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Meetings and Meets-

The annual business meeting is held the last Saturday in February. Each spring and fall there is a field meet. Watch for dates.

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Fall 2018 MAR

September 28 - 30

Rupert Cave Preserve

McVeytown, PA 17051

Hosted by
Nittany Grotto

(In recognition of Nittany Grotto's 70th anniversary!)



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Pennsylvania Cave Conservancy (PCC)

Kiehl's Cave Cleanup

By Dave Briggs

On behalf of the entire Pennsylvania Cave Conservancy, I want to say THANK YOU to the volunteers who helped make the Saturday, April 14, 2018 cleanup event a success. We were blessed with a perfect day for a cleanup, fellowship, and a fun time caving.

Thanks to the 50+ volunteers, representing 11 grottos, 2 caving organizations and one Boy Scout Troop, we were able to successfully cleanup over 100 tires and over 1 ton (estimated) of garbage from the Kiehl's Cave Property.

A special heartfelt thank you to the landowners, Ed and Sharlene, for their hospitality and for providing the hungry volunteers with a great meal.

Together we DID make a difference.

Thanks again!!



Before and After views of the cave entrance/sinkhole



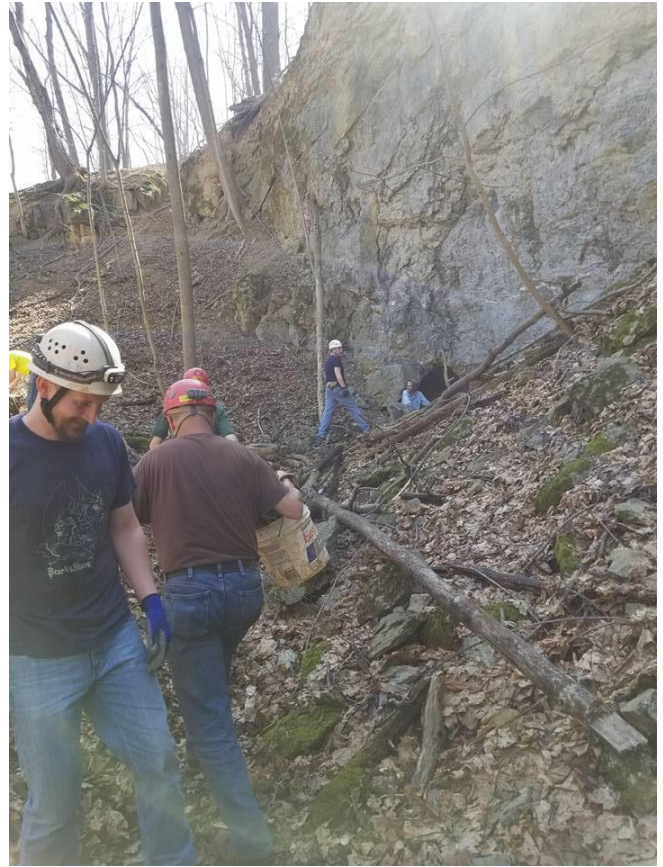
Dave Briggs provides instructions to the volunteers



Chain gang to pass tires and trash up the steep bank



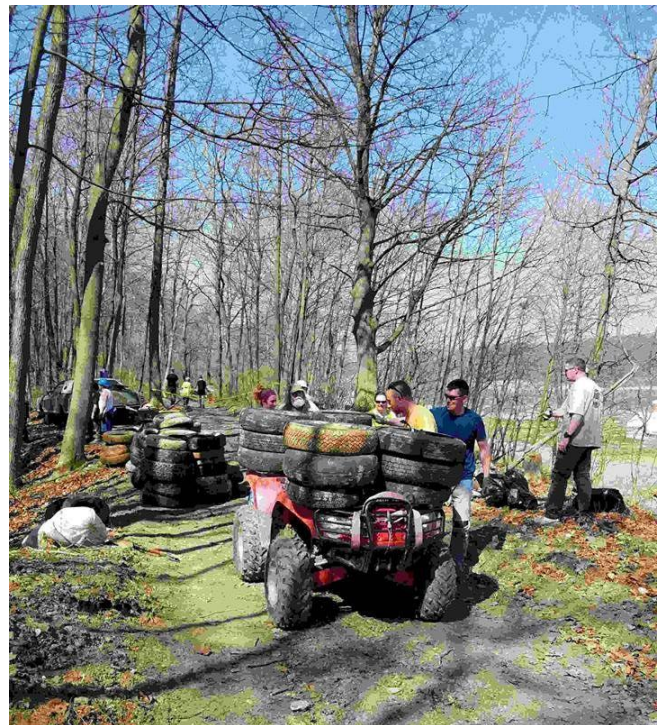
Volunteers collecting trash from the sinkhole.



Volunteers collecting trash from the sinkhole.



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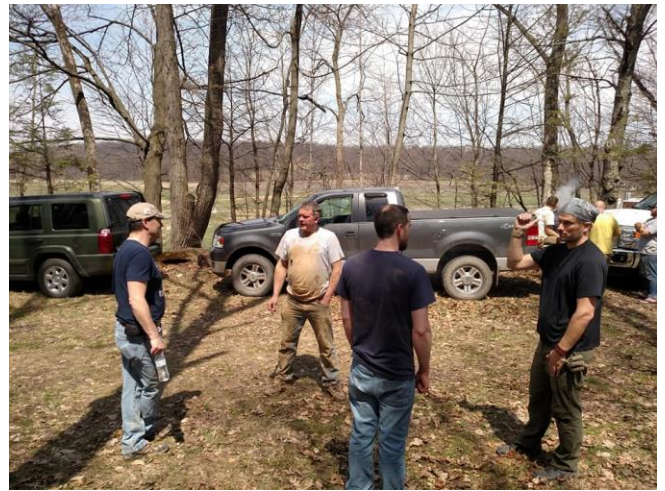
Loading up the tires to haul away.



Yes, that's a washing machine!



Cleaning trash from the sinkhole



*Enjoying conversation with fellow cavers
after a hard day's work*



Enjoying a delicious meal!



Relaxing after a good meal



Nittany Grotto Fall MAR 2018

When: September 28-30, 2018

Where: Rupert Cave Preserve
McVeytown, PA 17051

Online Registration:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nittany-grotto-fall-mar-2018-tickets-47570107472?aff=utm_source%3Demail%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_campaign%3Dnew_event_email&utm_term=eventurl_text

Event Information: Come join us in beautiful central Pennsylvania for the Fall MAR Field Meet.

We'll be camping out at Rupert Cave near McVeytown, PA.

Local activities include:

Caving: Allensville, Rupert, Ruth, Milroy, and more tbd.

Hiking: Thousand Steps, Standing Stone Trail, Tuscarora State Forest, Bald Eagle State Forest, Rothrock State Forest, Alfarata Lower Railtrail

Climbing

Saturday's dinner will be catered by Doan's Bones Barbecue, along with vegetarian options.

Facilities: Include portapots, shower house, Zipline, and general camping. It is recommended to bring your own potable water, though we'll have water on site for refills. We'll be camping amongst the trees and in the field.

Registration fee is \$30. If you expect to attend please pre-register. This helps us determine how many meals will be needed Saturday evening. Refund Policy: Refunds up to 7 days before event



MAR Donation to NSS Permanent Endowment Fund

Respectfully submitted by: Bette White, MAR Treasurer

Below is the letter received by the MAR acknowledging the receipt of the \$1000.00 contribution to the NSS Permanent Endowment Fund:

National Speleological Foundation, Inc.

www.speleofoundation.org

Bert Ashbrook, Treasurer
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May 14, 2018

Mid-Appalachian Region, NSS
c/o Elizabeth L. White, Treasurer
4538 Miller Road
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Dear Bette,

Thank you for the MAR's generous donation of \$1,000.00 received by the Foundation on May 11, 2018, for the NSS Permanent Endowment Fund. Through your leadership and vision, the National Speleological Society now has a perpetual source of income to promote the exploration, study, and conservation of caves for generations to come. We appreciate the MAR's dedication to our Society and your vision for its bright future.

The National Speleological Foundation is an I.R.C. § 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, and your donation is tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. No goods or services were provided by the Foundation in return for your donation.

Cavers like you have already given over \$175,000 to the Fund – a legacy that will put our Society on a solid financial footing and that cannot be used for any other purpose. We will publicly recognize the Mid-Appalachian Region as donor to the NSS Permanent Endowment Fund. On behalf of the trustees of the Foundation, thank you again for your generosity and support.

Sincerely,



Bert Ashbrook

cc (via email): Geary Schindel, NSS President
Ted Kayes, NSF President

Hosts Needed for the 2019 Spring and Fall MARs

As of August 2018 there is no grotto, or individual, slated to host the 2019 Spring or Fall MAR Field Meets. If you are interested in hosting either of these events, a helpful guide to hosting a MAR field meet can be found on the MAR website. Think about it - can you or your grotto host the event? If there are no volunteers there will be no field meet. If you're interested in hosting one of the events, please contact a MAR officer.

2018 Upcoming Events

Old Timers Reunion (OTR)	Aug 30-Sept. 3, 2018
OTR Site/Campgrounds Dailey, WV (Randolph County) 69th Annual URL: www.otr.org	
'18 Fall MAR Field Meet	Sept 28-30, 2018
Rupert Cave Preserve McVeytown, PA (Mifflin County) 70th Anniversary Hosted By: Nittany Grotto	
'18 Fall NRO Field Meet	Fall 2018
Locations: TBA Hosted By: TBA	
'18 Fall VAR Field Meet	Fall 2018
Location: TBA Hosted By: TBA URL: var.caves.org	
'18 TAG Fall Cave-In	October 4-8, 2018
TAG Site (Little River), Lookout Mountain Near Trenton, GA (Walker County) 41st Annual Hosted By: Dogwood City Grotto URL: www.tagfallcavein.org	
Butler Cave Conservation Society (BCCS)	October 6, 2018
Butler Homestead Burnsville Cove Area, Virginia (Bath County) Annual Membership Meeting Hosted By: BCCS URL: www.butlercave.org	
'18 Bridge Day	October 20, 2018
New River Gorge Bridge Fayetteville, WV 39th Anniversary URL: www.officialbridgeday.com -or- www.nps.gov/neri/bridgeday.htm -or- www.bridgeday.info/	

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(Effective February 2018)

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17	Caves of Northumberland Co., PA		20 caves, 10 maps	5.00 + postage A
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