



# 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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## Fall MAR

**October 2-4, 2009**

**Rupert Cave, Mifflin County**

### Corrections from previous issue:

**MAR Business Meeting celebrated 45 years at Jay Herbein's home, not 15 as noted. Apologies to all involved, and many, many thanks to Jay as we all celebrate the 45th Anniversary. The big 50th is now just around the corner!**

**If your name was spelled incorrectly, my apologies as well. I'm way too dependant on spell checker.**



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**Fall MAR Field Meet & The YORK GROTTO'S 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
Oct. 2-4, 2009, Rupert Cave, PA**

Directions & more info at: [yorkgrotto.org](http://yorkgrotto.org)

Due to the voluntary moratorium Rupert Cave will be closed for this MAR. Organizers of this event are attempting to bring together some of the leading experts on WNS, including cavers and scientists, for a panel discussion and up-to-date report on the status of the problem and the solutions for dealing with it. Alternative activities being planned include hikes, a geology field trip, bat box building, a Saturday flea market, the York Grotto Squeeze Box and Face Painting & more.

**DALE IBBERSON MEMORIAL DVD**

There will be a showing of the DVD honoring Dale Ibberson which was presented at the celebration of his life on 20 March 2009 with additional pictures from the gathering.

**MAR FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES, 10/2**

TV Nostalgia from the 50s and 60s; Death Valley Days, Lassie, the movie "Davy Crocket and the River Pirates" and more. Very nice prizes awarded for answering trivia questions related to the films.

**HIKES, 10/3**

14.1 miles (rigorous), begins at Tussey Mtn, ends at Greenwood Furnace. 8:30 a.m.  
6.7 miles, 1,000 Steps Loop near Mt. Union. 9:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.

**VENDING**

Carrie Shafer offers craft style bat motif earrings, fleece wear, T-shirts, dish towels and more.  
Frank Hercege will be selling boots, packs, gear, rocks, minerals, fossils & jewelry.

**SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET, 10/3 (Bring your chair to dinner.)**

Catered by Clem's: Pulled Pork & Chicken, sides of Cole Slaw, Hearty Baked Beans, Garlic Smashed Potatoes, rolls and butter. Portabella Mushroom Caps over vegetables available for vegetarians.

**DOOR PRIZES** = One ticket per registered adult, awarded after dinner.

**SATURDAY EVENING PROGRAM, 10/3**

"A Potential Mega-System: Recent Explorations in Germany Valley, West Virginia," a power point presentation by Mark Minton and Yvonne Droms. "Highlights of the last several years' exploration and predictions of what we believe will become the sixth longest cave in the U. S. A."

**PCC BREAKFAST, 10/4**

\$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 age 6 and under. Tickets may be purchased at registration.

**GUIDEBOOKS**

The 1999 guidebook and maps, which sold for \$8.00 and has become a collectors' piece, will be given to each registrant until supplies are exhausted. Current weekend info will be attached.

**COFFEE, BEVERAGES & BONFIRE**

Coffee & pastries each a.m. Beverages & soda Friday and Saturday nights.  
The legal drinking age for alcohol is 21 and older, no exceptions.

# REGISTRATION FORM

Fall MAR Field Meet & The YORK GROTTO'S 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
Oct. 2-4, 2009, Rupert Cave, PA

## Principal Registrant

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

Emergency Contact Information: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## Additional Registrants

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

Relationship to Principal Registrant \_\_\_\_\_

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

Relationship to Principal Registrant \_\_\_\_\_

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

Relationship to Principal Registrant \_\_\_\_\_

\* Adults who pre-register before 15 September 2009 receive one free commemorative patch. \*

	Unit Cost	Quantity	Cost
Adult Registration (Before Sept. 15th )	\$25.00		
Adult Registration (After Sept. 15th )	\$30		
Children Under 6	Free		
<b>Totals:</b>			
Vegetarian Meals (Must pre register)	No extra charge		

The York Grotto, its members, the MAR, Rupert Cave and Campground and private owners take no responsibility for any injuries or losses that might be sustained during the 2009 MAR Fall Field Meet and any associated activities. Participation by the undersigned is with the full understanding of risks associated with camping, campfires, and other outdoor activities, and is at their own risk. By signing this form you, on behalf of yourself and all other participants (children and adults) who are listed on this registration form under "Additional Registrants," agree to indemnify and hold harmless, regardless of fault, negligence, or willful misconduct, the York Grotto, its officers and members, and the owners of the private property on which the MAR is held.

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

Please make check payable to **YORK GROTTO** and send form with registration fee to:  
Randy Hurst, 3629 N 6th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110-1517, USA

# Pennsylvania Cave Conservancy, Inc.

P.O. Box 373, Neffs, PA 18065

The meeting was called to order by President Pat Minnick, at Lincoln Caverns on Sunday June 7, 2009

The following officers were present.

**President P. Minnick** Vice President Christopher Catherman

**Secretary K. Bange** Treasurer G. Dunmire

Representation was as follows:

Bald Eagle Grotto	---	Greater Allentown Grotto	Dean Snyder
Baltimore Grotto	---	Huntingdon Co. Cave Hunters	----
Bucks County Grotto	Pat Richard	Nittany Grotto	Gary Dunmire
Buffalo Valley Grotto	---	Philadelphia Grotto	---
Central New Jersey Grotto	----	Seven Valleys Grotto	Gretchen Williams
Commander Cody Caving Club	---	York Grotto	---
Franklin County Grotto	Pat Minnick		

There were not enough grottos represented for a quorum.

An unofficial meeting did take place. The following was discussed:

**Secretary Report:** There was an addition made to the February 28, 2009 minutes. The minutes did not reflect the officer elections. Elections for officers was held at the February 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. The current officers were all re-elected

**Treasurer Report:** Gary Dunmire distributed a copy of the PCC financial summary. Gary has looked into an interest checking account and reported the current checking account pays market value interest rates which are increasing.

**Web Page:** No report

**PCC Breakfast:** Pat Minnick will be coordinating the PCC pancake breakfast at the upcoming Fall MAR.

**Fund Raising T-Shirts.** Gary Dunmire reported Frank Stahan revised the current PCC Tshirt to reflect PCC's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The revisions will be emailed to PCC reps to present to their respective grottos. Grotto reps are requested to poll their grottos on Tshirt design preference and reply to Gary.

**PCC Brochure:** Brochures are available. Anyone interested in brochures should contact George Bange.

**Mail:** Dean Snyder reported PCC received an invitation to have a display at Walls Are Bad great outdoor week May 15- 24<sup>th</sup>. Since the date has passed, no action was taken.

**PA Cave Database:** No report. Bill Herr has been out of contact for the past year. Karen Bange volunteered to contact Bill in an attempt to determine his interest in continuing to maintain the database.

#### Project List:

**Baker Caverns:** Franklin, County, PA- No change.

**Dragon Cave:** Berks County, PA -No change

**Red Church Cave:** Schuylkill County, PA- Dean Snyder has been in contact with the land owner in regards to the recent death of Dale Ibberson. The owner is aware of WNS and the voluntary cave moratorium. Although he is interested in opening the cave he will not allow caving at this time. He is in agreement to have a soil sample collected in the cave.

**Merkle Cave:** Berks County, PA.- No change

**Cleversburg Cave:** Franklin County, PA.- Pat Minnick reported the kiosk has been upgraded. A professor from Shippensburg University is interested in water table logging in the cave.

**Schofer Cave:** Berks County, PA: No report.

**Durham Cave:** Bucks County, PA: No change.

**Corker Hill and Frustration Pit:** - Pat Minnick reported WASHCO development is on hold due to economy. There has been no new activity.

#### New Business:

**Christopher and Christine Catherman** helped Judi Stack organize some of Dale Ibberson's memorabilia after his death. Christopher has Dale's PCC binder which Dean Snyder took to keep with other PCC materials.

**Gary Dunmire** announced that he will now have the Nittany Grotto key to Sharer Cave, Centre County while Karen and George Bange will have the Nittany Grotto key to Seawra, Mifflin County.

**Todd Hancock** introduced a newly chartered NSS grotto. Cave Hill Grotto, from Three Springs, PA, was chartered March 15, 2009. Their focus is on caves in central PA. They are in the process of designing an interactive cave data base website. The grotto would like to part of PCC. This will be voted on at the next official PCC meeting.

A moment of silence was observed in honor of **Dale Ibberson**. Dale was part of PCC since its beginning in 1983.

**Next meeting:** The next meeting of the PCC will be at the Fall MAR meet held at Rupert Cave, Mifflin County on Sunday October 4, 2009. Meeting time 9:30 am

Respectfully submitted, Karen Bange, Recording Secretary

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