



BREAKDOWN

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Spring M.A.R. - May 10-12, 1991

Sponsored by Baltimore Grotto - Details inside.

Hints for Setting Up an MAR Meet

Site:

Publish a good map showing how to get to the site.

Post clearly marked LARGE signs along the route to the site. (Magic Marker on cardboard is tough to see at night.) Flagging tape helps to draw attention to the signs.

Secure adequate camping to service the size of the group you expect.

Trees are a plus.

Nearby restaurants are desirable.

Facilities:

Have enough flush toilets or portable toilets to service the size of the group you expect.

Running water or a water tank is necessary.

Showers are always nice.

Registration:

Open Friday night and stay open until the wee hours. Open again early Saturday morning.

Collect the registration fee, plus name and full mailing address for each attendee. (To be used to mail the newsletter, *MAR Breakdown*.)

Food and Beverage:

A good meal should be planned for Saturday evening.

Have plenty of beverages, including quality, non-alcoholic ones (diet and non-diet). These should be available Saturday evening. Friday night beverages are optional.

Structured Activities:

Have guided cave trips. These can be personally guided OR have good maps and directions available.

Speleobiking or orienteering.

A geology field trip.

A slide program

Invite an equipment vendor.

Other innovative cave related activities.

Have information available for laid-back or non-cavers. Consider one or more of the following activities.

Hiking, biking, canal walking, antiqueing, shopping, commercial caving, etc.

Budgeting:

Prepare a budget by taking into consideration the drawing power of the site, scheduled events, and past attendance.

You must collect \$4 from each adult to be turned over to the MAR. (This rate goes into effect after the Spring 1991 field meet.)

Plan on a discount for kids: Under 6, free; 6-12, 1/2 price.

All profits should be turned over to the MAR.

You can avoid losses by careful planning.

All efforts should be made to keep the fees in line with past events. Even if that means making a few extra dollars.

(Submitted by Carol Tideman et. al.)

The MAR accepts donations. Send them to Bette White. Address on back page.

P2G2

Where: VFW Post, West Chester, Pa.

When: April 5, 1991, 8:00 p.m.

What to expect: The usual - beer, good food, slide shows, videos, door prizes.

Cost: \$5.00 for grotto members
\$7.00 for guests

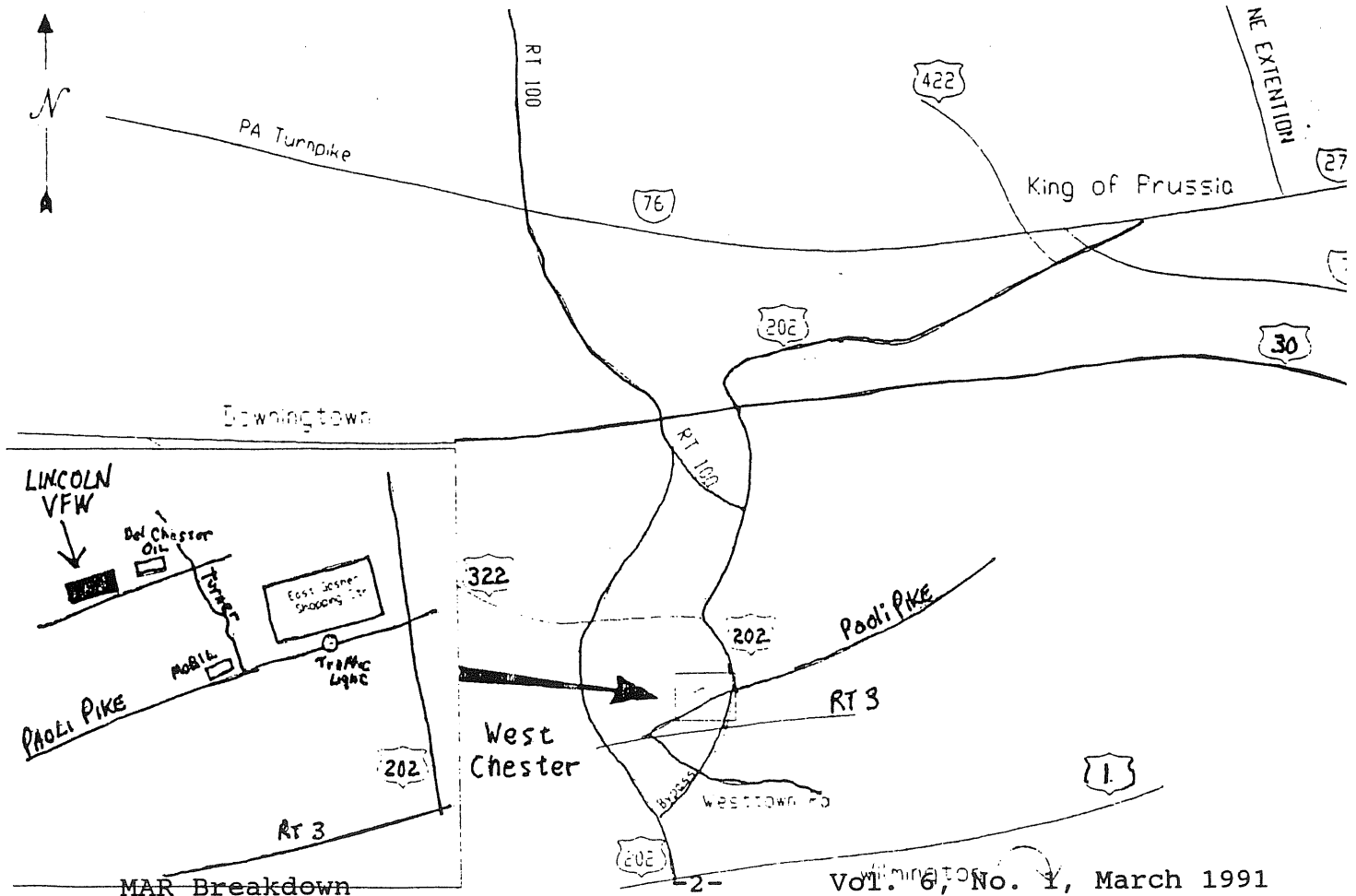
Please show your support for the Piedmont Penneplain Grotto Group. Plan to attend. See directions below or call Mike Mostardi (215) 430-8076 -

(1) From NORTH and EAST - take PA Tpke to Exit 24 (Valley Forge). Follow 76 E until the second exit (West Chester - 202 South). Follow this to Paoli Pike exit. Go to step (2) below.

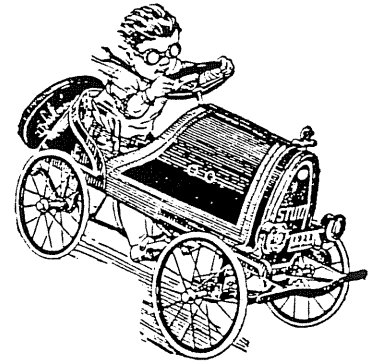
From West - take PA Tpke to Exit 23 (Downingtown - Rt. 100 South). Follow this to US 202. About one mile after going over Rt. 30 (Exton), Rt. 100 will exit to West Chester; DON'T TAKE THIS EXIT. Stay on 202 South to Paoli Pike exit. Go to step (2) below.

From South - take US 202 North to West Chester by-pass, right lane, and go to Paoli Pike exit. Go to step (2) below.

(2) Exit Paoli Pike West and follow it through traffic light and past shopping center on right. Turn right on TURNER LANE. Mobile station is on the corner as you turn. Make a left onto LINCOLN AVE at the first stop sign. The VFW hall is immediately past Del Chester Oil on the right.



SPRING M.A.R. 1991



at the Shippensburg Fairground, Shippensburg, PA.
on May 10-12, hosted by the Baltimore Grotto

Cost: - adults \$12.00 - children 6-12 \$6.00 - under 6 free

ACTIVITIES: Speleobiking
Speleomotoring
Limited Access Caving
Saturday night Banquet from 5:30 to 6:30

Other Activities: Hike the A.T.
Hike Gettysburg
Bike Gettysburg
Kick back and relax

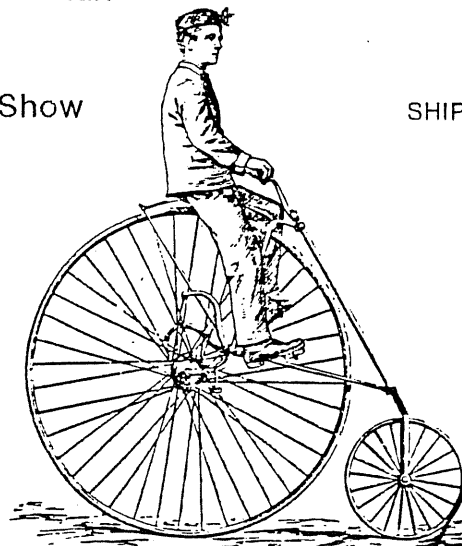
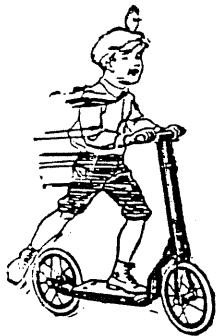
Other features: Hot Showers
Evening Slide Show

HARRISBURG



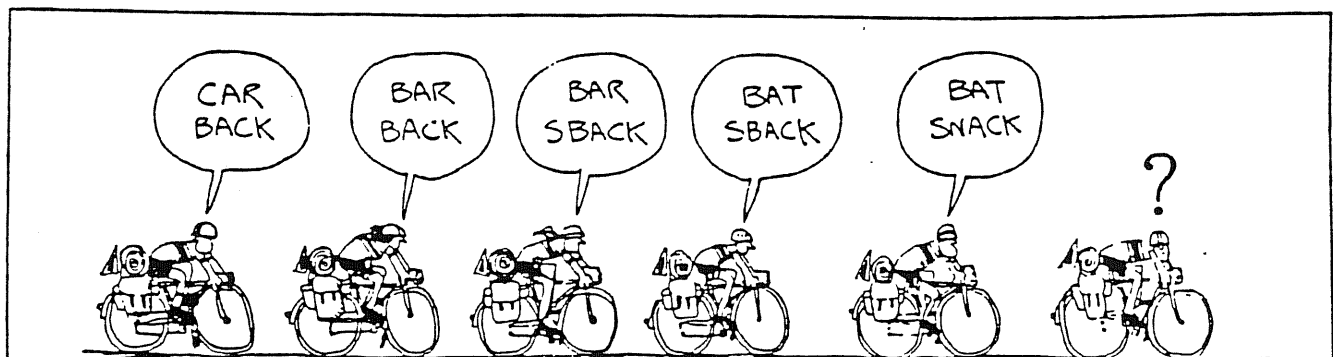
SHIPPENSBURG • EXIT 10

turn left on King St.
turn left on Locust St.
to Fairground



MARYLAND

Pet Policy: Pets must be kept on a leash attached to a human or immobile object AT ALL TIMES. Owners must clean up after their pets.
PETS MUST BE REGISTERED.



MINUTES

Chairman Jeanne Wetterling called the meeting to order at 1:52 pm. There were 57 people present, representing 13 grottos. The other officers were present and introduced. They are: Keith Wheeland, Vice-Chairman; Bert Ashbrook, Secretary; and Bette White, Treasurer.

Minutes -- Bert Ashbrook read the minutes from last year's business meeting, which were amended to say 46 attended.

Treasurer's Report -- Bette White's report is included on a separate page. In summary, the region's net income was \$267.66 in 1990, and assets now total \$1456.48. Both field meets collected \$1 per head for the MAR, and each also provided a modest profit for the region. Income from the sales of MAR Bulletins was offset by the printing costs of Bulletin 17. MAR Breakdown expenses exceeded subscription income, despite both the collection of subscriptions at both field meets and Nittany Grotto's donation of printing costs for one issue.

MAR Breakdown Editor's Report -- Keith Wheeland needs articles for the Breakdown, and is especially interested in publishing schedules of upcoming events.

OLD BUSINESS

County Surveys -- Will White reported that MAR Bulletin 17, The Caves of Northumberland County, is complete and on sale for \$5. Bert Ashbrook edited the material.

Mike Mostardi reported that the Berks County survey is 97% complete. MAR Bulletin 18, the Caves of Berks County, will be published in April, 1991.

Will once again promised that the Bedford County bulletin would be completed before the NSS convention, but he declined to say which year's convention he meant. Kirk Taylor, Mark Wolfe, and Nittany Grotto have recently agreed to complete the work started by John Ganter for this county.

Bill Wolford reported that the Loyalhanna Grotto intends to publish a special issue of their newsletter, The Troglodyte, this year which will concern the caves of Armstrong County. Bill was encouraged to make this an MAR bulletin.

Volunteers are still being sought to do the Upper Susquehanna Valley (Union, Montour, Clinton, and Lycoming Counties).

At 2:15, Randy Hurst was declared out of order.

Cave Legislation -- Judi Stack's report is included on a separate page. [Ed. note. No space available, Bert's minutes cover it well.] In summary, Pennsylvania's cave protection law is now in effect. The landowner liability law, which died before a vote could be taken by the last session of the state house, will be reintroduced in the next term, and a

renewed effort to pass this bill will be required.

Judi asked for guidance concerning the "Sale of Speleothems" provision which was amended out of the law last year. A lengthy discussion followed. John Coolidge pointed out that mineralogists occasionally trade and sell speleothems, and that this measure might invoke their ire and political clout. He indicated that while some speleothems are already in circulation, trade in them would not further damage any caves, nor would a law stop this trade from occurring. Special consideration for landowners was discussed. A majority favored pursuing the provision in the legislature, but it was the consensus that the current wording needs a change. All agreed that the landowner liability legislation was more important.

Dale Ibberson's financial summary of the Cave Legislation Task Force is included on a separate page.

Slide Show -- Dale Ibberson managed to pawn this job off on Judi. Her report, which is included on a separate page, says that the cave law slide show would be needed for the continuing work of the Cave Legislation Task Force, but that one copy could be donated to the MAR to expand into a show on the Caves of Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania Cave Database -- Keith Wheeland reported that the database now lists 1077 caves. A wide variety of information is being made available for researchers, MAR Bulletin editors, etc., but these requests are being screened. Updates and requests for information are always welcome.

Financing of the MAR Breakdown was discussed at length. The \$1 Breakdown subscription price was originally set for three one-page mailings, but the larger and higher quality publication now costs more. Postage costs have increased, and MAR no longer receives free printing. The cost of producing the Breakdown is now about \$1.00 per copy; hence, the region needs to raise the three-issue subscription price from \$1 to \$3. Along with \$1 for MAR's general expenses, this means that the region needs \$4 a head at each field meet.

Dale Ibberson moved to raise the amount collected for MAR from each field meet attendee from \$2 to \$4. The 3-issue MAR Breakdown subscription would be included in the \$4. The motion was amended to take effect after the Spring '91 field meet. The amended motion was seconded and passed by a vote of 16 to 1. The region would appreciate anyone who could photocopy the Breakdown, or let their bulk mailing permit be used.

It was also suggested that the prices of old MAR Bulletins be raised so that they were in line with the newer ones. Bette White indicated that MAR Bulletins are priced when printed so that they will break even after about 1/3 are sold.

The set of guidelines prepared by Carol Tideman and edited by Jeanne Wetterling concerning the operation of MAR field meets is complete and is included on a separate page. It was emphasized that meet profits, if any, should be donated to

the MAR and not kept by the hosts.

NCRC Report -- Chuck Hemple reported that information on rescuers is being updated, and that information is especially needed about the Penn State area. MAR covers participated in a rescue 3 weeks ago in Maryland. Information on local fire departments or rescue organizations which would help the NCRC coordinate local rescues will be sought. Requests for cave rescue classes in 1991 should be sent to him as soon as possible.

PCC - Chairman Larry Clauser reported that the other Pennsylvania Cave Conservancy officers elected at the last MAR field meet are: Pat Minnik, Vice Chairman; Keith Wheeland, Secretary; and Dale Ibberson, Treasurer. A meeting of the PCC will follow the MAR business meeting. The most pressing issue is the gating of Cleversburg Sink.

Spring '90 Field Meet -- Thanks were expressed to Loyalhanna Grotto for co-hosting this meet with the VAR at the OTR site. 47 people attended.

Fall '90 Field Meet -- Thanks were expressed to Jay Longenderfer for hosting this event at Woodward Cave Campground. 74 people attended. Thanks were also expressed to Will and Bette White for leading a successful geology field trip.

At 3:15 pm, Craig Hindman was officially ejected from the meeting. Nevertheless, he refused to leave.

NEW BUSINESS

Cave Vandalism Deterrence -- A report by Judi Stack is included on a separate page. She is seeking information from Grottos about which caves have been posted and which cave owners have been informed. Bert Ashbrook will coordinate this information in the future.

Annual IO Report -- Jeanne Wetterling and Keith Wheeland have available a report concerning the activities of the MAR in 1990 is being sent to Evelyn Bradshaw.

Congress of Grottos -- Carol Tiderman is seeking issues for the Congress of Grottos to consider at the convention in New York.

Keith Wheeland and Will White reported that the Aiken Cave property in Mifflin County may be for sale. The Nature Conservancy may have a right of first refusal. If the property could be subdivided, a nice karst preserve could be created with Aiken, Diamond, Nails, and several smaller caves.

Keith Wheeland reported that an index of Speleo Digests from 1956-1980 which he co-edited is being sold by the NSS.

Although he had been ejected from the meeting, Craig Hindman moved that a copy of the Senate Bill 868 with Governor Richard Casey's signature and a pen which commemorates the Governor's signing of that bill be given to Judi Stack, who was instrumental in getting the legislation passed. The motion carried unanimously.

The idea of placing signs about Pennsylvania's cave law and the cave vandalism deterrence rewards offered by the NSS inside wild and commercial caves was discussed. Jeff Uhl was concerned that signs in wild caves would be vandalized. Bert Ashbrook and Keith Wheeland will form a committee to study the idea.

UPCOMING EVENTS

P²G² -- Mike Mostardi reported that the annual event will be held on April 5, 1991 in West Chester, Pa. The event will not be hosted by Philly Grotto, but Commander Cody Grotto may host.

Spring '91 Meet -- Baltimore Grotto will host the event at the Shippensburg Fairgrounds May 10-12. Speleobiking, speleomotoring, and limited access caving will be available. There will be a banquet, beverages, and a slide show.

Keith Wheeland is organizing a pre-convention field June 26-28 at Woodward Cave. Volunteers are needed to lead trips.

Fall '91 Field Meet -- The MAR and Bill Bussey of the VAR will jointly host a meet in Aurora, W. Va. in October but the dates are not finalized. Bill Wolford is the MAR contact. The NSS News recently reported that a Speleological Symposium to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the NSS would be jointly hosted by the MAR and the VAR October 17-19, but this was news to everyone in the room. Will White was volunteered to organize this event.

Winter '92 Business Meeting -- Once again, Jay Herbein has graciously consented to allow the use of his home. Leap over to 625 Carbon Avenue in Harrisburg on February 29, 1992 at 1:30 pm.

Spring '92 Field Meet -- Jeff Uhl volunteered to run another speleo-orienteeing event. There was lots of interest in this event, but someone else is needed to run the other aspects of the meet.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:59 pm. Refreshments were provided by the Herbeins, and dinner followed at Dale and Judy's.

Respectively Submitted,

Bert Ashbrook, Secretary

PENNSYLVANIA SLIDE SHOW

February 26, 1991

The Cave Legislation Task Force put together a very nice slide show that was shown to cavers and non-cavers alike to get the word out on Senate Bills 867 and 868 and to get support for these bills. I know we still have work to do on legislation regarding the "Land Owner Liability Law" and we will need the slide show, however I think one copy of the slide show should be donated to the MAR for updating and expanding into a full slide show on "Caves of Pennsylvania". With this done we should then send a copy to the N.S.S. for the audio/visual library.

The two people who worked on collecting slides, writing the script and arranging to have the script read and recorded on cassette to be played along with the slide show, are Kathryn Rosenfeld and Marty Milot. They did a great job and I'm sure it would be all right to contact Kathryn or Marty if they have any questions. In the mean time anyone wishing to contribute slides is urged to contact Judi Stack. I will be working on the Pennsylvania slide show in hopes of getting one completed soon. Anyone interested in helping please contact me at 717-238-2198 or write to: 445 Hale Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17104.

Thank you

CAVE VANDALISM DETECTION REWARD COMMISSION OF THE N.S.S.

Judi Stack
Regional Coordinator of the Mid-Appalachian Region of the N.S.S.

February 26, 1991

Judi Stack served as Regional Coordinator from December 1990 until February 1991. On February 23, 1991 Bert Ashbrook offered to be Regional Coordinator. Thank you Bert.

Last year when John Wilson, Chairman, asked me to serve as Regional Coordinator for this commission I agreed on one condition and that condition was that I would only serve until I could find someone else. At the MAR business meeting held on February 23, 1991 Bert Ashbrook volunteered to fill this position. Bert is active in both Greater Allentown Grotto and York Grotto. Please help Bert whenever possible.

I would like to thank Bert for taking over for me.

Any information sent to me will be forwarded to Bert, any correspondence should be sent to Bert Ashbrook at, 443 North 8th Street, Allentown, PA 18102 or call 215-434-4719.

*Thank you,
Judi Stack*

Financial Summary - Cave Legislation

As of 2/22/91 [Covers period from day 1 (9\97) to 2/22/91]

INCOME:

York Grotto	105.00
CPC/Stony Creek Fund	110.00
Pa. Cave Conservancy	100.00
Greater Allentown Grotto	100.00
Huntingdon Co. Cave Hunters	25.00
Pittsburgh Grotto	100.00
Nittany Grotto	95.00
Philadelphia Grotto	75.00
Franklin Co. Grotto	50.00
Sierra Club-Otzinachson Group	10.00
Individuals:	
Mike Powers	50.00
Dr. Kezell	10.00
Rich Anderson	5.00
Barry Cupp	5.00
James Carney	25.00
Nancy Strailley	5.00
Raymond Waiton	5.00
Bernard Smeltzer	10.00
Dave Ward	15.00
	<u>900.00</u>

EXPENSES:

Envelopes	35.09
Regular postage	350.86
Slide show	98.80
Legislative directories (600)	122.00
Labels for Pa. NSS (twice)	27.42
Paper & printing	174.94
Phone calls to grottos	21.55
Bulk mailing to all Pa. NSS (twice @ 8.4 cents)	<u>67.95</u>
	<u>998.61</u>

\$ 1.34

Additional Pledges not yet called in:

York Grotto	50.00
CPC/Stony Fund	190.00
	<u>240.00</u> [plus pledges]
TOTAL:	<u>241.34</u>

Dale Ibberson, Treasurer

MAR FINANCIAL STATEMENT
February 23, 1991

GROSS ASSETS February 1990:	
Checking:	161.55
Savings:	1027.27
Total:	1188.82
GROSS ASSETS February 1991:	
Checking:	122.55
Savings:	1333.93
Total:	1456.48

Net Income (Loss) for 1990: 267.66

===== INCOME EXPENSES NET =====

INTEREST 61.66 61.66

MAR FIELD MEETS

Spr '90 (MAR/VAR)		
47 registered adults		
MAR income	47.00	47.00
MAR Brkdn income (\$47.00 see below)		
MEET profit (\$171.00 - 94.00 = 77.00)	77.00	77.00

Fall '90 (Allentown: GAG @ Woodward Cave)

74 registered adults		
MAR income	74.00	74.00
MAR Brkdn income (\$74.00 see below)		
MEET profit (\$276.00 - 148.00 = 128.00)	128.00	128.00
[\$890.50 + 4.87 donation - 619.37 = \$276.00]		

MAR BULLETINS

MAR 17 Northumberland County printing	524.50	
Postage	59.90	
Sales	583.69	
Net		- 0.71

MAR BREAKDOWN (prev bal: \$13.37)

Subscriptions (Spring Field Meet)	47.00	
Subscriptions (Fall Field Meet)	74.00	
Postage Vol 5(1)	26.80	
Postage + printing Vol 5(2) 133 copies	67.61	
Printing Vol 5(3) 164 copies	93.44	
Postage Vol 5(3)	52.44	
Net		-118.49

(Present balance: \$13.37 - 118.49 = -105.12)

TOTALS 1092.35 824.69 267.66

Elizabeth L. White, Treasurer

MAR BULLETINS AVAILABLE

No.	County in Pennsylvania		Cost	Postage
10	Snyder	20 caves, 14 maps	1.25	*
11	Centre	71 caves, 56 maps/ 1 large map	4.75	*
12	Mifflin	47 caves, 31 maps/5 large maps	5.50	**
13	Perry	13 caves, 6 maps	1.50	*
14	Bucks	24 caves, 6 maps	3.00	*
15	Lehigh	25 caves, 13 maps	3.25	*
16	Northampton	24 caves, 13 maps/1 large map	5.50	*
		NEW NEW NEW		
17	Nortumberland	20 caves, 10 maps	5.00	*

*U.S. Postage: \$0.75 each copy: \$0.25 each additional to same adr.
 **U.S. Postage: \$1.00 each copy: \$0.50 each additional to same adr.

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