



# BREAKDOWN

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### Meetings and Meets-

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 Business Meeting set for February 28, 2004 PCC Meeting to follow

The Mid Appalachian Region Business Meeting will be held at the home of Jay Herbein on February 28, 2004 at 1:30 p.m.

You will find a map to the meeting on page 2.

A meeting of the Pennsylvania Cave Conservancy will follow the MAR Business Meeting.

Newly elected MAR officers are listed to the left on this page. Elections were held at the Fall MAR field meet.



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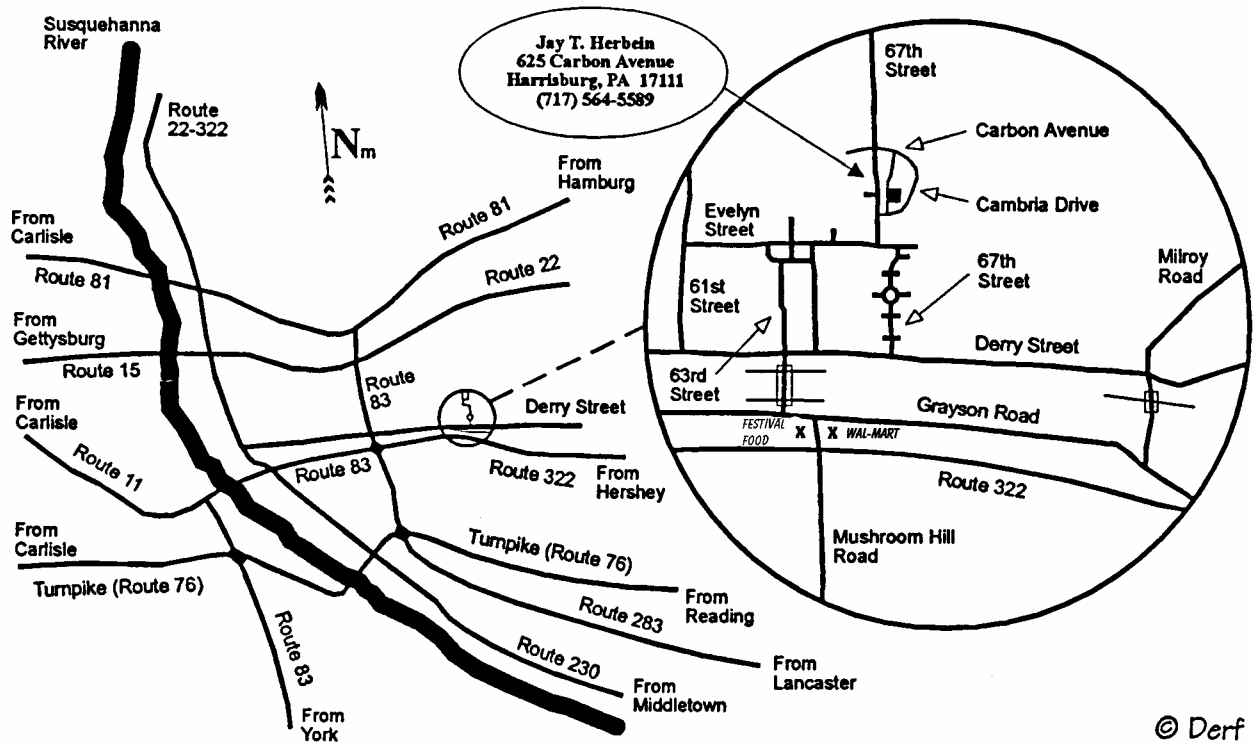
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# Map of Business Meeting Site

Maps to Dale Ibberson's will be available at the business meeting



## From the East on Route 322:

Turn right on Mushroom Hill Road (look for the Wal-Mart and Weis Markets Store) at the second traffic light after Hummelstown.

## From the West on Route 322:

Intercept Route 322 toward Hershey. Turn left on Mushroom Hill Road (look for the Wal-Mart and Weis Markets).

Once on Mushroom Hill Road, proceed one block to Grayson Road (T-intersection) and turn left. Travel one more block and turn right onto a bridge which crosses the railroad tracks. Turn right on Derry Street. Follow Derry Street to 67th Street which will be a left hand turn up the hill. Follow the inset map above to reach Jay's house.

**Note:** If you are driving from the West on I-83 N., there is no exit at Derry Street. Use the Route 322 exit.

# Fall 2003 MAR Field Meet

By Kim Kehs

The Fall MAR was held at Peiper cave in Shippensburg.

Eighty people attended the event.

There were trips to local caves and trips into Peiper.

Tee shirts; bottle of homemade wine, guidebooks, there was a sauna.

The Adventurer Scout group made breakfast and lunch to earn money for their trip to Alaska and then they cooked and served dinner.

For dinner there was ham, baked potato, corn, cake and pudding along with beer, soda, iced tea and coffee.

Dr. Will White did a slide program on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the MAR featuring maps by Bernard Smeltzer.

What's a caver event without rain?

PCC did their Sunday morning breakfast. PCC also held their meeting.

We had mud on the way out, but cat litter did the trick.

The MAR will receive 480.00 dollars. We made no profit but all bills were paid and there are name tags for the next group to use as MAR paid for them.

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## **MAR Business Meeting is February 28, 2004**

**1:30 pm at the home of Jay Herbein**

On the agenda for discussion is incorporation of the MAR. The August 2003 Breakdown included a publication of THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR THE MAR. Please come prepared to discuss this important matter.

MAR field meets are also discussed at the Business Meeting with host grottos appointed for the next year. Any grotto interested in hosting a MAR field meet should come to the meeting and speak up. Guidelines for hosting an MAR field meet can be found on the MAR website: [www.caves.org/region/mar](http://www.caves.org/region/mar)

Any other matters of business to be added to the agenda should be sent to Bob Gulden prior to the business meeting.

# Pennsylvania Cave Conservancy Corner

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Rich Rosevear, at the fall MAR field meet held at Peiper Cave, at 10:00 am, Sunday September 28, 2003.

The following officers were present.

**President** K. Kehs      **V. Pres.** R. Rosevear  
**Secretary** K. Bange      **Treasurer** G. Bange

Representation was as follows:

Bald Eagle Grotto	----
Baltimore Grotto	----
Bucks County Grotto	Rich Rosevear
Buffalo Valley Grotto	Matt Neyhart
Central New Jersey Grotto	----
Commander Cody Caving Club	Bill Shultz
Franklin County Grotto	----
Greater Allentown Grotto	Dean Snyder
Huntingdon Co. Cave Hunters	----
Nittany Grotto	C. Broniak
Philadelphia Grotto	----
Pennsylvania Inner-Earth Grotto	----
Pittsburgh Grotto	----
Seven Valleys Grotto	Joe Schock
South Jersey Grotto	Bill Vis
York Grotto	Dale Ibberson

There were other individuals present

**Secretary Report:** The minutes from the February 2003 meeting were accepted as published in the Breakdown. There was no PCC meeting at the spring MAR field meet due to evacuation of the meet.

**Treasurer Report:** George Bange, reported a balance of \$216.84 in the checking account, and \$3,629.55 in the savings account for a total of \$3,846.39.

**Web Page:** David Fricke, the web master, reported the site still continues to receive inquires and an increase in visibility in the caving community with more listings on caving-related link web sites. The counter shows that

the site has been averaging approximately 5 "hits" per day. The "Restricted Cave Access for Pennsylvania List" is continually being updated with the help of Keith Wheeland.

**PCC Breakfast:** Alan Horn will not be available to coordinate the PCC Breakfast at the spring 2004 meet. Nate Hirneisen and Joe Shock will coordinate the event.

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

**PCC Brochure:** George Bange will coordinate with Matt Neyhart restocking PCC brochures at Woodward and Penns Cave.

## OLD BUSINESS:

### PROJECT LIST:

**Baker Caverns:** Franklin County, PA.- status quo.

**Dragon Cave:** Berks County, PA –Bucks County Grotto is working with Berks County Conservancy and the landowner. The focus is have Berks County Conservancy purchase the 20 acres containing the cave with the possibility of PCC managing the cave access.

**J-4:** Centre County, PA-status quo. Gary Dunmire reported the homeowner at the end of the lane by the quarry is writing down license plate numbers of cars parked at the end of the land.

**Merkle Cave:** Berks County, PA.- no changes.

**Cleversburg Cave:** Franklin County, PA.- status quo with the township.

**Sharer Cave:** Centre County, PA.- The cave is gated with limited access. The cave should be removed from the project list.

**Christmas Cards:** Anyone wishing to add a cave landowner to the Christmas card list should contact Karen Bange with the name and address of the landowner.

**Mail:** There was no new mail.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Northampton County:** Several members of Greater Allentown Grotto (GAG) gated a cave in the county and are now working with the landowner who desires to sell the land (227 acres) containing the cave. The Natural Lands Trust in Virginia is a possible avenue for purchasing the cave although the Natural Lands Trust wants an appropriate organization to manage the cave entrance. Ed Kehs along with Paul and Leslie Lubaczewski will work on a management plan and report back to the PCC at the February meeting.

**Conservancy Forum:** The Northeast Cave Conservancy and West Virginia Cave Conservancy are hosting a conservancy forum in

Lewisburg, West Virginia April 2004. The forum will discuss standardized criteria, fundraising, management plans, stewardship with a focus on federal land management. At the February PCC meeting there will be detailed information on the forum and discussion about sending a representative to the meeting.

**Next meeting:** The next meeting of the PCC will be on Saturday February 28, 2004 after the annual MAR Business Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am,

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Bange, Recording Secretary

## **PCC Officer Elections**

There will be a PCC meeting February 28, 2004 following the MAR Business Meeting. It's at this meeting that PCC officers are elected. Anyone wishing to run for office can put their name on the ballot by contacting Karen Bange at [riverbat@localnet.com](mailto:riverbat@localnet.com)

Cave conservation and protection can only happen if we all work together towards the same goals.

**Get involved with PCC!**

**Put your name on the ballot and run for office**

# SPRING MAR 2004

MAY 14 - 16, 2004



**LOCATION:** The beautiful Seven Points recreation area in scenic Huntington County, overlooking the spectacular Raystown Lake.

**DETAILS:** Many limited-access caves will be opened for guided trips. An updated guidebook will also be provided with details of surrounding caves for self-guided adventures. Tons of non-caving activities are available too: hiking on the many maintained trails, swimming, boating and canoeing (rentals available), fishing and many other local points of interest will also be mentioned in the guidebook. There will be a meal with beer Saturday night. The P.C.C. will provide a pancake breakfast on Sunday morning, thanks to Nate from Philly Grotto, with the P.C.C. meeting to follow.  
(Vegetarian meals are available upon pre-registration request only.)

So come one and all to this remarkably beautiful location for a weekend of caving, partying and friendship.

About the site: Campfires will be permitted in designated areas. Water, showers, toilets, a playground and limited RV sites (first come first served).

**REGISTRATION:** Forms are available online at [www.caves.org/region/mar](http://www.caves.org/region/mar). Pre-register before April 15, 2004 for \$20.00 or \$22.00 after April 15 (for adults). Children 6 – 12 are \$10.00, under 6 are free.

**DIRECTIONS:** From 22 west at Huntington, take route 26 south. Go approx. 6.5 miles, make left onto Seven Points Road. Go approx. 1.3 miles to left into the Meadow Camp group section.

## 2004 SPRING MAR - REGISTRATION FORM

May 14 – 16<sup>th</sup>, 2004 @ Meadows Camp Area, Seven Points Access, Raystown Lake

### Principal Registrant's:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Telephone: (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Evening Telephone: (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

Primary Grotto Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

### Additional Registrants:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Registrant: \_\_\_\_\_

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Relationship to Registrant: \_\_\_\_\_

	Unit Cost	Quantity	Cost	Quantity Vegetarian Meals
Adult Registration (Before April 15, 2004)	\$20.00			
Adult Registration (After April 15, 2004)	\$22.00			
Child Registration (Ages 6 – 12)	\$10.00			
Child Registration (Under 6)	Free			
<b>TOTAL</b>				

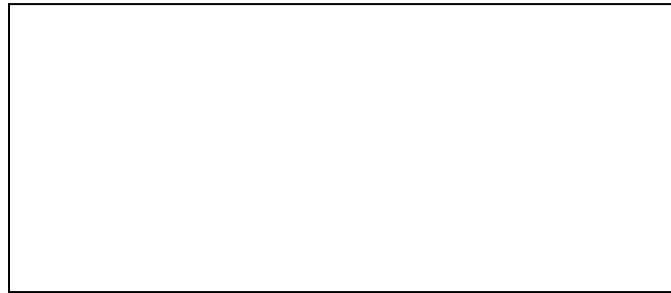
York Grotto, Its members, the MAR and private landowners take no responsibility for any injuries or losses that might be sustained during the 2004 MAR meet and any associated activities. Participation by the undersigned is at their own risk, and they accept responsibility for the safety of all other participants (children and adults) who are listed on this registration form under "Additional Registrants".

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Send this completed form along with your check made payable to York Grotto, for the TOTAL due, to:

York Grotto  
2004 Spring MAR  
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Felton, PA 17322

MAR Breakdown  
1536 S. River Road  
McVeytown, PA 17051



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NSS Member Price List

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5	<b>REPRINT VOLUME:</b> Caves of Western PA	29 caves, 19 maps 76pp	<b>8.00</b> + postage <b>A</b>
	Armstrong, Clarion, Fayette, Lawrence, Mercer, Somerset, Venango, Westmoreland Counties		
6	<b>REPRINT VOLUME:</b>	93 caves 69 maps/5 large maps 126 pp	<b>12.00</b> + postage <b>B</b>
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9	<b>REPRINT VOLUME:</b> Caves of Huntingdon Co., PA	94 caves, 36 maps	<b>10.00</b> + postage <b>B</b>
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