

Randy Waters

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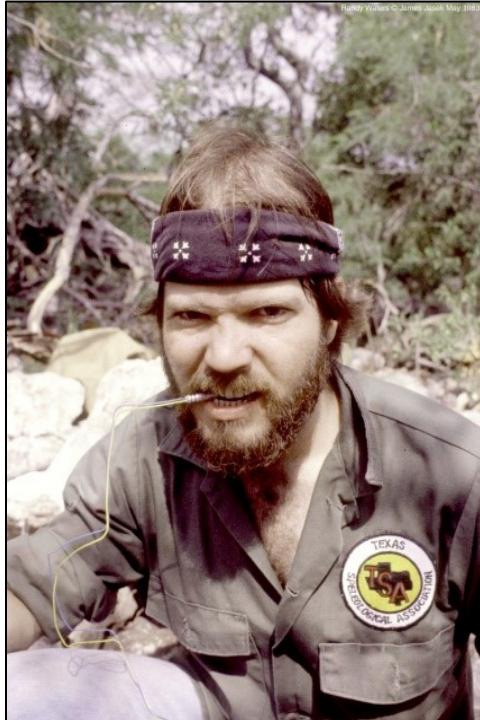
Bob Cowell, August 2008, from TSA website <https://www.cavetexas.org/rmiller/>

Randy died a few years ago from complications of throat cancer. His family found him when they came home. Randy had been sick for the last few years. Per his request he was cremated and his ashes were scattered by his daughter in Honey Creek at the bottom of the shaft entrance. Randy was very instrumental in the early years' discoveries at Honey Creek Cave and was one of the many from Bexar Grotto that did the blasting of the shaft. His wife Jenni [Bucha] still works at SWR and his daughter has since joined the army and is currently in Iraq. Randy's greatest gift to caving was his great cave maps, bug collecting, ridgewalking, as well as photography. A total caver, I still miss him.

William R. Elliott, 4 November 2019

Randy was a hard-core caver from the San Antonio and Bexar grottos, very active from 1976 to 1990. According to a 1997 TSS cave map inventory, his name was on 107 different Texas maps. Randy's caving buddies included A. Brandt, Jenni Bucha Waters, A. Cobb, A. Williams, B. Cowell, Brown, C. Goyette, C. Nicholis, Corbell, B. Cowell, D. Arburn, D. Canny, D. Dannemiller, D. Litsinger, D. Nash, E. Short, G. Fritz, G. Passmore, G. Poole, G. Veni, Gunther, H. Lloyd, J. Cross, J. Ing, J. King, J. Labidee, J. Loftin, J. Murrell, Jackson, J. Jasek, K. Kern, K. Menking, K. Ponebshek, L. Palit, Larsen, R. Bartholomew, R. Corbell, R. Smith, S. Damon, S. Harden, S. Rote, T. Canales, T. Inboden, T. Jackson, T. Kern. [Apologies for the abbreviations used in the map database.]

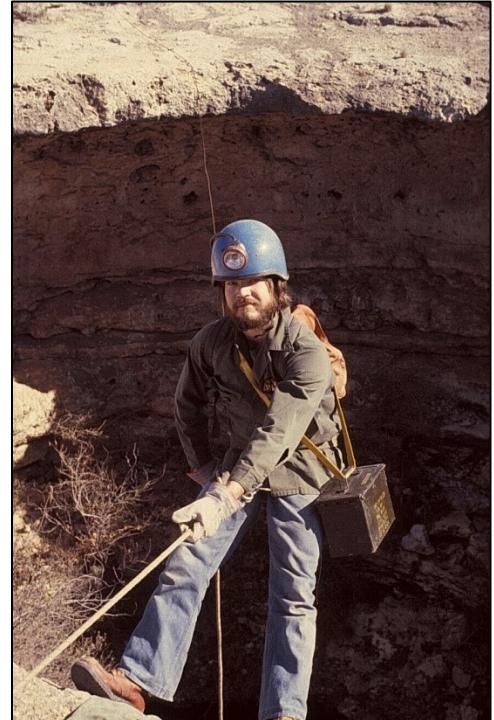
We remember Randy as a character and a caver's caver. Photos by George Veni, James Jasek et al.



Randy prepares a blasting cap.



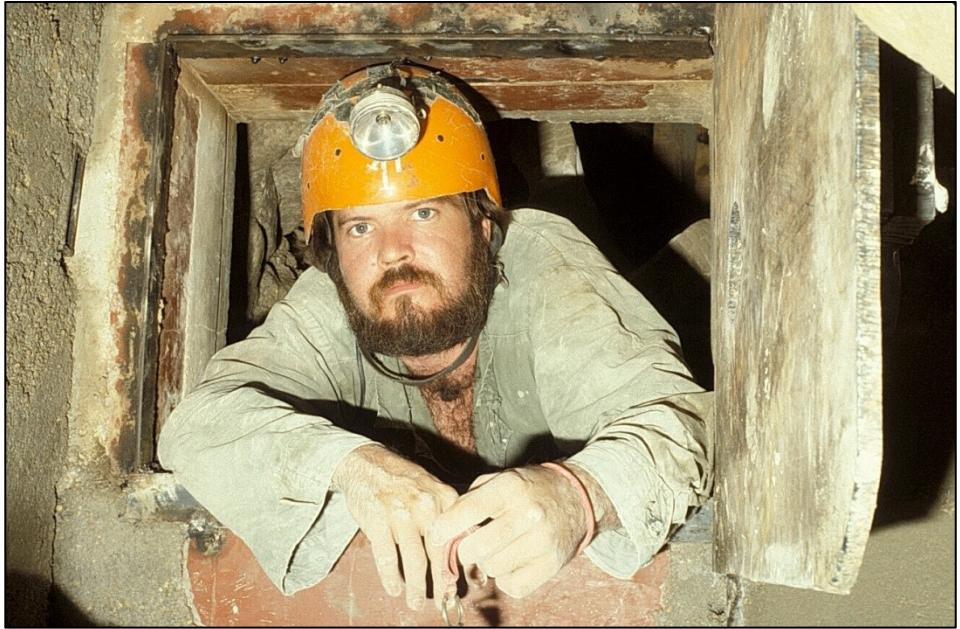
Advanced walking.



Rappelling into Fern Cave, 1982.



Honey Creek Cave, 1980.



The new gate on Robber Baron Cave, 1987.

Here is just one example of Randy's writing and cartography from *The Texas Caver*.

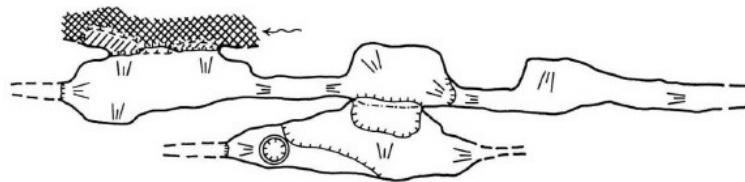
CIBOLO ISLAND CAVE

Randy Waters, *The Texas Caver*, Vol. 27, No.4, 1982, August

Cibolo Island Cave, formed in the lower Glen Rose Formation, is located on an island in the middle of the Cibolo Creek two miles down from Boerne, Texas. The entrance, six feet above the creek level, is a cement tube which prevents soil wash-in. This drops into a narrow fissure pit, 60 feet deep and divided by a few narrow ledges. A TSA belt buckle was found in the mud at the bottom of the pit. Toward the southeast, the passage becomes very narrow. It was not explored when surveyed because a fresh smelling snake was lying right in the way. On a later photo survey, Don Arburn pushed back 50 feet before the way narrowed. Back at the entrance drop and toward the northwest, you encounter a sump containing one large tire. Because of the cave's location, a considerable amount of water filters in, resulting in a resemblance of a rain forest.

Cibolo Island Cave

Kendall County, Texas



Survey: 14 February 1982

Eric Short
George Veni
Randy M. Waters; Draft

Length: 21.5m

Depth: 19m

Units: Suunto 8
30-Meter Tape



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