

BREAKDOWN

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Well its that time of year again when I tell you what a wonderful job you have all done in making the region a success. And you have. In the past year those of you who were able to attend the meets can probably attest to how each one is bigger and better than the last. We are seeing lots of new faces mingling with many familiar ones. There are many active County Surveys being done and the N.C.R.C. training continues. There are some needs, however. Jack Speece is still looking for old slides for the M.A.R. slide program. I would like to see each grotto send him at least six slides or copies as soon as possible. Will White still has counties that need to be surveyed. This could provide your grotto with a project that might be close to home. Any Takers? More M.A.R. Bulletins are being assembled and we hope to see them soon.

In the coming year we will have our Spring Meet at Coral Caverns in Manns Choice. There are many folks actively working on a proposal for a M.A.R./V.A.R. to be held in the Harpers Ferry or nearby area. But don't let that stop you from making a bid for the Fall '88 or Spring '89 Meet. We love having options to choose from so that we can visit many different areas within the region.

I wish you all a good caving year, and me too.

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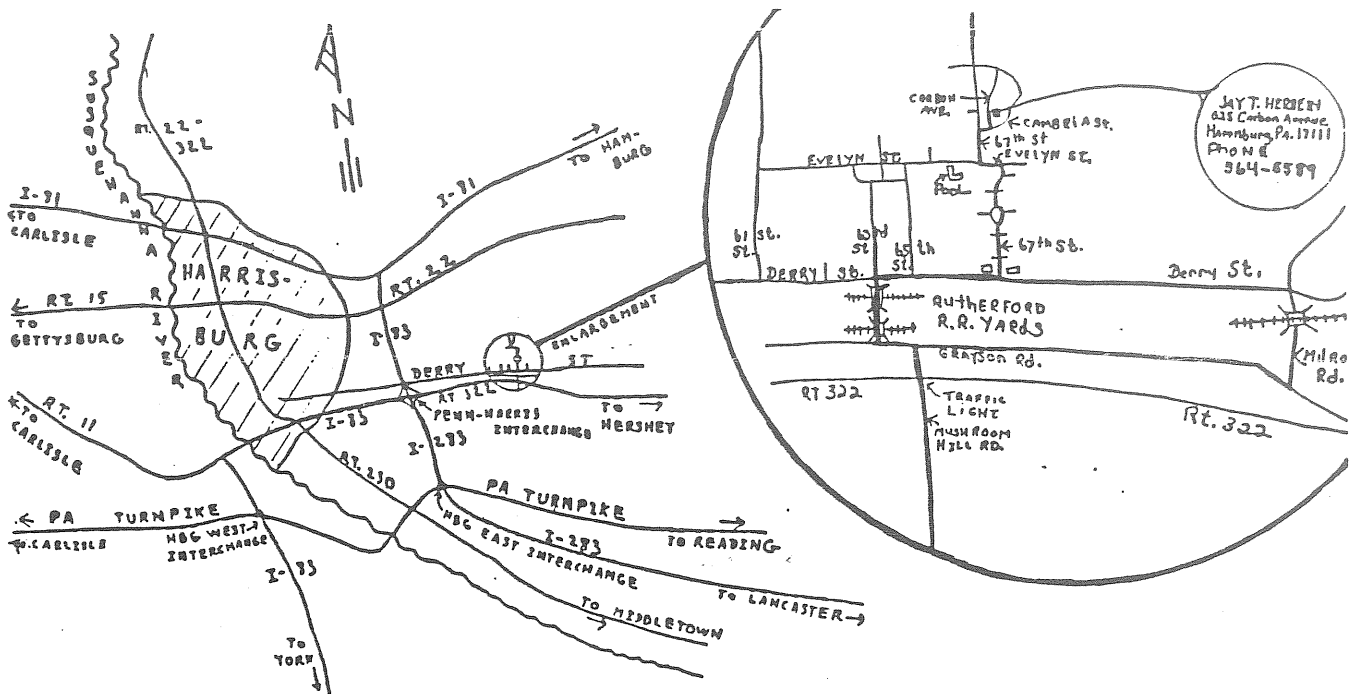
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M A R BUSINESS MEETING

DATE: February 27, 1988; 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.

M.A.R. Business Meeting - Minutes
Feb. 28, 1987
Jay Herbein's House

Meeting called to order at 13:35
Officers present: Carol Tideman, Chairwoman
Bob Keintz, Vice Chairman
Jeff Uhl, Secretary

Minutes from 1986 meeting read by Jeff Uhl and approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: (see Financial Statement)

PCC Report, Jeff Uhl reported that the PCC Meetings have been changed from 4 times a year to semiannually. Red Church Cave has been closed as the owner, Ms. Herman's, request. This was due to two breakins during the year. The entrance is reportedly physically closed, although bat entrance had been left open. No further progress had been made on cave legislation.

Slide Show Committee Report

Jack Speece showed us he had all of a handful of slides donated.

Bedford County Survey

Will White informed us that John Ganter was still working on completing the maps

Berks County Survey

Philadelphia reported that they still have a few caves to map and that these would be cleaned up at the spring meet.

Northampton County Survey

Dean Snyder should have the issue to press by summer '87.

Fayette County Survey

Anyone interested can contact Jim Kennedy from the Nittany Grotto.

Also Dale Ibberson talked about Indian Echo Caverns

Southern Pocahontas County Survey

Gary Storricks has a finished copy ready for print but now has to be revised.

Doug Medville commented on the M.A.R. Breakdown

14:13 Gary Storricks ruled out of order

14:14 Gary Storricks ruled out of order again

Funding for the Mitchell Award was passed by the B.O.G.

Dale Ibberson reported on the status of the cave life data base and had a finished data collection form.

NEW BUSINESS

CAVE RESCUE

Nittany Grotto requested all grottos update grotto rescue info. Sheets were passed out.

Nittany Rescue Day. A date was asked for. (16-17 of May)

Chuck Hemple asked for update info. for the Eastern Region. He informed us that Penna. was going to a formal call out system with State control of who is in charge of a rescue at the cave site. (Anyone interested should contact Chuck)

Betty White informed us that the International Congress in Hungary was asking for papers by August, 1989.

Spring Meet Date - April 25,26

Gary Storricks ruled out of order

Doug Medville ruled not out of order.

A mass mailing to M.A.R. members was discussed and approved.

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14:22 Chuck Hemple ruled out of order

14:23 Craig Hindman ruled out of order

14:24 Doug Medville ruled not out of order

Fall Meet '87 - Nittany Grotto at Lincoln Caverns on Oct. 3&4, see Jim Kennedy.

Spring Meet '88 - Coral Caverns on April 23-24 see Don Arrowood.

Storricks - out of room

Medville - OUT

Announcements:

Gary's cabin can be used for a field house as long as he is there and you are not a smoker.

Tom Pollack - P2G2

14:38 Gary Storricks out of order

14:39 Doug Medville not out of order

14:40 Meeting over.

Respectfully submitted by: Jeff Uhl Secretary, M.A.R. 1987

THIS AND THAT FROM AROUND THE REGION

The following letter was reprinted from THE NETHERWORLD NEWS, Vol. XXVI No. 5 pg.45

The Nature Conservancy

Pennsylvania Office
1218 Chestnut street, Suite 807, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107
(215) 925-1065

August 28, 1987

Dear Caver:

In an effort to protect several rare bats and other cave-dwelling animals, Aitkin Cave in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania will be closed September 1, 1987, by mutual agreement of the owner and the Nature Conservancy. A gate developed by the Cave Conservation Institute will be installed at the cave entrance. This gate will provide necessary ventilation to the cave and access for the bats.

Aitkin Cave is one of the most important sites for hibernating bats in Pennsylvania. The threatened small-footed bat and the rare Keen's bat are currently found here. Historically, the federally endangered Indiana bat hibernated in the cave and it is hoped that with proper management and protection during the hibernating season the Indiana bat will return to its former numbers at this site. Additionally, the rare Price's cave isopod previously was found in the underground stream of the cave. We hope you will recognize the important conservation purposes of protecting this site and "spread the word" among the caving community that the cave has been gated for a good reason.

The Nature Conservancy is a national, private, nonprofit conservation organization which preserves rare and endangered species and natural communities. I am enclosing a brochure with more information about the Conservancy. Thank you in advance for your help and please feel free to contact me at (215) 925-1065 if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

/s/

R. T. Cook
Executive Director

The Pennsylvania Cave Conservancy elected new officers during the Fall M.A.R. Meet. The new leaders are:

Keith D. Wheeland	Chariman
Patrick Minnick	Vice-Chairman
Jim Kennedy	Secretary
Dale Ibberson	Treasurer

Congratulations to all of you and we hope to be hearing and reading a lot about your activities in the coming year.

THIS SPACE IS AVAILABLE

For publishing information on whats going on in your part of the region.
For advertising grotto events or calendar.
Or for any information that you think other members of the region might
like or need to be informed of.

Don't be shy. Send it in for publication in the M.A.R. BREAKDOWN.

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