



BREAKDOWN

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The annual business meeting is held the last Saturday in February. Each spring and fall there is a field meet. Watch for dates.

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MAR 50th Anniversary to be celebrated at the Fall MAR Field Meet September 26, 27, 28 Peiper Cave, Shippensburg, PA



Manning the bar at the Spring MAR despite the flood waters
Photo courtesy of David (Shack) Shackelford



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Spring 2003 MAR Field Meet

Compiled from accounts by Bob Gulden and Karen Bange

The Spring MAR was held at the OTR campground in Dailey, WV in conjunction with the VAR. 41 people registered as MAR members, with another 32 signing up for MAR & VAR, to get both newsletters. There were 244 that signed up for VAR. On Friday it rained. Then rained some more, making the drive to the OTR site quite a challenge. By late afternoon Friday the Tygart River had come up and over the little bridge where the Speleo-Olympics and rope climbing contests are held at OTR. People were a bit concerned about sleeping near the river but fortunately the river went back down that night. On Saturday it poured all day long. Several cave trips had to be aborted because of flooding either in the cave or on the roads to the cave. Around dinnertime the rain stopped long enough for dinner to be served. It was an excellent spread put on by Koonie's Road Kill Grill. The after dinner program was presented by Craig Stihler, of the WV Department of Natural Resources on bats in West Virginia. The main entertainment for the evening was to walk down to the pavilion to check on the status of the rising

Tygart. Word had it that Vendor Row would get some floodwater so those camping further from the river weren't too worried. Then it rained some more. Around 9 pm WV authorities came through the campground and advised the VAR/MAR to evacuate the site as the floodwaters were predicted to cover the campground. The river started to rise and again covered the small bridge then continued to move up the steps toward the main pavilion. Around 10 the bonfire area was covered with water. People were starting to evacuate the premise. One last walk down to the pavilion showed it well under water yet some true diehards were still up on the stage strumming their musical instruments! That night 2' deep water flowed through the pavilion. One final sight to behold as people left was someone kayaking through the campground. Most people were off the property by midnight and the water still kept rising. Only one van didn't make it out in time.

This MAR is going to be hard to beat.

Pennsylvania Cave Conservancy Corner

An ad hoc committee was formed around 9:00 p.m. on Saturday May 10th at the OTR pavilion. The committee consisted Pat Minnick, Ann Shepard, George and Karen Bange. The committee agreed to cancel the May 11th PCC meeting due the evacuation of the OTR site because of flooding. The next official meeting of the PCC will be Sunday September 28, 2003 at Peiper Cave in Shippensburg, PA.

New Pennsylvania Grotto

Please welcome a new grotto to Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Inner-Earth Grotto (PIG)

c/o Rich Monty

403 Oak St.

Indiana, PA 15701

The grotto meets on the 3rd. Sat. 7:00 p.m. at 403 Oak St. Indiana, PA

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Published below is a draft of the Articles of Incorporation for the Mid Appalachian Region of the National Speleological Society. Please review the draft carefully.
If you have any comments or changes to the draft, please contact the MAR Chair, Bob Gulden.

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
FOR THE
MID-APPALACHIAN REGION OF THE
NATIONAL SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY INCORPORATED**

FIRST: The undersigned Robert E. Gulden, whose address is 1333 Chapelview Drive, Odenton MD 21113, being at least eighteen years of age, does hereby form a corporation under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania.

SECOND: The name of the Corporation is the Mid-Appalachian Region of the National Speleological Society Incorporated.

THIRD: The purpose of the Mid-Appalachian Region of the National Speleological Society, Incorporated, hereafter referred to as the MAR, shall be to promote interest in and the advance in any and all ways the study and science of speleology, and the protection of caves and their natural contents, to promote fellowship among those interested therein, particularly in the Pennsylvania and surrounding States and to promote the goals of the National Speleological Society.

FORTH: The name and post office address of the principal office of the corporation is Jay T. Herbein, 625 Carbon Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17111.

FIFTH: The Corporation has no authority to issue capital stock.

SIXED: The Constitution and Bylaws of the National Speleological Society shall be binding on the MAR. Any action inconsistent of the Constitution of the MAR shall be null and void.

SEVENTH: The number of Officers of the corporation shall be four. Which number may be increased or decreased pursuant to the bylaws of the corporation. The names of the officers who shall act until the first meeting or until their successors are duly chosen are Chairman: Robert E. Gulden, Vice Chairman: Ed Kehs, Secretary: Karen Bange, and Treasurer: Bette White.

EIGHTH: Membership: Membership in the MAR shall be comprised of the National Speleological Society Grottos (Cave Clubs) and residents located or residing within the bounds of the MAR.

A. Regional Council: The governing body of the MAR shall be a Regional Council. The Regional Council shall consist of the officers of the MAR, two representatives from each member Grotto and up to two regional members not affiliated with any Grotto. No council member may have more than one vote at council meetings.

B. Elections: The manner of election of the Officers shall be provided in the BYLAWS OF Mid-Appalachian Region of the National Speleological Society Incorporated.

NINE: Personal Benefit: No part of the net earnings of the MAR shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, officers, or other private person, except that the MAR shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE Mid-Appalachian Region of the National Speleological Society Incorporated. No substantial part of the activities of the MAR shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the MAR shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this document, the MAR shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

TEN: Termination: The life for which the MAR is organized shall be perpetual or until terminated by two-thirds vote of the membership upon recommending by the Officers.

ELEVEN: Distribution of assets on termination. Upon termination of the corporation any assets shall, after payment of all debts and liens, be distributed to the National Speleological Society or other such charitable organization with the same or similar purpose. No assets shall accrue to the benefit of any individual.

TWELVE: Amendment Procedure: These Articles of Incorporation may be amended only at a meeting of the membership called for the purpose, provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been given in writing to all members of the MAR not less than thirty days prior to the said meeting. A two-thirds vote off all MAR members present is required for passage of the amendment. A copy of all amendments to these Articles shall be filed with the office of the National Speleological Society within ten days of the adoption thereof by the MAR.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed these Articles and acknowledge the same to be my act.

RETURN TO:

Robert E. Gulden
1333 Chapelview Drive
Odenton, MD 21113-2129

SIGNATURE:

Robert E. Gulden

M.A.R. 50th Anniversary

Fall Field meet (2003)

PEIPER CAVE SHIPPENSBURG, PA.

SEPTEMBER 26, 27, 28

(ON SITE)
CAMPING
SATURDAY NITE DINNER
PROGRAM (SPECIAL 50th.)
PCC SUNDAY BREAKFAST
DOOR PRIZES
CAVING
ZIP LINE
VERTICAL WORK
ROCK CLIMBING
RAPPELLING
CAVER GAMES
FIELD GUIDE
T-SHIRTS

Directions:

Pa. Route 81 to exit 24 (old exit 9) at Shippensburg Pa. -- go north to first road on right - turn right (Seibert Rd) - go to stop sign - turn right (Mainsville Rd) - go to first road on left (Means Hollow Rd) turn left - go to the end of the road - turn left at 313 A (second driveway from the end) - go over the wood bridge to the green gate - turn right and you're there

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Primary Grotto: _____

Additional Registrants
Name: _____
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| Children (6 to 12) \$12.00- | @ | _____ |
| Children Under 6 Free- | | _____ |
| Totals | @ | _____ |

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Vegetarian Meals _____

Return with registration fee to:
2003 Fall MAR c/o Ed and Kim Kehs, 758 Onyx Cave Rd. Hamburg, Pa. 19526
Any Questions? Call Ed or Kim at 610-562-1919 or 215-536-8153
E-Mail edandkim@v35.com
Checks ! To Kim Kehs (2003 MAR)

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