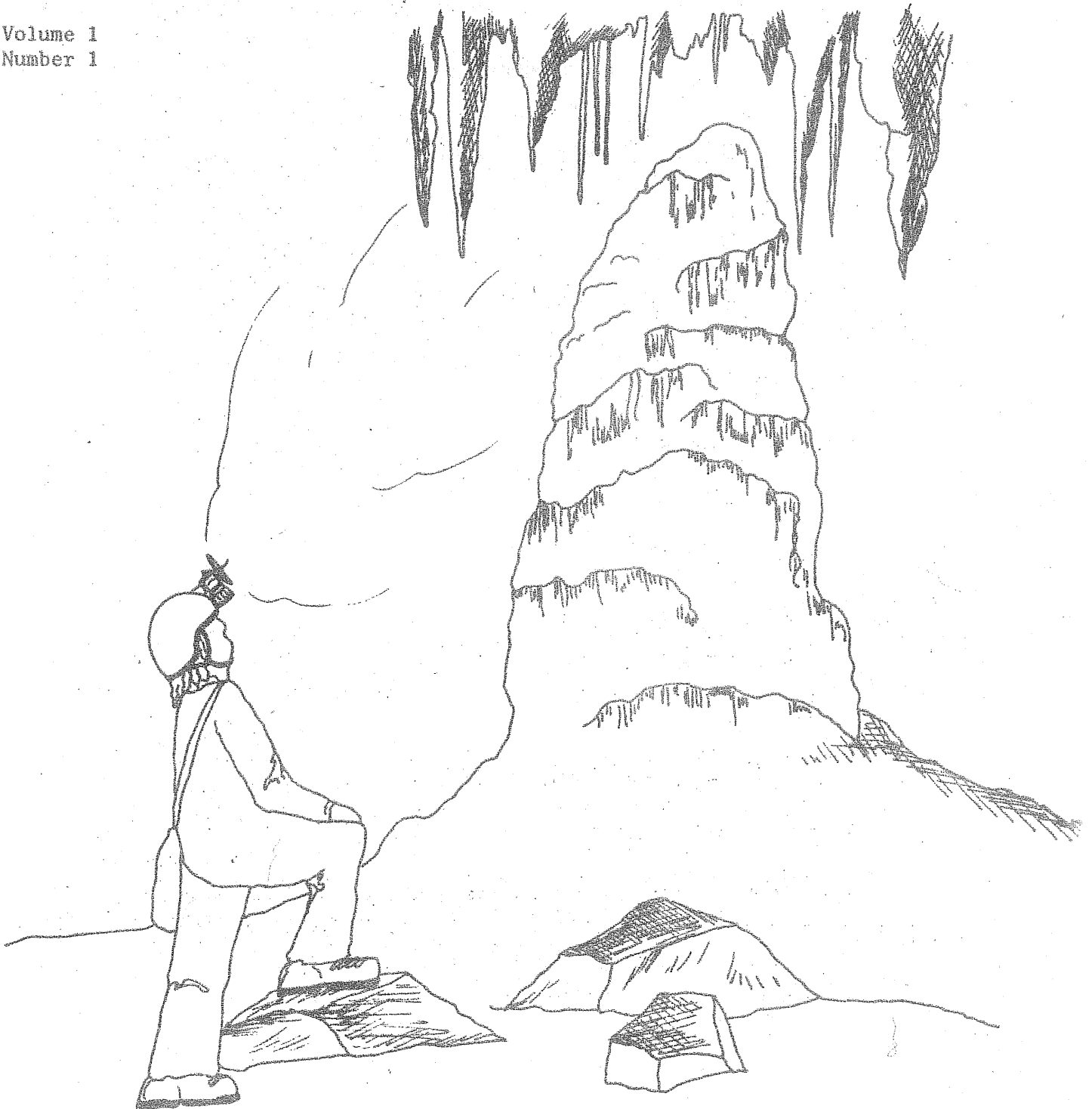


BREAKDOWN

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The M.A.R. proudly presents the first issue of the expanded M.A.R. Flier, to be known as the M.A.R. Breakdown. We plan to keep you informed of events, new finds and developments, needs for help in surveys and exploration, and cave status changes within the region.

You can subscribe to the breakdown just like you did to the Flier, simply send \$1.00, along with your name and address, to the Secretary. Existing subscriptions to the Flier will be carried over.

We hope you like this new look. We are open to suggestions regarding content, changes or improvements. We also will gladly accept the help of anyone who would care to keep us updated on whats happening in their region and area.

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COMING EVENTS

- May 2-4 The M.A.R. Spring Meet will be held near the new O.T.R. site in Dailey, WV. - notice and map inclosed in this issue.
- May 10 The Nittany Grotto Spring Picnic will be held near State College Pa. \$6.00 will admit you to a weekend of partying, the sauna, an auction & the annual pig roast with beer & soda. Bring your own water and a side dish.
- May 29 AAAS Meeting will be held at the Franklin Plaza Hotel in Philadelphia, Pa. The topic of the meeting will be groundwater pollution in karst regions.
- May 31 Another work weekend at the new O.T.R. site.
- June 14 There will be a cleanup trip in Crabtree Cave in Western Maryland. Contact Terry Welsh 301-694-7529 if you can lend a hand.
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Will White informed us at the Business Meeting that there was a need for volunteers to seek out, explore and survey the caves of several counties in Pennsylvania. This information would ultimately be used to produce another M.A.R. Bulletin. If your grotto needs a project, contact Will (210 Materials Research Lab, University Park, Pa. 16802), he will be more than happy to put you to work on a worthwhile endeavor.

M.A.R. Business Meeting - Minutes
March 1, 1986
Jay Herbein's House

Meeting called to order at 1:50 PM

Officers present: Carol Tideman, Chairwoman
Jeff Uhl, Vice-Chairman
Doug Dotson, Secretary

Attendance: 59, a new record!

Doug Medville ruled out-of-order at 2:01 PM.

Minutes from 1985 meeting read by Doug Dotson and approved with the addition:
"Gary Storricks informs us that the Southern Pocahontas County Survey
will be published shortly"

P.C.C. Committee Report

The PCC has \$7.45 in funds. The \$50.00 donation given to the PCC during the 1985 meeting was used to publish the PCC Newsletter and not to buy iron bars or concrete as stipulated by MAR upon making the donation. The gate on Red Church Cave is complete. Mr. Herman is happy and the bat study is ongoing. The gate on Dreibelbis Cave has been damaged but is now under repair. No further progress has been made on any cave legislation. A cave life database is being organized by Dale Ibberson, any interested parties should contact Dale for further information.

Slide Show Committee Report

None, Jack Speece placed in charge of slide show.

Bedford County Survey Report

No Progress, survey remains almost done.

Pennsylvania Atlas

Judy will respond to 8/30/85 letter expressing MAR support of crude cave location map in atlas.

MAR Bulletins

Will White informs us that the Lycoming County Survey has been distributed, the Lehigh County Survey is available and the MAR has funds available for additional bulletins. The Burkes County Survey is under way and Philly Grotto is planning to organize it. Philly Grotto was informed that items mailed to them have been returned by the postal service, as their PO Box does not appear to exist.

Doug Medville ruled out-of-order at 2:18

Gary Storricks is seeking information on Southern Pocahontas County from old newsletters, etc.

NEW Business

Jay Reich read a letter inviting everyone to a road rally/treasure hunt on April 26 sponsored by York Grotto. A party will occur after the rally. Drunks will have their keys confiscated. Interested parties should contact Jay.

Doug Medville complained that the MAR campouts were not getting enough

attendance. He attributed this to a general lack of direction such as projects for the outing weekend. He suggests that future campouts be held in conjunction with some projects such as a survey or cleanup. Chuck Hemple suggested that we obtain a mailing list of all NSS members in the MAR area and do a mass mailing to inform people of the existence of the MAR. He feels that the MAR is not visible enough and needs to advertise the campouts and projects more effectively.

Carol Tiderman has been investigating the plausibility of a newsletter to inform members about MAR activities. Someone suggested that part of the fee from MAR activities be dedicated to funding the newsletter. Chuck Hemple motioned that a newsletter similar to the VAR/FYI be established - PASSED. The newsletter will be called the "MAR Breakdown". A logo was presented and accepted.

A new constitution was distributed and approved. By-Laws were approved with the change that W. Va, be added to the area served by MAR.

A letter from the newly established Tri-State Grotto expressing interest in MAR. A letter will be sent to Tri-State informing them about MAR and its activities.

Jack Speece suggests that the Mitchell Award be permanently funded by the NSS. Jack motioned that a letter be sent to the NSS expressing the MAR's feeling on this matter - PASSED.

Spring 1986 Campout

Spring campout will be held on May 3 at the Hemple-Storrick Survival School (across from the OTR site) and will be sponsored by Chuck. Weekend project will be tree planting at the OTR site.

Medville ruled out-of-order at 2:52

Fall 1986 Campout

Bob Keintz (absent) proposed that fall campout be held in the Shippensburg area - ACCEPTED. Date was administratively set as September 27/28.

Spring 1987 Campout

Carol Suggested that since there has been complaints about the short period of time between the business meeting and the spring campout, the spring campout be bid a year in advance. To this end Jeff Uhl agreed to sponsor the spring 1987 campout somewhere in the Kutztown area.

Medville ruled out-of-order at 3:03

Announcements

Carol informs us that Scott Hollow Cave is now open to MAR members. Any interested parties should contact Carol for more information. Access to Scott Hollow is only allowed on designated weekends and must be coordinated by one of the "friends of the cave owners."

Skip Menzies asked that the MAR endorse a request for a list of Pa. limited access and closed caves be supplied by Keith Wheeland to be placed on the caver's bulletin board in Baltimore. MAR will write a letter to Keith. Skip also announced that unless use of the board increases it may disappear. The board currently has 3 telephone lines and 10 packet radio linkups for ham radio operators.

Respectfully Submitted

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.


Dave Decker, Secretary

OTR-86 PRE-REGISTRATION

DEADLINE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION: Friday, August 8, 1986. Send completed registration forms and checks (payable to OTR-86) to:

Beth Ann Webb, OTR Registrar Phone (301-384-0316)
3830 Bell Rd., Burtonsville MD 20866

DEADLINE FOR CANCELLATION Tuesday, August 12, 1986, to receive a full refund less \$1.00 handling charge.

GENERAL INFORMATION: Fees include campground, door prizes, accident insurance, beer/soda at Sat/Sun parties, contests and contest prizes. Your cancelled check is your receipt, however, you may enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope if you want a written receipt.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRE-REGISTRATION FORM:

1. Use one Form per person (photocopy extra forms as needed).
2. PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION.
3. PAYMENT SECTION should be completed and total payment should be for ALL pre-registrants.
4. ALL quests (non-TRA members) pay a \$2.00/weekend surcharge.

JOINING TRA: Members of recognized caving organization are automatically eligible to join The Robertson Association (TRA). Others can join if they can substantiate that they are "Bona fide" cavers. Send additional information with this application i.e. NSS number, PSC number, caving organizations that you are a member of or a description of your caving expererince. Include, in addition to the OTR-86 fees, a \$1.00 TRA membership fee. This is a one time fee (however, if you lose your TRA card there is a \$1.00 replacement charge.)

OTR-86 PRE-REGISTRATION FEE SCHEDULE: (Lifetime OTR Registration \$150.00)

Category	ARRIVING				
	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
Adult(18+)	\$16	\$14	\$12	\$9	NOTE: \$2.00
Juven.(6-17)	\$12	\$10	\$ 8	\$5	ADDITIONAL PER
Child(3-5)	\$ 6	\$ 5	\$ 4	\$3	ADULT AT THE
Infant <3	NO CHARGE.....				GATE!!!
DOG*	\$12	\$ 9	\$ 6	\$3	

GUEST.....ADD \$2.00 for entire weekend

* The bringing of dogs will be highly discouraged and they MUST be controlled at all times. SEE OTR POLICY on dogs at OTR-86.

OTR-86 PRE-REGISTRATION FORM (one per person)

NAME: _____ STREET _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE () _____

TRA MEMBERSHIP CARD ISSUED BY _____ DATE _____

CAVING GROUP(S)? _____ No of OTR'S _____

AGE(if under 18) _____ ARRIVAL DAY _____ YOUR FEE \$ _____

PAYMENT SECTION: (Complete once for each CHECK)

	NO.	AMOUNT
ADULTS	_____	_____
JUVEN	_____	_____
CHILDREN	_____	_____
DOGS	_____	_____
GUESTS	_____	_____

The total paid should equal the total from each Registration form plus any dog fees.

TOTAL PAID \$ _____ Check# _____



M.A.R. SPRING MEET

Date: May 2-4

Location: Daily, WV - on or adjacent to the NEW O.T.R. site.

Host: Chuck Hemple

Activities: Caving Trips - Doug Medville - Tour Guide Extraordinaire
Construction - Pouring Concrete - Chuck Hemple - Slave Driver

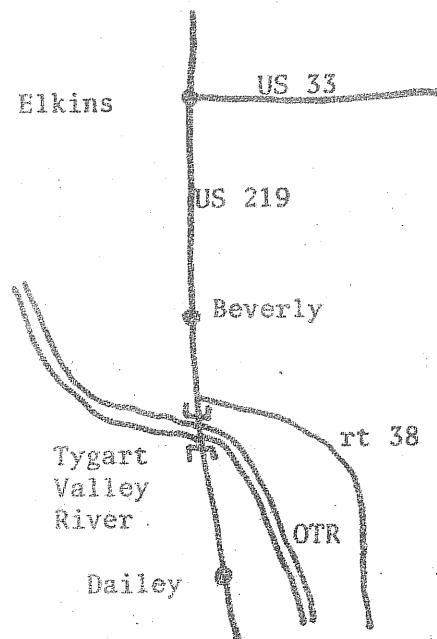
Opportunity: Build Picnic Tables, from a kit, for your Grotto - they will be permanently branded property of the constructing grotto - a material fee (approximately \$20) will be charged

Party: A Hemple Production - Music - Food - Beer & Soda - ??????

Price: \$6.00

Getting to the new O.T.R. property:

1. Head south from Elkins on US 219. (The site is about 10 miles south of Elkins.)
2. Pass through the small town of Beverly.
3. About 2.5 miles past Beverly, turn LEFT on County Route 38. This turn is IMMEDIATELY prior to a bridge where US 219 crosses the Tygart Valley River. (If you cross the river or get to the town of Dailey, you have gone too far.)
4. The O.T.R. property is about 1.1 miles down route 38. You will see the pavilion a couple hundred feet off the road on your right. There should also be a sign.



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