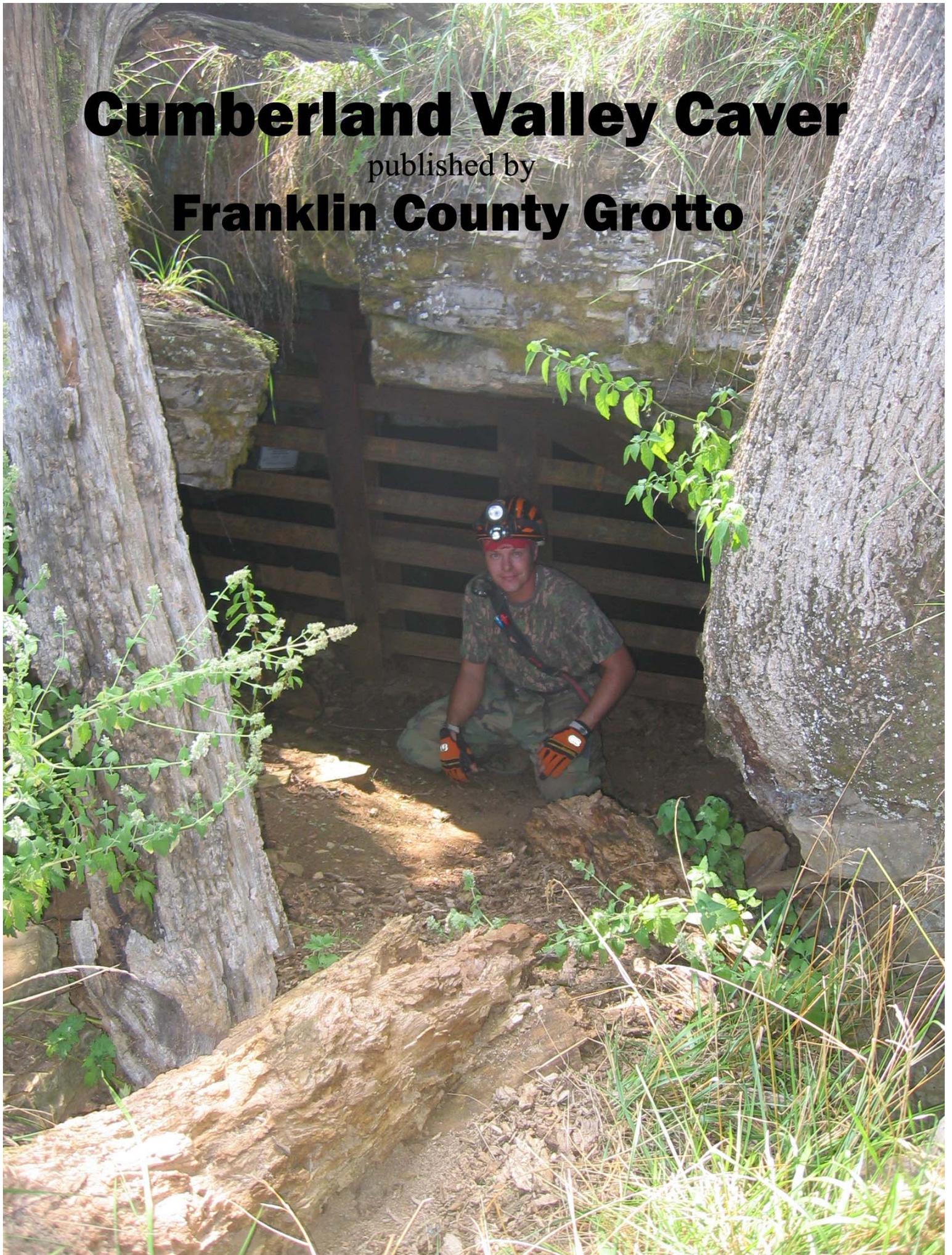


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From the Editor.....

Well it’s been a long time since we put out a newsletter, 10 years to be precise. The last Cumberland Valley Caver had Andrew White on the cover, at the top of the water falls in Bone-Norman Cave in the fall of 1996.

After several false starts, and several promises of support, I have agreed to, once again, try and get three or four issues out per year. This first issue is a “catch-up” issue and will have a mixture of current and not-so-current articles. Some of the older articles have been sitting around waiting to get published, in some cases for years. I plan to continue to use features like the Speleo-Spotlight to recognize some of Franklin County Grotto cavers. Active cavers, caving with me, have better chances of being spotlighted.

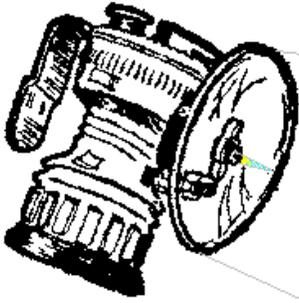
During months when not much caving is being done, I might pull out an old article or two and republish them, mainly for the benefit of some of our newer members. It will also remind some of us “Old Timers” that we actually used to do ten hour trips, and could actually fit thru those 10 inch cracks. Armchair caving may be all some of us are up to nowadays.

This Year we have attempted to schedule some really nice caves through the summer and fall, and there should be plenty of opportunities for our newer members to see some BIG, WET, DEEP caves.

Sincerely, Ken Tayman

Speleo-Spotlight...

James Hart NSS 22080

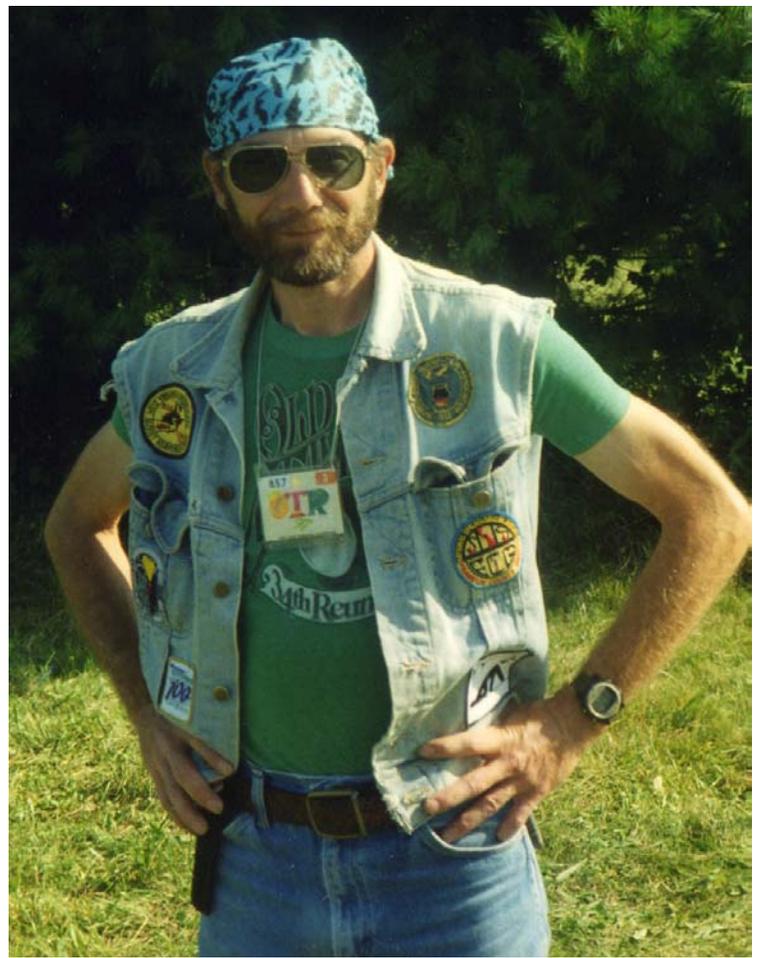


Jim Hart is a charter member of Franklin County Grotto which was formed in 1981. He has held various executive committee positions over the years.

Jim started caving while a student at Shippensburg State College in the early 70's as a member of the Shippensburg State College Grotto club. During this period he spent his weekends caving in Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky and Indiana. All of this caving was not conducive to good attendance at classes and he ended up leaving school.

He returned to Shippensburg University in 1986 to complete his undergraduate degree and continued on to his Masters in Biology concentrating on bats. He worked for a while with the PA Game Commission where he spent his time carrying out small mammal sampling and counting bats in over 150 hibernacula throughout PA. For the last decade or so he has been employed as Mammalogist/Zoologist with the PA Natural Heritage Program and now considers himself a "professional" caver.

He has fond caving memories of the Sugar



Shack on Dallas McKeever's farm along Overholt Creek in Pocahontas County, WV, sneak trips into Overholt Saltpeter cave, and his trip to Guatemala to train biologists using SRT in 100 foot+ high trees.

He's been around since the double breaker-bars, body-rappels and Carbide Lights.

Some other caves he has done include; Hellhole, Butler, Friars Hole, Culverson Creek and most of the caves and mines in PA.

Culverson Creek (Wildcat) Entrance Project & Pocahontas Poor Farm

November 11-12, 2006 by Ken Tayman

Bob Bennett, Tri-State Grotto, sent out an invite to do Pocahontas Poor Farm Cave with him on Sunday, November 12. I had been to this cave a couple of years ago with Barry Duncan, but had sat out some of the passages. It was one of my first serious trips since I'd broken my

leg, and I had gained some weight and was not in very good shape. This would be an opportunity to see the cave I had missed and some of the passages we had not done on the previous trip.

I talked with Jonathan Peterson, and he was

interested, so we would share a ride. This would be a 600 mile round trip and sharing gas expenses made it quite a bit more affordable. We decided to pull out on Friday night, camp at the Bubble Cave Conservancy site, find something on our own to do on Saturday, then meet up with Bob on Sunday for the Poor Farm trip.

We left Greencastle around 7:30 PM and pulled in to the camp after midnight, set up camp, and enjoyed the shooting stars in the cold, clear sky for a few hours. Then hit the sack.

A tractor moving large round bales of hay just several feet from our tents ushered in the morning. After breakfast, we heard weather was supposed to get wet in afternoon/evening, so we dragged all our firewood under the pavilion so we would have some dry wood for a campfire later that night. We stopped in to visit John Pearson, just a few miles down the road. Bob Bennett was pulling in just as we arrived. During the visit we learned they were going to spend the day



Mark cutting angle iron for ceiling supports. Photo by Ken Tayman



Drilling hole in ceiling for braces

Photo by Jon Peterson

trying to complete the Culverson Creek (Wildcat) entrance improvement they had been working on for a couple of years. It sounded just like the caving activity we were looking for.

After a successful search of the campground for Jonathon's cell phone, we pulled out to meet at Bill Balfour's home near the cave site. While waiting around for some others to show up he took us on a tour of his homestead including the **UNIS** entrance to the Culverson Creek Cave system.

We eventually loaded into trucks and drove to the entrance and proceeded to install brackets and hauled up the pipe that will become the new stable entrance. Due to the late

start, the project was stopped by darkness before the pipe was actually inserted into entrance passage. We packed up and headed back to camp.

Just about the time we pulled out the rain started. It turned into the downpour

we were expecting. We unloaded the chairs, grill and food under the pavilion and knew we had made the right decision to move the firewood under protection from the rain. We lit the campfire just outside the pavilion, got the steaks and veggies ready. Soon we were sitting near the warm fire and eating our grilled meal and having a few beers. It was chilly but we were dry, well fed and comfortable.

The wind was blowing the rain almost horizontal and putting the tents to a real test. Jonathon knew he would have water in his tent since it frequently lets him down. My tent does well in rain, but sometimes when the wind blows hard,



Me, Bob, Bill, Jonathon & others carrying pipe to cave entrance.



Reflective pool before slot connection to back of cave Photo by Todd

do get a trickle. I wiped up the moisture in my tent with a towel; Jonathon bailed out his tent and brought his sleeping bag out by the fire to dry it a little. Once again he announces his intentions to get a new tent.

Sunday we got up early enough to catch breakfast at Shoney's before meeting up with Bob and the others. Other Tri-state cavers on the trip on the trip were Ehren, Ben, Todd, Bill, Jeff & guest.



Guest, Todd, Bill, Ben, Ehren, me, Jonathon, Bob and Jeff

Photo by Todd



Bob going headfirst into slot connection to back of cave *photo by Todd*

It wasn't a long drive to the farm. Bob stopped at the house and picked up the key and we were allowed to drive through the field and fairly close to the cave.

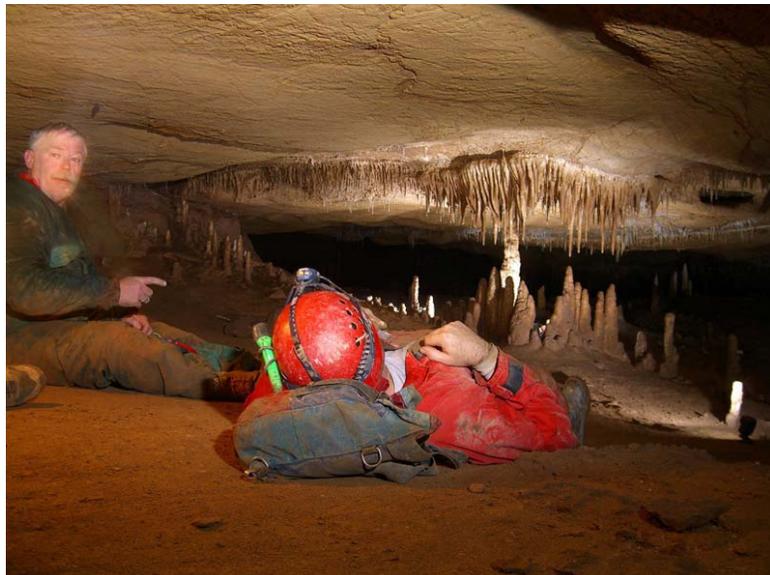
It didn't take long for me to realize that we were involved with some speedsters on this trip. When I finished putting in my contacts, I realized everyone had departed through the woods to the cave. Jonathon and I started walking, and walking and walking. Couldn't hear or see anyone. Started a search for the entrance.

Eventually we found the entrance with about half the group waiting on us. The others were gone in. This would be the trend of the day. We found ourselves caving with Todd and Ehren who were taking some pictures and didn't seem to be in any

great hurry. Did a right hand passage we had skipped on my previous trip. Took group photo, and started our 'sprint' toward the back of the cave. This was familiar to me, so I could actually assist the normal paced group with route finding.

As we worked our way to the back, we approached the part I had sat out on previous trip. There are two ways to get to the back. One is through a 10" horizontal crevice and 15' crawl. The other is a 15 minute, round about passage, thru crevices and breakdown that ends up at the opposite end of the 15' crawl. I, along with two others took the round about and met up with the rest.

This area behind the crawl has some FANTASTIC decorations. Rooms full!. It trapped the photographers for quite a while. Personally I enjoyed the break (and the beauty!!!) It was defiantly worth the effort to get back here. Just a short distance past the formation room(s) we wind up in a small room with a 2 ft x 2 ft hole in some draperies in the wall.



Jonathon & I enjoy the pretty stuff while Todd & Ehren take pictures

Here we would back into the hole, slide down about four feet onto a ledge near a 10 ft drop. Then down again thru another 12ft hole in the floor and into a room maybe 20 feet long by 10 feet wide. Everyone was gathered here. The slender, speedy guys were squeezing thru a very small crevice in the floor, and were eventually getting to some 'ongoing' passage. I think two or three made it through. And it was hard work.

We started heading out. A couple of us needed a boost to get up the chest-high ledge at the 2 foot x 2 foot hole.

Had to be careful. The only foot hold was a very high stretch for short people, and we didn't want to jump up with that 10 foot drop immediately to the right of our feet. If did it again on my own, I might put a hand line there. It would make it safer going in and climbing out.

When we got back to the 10" crawl, I did attempt to work my way thru, but with only another 5 feet to go, the chest compression got severe enough that I backed out. Jonathon accompanied me through the 15 minute round about.

Of course by the time we got around, the rest were fully rested and we were off to the races again. I guess it took another hour or so to get back to the surface.

I had a great trip. Got into passage I had missed before and saw a lot of very pretty stuff.

I guess this was about a five hour trip, of which I guess I spent an hour or two with the entire group. Most of the rest of the trip was with Jonathan, Ehren and Todd.



There were a couple of really pretty rooms behind the slot. Definitely worth the effort! *Photo by Todd*

Tri-Annual Bat Count at Aitkin's Cave

February 27, 2006

By Ken Tayman

Last year I saw a note from Jim Hart asking if anyone wanted to help him net some bats, and even though I couldn't go on that trip I thought I would like to try it sometime. Recently Jim advised that there was a bat-count taking place at Aitkin's Cave in Mifflin County, PA. This count takes place every two or three years. There are several species of bats that hibernate in Aitkin's Cave including Big Browns, Little Browns, Pippistrellis, Big Eared Bats, Small Footed Bats, and the endangered Indiana Bat.

As usual the driving instructions to cave are good for the first 100 miles but the last 2 or 3 miles are always the toughest. Even with the topo-map, I couldn't figure out the last couple of miles so I called John Chenger and asked for directions to the cave. He offered to let me ride with him. I took him up on his offer. I met him at his house in Carlisle and we headed out. We met up with other participants at the Cave. This trip included John Chenger (PGC), Rocky Gleason (PaNHP), unknown assistant to be called Jane D., Chris Sanders (PGC), Amanda Karns (TNC), George Gress (TNC), Me (FCG), Greg Turner (PGC), and Justin Vreeland (PANHP)

John led a short terrain walk showing us the many nearby sinkholes and potential caves. Then we entered the cave. We immediately found an Indiana Bat and some of us received a quick lesson in determining the difference between Little Browns and Indiana bats. Next time I will have to take my bifocals, because to be sure which you are looking at, you need to get close enough to see the distinguishing characteristics.

We split into two groups. My group covered the left-hand portion of the cave. The Mud Room, Breakdown Room, New Roost Room, and the Bat Room (what a bunch of original names). There were several large clusters of little browns with a few Indiana and some big-eared bats mixed in. Some big browns were here and there. The pips were spread out all over the cave. The pips are the easiest for me to identify, with their reddish front legs. The counting went quicker than I had anticipated.



John, Rocky, Jane D., Chris, Amanda, George, me, Greg and Justin

There was also less crawling than I expected. Only had to remove my pack three times in over three hours in the cave and the crawls were of the friendly nature. I was glad I didn't have to squeeze and force my self through any cracks.

By the end of the trip we had counted around 3200 bats. The only species we didn't see on this trip was the small-footed bat. But it is my understanding that they will sleep anywhere and no one seemed too excited about not seeing any.

This was a very educational and enjoyable trip for me.

Bone-Norman Cave (Norman entrance)

Ken Tayman

March24-26, 2006



Pat and Barry ready to go to Shoney's on Saturday Morning

This trip was called to order by Barry Duncan, and he was accompanied by me (Ken Tayman), Pat Minnick, Todd Hancock, Tim Long and local caver Chuck Knuckles from Sinks Grove). This was first time in the cave for Todd, Tim and Chuck.

Pat, Barry and I decided to stay in the Motel 8 on this trip due to the snow forecast. When we were crossing the Virginia-West Virginia border on I-64, the snow was coming down so hard we could hardly see the road. Luckily, the road surface was warm enough to melt most of the snow as it hit the road. In my 20 ears if caving it is only the second time I have stayed in a motel and it was looking like we had made the right decision. We woke Saturday morning to find an inch of

snow on the car. The roads were however still clear. We met Todd and Tim at the Shoney's across the street and Chuck showed up a little

later.

This cave is about 15 miles long +/- . It has an active waterfall, underground river, breakdown and some pretties. The water flow was what I considered normal, lots of spray and noise at bottom of falls. The river was knee to thigh high, and crotch deep in places (COLD!!).

Our objective was to find the Great White Way. Barry was the only one of us that had been to that part of the cave. (or so we thought) After an hour or more of checking the waterfalls, wading in the river, the obligatory stoop walking through the low ceiling portions of the river, we found ourselves climbing up a passage that turned out to be three foot high rimstone dams.



Barry, Chuck, Todd, Tim, Me, and Pat

Barry led us to what he knew as the Great White Way. I had always been told that I'd recognize it when I saw it, and this was beautiful. A ten to fifteen foot tall wall of crystal covered flowstone and formations that sparkled like a diamond mine should. Floor to ceiling. I guess there was 50 feet of this pretty stuff. It was pretty, but I had expected it to be longer? After enjoying the white stuff we continued inward and upward. A couple of very interesting climbs and step-acrosses and we found ourselves above some very deep crevices. On a previous trip Barry encountered an extremely exposed climb-down back to the river. He didn't recommend continuing that way, and so we backtracked our route to the river.

We continued to pick our way down river, over, around and through breakdown, into and back out of the river. We were searching for something familiar that would indicate we were on the right track. After a few unintended side trips, we found the big room known as the "Lunch Room". We were back on a route we recognized.

We soon came to a passage where the left wall was covered with white crystals and we recognized this as the "Great Wrong Way". It is called this because many a caver has found this passage and thinking it was the Great White Way, chalked it up as having been seen and headed off for other adventures, not realizing it wasn't the Great White Way.

As I recognized our location, I recalled some route finding advice I had solicited from Bob Bennett (Tri-State Grotto) on just how to get to the Great White Way. Deep in my mind I had not fully accepted that the place Barry had taken us a couple hours early was in fact the Great White Way, mainly because the location did not agree with what Bob had given me. I was almost ready to accept that we had found it, but had perhaps gotten there via a different route. Some of the landmarks were similar, and

as I said before, there was another route back down to the river.

Now that we were at the Great Wrong Way, I raised the possibility that we still hadn't found the Great White way, and suggested that we start searching for Bob's route. As we pass the white crystal on the wall and come out into high ceiling passage, we start looking for a climb up, through the break down, into the ceiling. Everyone is scrambling around. Soon we hear from Chuck and Todd that they see some elephant



Todd at base of waterfall



Pat and Tim in the false Great White Way

tracks going up, over and through breakdown, eventually about 30 feet above the floor. A few feet of hand and knee crawling, around the bend and there is a sign on the wall: Great White Way- Please don't break or muck up the white stuff!!

This passage is about quarter mile long, flat floor, maybe five to ten feet wide, ten feet high, and covered with white crystals, helectites and soda straws. It sparkled when our light beams hit them. I guess we spent an hour just casually strolling along, enjoying the view, taking pictures and just enjoying the easy walk. It was definitely worth the extra effort to find and climb up.

By the time we were ready to leave the pretty white stuff we had been in the cave four and a half hours. We figured it would take two hours to get out, so we decided to turn the trip. We did the climb downs,

got back to the river and headed upstream. The water was still very cold. I was running out of energy and soon found myself in my normal position, bringing up the rear. Pat and Barry were keeping me company as I negotiated the dreaded stoop walks. Once back at the



Left wall of the Great White Way

waterfall, it would be uphill the last 45 minutes. Up from the river, up through the break down and up to the entrance. As we popped out of the breakdown near top of waterfall, we could see daylight coming in through the entrance. It was so high, and so very far away it was actually discouraging to me. I just continued to step forward and upward. I finally got a great cramp in my thigh. I figured it was the cold water and all this

uphill work at the very end that induced the cramps and was glad I was very near the exit when it locked me up. Finally I was out.

Tim, Pat, Barry and I decided to eat at the Mexican Restaurant in Lewisburg. Had good food and a couple beers and were ready to sleep by 9 PM.

Time in cave: 6 1/2 hours.
New cave for 3 of us, first time in the Great White Way for the entire group.

Long Quarry

November 4, 2005 by Ken Tayman

It has been about 13 years since I'd been in Long Quarry Cave. On a recent scouting trip to Needsmore, I spent over an hour searching for the access road to this cave, which I had been in 4 times, but I still couldn't find it.

I decided to ask Franklin County Grotto member, Dave Scamardella, to help put a trip together to this cave. He had recently been in the cave a couple times, and was in contact with the landowners.

The people on this trip were Dave, my co-worker Rolly, FCG member Jonathon Peterson and me. This would be a new cave for Jonathan and Rolly, and would be Rolly's second cave after Whiting's Neck. I am trying to keep Rolly interested in caving and hope to get him on a few big West Virginia grotto trips next year.

Rolly and I met up at the Greencastle in McDonalds, then drove over to Jonathan's in Williamson, reorganized into my car and headed out to meet Dave at Dots on US219 just south of the cave.

By the time we changed into our gear it was about 7pm. We hiked the short trail up to the cave and discovered, as I have frequently, that the cave in general has shrunk in size during the last 13 years. Everything seemed smaller and tighter than I remembered.

The first side passage on the left side seems to have sloughed partially shut, and would require some digging to get



Me, Dave, Rolly & Jonathon ready to start.

back into that couple hundred feet of passage.

We continued forward. It was as muddy and sticky as I remembered. We took our time and picked our way in slowly. Rolly went ahead and never looked back. I had briefed him previously about not losing contact with the group, but as the rest of us continued in after him we never seemed to catch up. We hoped this exuberance would not cause us to have to hunt for him later.

Route finding wasn't too difficult, but we did have to make a few choices as we probed for the correct or best way in. Still haven't seen Rolly for 15 minutes.

At one point we are a little high and need to get down to a lower level. I get down first and as I am sitting there I see legs coming down from a crevice in the ceiling. I think it is Dave

climbing down, but it turns out to be Rolly climbing down from his hiding place. Apparently he had been shadowing us, to see what comments we would make regarding his absence. I think he was in touch with Jonathan along the way, and the two of them had been conspiring to fool with Dave and me.

About this time we did the 20' x12" connection crawl to the newer part of the cave. This crawl was the one I had remembered and anticipated. As we continued, we did have to do a dogleg and up through a small opening. This I remembered as being larger. Then we had a short crawl and another tight spot I had forgotten about. I had taken my gel-cell and wheat light, because I had recently repaired it, and wanted to test it out in a cave that was big and not tight.

Wrong thinking here!! My battery got a little jammed up in



Dave with "Mud on his face!"

this spot and I had to work a little harder than I had anticipated getting through.

We continued back. This part of the cave is a steeply inclined slope with lots of muddy clay and breakdown. You spend lots of effort to keep from slipping down the slope. We continued in. I had been to the "bitter end" on a couple of occasions. It is a short uphill slope, through a small hole that goes down into a small room.

Search as we might, we could not find the small hole. I found what looked like it might be it, but it too was partially sloughed

shut. If this were it, it would also need to be dug open. We turned the trip without finding the very end.

On my first trip into the cave we had found two or three short side passages. I have never been able to find them since. I was keeping my eyes open hoping to see them this time. I think I saw one but it too looked like it might need a little "improvement" before we could get into it.

We took our time heading out, Rolly in the lead. Jonathon did the tight spot but was apprehensive regarding sliding

down the small spot. He was waiting on me to come through.

This is the spot were, on the way in, I got my battery jammed up, so I removed my battery and changed lights before I started. I don't know what I did wrong, but I had a very difficult time getting back through.

I knew I could fit because I had just come through it an hour earlier, but I could not find a foothold to push on. Perhaps I should have gone through with my right shoulder down instead of my left.?? But anyway, I needed Dave to brace my foot so I could push off. This part of the cave had suffered significant shrinkage since my last time through. I usually remember spots tight enough to require removal of battery belts and assistance from other cavers to get by.

We continue to take our time. Sliding down the small chute, the 20-foot crawl, all the time Rolly is out front alone again. After about 25 minutes, we caught up with Rolly. He had been sitting alone waiting on us. He had not anticipated us taking that long, and had just started to consider he may have taken a wrong turn somewhere, and may not be in the correct passage.

We all continued out. Near the entrance we checked out a climb that I seemed to remember leading to the entrance room. It didn't pan out. As I was climbing back down, I got a little foot placement assistance from Dave. As a thank you, I brushed my boot against Dave's face and covered he face and glasses with about a pound of mud. He really appreciated it. Five minutes later we were out of the cave. It was 11:30 PM.

Time in cave: about 4 hours.

McFadden's Cave

January 11, 1992 by Ken Tayman

Some of the grotto members had expressed a desire for a few grotto day trips because they can't get out on the overnight trips we usually schedule. So, Ken Jones offered to schedule a fairly local day trip to McFadden's near Shade Gap.

He'd spent lots of time discovering, digging exploring and mapping this cave. It's supposed to have a lot of "tight" stuff and we were supposed to be able to stand up in a few places.

I was concerned about getting squeezed out after 50 feet of caving, and wasn't sure if I should go. I've put on 20 lbs. in the last year, and at 195 the thought of lots of 10 -12 inch cracks in the rock was a little frightening. I called Pat for his opinion and all he could offer was the advice to "Think Thin." Ken Jones kept joking about it being one tight spot after another. But it sounded serious to me. After getting a promise from Howard that he wouldn't leave me sitting in the dark waiting for the rest to return, I decided to give it a shot.

Pat Minnick, Howard White, Ken Jones, and I met Ed Wombolt, his son Ed, Dave Culbertson and his cousin Paul at the Shade Gap bank, and then drove up to the cave.

The eight of us started to climb down the 18-foot entrance shaft and met up in a nice size room. I was already pleasantly surprised at the decent size. But it

didn't take long to get down to the squeezing!! I knew I was in trouble when it took Jones 5 minutes to work his way through the 18-inch long, vertical slot known as the "razorback. After 20 minutes, the first four cavers were through. It was my turn.

I backed into the crevice and turned on my side and started sliding down. I got down to my chest and stuck solid: pushed back up with my feet and tried a second and third time, trying slightly higher and lower spots feeling for a route that may be a 1/4 inch wider. Each time I was stuck solid. I had to push really hard just to get back up. I decided to climb out completely.

Pat was probably the closest to my chest size so I let him go next and planned to watch how he negotiated this spot. He made it fairly easily. He took his time and went slowly and carefully. I noticed that he was more horizontal than I'd been. After a few adjustments, he found the right spot and eased through-everything except his helmet. A few more, slight head adjustments and his helmet also made it. That just left Howard, Dave and me.

I surprised my self by deciding to try a fourth time. I didn't really think I'd make it, but I'd try a more horizontal attack. On my side, down in the slot, I kept my legs up and out of the hole on the other side, lowering my self in again and again searching for the right spot. Inch by fraction of inch, I kept going in

further and further. I was in!! But why did I still have butterflies?? Down about five feet into another vertical hole and then we were quickly joined by Dave and Howard.

About fifteen feet ahead was a slanted fissure that looked bad. Pat was in head first, going down hill, scraping with his toes. I followed; soon I was nearly upside down on my shoulders, with my cheek in the dirt. Thank God for the 2-foot cubical of space that appeared to be a few more feet ahead.

So far, we were about 100 feet into the cave and ahead lay another squeeze that didn't look too bad, but was worse than it looked: a small passage with a hump in the center. I had to dig in with my toes and push an inch at a time. Actually it wasn't too bad going in.

Next was the Dogleg: A quick and narrow 90 degree right turn then three feet later, a quick 90 degree left. It seemed that either your knees or spine was going to have to bend backwards. I entered headfirst and found that I was arching backwards while my feet were still two bends behind. Almost pulled a muscle in my back.

The obstacles seemed to be non-stop. If it weren't for the traffic jams, and the rest breaks they created, it would have been exhausting. This way I get to listen to the seven smaller guys scrape, grunt and talk their way through. It really psyched me out!

The last major obstacle was one of the toughest: halfway under slab, then twist sideways, push up a shoulder over a rock, push really hard, make 1/2 inch progress, rest, push, etc. I felt like a piece of

thread in a weaving loom. After about 5 minutes I was through (why wasn't I relaxed??) After a short stream crawl, we were in a nice room. We spent about an hour here. Most of us talked while pat and Howard checked out some of the upper ceiling passages. I don't think anyone was in a hurry to start back out through the obstacle course.

Finally we head out. I thought I knew which obstacle would be the worst, but I was wrong. I had even forgotten about a few of them, and had some of them in the wrong sequence in my mind. I would be lying there in the passage psyching up for the slot and when I got there it would be the hump, then I'd be ready for the slot again and show up at the dog leg.

The toughest obstacle going out for me was the "hump" in the center of the passage. If I hadn't made through on the way in, I'm not sure I would have made it out. I just pushed and pushed and pushed. I guess you have more incentive to get out than you have to get in. After switching arms and putting my right arm through first (mirroring the position I used on the way in) I made it and we continued on through the slot and up and out the crevice.

Howard and Pat took an extra hour to check out the Grand Canyon. The 'tube' keeps most people out. Pat ripped chest pocket off his coveralls going through the tube, and says I made the right decision not to go.

I felt GREAT about not giving up and really enjoyed this trip. If I lose 25 lbs., I might go back again. Time in cave: 4 1/2 hours

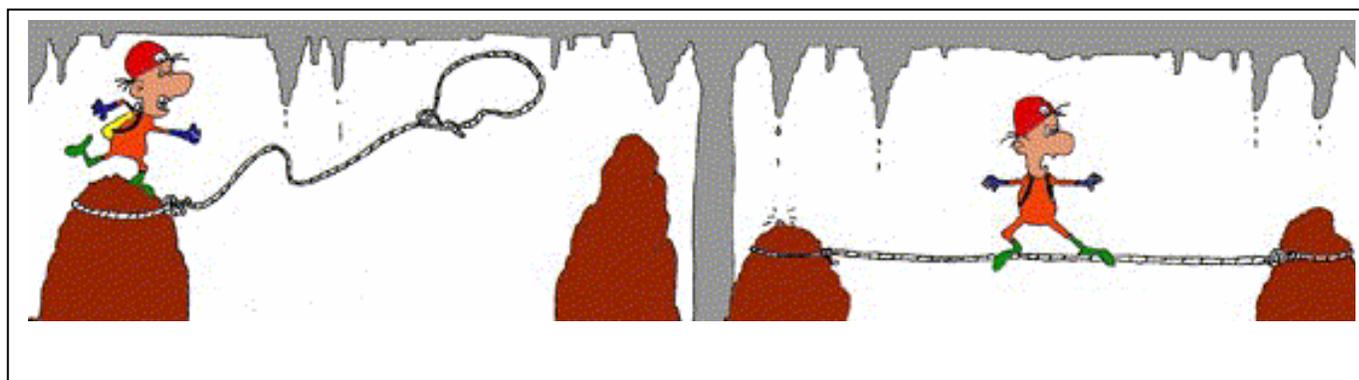
FCCG SPELEO-CALENDAR

Current as of April 17, 2007

DATE	EVENT	REMARKS
Jan 6-7, 2007	FCCG NEW YEAR PARTY	(Tentative date) Happy New Year POC Anne Shepard/Pat Minnick (717) 765-0521
Jan 15	FCCG Meeting	
Feb 17-18	LV PROJECT	POCs: Ken Jones (717) 267-2669 depending on weather
Feb 19	FCCG Meeting	
Mar 3-4	Porter's Cave	Trip to deep Va to Porter's and another cave TBD. POC Barry Duncan
Mar 17	TSG Vertical Practice	At Schaeffer Rocks. Vitas and Jonathon POC
Mar 19	FCCG Meeting	
Mar 24-25	LV PROJECT	POCs: Ken Jones (717) 267-2669 Possible limited size trip
Apr 9	Vertical Practice	Schaeffer Rocks 6 PM. Call Pat Minnick if planning to come (717) 765-0521
Apr 16	FCCG Meeting	
Apr 21-22	LV-PROJECT	POCs: Ken Jones (717) 267-2669
Apr 23*	Vertical Practice	Schaeffer Rocks 6:30 PM. Call Pat Minnick if planning to come (717) 765-0521
Apr 27-29	VAR SPRING Meet	Durbin, WV Hosted by Front Royal Grotto.
May 12-13*	LV-PROJECT	POCs: Ken Jones (717) 267-2669
May 18-20	MAR Spring Meet	@ Woodward Cave
May 21	FCCG Meeting	
Jun 8-10	Bubble Work Week	Bubble Cave Conservancy- Work, Caving, Camping POC Jon Peterson (717)788-1096
Jun 16-17	LV-PROJECT	POCs: Ken Jones (717) 267-2669
Jun 18	FCCG Meeting	
Jul 6-8 tentative*	Butler-Sinking Creek	MUST DO TRIP for those who have not done it yet. Also short trip on SUNDAY
Jul 14-15	LV-PROJECT	POCs: Ken Jones (717) 267-2669
Jul 16	FCCG Meeting	
Aug 10-12	Culverson Creek	Culverson Creek (Wildcat Entrance), Greenbrier Co, WV, entrance collapse has been fixed
Aug 18-19	FCCG PICNIC	Tentative Summer PICNIC @ Rouzerville
Aug 20	FCCG Meeting	
Aug 25-26	LV-PROJECT	POCs: Ken Jones (717) 267-2669
Aug 30-Sep 3	OTR	"Old Timer's Reunion" POCs Pat Minnick (717) 765-0521, Jon Peterson (717)788-1096
Sep 15-16	LV-PROJECT	POCs: Ken Jones (717) 267-2669
Sep 17	FCCG Meeting	
Oct 13-14	LV-PROJECT	POCs: Ken Jones (717) 267-2669
Oct 12-14	VAR/MAR Fall Meet	OTR site
Oct 15	FCCG Meeting	
Oct 19-21	Bridge Day	POC Jon Peterson
Nov 17-18	LV-PROJECT	POCs: Ken Jones (717) 267-2669
Nov 19	FCCG Meeting	
Dec 25, 2007	FCCG No Meeting	Merry Christmas!!!
1 st weekend/month	Grand Cavern Survey	POC Carol Tideman (ctider@us.ibm.com)
2 nd weekend/month	Germany Valley	Germany Valley Karst Survey POC: Gordon Brace (braces@cavtel.net)
3 rd weekend/month	Gansta Mappers	http://www.psc-cavers.org/gangsta-mappers/
Various dates	VAR Projects	http://www.varegion.org/var/regEvents.shtml

*date change or new date

To add an event to the SPELEO-CALENDAR, email pertinent facts to Ken Tayman at: KTAYMAN@SUPERNET.COM



FRANKLIN COUNTY GROTTO MEMBERSHIP ROSTER as of April 25, 2007

First Name	MI	Last Name	Address1	City	ST	Zip	Home Phone	E-Mail Address	NSS	Rescue Call Out	CAT	FCG #	Thru Year
Richard		Anderson	6571 Buchanan Trail W.	Mercersburg	PA	17236	(717) 328-2318	randerson@pa.net		14660	R	30	LIFE
Donald		Arrowood	437 Ramsey Ave	Chambersburg	PA	17201	(717) 593-0808	arrowood@crossroads.ws	15433	YES	R	1	LIFE
Andy		Brower	256 Mt Airy Ave	Waynesboro	PA	17268	(717)762-4366	abrower@unity.edu			A	215	2005
Barry		Duncan	16 W Green St	Shiremanstown	PA	17011	(717) 731-1163	formations@earthlink.com	24338		R	114	2006
Christopher		Edenbo	1421 Trindle Rd.	Mechanicsburg	PA	17015	(717)243-2019	edenboc@diakon.org			R	222	2007
Christopher	M	Emory	305 E. Orange St	Shippensburg	PA	17257	(717)532-9934	cmesound@yahoo.com			R	220	2007
Mark		Guiffre	698 Themar Ct	Baldwin	NY	11510	(516) 546-9312	cricketyass@yahoo.com			A	126	2008
Todd		Hancock	15955 Lafolette Rd	Millfield	OH	45761	(740)448-1185	lordlink@backpacker.com			R	100	2005
James	A	Hart	800 Ritner Hwy	Shippensburg	PA	17257	(717) 532-3950	jahart@pa.net	22080	YES	R	6	2007
Eric	W	Heberlig	3545 Old Hershey Rd	Elizabethtown	PA	17022	(717) 520-9799	EricHeberlig@Yahoo.com	29855		R	65	Life
Christine		Heberlig	3545 Old Hershey Rd	Elizabethtown	PA	17022	(717) 520-9799	kintys@comcast.net	44657		R	168	Life
George	M	Heberlig	3545 Old Hershey Rd	Elizabethtown	PA	17022	(717) 520-9799		46333		F	171	2007
Elizabeth	J	Heberlig	3545 Old Hershey Rd	Elizabethtown	PA	17022	(717) 520-9799				F	205	2007
Martin		Helmke	330 Buckeye Lane	West Chester	PA	19382	(703)785-1145	mhelmke@wcupa.com			R	209	2008
Adam		Henry	555 Hamilton Ave	Chambersburg	PA	17201	(717)491-7512	tmaxx.30@gmail.com			R	219	2007
Jay		Herbein	625 Carbon Ave	Harrisburg	PA	17111	(717) 564-5589		4750		R	142	2006
Kristen		Hewitt	256 Mt Airy Ave	Waynesboro	PA	17268	(717)762-4366	khewitt@unity.edu			A	214	2005
Guy		Holbrook	2072 Bergen St.	Bellmore	NY	11710	(516) 679-9045	brenda_holbrook@ml.com			A	206	2007
Alan		Horn	60 Husson Rd	Felton	PA	17322	(717) 880-0604	pacavewolf@aol.com	45259		R	180	2008
Brian		Hornberger	222 Moyer Ridge Drive	Manheim	PA	17545	(717)808-5881	theseeker@dejazzed.com			R	225	2009
Dale		Ibberson	445 Hale Ave	Harrisburg	PA	17104	(717)238-2198	iberson@paonline.com			R	218	2007
Joel	R	Jacobs	2 Locust Hollow Lane	Carlisle	PA	17013	(717)776-3601	jogelrobertjacobs@aol.com			R	216	2007
Kenneth	C	Jones	4446 Duffield Rd	Chambersburg	PA	17201	(717) 267-2669	caseycaver@comcast.net			R	18	LIFE
Kelly		Knepper	435 Pennsylvania Ave	Chambersburg	PA	17201	(717) 267-2416	kknepper@pa.net			R	174	LIFE
Troy		Lewarchick	114 Verchick Lane	N. Cambria	PA	15714	(814)934-5541	troylewarchick@yahoo.com			R	221	2007
Gordon		Ley	34 N. Miller St	Fairfield	PA	17320	(717) 642-8970	gley@supernet.com	39089		R	157	2008
Timothy	R	Long	14935 Wrangletown Rd	Mount Union	PA	17066	(814)542-4482	tlong_geo@msn.com	30877		R	217	2008
Terry		McClanatha	20847 Jefferson Blvd	Smithsburg	MD	21783	(301) 797-6535	mcclater@wcboc.k12.md.us	12103		R	78	2008
Kevin		McDonald	464 Brook Circle, PO Box 485	Mechanicsburg	PA	17055			36256		R	161	LIFE
Charles	E	Minehart	1862 Leedy Drive	Chambersburg	PA	17201	(717) 267-1200	minehart3@comcast.hot	34063			113	?
Patrick	A	Minnick	14220 Blue Mountain Rd	Waynesboro	PA	17268	(717) 765-0521	patanne@pa.net	20099	YES	R	19	2007
Thomas	I	Mitchell	RD #1, Box 520	Mapleton Depot	PA	17052	(814) 542-2881	tommitchell@pen.com			A	35	2005
John		Pearson	2180 Camelot Dr, B 4	Harrisburg	PA	17110	(717) 651-0550	jpearson@rccharrisburg.com	25731		R	189	2006
Jonathan		Peterson	5406 Kennedy Ave	Williamson	PA	17270	(717)788-1096	jonpeterson@comcast.net	39657	YES	R	163	2007
Linda		Pook	15955 Lafolette Rd	Millfield	PA	45761	(740)448-1185	lordlink@backpacker.com			F	211	2005
Todd		Roberts	231 West Street	Winchester	VA	22601	(703)599-3860	trobert.02@gmail.com			R	228	2007
Joe		Schock	22 Chestnut Ave	Carlisle	PA	17013	(717) 245-9083	kulcherschock@netscape.net	30620		R	125	2007
Miranda		Schock	22 Chestnut Ave	Carlisle	PA	17013	(717) 245-9083				F	208	2007
Dave		Scamardella	1858 Lincoln Way West	McConnellsburg	PA	17233	(717) 987-9966	dscamardel@state.pa.us	50958		R	193	2006
Jessica		Schust	19 Spoke Lane	Levittown	NY	11756	(516) 520-9849	labwrench3@yahoo.com			A	191	2006
James		Schweitzer	PO Box 573	Farmingdale	NY	11735	(516) 249-4652	jabschweitzer@yahoo.com	24697		R	57	2007
Michael	E	Scott	1000 Woessner Rd	Harleysville	PA	19438	(610) 287-0579	michaelscott@dejazzd.com			R	68	2006
Paula		Scott	1000 Woessner Rd	Harleysville	PA	19438	(610) 287-0579	paula_scott@fmc.com	41415		F	136	2006
Anne	M	Shepard	14220 Blue Mountain Rd	Waynesboro	PA	17268	(717) 765-0521	patanne@pa.net	39262	YES	F	158	2007
Kerry		Speelman	740 South River Rd	Halifax	PA	17032	(717)571-9269	kescaver@hotmail.com			R	213	2007
Nick		Stoner	840 Newport Rd	Manheim	PA	17545	(717)664-3523	stonerm@dejazzed.com			R	224	2007
Amos (J R)		Strite	12217 Willamsport Pike	Greencastle	PA	17225	(717) 593-9090	junour25@hotmail.com				194	?
Kenneth	B.	Tayman	13373 Sunrise Drive	Blue Ridge Summit	PA	17214	(717) 794-2069	ktayman@supernet.com	32074		R	86	2009
Helen		Tayman	13373 Sunrise Drive	Blue Ridge Summit	PA	17214	(717) 794-2069	yfwk@iup.edu			F	119	2009
Steven		Trevitz	8685 Orchard Dr	Mercersburg	PA	17236	(717) 328-5256	steventrevitz@pa.net			A	62	2006
Istvan		Urcuyo	1192 Baltimore Pike	gettysburg	PA	17325	(717)253-6343	INTENSEKARST@COMCAST.NET			R	226	2007
Theo		Valcis	217 Walnut Dale Rd	Shippensburg	PA	17257	(717)532-5059	GoldbugLDT@zoomlynx.com	44987		R	87	2006
Dane		Wagle	Box 277	Fairfield	PA	17320	(717)6425865	daswagles@superpa.net			R	277	2007
Howard	C	White	1160 Three Square Hollow Rd	Newburg	PA	17240	(717) 423-6005	raifan@intergate.com	33287	YES	R	79	2007
Diane	S	White	1160 Three Square Hollow Rd	Newburg	PA	17240	(717) 423-6005	mtnflower@intergate.com	33288	YES	R	90	2007
Andrew	B	White	1012 Buck Rd	Quarryville	PA	17566	(717) 284-9906	dwbaylis@yahoo.com			A	169	2007
Douglas		Wilt	810 Flesham Mill Pond	New Oxford	PA	17350	(717)479-1204	zagnuts4me@yahoo.com			R	223	2007

Please Verify all of your personal information and let me know if any corrections are necessary. Also please note the "Membership thru Year" in the right most-column. Dues for paid thru years 2005 & 2006 are past due. Please forward current membership dues to Diane White. This roster will be updated again prior to publishing of next newsletter (hopefully at end of June) and past due memberships will be dropped at that time. Thanks Ken Tayman

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