



# BREAKDOWN

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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

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*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 "laid" through 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.

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The following information was found in the June 1990 issue of The Spelunker, the newsletter of the Western Maryland Grotto.

## 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

Dishes (etc.)	\$	61.85
Misc (pens, posters, etc.)		6.94
Beer		276.00
Ice		25.00
Pop		25.71
Porta Johns		508.80
Food		291.26
Coffee pot		12.60
Supplies (serving trays, spoons, etc.)		22.59
Wine		104.96
Name Tags		49.50
Campground		150.00
Postage		102.00
Money due VAR (136 X \$3.00)		408.00
Money due MAR (57 X \$3.00)		<u>171.00</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>2,216.21</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Cash		2,189.00
Checks		<u>666.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>2,855.00</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>		<b><u>638.79</u></b>

## 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.)

(804) 674-2400

### MAR OFFICERS

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

# 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

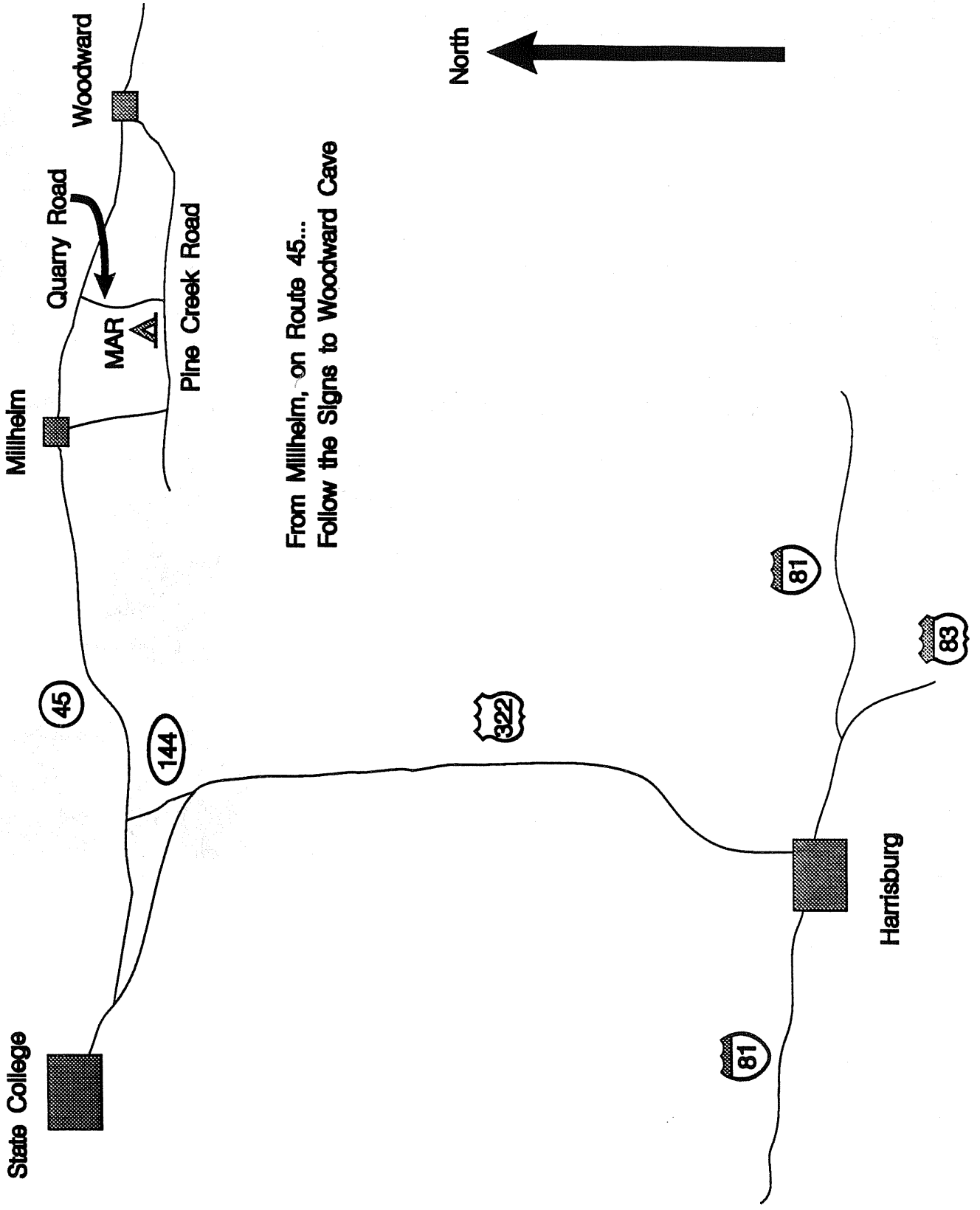
Metered Showers Available  
Running Water for Whatever  
Restaurants Nearby  
Bring Your Hooch

### 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**

Total fee for OTR	Arrival Day			
	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
Adult (18yrs & over)	\$18	\$16	\$14	\$9
preregistration rate	\$16	\$14	\$14	\$9
Juvenile (12-17yrs)	\$14	\$12	\$10	\$7
preregistration rate	\$13	\$11	\$10	\$7
Child (3-11yrs)	\$7	\$6	\$5	\$4
Infants (under 3yrs)	Free, must register			
Dogs	\$14	\$11	\$8	\$5

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.

## MAR BULLETINS AVAILABLE

No.	County in Pennsylvania		Cost	Postage
10	Snyder	20 caves, 14 maps	1.25	*
11	Centre	71 caves, 56 maps/ 1 large map	4.75	*
12	Mifflin	47 caves, 31 maps/5 large maps	5.50	**
13	Perry	13 caves, 6 maps	1.50	*
14	Bucks	24 caves, 6 maps	3.00	*
15	Lehigh	25 caves, 13 maps	3.25	*
16	Northampton	24 caves, 13 maps/1 large map	5.50	*

\*U.S. Postage: \$0.75 each copy: \$0.25 each additional to same adr.

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Make check payable to MAR Order from Bette White  
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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 & 6 1991 NSS Convention, Cobleskill, N.Y.
- Aug. 3-7, 1992 NSS Convention, Salem, Indiana

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