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Fall 2018 MAR
September 28 - 30
Rupert Cave Preserve
McVeytown, PA 17051
Hosted by Nittany Grotto
(In recognition of Nittany Grotto’s 70th anniversary!)

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On behalf of the entire Pennsylvania Cave Conservancy, I want to say THANK YOU to the volunteers who helped make the Saturday, April 14, 2018 cleanup event a success. We were blessed with a perfect day for a cleanup, fellowship, and a fun time caving.

Thanks to the 50+ volunteers, representing 11 grottos, 2 caving organizations and one Boy Scout Troop, we were able to successfully clean up over 100 tires and over 1 ton (estimated) of garbage from the Kiehl’s Cave Property.

A special heartfelt thank you to the landowners, Ed and Sharlene, for their hospitality and for providing the hungry volunteers with a great meal.

Together we DID make a difference.

Thanks again!!
Volunteers collecting trash from the sinkhole.

Loading up the tires to haul away.
Yes, that’s a washing machine!

Cleaning trash from the sinkhole

Enjoying conversation with fellow cavers after a hard day’s work

Enjoying a delicious meal!

Relaxing after a good meal
When:  September 28-30, 2018

Where:  Rupert Cave Preserve
McVeytown, PA 17051

Online Registration:  

Event Information:  Come join us in beautiful central Pennsylvania for the Fall MAR Field Meet.

We'll be camping out at Rupert Cave near McVeytown, PA.

Local activities include:

Caving:  Allensville, Rupert, Ruth, Milroy, and more tbd.

Hiking:  Thousand Steps, Standing Stone Trail, Tuscarora State Forest, Bald Eagle State Forest, Rothrock State Forest, Alfarata Lower Railtrail

Climbing

Saturday's dinner will be catered by Doan's Bones Barbecue, along with vegetarian options.

Facilities:  Include portapots, shower house, Zipline, and general camping. It is recommended to bring your own potable water, though we'll have water on site for refills. We'll be camping amongst the trees and in the field.

Registration fee is $30. If you expect to attend please pre-register. This helps us determine how many meals will be needed Saturday evening. Refund Policy:  Refunds up to 7 days before event
MAR Donation to NSS Permanent Endowment Fund
Respectfully submitted by: Bette White, MAR Treasurer

Below is the letter received by the MAR acknowledging the receipt of the $1000.00 contribution to the NSS Permanent Endowment Fund:

National Speleological Foundation, Inc.

www.speleofoundation.org

May 14, 2018

Bert Ashbrook, Treasurer
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Mid-Appalachian Region, NSS
c/o Elizabeth L. White, Treasurer
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Dear Bette,

Thank you for the MAR’s generous donation of $1,000.00 received by the Foundation on May 11, 2018, for the NSS Permanent Endowment Fund. Through your leadership and vision, the National Speleological Society now has a perpetual source of income to promote the exploration, study, and conservation of caves for generations to come. We appreciate the MAR’s dedication to our Society and your vision for its bright future.

The National Speleological Foundation is an I.R.C. § 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, and your donation is tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. No goods or services were provided by the Foundation in return for your donation.

Cavers like you have already given over $175,000 to the Fund—a legacy that will put our Society on a solid financial footing and that cannot be used for any other purpose. We will publicly recognize the Mid-Appalachian Region as donor to the NSS Permanent Endowment Fund. On behalf of the trustees of the Foundation, thank you again for your generosity and support.

Sincerely,

Bert Ashbrook

cc (via email): Geary Schindel, NSS President
Ted Kayes, NSF President
Hosts Needed for the 2019 Spring and Fall MARs

As of August 2018 there is no grotto, or individual, slated to host the 2019 Spring or Fall MAR Field Meets. If you are interested in hosting either of these events, a helpful guide to hosting a MAR field meet can be found on the MAR website. Think about it - can you or your grotto host the event? If there are no volunteers there will be no field meet. If you’re interested in hosting one of the events, please contact a MAR officer.

2018 Upcoming Events

Old Timers Reunion (OTR) .................................................................................................................. Aug 30-Sept. 3, 2018
OTR Site/Campgrounds
Dailey, WV (Randolph County)
69th Annual
URL: www.otr.org

’18 Fall MAR Field Meet .................................................................................................................... Sept 28-30, 2018
Rupert Cave Preserve
McVeytown, PA (Mifflin County)
70th Anniversary
Hosted By: Nittany Grotto

’18 Fall NRO Field Meet ...................................................................................................................... Fall 2018
Locations: TBA
Hosted By: TBA

’18 Fall VAR Field Meet ...................................................................................................................... Fall 2018
Location: TBA
Hosted By: TBA
URL: var.caves.org

’18 TAG Fall Cave-In .......................................................................................................................... October 4-8, 2018
TAG Site (Little River), Lookout Mountain
Near Trenton, GA (Walker County)
41st Annual
Hosted By: Dogwood City Grotto
URL: www.tagfallcavein.org

Butler Cave Conservation Society (BCCS) ......................................................................................... October 6, 2018
Butler Homestead
Burnsville Cove Area, Virginia (Bath County)
Annual Membership Meeting
Hosted By: BCCS
URL: www.butlercave.org

’18 Bridge Day ................................................................................................................................... October 20, 2018
New River Gorge Bridge
Fayetteville, WV
39th Anniversary
URL: www.officialbridgeday.com -or- www.nps.gov/neri/bridgeday.htm -or- www.bridgeday.info/
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