FALL MAR FIELD MEET TO FEATURE GEOLOGY FIELD TRIP  
SEPTEMBER (28), 29, & 30, 1990  
WOODWARD CAVE  
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REMEMBERING SPRING 1990 MAR-VAR

The following report by Larry Clauser is reprinted from the Spring 1990, PACK RAT SCAT, the newsletter of the Greater Allentown Grotto.

This joint gathering was held May 4-6 at the Old Timer’s Reunion site and was hosted by G.R.O.S.S. Grotto. The event mirrored a mini OTR, having many of those similar features and attractions. Much of vendor's row was lined with speleo-suppliers and the wet sauna and bonfire were in operation.

There was only one real contest, but it offered some great prizes. For a buck, contestants had to comb Bowden Cave and find plastic eggs hidden within. A total of 48 were “layed” throught this popular system. The team of Mike Kistler, Craig Brady, and Tom Kellan (WVA) collected the most eggs (20), and walked off with the bulk of the treasure. A total of 19 vendors and local businesses contributed merchandise and gift certificates for the hunt or “Mystery Event”. Some of the teams seeking the eggs encountered a strange group in Bowden. A small party had carried a real coffin into the cave and also had a dog. Whether they were a for-real cult group preparing for a ceremony or just pulling a prank was uncertain.

The other features of interest was the wooden “squeeze box.” There were no prizes awarded, but it was fun to see how low you could go.

The prepared dinner was billed as an “Italian Feast”, and included salad, hot garlic bread, three “pastabilities” servings and red wine. Later there was taped music for dancing and plenty of draft beer and soda.

Around 225 attendees braved the inclement weather that usually plagues spring caving events. Mercifully, most of the showers fell during Friday and Saturday night. It was extra chilly on the latter night. It was fairly common to see people drinking beer with gloves or mittens on. Falling ash from the bonfire had some doing a double take, believing it was flurrying.
MORE ON THE SPRING VAR,
HOW MUCH DOES ONE COST?

The following information was received from Craig See, Chair of G.R.O.S.S., on their expenditures for the Spring '90 VAR/MAR. This information is now required from groups sponsoring VARs and will hopefully be of some use to future sponsors of VARs for planning purposes.

Expenses

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Total Expenses: 2,216.21

Income

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Total Income: 2,855.00

Net Profit: 638.79

BOWDEN CAVE RESCUE

On May 28, 1990, a number of Grottos were placed on call because of a rescue in Bowden Cave, Franklin Co., West Virginia. Apparently, a group of six had entered the cave on Sunday morning, leaving word that they would return by noon.

The water in a tight stream passage rose and trapped the cavers inside. As soon as the water receded, the Elkin's Grotto Rescue Team went in and led the trapped cavers to the surface. By that time the trapped cavers had diminished all their light sources.

CAVE RESCUE NUMBER

Eastern Region NCRC---
(Pa., South N.J., Del., Md.
W.Va., Va., N.C.)

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MAR OFFICERS

President: Jeanne Wetterling
Vice President: Keith D. Wheeland
Secretary: Bert Ashbrook
Treasurer: Bette White

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MAR FALL MEET
WOODWARD CAVE
Centre County, Pennsylvania
September (28), 29 and 30, 1990

REGISTRATION FEE - $12.00 per Person
Includes: Saturday Night Camping
  Saturday Evening Meal
  Door Prizes
  Rec. Hall Saturday Night, Music Probable
  (The hall has a VCR, so bring caving? videos)

SATURDAY EVENING MENU
  Featuring Russ Kennedy's Amazing "Bat's Breath Chili"
  (and lesser derivatives)
  Fresh Garden Salad
  Rolls and Condiments
  Beer and Soda

ACTIVITIES
  Geology Field Trip with Dr. William B. White
  Organized Cave Trips in the Area
  Woodward Cave "Group" Tour, $4.50 per Person
  Volleyball
  Cycling

OTHER NOTES
  Metered Showers Available
  Running Water for Whatever
  Restaurants Nearby
  Bring Your Hooch

ADDITIONAL FEES
  Friday Night Camping - $3.50
  Friday Night RV - $7.00
  Saturday Night RV - $3.50

DIRECTIONS AND MAP
ON REVERSE SIDE
From Millhelm, on Route 45...
Follow the Signs to Woodward Cave
OLD TIMERS' REUNION (OTR) 1990
Dailey, West Virginia Aug. 30-Sept. 3, 1990

FOR NEWCOMERS OTR is a gathering of cavers that has been held in W.Va. since 1950. In order to attend OTR, you must be a member of The Robertson Association (TRA), or the guest of a member. TRA was established in 1978 to handle the organization and other invisible but necessary jobs that make your stay at OTR pleasant. The TRA Board selects a caver to run OTR each year and a volunteer team of cavers help put on the show. Everyone involved in OTR is an unpaid volunteer. All workers either pay the registration fee or have purchased a OTR lifetime registration, even the Chairman.

TRA MEMBERSHIP Individuals qualify for membership by paying a one-time $1 membership fee and by demonstrating they are cavers as evidenced by membership in established caving organizations and/or their knowledge of caving techniques and practices. The immediate family of such individuals (spouses and minor children) may become Family or Junior TRA members (unless they qualify in their own right as cavers). In the case of divorce or reaching age 18 the family member, if a caver, should apply for regular membership.

This means non-TRA members can only attend OTR as guests. TRA memberships are available to qualified cavers by sending $1.00, a self addressed stamped envelope, and your date of birth and proof of your caving background to:

BETH ANN WEBB
TRA FINANCIAL SECRETARY
3830 BELL ROAD
BURTONSVILLE, MD 20866 (301) 384-0316

Send in your TRA membership application now. You will not be able to join during the OTR weekend.

TRA MEMBERS MUST BRING THEIR TRA CARD TO OTR.

GUESTS Each TRA member may bring no more than 2 guests to OTR. A $2 Charge is added to registration for each guest over age 2. Guests should arrive with their TRA sponsor. If this is impossible, the sponsor must make arrangements with registration in advance. The host is responsible for the actions of their guests and could face expulsion with their obnoxious guests.

FEE Schedule OTR-90

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PLEASE ADD $2.00 TO FEES FOR EACH GUEST FOR THE ENTIRE OTR, NOT EACH DAY.

Fees include camping, prizes, contests, entertainment, drinks and munchies at the parties. NOTE the savings for preregistrants arriving Thursday and Friday. Avoid the HASSLE and PREREGISTER. Payment is for the entire period from the date of arrival through closing of OTR on Monday, September 3. Due to the very low fee there is NO refund for people who leave early. The ""OTR DAY"" begins at 4.00 AM.

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MAR BULLETINS AVAILABLE

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DATES OF INTEREST

Aug. 30-Sept. 3  Old Timers' Reunion, Dailey, W.Va.

Sept. 7-9  Pittsburgh Grotto Picnic, Laurel Caverns

Sept. 24-30 2nd International Speleological Congress, Monterrey, N.L., Mexico

Sept. (28), 29, & 30  MAR Fall Meet, Woodward Cave, Pa.

June 30, July 5  NSS Convention, Cobleskill, N.Y. 1991

Aug. 3-7, 1992  NSS Convention, Salem, Indiana

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