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Meetings and Meets

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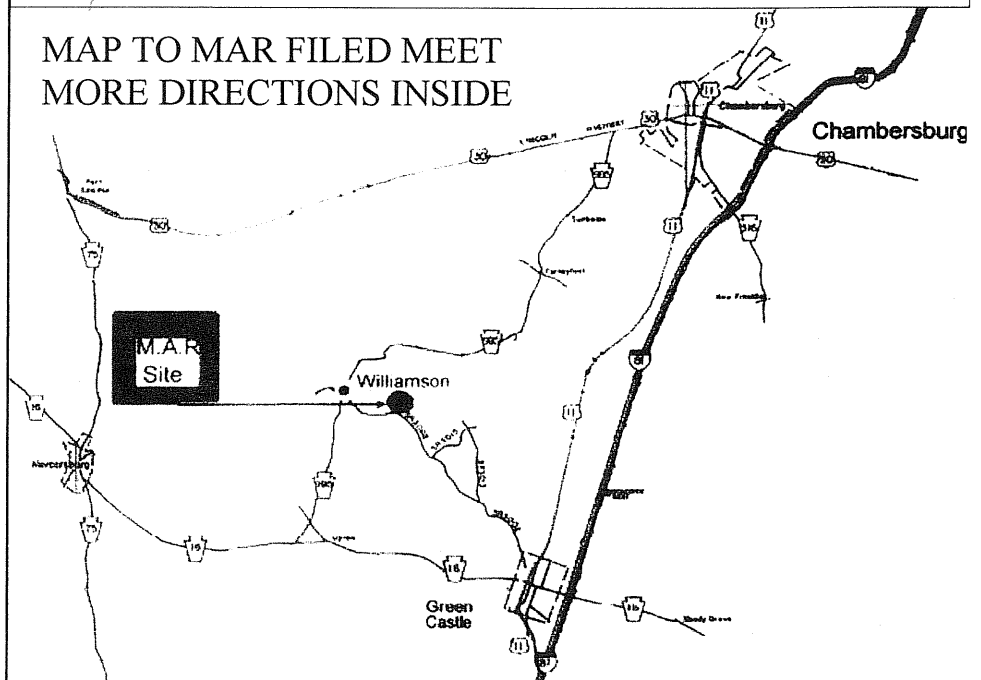
MAR Spring Field Meet

May 11-13, 2001

Greencastle, PA

Franklin County Grotto hosting
PCC Meeting May 13th 10 am

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MAR Meeting Minutes

24th of February, 2001

Meeting called to order by Bob Gulden at 1:37pm Feb 24th 2001 at the home of Jay Herbein, Harrisburg, PA.

Secretary's Report: The Meeting Minutes of the 2000 meeting were approved as published in the last MAR newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was read by treasurer Bette White. Printed copies were distributed. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Carol Tideman, seconded by Keith Wheeland and the motion passed.

MAR Breakdown: Submissions of MAR events can be emailed to Karen Bange at rupert@prolog.net.

2000 Fall Field Meet: Keith Wheeland gave a report and thanked all involved.

2000 Spring Field Meet: Pittsburgh Grotto gave a report; everything went well.

MAR Web Site: Christopher Catherman reported that the site is up and running as of August. Web address is www.caves.org/region/mar/ Keith Wheeland requested that all grotto representatives sign up for general information purposes on the new list serve.

2001 Spring Field Meet: To be held the weekend of May 11-12th 2001 at the Williamson American Legion Campgrounds. Registration is \$23 which includes a chicken dinner. There will be no pre-registration. Gates open at 5pm Friday the 11th. Pat Minick said info may be gotten from the Franklin County Grotto website.

2001 Fall Field Meet: Central Jersey Grotto is hosting. No representative was present at the

meeting to give a report. Unconfirmed dates for the event are September 14-16th 2001.

Spring 2002 and Fall 2002 Field Meets: Looking for hosts for these two meets.

MAR Logo: Motion for acceptance of Chris Catherman's design was made by Keith Wheeland, seconded by Karen Bange. Motion carries.

MAR Bulletins: Will White reported on the CCLUM (Clinton, Columbia, Lycoming, Union and Montour) Bulletin; Keith Christenson should be finishing in the next year after he gets his computer set up in Panama. Fayette County had no progress to report. There is planning for a bulletin on the Juniata River Gorge area. York and Huntingdon Counties are still in the agitation stages.

MAKC Booklet: Tom Metzgar wanted permission to reprint some maps for an upcoming MAKC booklet to be distributed at their Hall Cave celebration. No problems foreseen by Will White for this. Credit will be given to map creators in the booklet.

Pennsylvania Cave Database: Information is available for use upon validated request through Keith Wheeland. Changes and updates are being made slowly.

Cave Conservancy Reports: Penn Aqua closed due to a local water company testing at the site. The land owner said the entrance can reopen this spring. Seven Valleys Grotto and Nittany Grotto will be opening it this spring. Mike Mostardi reported on a clean up in Driebilbis Cave. The land owner will be building his home close to the cave but it does not seem the septic will be close enough to the cave to effect it. Cleanup at

Parker Cave last May by Franklin County Grotto went well.

Cleversburg Sink: Pat Minick said the local township was looking into grant money to purchase the cave and lands around it to preserve it. The locks on the cave have been changed and access is same as before. Beware of existing ropes in the cave, some maybe unsafe. The water level in this cave was low last year and a student is known to be doing water table studies in the cave.

Tent Rental: York Grotto was never billed for the tent rental at the fall 1999 MAR. Pat Minick made a motion to drop the issue of the tent and let York Grotto keep any profits from the tent rental, seconded by Karen Bange. Motion carried.

PCC Report: Anyone interested in running for a PCC office please see Karen Bange.

NSS Convention and COG: Carol Tiderman will be the MAR representative.

New Business

Keith Wheeland is now on I/O for the NSS. Carol Tiderman reported that many grottos ask where to get the forms for reporting to the I/O. This raised the question of what is really needed to send to the I/O committee? Much discussion ensued regarding this matter.

Jay Herbein asked that the previous year's MAR secretary fill out the I/O report for the incoming secretary. All were in favor.

Nittany Grotto is having a spring picnic May 4-6th 2001 Contact Gary Dunmire at (814) 357-1134.

Postage is increasing on all MAR shipments per Bette White.

Bob Gulden announced a Bowden Cave cleanup trip. Pauline Apling is the contact person at

Papling@erols.com . The group is meeting at the 3rd entrance at 10am on April 7th.

Gangsta Mappers meet the 3rd weekend of every month to map Breathing Cave and Cassell Cave. Contact Gangsta Mappers for more info.

VAR Spring Meet is May 3-6th at Cumberland Gap, VA Pine Mt. Grotto.

No date set yet for VAR Fall Meet hosted by RASS field station.

Carol Tiderman announced a April 28th Siler Cave gating. Need laborers. Contact Carol Tiderman.

MAKC has Laurel Cavern colored maps for sale at \$4.25 per map.

Keith Wheeland suggested raising the prices of some MAR bulletins. Prices set in meeting by popular vote. See new price listing on the back page of the Breakdown.

PCC T-shirts and a book called The Hidden Diamond are for sale. See Dean Snyder.

The after meeting party will be at Dale Ibberson's

Carol Tiderman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded Steve Shawver. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Shawver
MAR Recording Secretary

Representatives at the meeting:
Baltimore Grotto, York Grotto, Nittany Grotto,
Greater Allentown Grotto, Franklin County
Grotto, Philly Grotto, Pittsburgh Grotto,
Commander Cody caving Club, South Jersey
Grotto, Huntingdon County Cave Hunters, Mid
Atlantic Karst Conservancy, Seven Valleys
Grotto, DC Grotto

MAR FINANCIAL STATEMENT: February 5, 2001

Gross Assets: January 1, 2000:

Checking:	805.35		
Savings:	8,167.29		
Total		8,972.64	
Gross Assets:			
Checking:	302.39*		
Savings:	10,425.78		
Total		10,728.17	
Net Income (Loss) for 2000			1,755.53

ITEM	INCOME NET	EXPENSES	
INTEREST Savings = 61.38+61.38+62.52+73.21	258.49	-----	258.49
MAR FIELD MEETS			
Fall '99 [York Grotto (120 pd in Jan 2000)]			
MAR Income: (170 - 120 = 50) 50 @ \$1.00	50.00		
MAR Bkdn: (50 @ \$4.00 = \$200.00 see below)			
MAR Profit: (\$169.00 held back for tent)	265.11		
Spring '00 [Pgh. Grotto: 71 adults + 1 child]			
MAR Income: 72 @ \$1.00	72.00		
MAR Bkdn: (71 @ \$4.00 = \$284.00 see below)			
MAR Profit: (½ Grotto/ ½ MAR)	33.29		
Fall '00 [Nittany Grotto (bail-out): 56 adults]			
MAR Income: 56 @ \$1.00	56.00		
MAR Bkdn: (56 @ \$4.00 = \$224.00 see below)			
MAR Profit: ((½ Grotto/ ½ MAR)	6.96		
Web Fee		12.00	
Field Meet: Net Income -----			471.36
MAR Bulletins			
MAR 20 Exp.: \$8,230.64 - (11 @ 29.50) = \$7,906.14 DUE			
Bulletin sales:	1,033.75		
Postage: 53.81 + 51.80 + 5.25 refund		110.86	
[New <u>Bulletin</u> balance: 7,214.09 + 1,033.75 = \$8,247.84]			
MAR Bulletin Sales: Net Income -----			922.89
MAR BREAKDOWN (previous balance 1,244.16)			
Subscription paid directly to Treasurer	5.00		
Subscription (Fall '99 Field Meet)	200.00		
Subscription (Spring '00 Field Meet)	284.00		
Subscription (Fall '00 Field Meet)	224.00		
Bkdn 15(1) 220 copies printed and mailed			
Printing: 188.68; postage: 79.20		267.88	
Bkdn 15(2) 220 copies printed; 160 mailed			
Printing: 127.62; postage: 52.80		180.42	
Bkdn 15(3) 170 copies printed and mailed			
Printing: 123.91; postage: 68.00		191.91	
[New <u>Breakdown</u> balance: 1,244.16 + 72.79 = \$1,316.95]			
MAR Breakdown Subscription: Net Income -----			72.79
CAVE LAW SIGNS (previous balance 510.39)			
Cave sign sales	30.00		
[New Cave law sign balance = \$540.39]			
Net -----			30.00
Totals -----	2,518.60	763.07	----- 1,755.53

Elizabeth L. White, Treasurer

Pennsylvania Cave Conservancy Corner

The meeting was called to order by President, Pat Minnick, at the home of Jay Herbein in Harrisburg, Pa., at 4:01pm, Saturday, February 24, 2001.

The following officers were present.
President Pat Minnick, **V. Pres.** Karen Bange,
Secretary Keith D. Wheeland, **Treasurer** George Bange

All grottos were represented except Bald Eagle and Central New Jersey.

The minutes were approved as published.

The treasurer, George Bange, reported a balance of \$236.00 in the checking account, and \$2,055.64 in the savings account for a total of \$2,291.64.

OLD BUSINESS:

PROJECT LIST:

Devil's Den, Sussex County, N.J. - No report.

Dragon Cave, Berks County, Pa. - Mike Mostardi reported that it appears that the cave now is on a 30 acre plot in a subdivision. The owner doesn't want to close the cave. The cave is no longer for sale.

Lime Sinks Cave, Mifflin County, Pa. Seven Valleys (Steve Shawver) will keep the PCC updated.

Smith Cave, Blair County, Pa. Huntingdon County Cave Hunters contacted the mining company which owns the cave to explore options. The mining company is not interested in opening the cave. This cave will be dropped from the list.

Duffield Cave, Franklin County, Pa. Pat Minnick reported nothing new.

Tytoona Cave: Carol Tiderman spoke with Huntingdon County Cave Hunters. They are satisfied with the present arrangement with the NSS.

Penn Aqua Cave, Mifflin County, Pa. Nittany Grotto and Seven Valleys will remove the entrance obstruction sometime this Spring.

PCC Brochure: The Brochure Committee chair, Karen Bange, provided some samples for the board to critique. Suggestions were offered. A revised version will be available for review at the May 13, 2001 meeting of the PCC.

Web Page: David Fricke, the web master, provided a written report.

Fund Raising T-Shirts. Dean Snyder has PCC T-Shirts for sale at \$8 each.

NEW BUSINESS:

Elections: After a round of elections, the current officers were retained.

Baker Caverns, Franklin Co., Pa. This ex-show cave has been for sale for almost a year. After discussing the merits of the cave, it was decided to add it to the Project List. It will be monitored by Franklin Co. Grotto.

Holiday Greeting Cards: Karen Bange reported that she had sent holiday greeting cards to 10 landowners.

Pancake Breakfast: The President asked for and received support to have a PCC fund raising breakfast at the Spring MAR. He will work with Alan Horn who has volunteered to chair the committee.

Mount Rock Cave: Keith Wheeland reported that the Nittany Grotto holds a key to Mount Rock Cave. Grottos may obtain their own key after signing an agreement. See Keith for details.

Conservancy License Plates: Karen Bange will check into the feasibility of the PCC applying to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for inclusion in the license plate program.

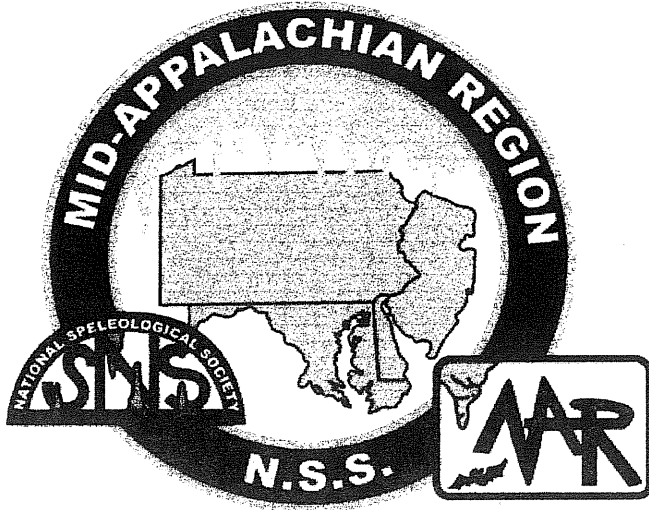
Next meeting: The next meeting of the PCC will be on Sunday May 13, 2001 at 10:00am at the site of the Spring MAR field meet.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:13pm, February 24, 2001.

Respectfully submitted, Keith D. Wheeland, Secy.

Official MAR Logo

Design by Chris Catherman



Chris Catherman designed the MAR logo shown on the left. A vote was taken at the February MAR Business Meeting on whether to make this logo the official MAR logo. A unanimous vote made this the official MAR logo. The logo can be seen in full color on the MAR web site, www.caves.org/region/mar/.

Don't forget to check out both the **MAR** web site
and the **PCC** web site
for the latest information and upcoming events!

The **MAR** web page is at:

www.caves.org/region/mar/

The **PCC** web page is at:

www.caves.org/conservancy/pcc

The **MAR** web page also has a listserver which
can be found at

www.groups.yahoo.com/groups/MAR-NSS/

Spring MAR 2001

Hosted By Franklin County Grotto

May 11,12, 13, 2001

American Legion Picnic Grounds, Williamson Pa.

Registration on site. Gate opens at 5 p.m. Friday

Admission: \$23 per person for folk 13 and older

Includes Dinner at 6:30 pm Saturday evening.

Chicken, Baked Beans, Corn bread, Cole Slaw, Soda and Coffee, **BYOB**

Local Cave Trips

Campfire Saturday Night

Door Prizes

Collectable Patch and T shirts available at registration

Pennsylvania Cave Conservancy meeting Sunday Morning

PCC will sell breakfast on Sunday morning as a fundraiser

Call Pat Minnick 717-765-0521 or Ken Jones at 717-267-2669

for information

Directions to the 2001 Spring MAR site

(The Greencastle American Legion Picnic Grounds near Williamson Pa.) :

Traveling north or south on Route 81 get off at exit 3 in Pa. Go West on Route 16 about 1 mile to the intersection with Route 11. (there will be a Sheetz store on your right) Turn right onto Route 11 north. Go about 1/2 mile to the top of the hill and turn left between the Sunny way Diner and the Rite Aid store onto Williamson Ave. Follow this road for about 6 miles and the MAR site is on your right.

Traveling East or west on Route 30: Go about 2 miles west of Chambersburg on Route 30. Turn Left onto the Warmspring Road (Route 995) Go about 10 Miles to the town of Williamson. On the South side of Williamson Turn Left onto Williamson Ave. (toward Greencastle) Go about 1 Mile and turn left into the MAR site.

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Mid-Appalachian Region Bulletins NSS Member Price List

1-4	REPRINT VOLUME: Constitution and Caves of Shippensburg		7.00+ postage A
8	REPRINT Caves of Blair Co., PA		OUT OF PRINT
9	Caves of Huntingdon Co., PA		OUT OF PRINT
10	Caves of Snyder Co., PA	20 caves, 14 maps	5.00+ postage A
11	Caves of Centre Co., PA	71 caves, 56 maps/1 large map	10.00+ postage B
12	Caves of Mifflin Co., PA	47 caves, 31 maps/5 large maps	10.00+ postage B
13	Caves of Perry Co., PA	13 caves, 6 maps	5.00+ postage A
14	Caves of Bucks Co., PA		OUT OF PRINT
15	Caves of Lehigh Co., PA	25 caves, 13 maps	5.00+ postage A
16	Caves of Northhampton Co., PA	24 caves, 13 maps/1 large map	6.00+ postage A
17	Caves of Northumberland Co., PA	20 caves, 10 maps	5.00+ postage A
18	Caves of Berks Co., PA	64 caves, 32 maps	10.00+ postage B
19	Caves of Bedford Co., PA	54 caves, 33 maps	7.00+ postage A
20	Caves of Westmoreland Co., PA	337 caves, 187 maps/10 large maps	29.50+3.00 each postage ♦

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B - \$2.00 postage each bulletin; \$0.50 each additional to same address

♦ - \$3.00 postage each bulletin #20

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