



BREAKDOWN

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HOWDY, HOLA, GOOD DAY!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR VOTE THIS FALL (MAR ELECTIONS WERE HELD AT THE FALL MAR/VAR MEET IN BERKELY COUNTY, W.VA., WHERE OVER 200 CAVERS TOOK PART IN A CAVE-CAMP WEEKEND). I WILL BE PROUD TO SERVE AS MAR CHAIRMAN.

OUR REGION IS COMPOSED OF A CELEBRATED GROUP OF CAVERS. VETERANS OF MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS, AND MORE AND MORE FRESHMAN WITH NEW ENERGY AND IDEAS. EXPERIENCE AND LEADERSHIP ABOUND. MAR CAVERS ARE VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE, SAFETY CONSCIOUS CAVERS, THANKS TO THE EASTERN REGION OF THE NATIONAL CAVE RESCUE COMMISSION, WHICH IS MADE UP OF MAR AND VAR CAVERS. (ED.NOTE : SEE INSIDE FOR INFO ON UPCOMMING CLASSES.) MAR CAVERS ARE ACTIVE WITHIN OUR REGION AND EVEN AROUND THE WORLD. MAR CAVERS HAVE RECENTLY TAKEN PART IN NSS EXPEDITIONS TO ROMANIA AND TO COSTA RICA CENTRAL AMERICA. EACH EXPEDITION FOUND THE CAVING ARDUOUS BUT REWARDING. MORE SIGNIFICANT WAS THE GOOD SPIRIT WE SHARED WITH OUR CAVING FRIENDS ABROAD.

SURVEYOR, SPORT CAVER, SCIENTIST OR EVEN SOCIAL CAVER. WHEREVER YOU FIT INTO THE MAR SCHEME, I LOVE YA, AND HOPE TO SEE YA AT THE UPCOMMING EVENTS.

THANKS, AND CAVE SOFTLY
HOPE UHL, ESPERANZA, OR JUST
GRUNDGY!

INSIDE :

SCHOEFFER'S CAVE RESCUE BY LARRY CLAUSER
NCRC CLASS INFO
SPRING MEET INFO

Kutztown to the Rescue!

BY LARRY CLAUSER

Heavily visited Schoeffer's Cave near Kutztown, Pa. was the scene of a cave rescue on Friday November 19, 1988. John Dunn, 18, was on his second ever cave trip with the Phelps Boarding School of Malvern, Pa. when he became wedged trying to exit the cave. He was following a smaller fellow student and became stuck in the tight "corkscrew" entrance area of the cave around 7:30 p.m.

The other members of the group, two students and their instructor, tried to free Dunn, but their efforts were futile. At this point, the instructor summoned help.

The Kutztown Fire Company arrived on the scene and extricated the youth in about a half hour. Volunteer fireman Dave Reimer chiseled away some three inches of rock to free Dunn, according to a local newspaper report.

Although cold and shaken from the ordeal, Dunn was uninjured. He was taken to Allentown General Hospital as a precaution and was shortly released.

The group had visited the cave several times before. It was Reimer's first cave rescue, but fortunately he knew the cave well.

Members of the Greater Allentown Grotto (GAG) responded to the scene, but found the vicinity vacant upon arrival. We arrived about one hour after the liberation and found only the signs of the rescue and a typical Shoffer's Cave group inside.

I was out on a date and returned home about 9:00 p.m. Almost immediately, fellow grotto member Bert Ashbrook called to ask about something I can't recall. While chatting, I noticed the blinking light of the answering machine. After the conversation, I listened to the call which revealed something like this, "if you are one of the NSS people, there is a cave rescue in progress at Schoeffer's Cave. We need bodies out here."

I immediately called back Bert who proceeded to initiate our rescue call-out network. I arrived first, after having dropped of my understanding date, before Bert and the Uhls arrived 15 minutes later.

Fortunately, the rescue went well and I believe our response time was respectable, just under an hour.

NCRC INFO

THE BALTIMORE GROTTA WILL BE HOSTING A NATIONAL CAVE RESCUE COMMISSION TRAINING WEEKEND ON JUNE 17-18 IN COLUMBIA, MD. THE MOCK RESCUE WILL BE SOMEWHERE IN THE W.VA. PANHANDLE. REGISTRATION WILL BE \$25.00 (DONUTS, COFFEE & LUNCH DURING CLASS. CRASH SPACE WILL BE AVAILABLE.

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Cave Chestnut Ridge

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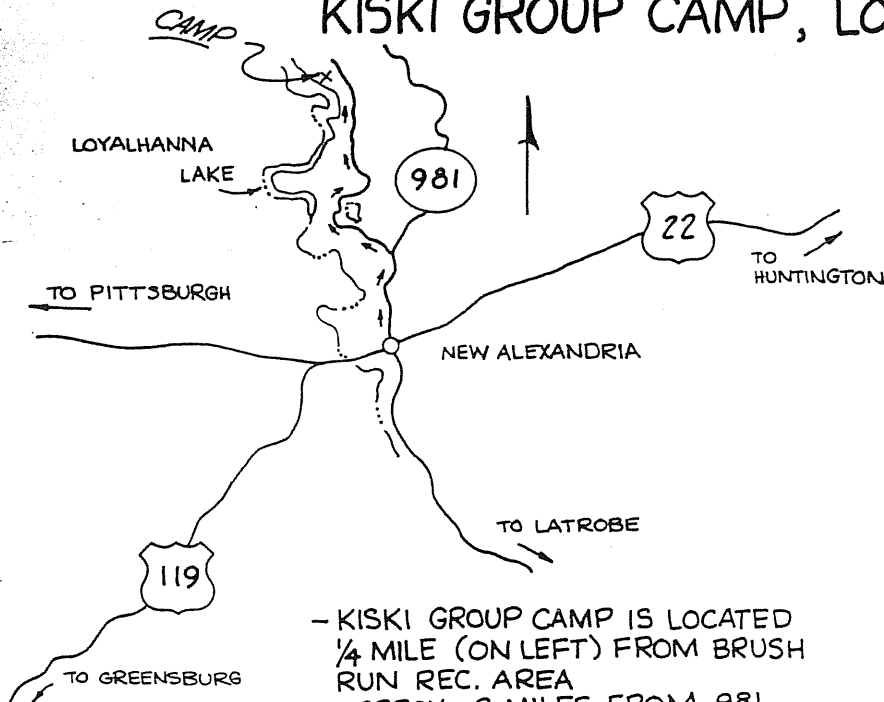
SPRING MAR

CAMP 'N' CAVE



NEW ALEXANDRIA, PA.

KISKI GROUP CAMP, LOYALHANNA RES.



- KISKI GROUP CAMP IS LOCATED 1/4 MILE (ON LEFT) FROM BRUSH RUN REC. AREA APPROX. 2 MILES FROM 981
- WATCH FOR SIGNS

- ★ PRIMITIVE CAMP
BRING WATER
- ★ BRING YOUR CANOE
- ★ FOOD + DRINK BY
PITTSBURGH GROTTO
- ★ SMALL FEE FOR MAR
AND FOOD
- ★ LOCAL CAVE INFO WILL
BE PROVIDED (MAR BULL.5)
- ★ CAMP GATE WILL BE OPEN
FOR FRIDAY NIGHT CAMPERS

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