (Baird and Girard), a common Amphipod, Gammarus lacustris (Sars), and a seed clam, Pisidium sp. More specimens have been sent for identification. Now with the 4.2 Richter Scale earthquake centered right about there on April 5th it will be interesting to see if the water cycle changes for better or for worse. Ed]

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#### CAVE LEADS NEAR SITKA

I had a business trip to take to Sitka in March and as usual I managed to unsubtly bring up the subject of caves with several people. However, unlike usual, I managed to find a few people who knew about some caves.

Chuck Johnstone knew of some seacaves near Sitka; he said there was a large shallow cave at Brown's Point on Kruzof Island and there was a sea and fissure cave on St. Lazaria Island.

Franco Williams, a Hoonah native who lives in Sitka said there are two caves a few miles east of Hoonah up on a mountain which are visible with fieldglasses from the ferry as you ride toward Hoonah.

John Stednick of the U. S. Forest Service in Sitka also knew of a few caves in the area. About ten miles southwest of Hoonah near Seagull Creek is a religious community called 'The Farm' and there are supposedly several caves in the mountains east of their village. At the other end of Chichigof Island there is a point of land on Chatham Strait called White Rock. He says the creek there runs underground for its last three quarters of a mile and that salmon enter its mouth at sealevel, swim through the cave, and spawn upstream of the cave.

Rich Hall

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### ALASKAN CAVES AND CAVERS

We, in the Glacier Grotto, are now a larger than average grotto! At the last NSS Convention we had two delegates (based on the size of the club) while 60% of the grottos only had one delegate.

Another way to look at it is to compare the number of NSS cavers in each state. There are NSS cavers in every state with their numbers ranging from three in Rhode Island to about 385 in California. Alaska has relatively few (20) compared to other states. Eight states, Rhode Island (3), Maine (6), Hawaii (6), North Dakota (7), Nebraska (11), Delaware (12), Vermont (15), and South Dakota (18) have fewer NSS cavers than Alaska while New Hampshire, Montana, and Louisiana are tied with Alaska at twenty.

This could be compared to the number of known caves in each state. I'm sure some states like Delaware and Rhode Island have fewer known caves than Alaska but I'm not even sure how many we have here. My guess is there are probably a hundred documented caves of all types in Alaska already and more will be discovered each year.

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#### Calendar cont.

- October      Sometime in October a group of Japanese cavers plan to come to Alaska to explore and film some glacier caves. Their main interest is in Lemon Glacier near Juneau but will probably be open to exploration of other caves as well. If you are interested in assisting with their expedition contact Jay Rockwell at 277-7150 or 2944 Emory St., Anchorage, AK 99504
- October 15    Glacier Grotto Meeting. Meetings are held in room 312 Grant Hall, Alaska Pacific University at 7:30 pm. The program will be an NSS multimedia show based on John Denver's tune 'Country Roads' and titled 'Caving Roads'.
- Nov. 19      Glacier Grotto Meeting. Meetings are held in room 312 Grant Hall, Alaska Pacific University at 7:30 pm.
- Dec. 17      Glacier Grotto Meeting. Meetings are held in room 312 Grant Hall, Alaska Pacific University at 7:30 pm. The program will be an NSS slide show on the C-3 Expedition into Floyd Collins Crystal Cave, Kentucky.

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