Jerry Lindsey reported the recent death of an LSS [Laredo Speleological Society] member at Punkin Cave, Carta Valley, Texas. The victim fell the 50 feet of the entrance drop when his tie-off, an iron stake, broke off as he began descent of the cave. The accident was attributed to carelessness, unnecessary haste, and to no belay (a practice normally used by all LSS members). Jerry also announced that he was taking orders for MSR helmets.


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