

BREAKDOWN

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Looking back on 1986, I am very happy with the progress we have made. For years our region has been considered a joke by other regions and many within our region. Well, I think the region has made great strides in becoming an active group again. We had two very good, well attended meets within a reasonable driving distance for everyone. Those who hosted the region meets provided us with planned options to entertain us during the day and great feeds in the evening. All those in attendance helped to make it an enjoyable time for all. In 1987 we expect to continue this trend and maybe we can even improve upon it.

Last year we started to publish the M.A.R. Breakdown, an extension of the flier that was sent out to announce meets. I again invite all grotto's and members to send in information they would like others in the region to know about. We will gladly post events, notices, cave situations or other important information. Just give the copy to any of the officers. We would even be happy to see artwork or cartoons come in. It's your newsletter, please use it.

I would like to thank the grotto's who sent in copies of their newsletters. It was a welcome surprise, please continue to send them.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone who helped make 1986 a good year for the region. A special thanks goes to the officers who helped in getting things going again. To everyone, keep up your interest in the region and please encourage others to join us.

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GOOD NEWS

Bru Randall and Barb Schomer are back from Australia

Chuck Hempel and Nancy are engaged.

Gary Storrick and Cindy are engaged. (Sorry, I don't know the ladies
last manes.)

Barry Baumgardner is looking for snow caves.

The Fall M.A.R. Meet came out in the black. Three cheers for Bob Keintz.

BAD NEWS

Al Harr dies suddenly on his way to work last December.

Sam Fore (O.T.R. drummer) passed away from stomach cancer.

Jack Rife will sport a back brace for a while after a fall from a cliff
in Braddock, Pa. Get well quick.

CALENDAR

Feb. 28 M.A.R. Business meeting (see flier →)

April 11-12 N.C.R.C. sponsored by R.A.S.S. near Aqua

April 25-26 or May 2-3 V.A.R. Rumor has it the meet will be held
at Endless Caverns.

May 23-25 Baltimore Grotto Pig Roast at Tim Walker's cabin near the
Frairs Hole Cave Preserve. Contact Anthony Glab (301)
235-1777 to make a reservation.

June 6-13 N.C.R.C. weeklong seminar in Abingdon, Va. Contact Nancy
Chrimes for more information

August 2-7 N.S.S. Convention in Sault Ste. Marie, Mi.

Nov. N.C.R.C. will be held in Indiana, Pa.

NOTICES

The Spring M.A.R. meet will be held in the Berks County area.
This county is being surveyed by the Philly Grotto for an M.A.R. Bulletin.
This will provide a project for those who want some serious work to do.
For those who want a more casual weekend the theme will be "Cave the Big
Five". This refers to the five caves in Berks County that are in a straight
line and are only a few miles apart from each other. They are: Shofers,
Dribilbis, Dragon, Oynx, and Crystal. (a.k.a. Death Trap #1, #1, & #3 and
Touron Trap #4 & #5.) Arrangements for camping facilities are still being
finalized. There is a spaghetti dinner and brew being talked about, if there
is enough interest. You can let us know at the business meeting.

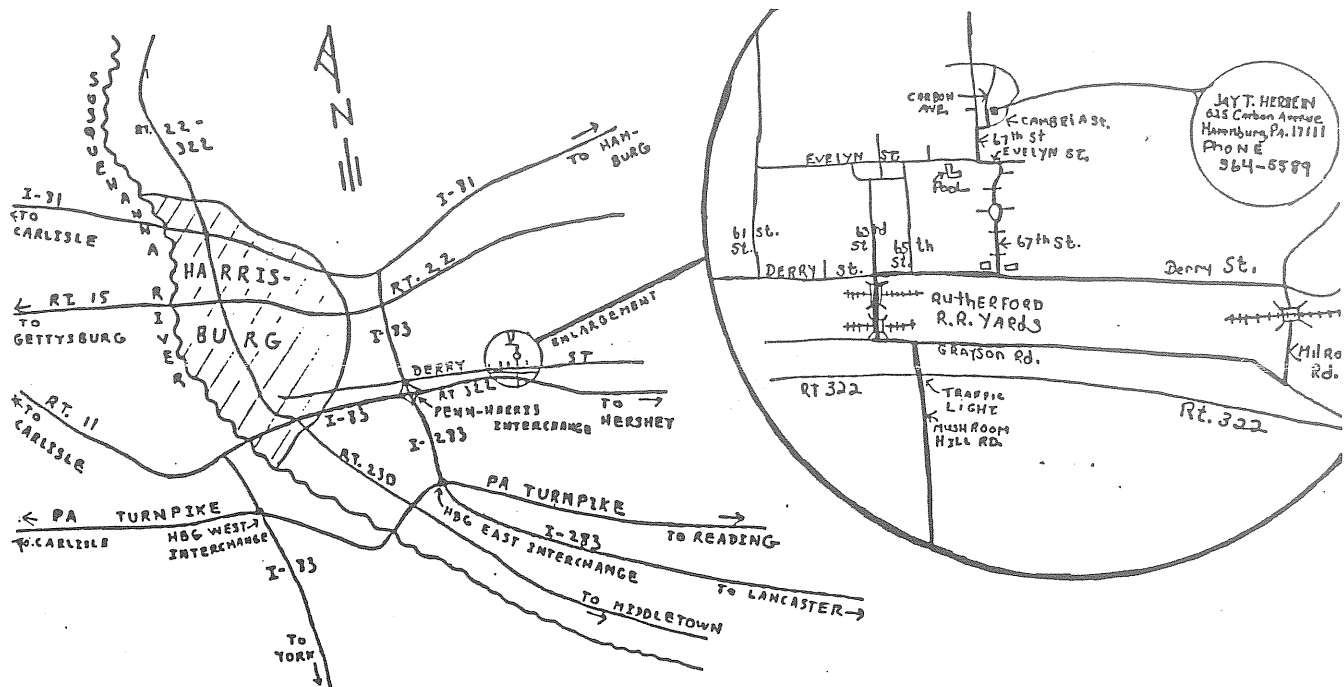
At the business meeting we will be looking for volunteers to host
the Fall '87 and Spring '88 meets.

Pittsburgh Grotto is reportedly going to do some arm twisting at the
business meeting. They are looking for a reliable hard workers for their
O.T.R. staff. If you volunteer early you can pick out the easier jobs.

Allentown Grotto has most of the Northampton County Survey finished.
An M.A.R. Bulletin should be complete by this summer. No new caves to
report of but they are keeping their eyes open.

M A R BUSINESS MEETING

DATE: February 28, 1987; TIME: 1:30 P.M. PLACE: Jay Herbein's house. See map.. We hope to see representatives from all the MAR grottos. Beer and food available (for a small donation). A party at Dale and Judi's will follow the business meeting. For more information call Jay at 717-564-5589 or Dale and Judi at 717-238-2198.



If coming from the East on Rt. 322 heading towards Harrisburg, turn right onto Mushroom Hill Road at the second traffic light after passing Hummelstown, PA. Go one block to Grayson Road, turn left, go one block, turn right onto the NEW bridge crossing Rutherford Railroad Yards. At the other end of the bridge is Derry St. Turn right onto Derry St. go to 67th St, turn left, then follow enlargement on the map to our house.

If coming from the West, get onto Rt. 322 heading towards Hershey. Turn left onto Mushroom Hill Road at the first traffic light (about 2mi.) after Rt. 322 begins at the big Penn Harris interchange.

If coming from the West on I-83 N. you can NOT get off at Derry St. Take Rt. 322 and follow map.

MORE NOTICES

There have been no rescues in the east end of the state of Pennsylvania lately. We hope everyone keeps up the good work. We are looking at the possibility of a moch rescue in that area soon.

No new developments for the Pennsylvania Cave Conservancy. Elections were held. The results are: Jeff Uhl - Chairman, Keith Wheeland - Vice-Chair, Mike Mostardy - Treasurer and Jay Longenderfer - Secretary & Editor. Meetings have gone to being held semi-annually. The Pennsylvania Cave Legislation issue is at a crawl, no progress has been made since the preliminary draft last year. We need a good leader for this project...THE JOB IS OPEN!

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