

# BREAKDOWN

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## MAR Spring Field Meet set for May 13, 14, & 15, 1994

The MAR Spring Field meet will be held May 13, 14, & 15, 1994 in Williamsburg, PA. It will be hosted by the Huntingdon County Cave Hunters.

See pages 3 & 4 for details and directions.

### Hosterman's Pit Status Report

by Keith Wheeland

The effort to save Hosterman's Pit from being destroyed from mining entered a new phase since my last report. On Feb. 23, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) sent their stage one comments to the Pa. Dept. of Environmental Resources (DER). They asked that DER address three specific items. 1) Why is Hosterman's Pit unique? 2) Why was Stover #2 included in the proposal?, and 3) What "interest" (in the legal sense) does the Nittany Grotto have in the cave. DER had already addressed points 1 and 3, and the IRRC was just asking for clarification.

According to the law which governs this aspect of the regulatory review process, DER has up to two years to respond. I feel that the response will come this summer.

After DER responds, the IRRC will hold a public meeting where persons can speak for or against the proposal.

In a related matter, late in 1992 the Penns Valley Conservation Association filed a petition to have portions of Elk and Pine Creeks upgraded to Exceptional Value. If this happens, the water quality would not be allowed to be degraded. Increase in temperature, introduction of sedimentation, or change in pH would be disallowed. This would probably require the mining company to drastically change their mining plans.

The upgrade petition is scheduled to be acted upon by the Environmental Quality Board in June.

We have been encouraged by the number of letters which have been already sent to the IRRC asking them to save the cave. If you have been putting it off, you still have time to write. The IRRC is impressed by the amount of mail it receives, because that helps them judge the importance of an issue to the citizens of the Commonwealth. Of course, if you live outside Pennsylvania and have visited Hosterman's Pit, your letter certainly counts. So if you haven't yet written, here is the address.

Mr. Thomas P. Comerford, Jr.  
Chair, Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
333 Market St. 14th floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

An article by Mark Jancin, entitled "Nittany Grotto's Effort to Save Hosterman's Pit from Mining" was published in the February 1994 issue of the *NSS News*.

### Baltimore Grotto Donates Five PA Cave Conservation Signs

The Baltimore Grotto has graciously donated \$50 to pay for five cave conservation signs to be placed in Pennsylvania caves. If your grotto has a cave which needs a sign, please contact Keith Wheeland (Nittany Grotto) or Bert Ashbrook (Greater Allentown Grotto) for an application.

The MAR has purchased additional signs and now has an adequate supply.

As far as I know, this list which was published in April 1993 is still accurate.

- |                        |              |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Bear Cave Parking Lot  | Mt. Joy      |
| Big Ridge              | North York   |
| Blue Springs           | Peipers      |
| Carnegie               | Quarry Hill  |
| Cleversburg Sink       | Refton       |
| Halls                  | Ruth         |
| Hershey-Coy            | Schofer      |
| Indian Echo            | Seawra       |
| Johnson Caves          | Sharer       |
| Laurel Caverns         | Tytoona      |
| Lincoln Caverns        | Whisper Rcks |
| Longs Quarry           | Wind         |
| Lost River Caverns (2) | Womers       |
| Mummau                 |              |

Loyalhanna Grotto has another 5 signs which have not been placed.

# CAVES BY COUNTY FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA CAVE DATABASE

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Length is shown in feet. Number of caves is 144

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Codes: C=Conjectural, N=No Caving, P=Physically Closed or gone, R=Restricted, S=Show. No-code means open or unknown.

<b>Huntingdon County</b> <b>Cave Count: 144</b>
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Bard #1	R	250
Bard #2	R	48
Bard #3	R	0
Bears Den	N	100
Birmingham Crawlway		50
Black Creek		61
Colerain Ice		0
Covert's		0
Covert's Run		0
Crystal Vixen		0
Cummins Pit?		
See McFadden		
Curfman #1		200
Curfman #2		15
Curfman #3		30
Deep Quarry	P	40
Deep Quarry #1	P	7
Deep Quarry #2	P	0
Deep Quarry #3		9
Deep Quarry #4		6
Deep Quarry #5		9
Deep Quarry #6	P	6
Deep Quarry #7	P	10
Deep Quarry #8	P	23
Deep Quarry #9		20
Deer Bone Pit	R	22
Duff		15
Earl's		70
Entriiken		35
Fantasy	P	2326
Fleming's #2	R	985
Fleming's Water	R	1101
Flood Farm	P	0
Fossil	P	130
Fox Den		0
Frozen Toes		480
Garner		
See Deep Quarry		
Geissinger		12
Germany Valley		
See Wildcat Springs		
Glory Hole		0
Graysville		75
Graysville #2		8
Graysville #3		20
Graysville #4		20
Graysville #5		20
Graysville Church		35
Grier		8
Halls	R	380
Harpster		160

## Huntingdon Co. Cont.

Hawn		100
Hawn Pitlet		6
Hesston	R	1500
Hesston #2	R	63
Hesston #3		10
Hesston #4	P	15
Horsebone		420
Horsebone Slump		65
Indian Caverns	S	1386
Isett Ranch 1		
See Hesston #2		
Isett Ranch 2		
See Hesston #3		
Jenkins #1	R	60
Jenkins #2	R	80
Junkyard		6
Kidd	R	12
Kookan	R	5500
Laughing Skeleton		
See Curfman #2		
Leitners Well		30
Lime Kiln		0
Lincoln #3		80
Lincoln 2		
See Whisper Rocks		
Lincoln Caverns	S	1338
Lincoln Pit		
See Salamander		
Linns		
See Maddensville		
Little Indian		
See Bears Den		
Little Pit	R	453
Locke Valley #1		250
Locke Valley #2		30
Locke Valley #3		30
Lockes		150
Longcock	R	1400
Maddensville		186
Mapleton Depot		
See Mapleton Quarry		
Mapleton Quarry	P	1500
Mapleton Quarry #2		40
Mapleton Quarry #3		40
Mapleton Quarry #4		0
Mapleton Quarry #5		0
Mapleton Spring	P	50
McConnelstown Quarry 7		
See Fossil		
McConnelstown Quarry		400
McConnelstown Quarry #1	P	280
McConnelstown Quarry #2	P	130
McConnelstown Quarry #3	P	40
McConnelstown Quarry #4	P	40

## Huntingdon Co. Cont.

McConnelstown Quarry #5	P	25
McConnelstown Quarry #6	P	12
McFadden	R	3647
Mollys		30
Nelsons #2		50
Nelsons Pit		100
Oriskany Sandstone	P	80
Owl		
See Hesston #4		
Panther #1		20
Panther #2		40
Panther #3		30
Panther #4		10
Panther #5		50
Panther #6		10
Panther #7		20
Panther #8		20
Panther Hole		50
Paradise Ice Mine		15
Park #1		70
Park #2		20
Petersburg #1		150
Petersburg #2		20
Petersburg #3		0
Peterson	R	58
Porcupine		30
Post Office #1		12
Post Office #2		17
Post Office #3		7
Ruth	R	5332
Salamander	R	30
Sand		0
Sand Canyon #1	N	140
Sand Canyon #2	N	20
Sand Canyon #3	N	20
Sand Canyon #4	N	20
Sand Canyon #5	N	8
Sand Plant Hill		8
Sandy Ridge	R	197
Saucers		100
Seilhammer		50
Seven Springs Farm		
See U.R.		
Shade Creek		0
Shade Creek Water		0
Sharpsburg		200
Spike		12
Standing Stone Creek	P	0
States	P	140
States #2	P	0
Stover Quarry	P	80
Thomas		
See Little Pit		
Tippery	R	300

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# SPRING M.A.R.



YES! JOE CAVER  
HAS A WIFE!  
JANE CAVER

SPRING M.A.R.  
1994  
Williamsburg, PA  
Blair County  
MAY 13, 14, 15, 1994



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	Qty	Amt	At Gate
Adult	___	\$13.00	___ (\$15.00)
Child (<12)	___	free	
Pets	___	\$5.00	___
TOTAL:		___	___

Name(s)

NSS #

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Are you a: \_\_\_ doctor  
 \_\_\_ EMT  
 \_\_\_ NCRC Cave Rescue

Address:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Fight back against the Winter That Will Not  
End! Register now and beat Cabin Fever  
with a trip to the Spring M.A.R. 1994!

Make checks payable to Garrett Czmor

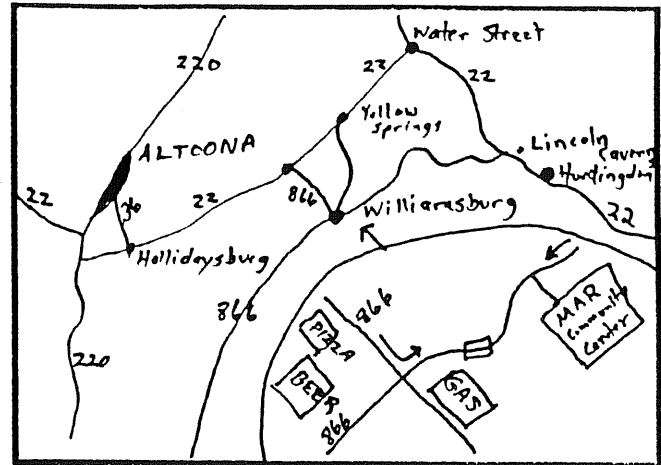
# PreRegistration Form Back Page

## DIRECTIONS

Harrisburg and points East- take Rte.22 West through Water Street, PA. Go 9 miles to the crossroads of Yellow Springs, PA. Turn left and drive for 4 miles, following signs. Turn left into the Community Center.

Pittsburgh and points West - take Rte 22 East through Hollidaysburg, PA. Go 9 miles to the intersection of 22 and Rte. 866. Bear to the right onto Rte 866. Continue on for 4 miles, into Williamsburg. At the first stop sign, turn left, over the bridge and follow signs, turning right into the Community Center.

From all points South - Make your way to Bedford, PA. Follow Rte. 220 Nouth for 30 miles to the intersection of Rte.22. Turn onto Route 22 East at Hollidaysburg,PA. Go East for 9 miles to the intersection of Rtes. 22 and 866. Bear right on Rte 866. Continue on for 4 miles into Williamsburg. At the first stop sign, turn left, over the bridge and follow signs, turning right into the Community Center.



## Contact Persons:

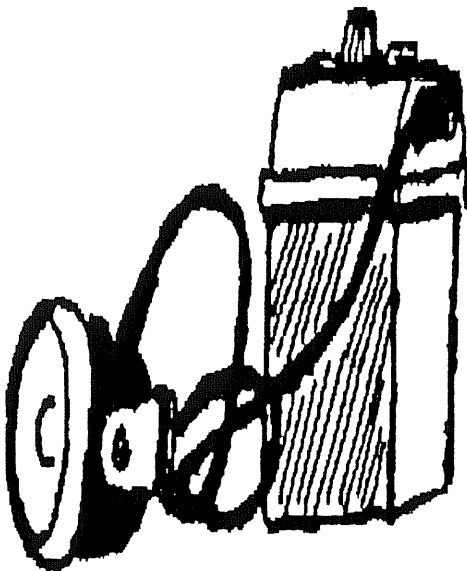
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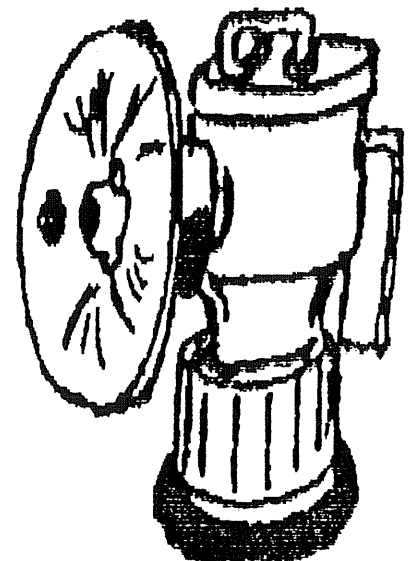
Garrett Czmor (814) 643-3067

An Italian Dinner, served buffet style, is included in the Registration Fee. Meal will include Spagetti, Sauce with and without meatballs, Italian bread, coffee, tea or juice.

BYOB



Mail PreRegistration to:  
Spring M.A.R. 1994  
c/o Garrett Czmor, Treasurer  
Star Route Box 24  
Huntindgon, PA 16652  
(814) 643-3067



04/06/94

SUMMARY OF CAVE COUNTS AND LENGTHS  
From The Pennsylvania Cave Database

County	Count	Len. Ft.	County	Count	Len. Ft.
Adams	2	282	Lackawanna	0	0
Allegheny	8	819	Lancaster	66	6,407
Armstrong	15	15,655	Lawrence	3	21,938
Beaver	0	0	Lebanon	11	546
Bedford	54	8,005	Lehigh	18	2,012
Berks	73	11,402	Luzerne	1	40
Blair	114	14,867	Lycoming	17	2,385
Bradford	0	0	Mc Kean	0	0
Bucks	24	1,396	Mercer	1	140
Butler	1	1,942	Mifflin	66	44,562
Cambria	1	30	Monroe	1	397
Cameron	0	0	Montgomery	7	161
Carbon	0	0	Montour	4	140
Centre	116	31,733	Northampton	25	4,220
Chester	2	40	Northumberland	39	4,838
Clarion	13	3,805	Perry	13	4,910
Clearfield	1	150	Philadelphia	4	87
Clinton	19	1,475	Pike	0	0
Columbia	0	0	Potter	1	10
Crawford	0	0	Schuylkill	2	2,270
Cumberland	38	23,756	Snyder	21	5,556
Dauphin	10	2,977	Somerset	4	3,050
Delaware	1	0	Sullivan	0	0
Elk	0	0	Susquehanna	0	0
Erie	0	0	Tioga	0	0
Fayette	49	20,273	Union	8	1,237
Forest	0	0	Venango	7	1,078
Franklin	89	17,013	Warren	0	0
Fulton	4	1,429	Washington	3	195
Greene	0	0	Wayne	0	0
Huntingdon	144	36,067	Westmoreland	88	24,540
Indiana	4	1,563	Wyoming	1	20
Jefferson	4	75	York	28	5,475
Juniata	5	2,362			
				1,230	333,330

Huntingdon Co. Cont.

Tippery #2	R	20
Tippery #3	R	20
Tippery #4		25
Tippery #5	R	35
Todd #1		5
Todd #2		30
Todd #3		12
Town Bridge	N	300
Tylistoco		
See Stover Quarry		
U.R.	R	125
Weikerts		0
Weller	R	312
Whisper Rocks	S	1167
Wildcat Springs	N	250
Wisshard Well	P	25
Yocum's Sand Pit	P	15

Do you need an easier way to determine Latitude and Longitude of a point you can identify on a Pennsylvania topo map? If so, read on.

LLSoft is a computer program designed to aid in the determination of latitude and longitude using map-edge measurements of USGS 7.5 minute topographic maps for Pennsylvania.

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3. An engineering scale or other measuring device.

The cost is \$10. (Plus 6% sales tax in PA) Make checks payable to Keith D. Wheeland.

Keith D. Wheeland, NSS 2878  
2191 Mt. View Ave.  
State College, PA 16801-7214  
(814) 238-2057

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15 Caves of Lehigh Co., PA	25	13		3.25	A
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