



The Region Record

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Spring VAR May 17, 18, 19th 2013

Tired of cold weather, the mess in DC—well, have we got something for you! Start planning for Spring VAR! Only one month away. May 17, 18, and 19, in Pocahontas County, WV. You've still got time to preregister and save some money. Just fill out the registration form, add a check, mail, and you're ready. VAR will be held at Buckskin Scout Reservation off Route 28 south of Greenbank, West Virginia.

Check-in will open at 12 noon on Friday May 17. There is one vertical trip scheduled for Friday. Saturday we have **led trips** planned for **McClungs, Norman, Poor Farm**, both **Red Lick** and **Poor Farm Pits, Sharps, Swago Pit**, and **Tub**. All trips are open for early sign-up to those preregistered. To sign up for trips, go to <http://tristategrotto.net/springvar20>. Poor Farm Cave will be suitable for kids with adult supervision. George Dasher will lead some ridge walking to concentrate on Tonoloway and Helderberg Limestone. Carl Amundson will lead a Vertical Workshop sponsored by ER-NCRC all three days. The U.S. Forest Service is having a Garlic Mustard pull on Saturday the 18th at the Pocahontas 4-H Camp in Thornwood and would like help. Garlic Mustard threatens the survival of the West Virginia White Butterfly. Additional information will be available at VAR.

Like last year, on Friday evening John DiCarlo will host an evening of Bluegrass. The theme will be mammals. Saturday there are also lots of non-caving activities such as biking on the Greenbrier River Trail, kayaking on the Greenbrier River, lots of trails to hike, and some great sightseeing in this area. Saturday evening will feature a Bar-B-Q dinner followed by our Guest Speaker Bruce Fries on Burntwood Cave. Corey Hackley will give a talk on new discoveries in Maryland. VAR's favorite DJ—John Fox—will finish the evening.

Sunday morning Front Royal Grotto will host its world-famous breakfast followed by the Spring VAR Business Meeting.

We look forward to seeing you in May.

VAR 2013

The *Region Record*

The *Region Record* is the quarterly publication of the Virginia Region of the National Speleological Society. Any articles, announcements, or other materials of general interest to cavers in the Region are welcome. Send all material to Jessica Reep and Kyle Mills (RR 2 Box 280 Sinks Grove, WV 24976 or editor@varegion.org) Electronic submissions (e-mail or disk) are encouraged, but any form of input is welcome. Non-copyrighted material contained in the *Region Record* may be reprinted by organizations that are affiliated with the VAR or the NSS, provided that proper credit is given to the *Region Record* and the author. The opinions expressed herein are those of the individual author and do not necessarily reflect those of the editors, the VAR, the NSS, or their internal organizations.

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Regional Calendar

- May 1 **Deadline for getting the preregistration discount** for the Spring VAR meeting. Onsite registrants may not get dinner.
- May 17-19 **Spring VAR meeting** in Pocahontas County, West Virginia. See article and registration form in this issue.
- June 8 **Virginia Cave Board** meets in Charlottesville; Public welcome
- June 15 **Deadline** for submitting material for the Summer issue of the *Region Record* June 15.
- Aug. 5-9 **NSS Convention** in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania. See www.nss2013.com for more information.

List Your Event Here

If you have a caving event that is of regional interest please send information to the Editors listed above so it can be included in the calendar.

Minutes of the Fall 2012 VAR Meeting

September 23, 2012

Lexington, VA

Meeting was called to order 9:05 a.m.

REPORTS

Secretary – (Mary Sue Socky, substituting for Carol Tideman)

A motion was made by Bubble Cave to accept the Spring 2012 minutes. New River Valley Grotto seconded. Meredith Weberg requested that a “clean” copy of the minutes be posted. Motion passed.

Treasurer – John Fox

Oct. 2011 to Sept. 2012 Budget was presented and distributed (see attachment).

John reported:

- VAR did not receive any dues from the group (Tidewater Grotto) who co-hosted the Fall 2011 VAR.
- VAR did receive money from the Spring 2012 host group (Tri-State Grotto)
- VAR thanked Blue Ridge Grotto for its donation to VAR.
- The VAR Domain Name is paid for five years. We are to renew it in May 2017.
- The Money Market checkbook includes five accounts that are not added to the VAR total assets.
- The NSS Foundation account is added to the VAR total assets.

Vice Chair – Judy Fisher

No report

Chairman – (Judy Fisher, substituting for Craig Hindman, who was in a very bad accident) Judy invited VAR attendees to sign the “Get Well Craig” poster after the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Conservation – Co-Chair Meredith Hall Weberg

- Several cave cleanups have been done over the last few months.

- Bear Cave (Rockbridge County, VA) was cleaned up yesterday (9/22/2012) as part of Fall VAR.
- Melrose Caverns is an ongoing VAR project
- Projects at MayaCon (NSS Convention June 25–29, 2012) that JEP can report to Meredith later.
- A possible new project in Augusta County, Virginia, that someone mentioned this weekend; the person is going to email me about.

Awards

VAR Outstanding Service Award

– Meredith Hall Weberg

The VAR Outstanding Service Award goes to, but please keep it a secret and out of the minutes of the meeting because this person's grotto wants to surprise him/her with the award at (Spring VAR 2013) when some special friends will be there.

JC Fisher presented the **Fall 2012**

VAR Outstanding Service Award

to Meredith Hall Weberg.

Landowner Recognition Award –

Janet Tinkham

There are no recipients. Please nominate someone.

Landowner Legal Support

Committee – Bob Hoke

No Report

Region Record – JC Fisher

reporting for Bob Hoke

The Fall issue of the *Region Record* was not published, because no material or articles other than the Spring VAR minutes was available. There will be a Winter issue.

Deadline is December 15. Here are some questions to ask:

- Is the *Region Record* still relevant?
- Should we change (reduce?) the number of issues to be printed per year?
- Also, please consider a new editor for the *Region*

Record. A younger person is needed.

- Bob Hoke will continue to be *Region Record* editor for the time being.

After a short discussion, this topic was tabled until Spring VAR on suggestion of Josh Rubenstein (Charlottesville), seconded by Karen Kastning (NRVG).

VAR Listserv – Walt Pirie

No Report

VAR Web Page – Jim McConkey

No Report

Cave Bucks – JC Fisher

Cave Bucks is alive and well.

Please encourage grottos to collect and **send out** Cave Bucks. The money cannot help conservation organizations if they don't get it! Tri-State Grotto is closing in on the \$6,000.00 mark—collected and sent to conservation organizations.

VSS – Rick Lambert

No Report

WVASS – George Dasher

No Report

WVCC – (John Pearson reporting for Carroll Bassett)

Thank you to Fred Grady, who generously donated Haynes Cave during MayaCon and signed over the ownership to WVCC in a nice ceremony at OTR.

SCCI – Walt Pirie

No Report

Grand Caverns/Cave Hill – (Mary Sue Socky reporting for Jim McConkey)

VAR cavers assisted with the June 2012 “Grand Heritage Days,” which went very well; cavers did an outstanding job of decorating/illuminating the Ballroom for the dance. Ongoing projects in Fountain Cave will stop for the winter, as the cave will be closed for bats until April 2013. Documentation of historic signatures in Grand Caverns will continue for the winter, as well as ridgewalking caverns property, and

working on their archive files. Contact Carol Tideman if you wish to help with the project.

Virginia Cave Board – Meredith Hall Weberg

- The Virginia Cave Board is continuing work on the Virginia Cave and Karst Trail. Caver-artist Marian McConnell is working to create the logo for these distinctive signs (similar to the “Birding and Wildlife Trail” signs) that will be posted at designated trailheads.
- The next Virginia Cave Board meeting will be in Charlottesville, Virginia, on November 3, 2012. Josh Rubenstein will arrange to pick up the key for the meeting. Virginia Cave Board meetings are open to the public and interested cavers.

CCV – Joey Fagan

- Grants from CCV were used to publish the new *Cave Life of the Virginias* guide, written by Daniel W. Fong, Megan L. Porter, and Michael E. Slay.
- CCV has funded karst studies, hydrology work, dye tracing, cave gating, etc.
- CCV has money for grant requests. Contact them with a proposal for your project.

Spring Survey Project – (Joey Fagan reporting for Charlie Maus)

This is an ongoing project, where several karst springs are being monitored for water quality. Contact Joey Fagan or Charlie Maus if you wish to help.

Crystal Cave at Hupps Hill Further deferred

Youth Group Liaison – Joey Fagan

Joey is the regional coordinator for the NSS Youth Groups. If your group wants to work with or take Scouts caving, or if you have been

working with Scouts or youth groups, please let him know.

(Other) **Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation** – (Intern Rebecca Stewart reporting for Wil Orndorff)

- Stewardship project at Ogden Cave Preserve with Front Royal Grotto and MAKC
- Stewardship project at Clover Hollow Natural Area Preserve (Stay High Cave) with VPI Grotto
- CCV Dye tracing in Thompson Valley (Tazewell County, Virginia) and Wolf Creek (Giles County, Virginia)
- Completed Madison Cave Isopod mark-recapture project
- Working with Dave Culver, John Holsinger, and Dave Hubbard on *Invertebrate Cave Fauna of Virginia*
- Biological Inventory of Caines Cave and Cathole Cave in Scott County, Virginia (CCV)
- **WNS Update – see Wil Orndorff’s attachment**

Host Report – Rolland Moore Successful VAR, nice weather. 108 people registered. Hopefully you visited some of the Rockbridge County caves this weekend – Rockbridge is a hidden treasure. Cave Updates:

- Zimmermans Cave – has been closed for the past 15 years.
- Owner has liked recently working with cavers, would like to re-open this cave as limited access to cavers. He needs a caver liaison.
- Hickman Cave – this weekend is the second time anyone’s been there. The owner would like to gate it. (Note: Craig Hindman guesstimated it would cost \$4,000.00 to gate). John Pearson pointed out there are several “Craig Apprentices” who could work on this and other gate projects. John Pearson will be willing to work

with Rolland Moore on this gating project.

NRVG moved to thank Rolland Moore for hosting the Fall VAR. Everyone applauded.

OLD BUSINESS

Spring 2013 VAR meeting, to be held April 26–28, 2013 at BSA “Camp Buckskin,” on Route 28 in Pocahontas County, West Virginia (near Durbin). Hosted by Tri-State Grotto. There will be showers, RV access, and a dozen led trips. Dinner will be Pork BBQ with vegetarian option. \$28 pre-registration, \$32–34 at the gate; reduced rate for kids age 0–14. FRG will be doing the Sunday morning Pancake Breakfast. No one stepped forward for Fall 2013 meeting, or beyond. Think about it.

Storm Drain Markers (update) – John Pearson Storm Drain Markers were replaced in Lewisburg, West Virginia, during the week of the NSS Convention (June 24–29, 2012). Even the mayor of the town came out to help. Initially it was the mayor who had requested that the old faded markers be replaced. Thank you for helping fund this conservation project!

NEW BUSINESS

Future VARs (discussion)

The delegates had a discussion on Regional Meetings. We have Fall and Spring VARs each year. Do we need two meetings a year? The Chair asked – How many would show up for just a meeting? The consensus was “Not Many.” (Gary Moss) – We have done VAR/MARs before. MAR is having the same problems we are having – what if the two organizations agreed to co-host the two meetings a year; each would be responsible for one of the meetings (site, dinner, meeting, etc.) (Dave Socky) – Finding a site every 6 months is a **pain**. (Bru) – What about finding a permanent site?

(John Pearson) – A permanent site will negatively impact the area caves.

(Lynn Ott) - But people like variety and new sites. A permanent site would become boring.

(Vitas) –New folks do want the caving. It is a draw for VARS, and many look forward to them.

(Bru) –If we could combine VAR/MAR/OTR work weekend, would that help? (Consensus was “no,” it would cause a lack of work on the site, and that would not be appreciated.)

(Judy Fisher) – Tabled the discussion, promised this topic would be brought up again in the Spring.

ELECTIONS

Motion was made by Josh Rubenstein, seconded by Barbara Moss, to accept the current slate of officers for another year. There were no abstentions, the current slate was voted in.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A Derecho is an “every four years” event. (JEP)
- 2013 NSS Convention (Karen Kastning): Here are 2013 NSS Convention registration forms! Please preregister! Mailing a form with a check saves us a whole lot of money (credit card fees are expensive). Please try to preregister early, like between now and Christmas.

- (JEP) Tell the BOG to pre-register, please! There IS a refund policy, too.
- TRA – Fundraiser for the OTR Pavilion floor during Memorial Day Weekend (May 25–27, 2013). By Reservation Only Make a \$250.00 gift to this party. The OTR site will NOT be open to the public, only open to ticket holders. This will be a classy, formal affair.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a. m.
Submitted by Mary Sue Socky, *with lots of help from Meredith Hall Weberg, Judy Fisher, John Fox and Dave Sock*

VAR October 2011 to September 2012 Budget

Income	Actual	Budget	Comment
Fall Meeting	\$0.00	\$800	Tidewater
Spring Meeting	\$910	\$800	Tri-State
Subscriptions	\$72	\$100	
Landowner Award	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Miscellaneous	\$100	\$0.00	Blue Ridge Grotto donation
Total	\$1082.00	\$1700.00	
Expenses			
Grants	\$250	\$0.00	Storm Drain Markers for NSS
Printing	\$506.12	\$555	
Landowner Award	\$0.00	\$90	
VAR Award	\$101.85	\$90	
Conservation	\$496.21	\$500	
JSS of NSS	\$300	\$300	
WVA Corp	\$25	\$25	
Domain Name	\$114	\$115	Review in May 2017
VAR Project	\$0.00	\$25	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total	\$1793.18	\$1700.00	

The VAR Landowner Recognition Award

The VAR Landowner Recognition Award is given to those cave owners who have done an exceptional job of balancing the protection of their cave with allowing responsible access to their cave by the caving community. It is a way for the caving community to express its appreciation to those special folks.

The list below shows the Award recipients to date, but there are certainly lots more deserving landowners in the Region. If you know of a landowner who is deserving of the award, write a brief letter explaining why and send it to Janet Tinkham, 360 Kings DR, Fort Valley, VA 22652 or e-mail it to her at janete@shentel.net.

LANDOWNER RECOGNITION AWARD RECIPIENTS

1992 Buddy Penley (Penleys, access to Newberry, VA)	1997 Geraldine Freeman (McClungs Cave, WV)	2002 Upper Valley Regional Park Authority (Grand Caverns, VA)
1993 Rhoda Paxton (Paxtons Cave, VA)	1997 Cecil Porterfield (Pig Hole Cave, VA)	2004 Charles Cassell (Cassell Cave, WV)
1993 Ruth Propst (Sinnett/Thorn Mountain, WV)	1997 Andy Graham (Grahams Cave, VA)	2005 John Mooney and Helen Baker (Higgenbotham Cave, WV)
1994 George and Lee Sively (Organ Cave, WV)	1998 Kent Ford (Witheros Cave, VA)	2005 Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Links (Tawneys Cave, VA)
1994 Robert E. Bright (Simmons-Mingo Cave, WV)	1998 Joe Lockridge (Breathing Cave, VA)	2006 Steve Silverberg (Lost World Caverns, WV)
1994 Gene Turner (Buckeye Creek Cave, WV)	1998 Bob Brooks (Crossroads Cave, VA)	2007 John and Christine Shiflet (Glade Cave, VA)
1995 Charles E. Simmons (Porters Cave, VA)	1998 Ted Monger (Jones Quarry Cave, WV)	2007 Mike Newsome (Links Cave, VA)
1995 Mothes Family (Friars Hole Cave System, WV)	1999 Barry Price (Starnes Caverns, VA)	2008 Mark Burke (Alpena Cave, WV)
1995 John Knutti (Bowden Cave, WV)	1999 Richard and Frances Latterell (Molars Cave, WV)	2008 Pat MacNamara (Blue Springs, VA)
1995 Pricilla Teter (Mystic Cave, WV)	2000 The Ferrell Family (James Cave, et al, VA)	2009 Lyall Steger (Cave Hill, VA)
1996 Bill, Mildred, and Judy Showalter (Cave Hollow-Arbogast System, WV)	2001 The Combs family (Dyers Cave, WV)	2009 Mr. Harper (Flower Pot Cave, WV)
1996 Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Rogers (Norman Cave, WV)	2001 Mike and Pat Dore (Scott Hollow Cave, VA)	2010 Richard Bantel (Wild Cat Entr. to Culverson, WV)
1997 Connie Houseman (Dixie Caverns, VA)	2001 Dave Mallow (Mill Run Cave, WV)	2011 Wright Harper and Family (Shoveleater Cave, WV)
1997 Mrs. Clark (Clarks Cave, VA)	2001 Robert Wyly (Silers Cave, WV)	2012 Dan and Marian McConnell (Catawba Murder Hole Cave, VA)
	2002 Dr. Webb (Giant Caverns, VA)	

Editors' Note: Please Send Us Pictures of Saltpeter Cave Artifacts

We are working on a project specifically about southern West Virginia saltpeter caves. Sadly, many of the artifacts in the caves have been removed or damaged over the years, but we are hoping that some pictures of these artifacts have survived thanks to VAR cavers. If anyone would like to show us their pictures of saltpeter artifacts, please send us an e-mail at wv.mills@yahoo.com, call us at 540-429-5861, or write to us at RR 2 Box 280, Sinks Grove, WV 24976. Also, if you have any suggestions on ways to make *The Region Record* serve the VAR community better we would love to hear your ideas.

The Story of the Resurrection of a Caving Gear Vendor by Mike Artz

In the summer of 1983 I graduated from college and seven days later was standing at the base of El Capitán in Yosemite. As a young adult, it was the first time I had ever been further west than Kentucky and my eyes were opening to the wonders of the world beyond my little bubble. In many ways, climbing El Capitán was my ascent into adulthood. There were a lot of other climbers learning the same valuable lessons. I noticed that some were making and selling their own gear to fund their meager living expenses and it occurred to me that I could do the same. After all, I had sewn my own duffel bag for the cross-country trip to California and, having been to Old Timers Reunion (OTR), I thought that perhaps all of those cavers might need something sewn, too! It turns out that everyone needs “something” sewn and the following year I showed up at OTR with an old industrial sewing machine and thus began *State of the Artz Mountaineering* and my career as a custom gear manufacturer for caving, rock climbing, and other outdoor adventure sports.

Over the years, as I participated in the exploration of the difficult caves of Chestnut Ridge near Butler Cave in western Virginia, I realized that there was a need for gear that could function in the tight, wet, cold, and extremely muddy conditions which are present in many of the caves being explored today. I developed several packs that functioned easier and traveled better. I found materials that were more durable than Ballistics and Cordura nylon and began making custom tailored coveralls.

Eventually, I developed the “Shazam” brand of packs and coveralls that revolutionized the comfort and durability of gear used in the frontiers of cave exploration. I collaborated with other harness manufactures and shortly thereafter we began to develop and manufacture the seat and vertical harness systems that most of us recognize and use today. We have come a long way from the rudimentary tied slings and knots we once used.

Eventually I began producing harnesses and products for other companies and became successful enough that I was consistently busy for about 60 hours a month in addition to working a full-time job. Something had to give because I didn’t have *any* free time and I wasn’t ready to make sewing a full-time occupation so. . . in 2000 *Howie’s Harnesses* purchased *State of the Artz Mountaineering* and continued to make many of the products I had developed and certainly improved on them. For 12 years I had no thoughts of getting back into the sewing business, but life is always full of change and with the encouragement of my wife and family, I decided to resurrect *State of the Artz Mountaineering*. *Howie’s Harnesses* had previously succumbed to the financially devastating effects of white-nose syndrome in an already poor economy, so I made arrangements with Howie and Amanda to gather up all my old equipment and, early in March of this year, *State of the Artz Mountaineering* was back in business . . . or so I thought!

One of the many things that I had learned in the intervening 12 years is the advantages of partners who can contribute additional skills.

My wife, Melinda, is assisting me in the production of our products, and we have partnered with Jeff Uhl, a very dear and long-time caving buddy, who is the CEO and business manager of the newly formed company, *Seven Bends*. We anticipate expanding into many of the other adventure sports industries and *Seven Bends* will be the company that allows us to do that. In the short term, caving gear will be our primary focus. Already we have come upon some new opportunities and on March 2, we drove to Indiana, where we completed the acquisition of *Lost Creek Packs*, the oldest and most respected caving pack and coverall manufacturer in the United States! It was quite a surprise and delight to us and we are looking forward to continuing to provide everyone with the same quality gear that *Lost Creek Packs* has always provided.

You just can’t hold back the innovative instincts and we are already beginning to create new products that are being tested and will soon be announced to everyone. We are developing a new line of knee pads and a couple of smaller packs that are very exciting! We welcome your ideas to help develop and test these new products.

We look forward to seeing everyone again and rekindling old friendships and creating new ones. There are so many new faces out there and we will be traveling to meet you at VAR, MAR, NSS Convention, OTR, and TAG. You can keep up with us on our *Seven Bends* Facebook page or contact Jeff Uhl at 540-392-0553 or Mike Artz at 540-327-3233. Email us at juhl@sevenbendsgear.com or martz@sevenbendsgear.com.

**Virginia Department of Game
and Inland Fisheries
Closed Cave Policy**

In February 2011 the Virginia Speleological Survey (VSS) formally asked the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) to revise its Closed Cave Policy for Agency Lands. The policy that was all VDGIF caves, including Aqua and Marshalls Caves in Highland County (and approximately 50 other caves), were closed year round.

This year round closure was different than the uniform closure period for privately owned caves requested by VDGIF and Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (VDCR) in mid-January 2011. This closure period was October 15 through April 15 for all winter hibernacula. In my opinion the differences in the closure times was due

to VDCR's practical and realistic approach to the WNS problem.

After 21 months of reviewing "the background issues, current status, the VSS request, and potential issues that would face the agency in revising its current policy," VDGIF revised its policy. The revision did not fully meet the request of the VSS but is a small step forward and it will be re-evaluated in November 2013.

The VDGIF Cave Closure Policy has been revised to allow access for cave research and education, but will maintain the closed cave policy for recreational caving. Requests for access have to be approved by Ron Hughes, Lands and Facilities Manager, 517 Lee Highway, POB 996, Verona, VA 24482. Ron's office number is 540-248-9368. His cell is 540-295-5698.

As stated above, the policy will be re-evaluated in November of this year. I believe VDGIF allowed the VSS's research to continue because we asked and we support its bat research activities with personnel.

I believe that if we are going to get a practical, uniform closure policy, we in the caving community are going to have to band together and support a common policy change in November. Some of the key players in this coalition might be the Virginia Cave Board, Virginia Region, VSS, and Butler Cave Conservation Society, to name a few. To do nothing keeps an unrealistic policy in place and does very little to add to our knowledge of the effects WNS has had on Virginia's bats and caves.

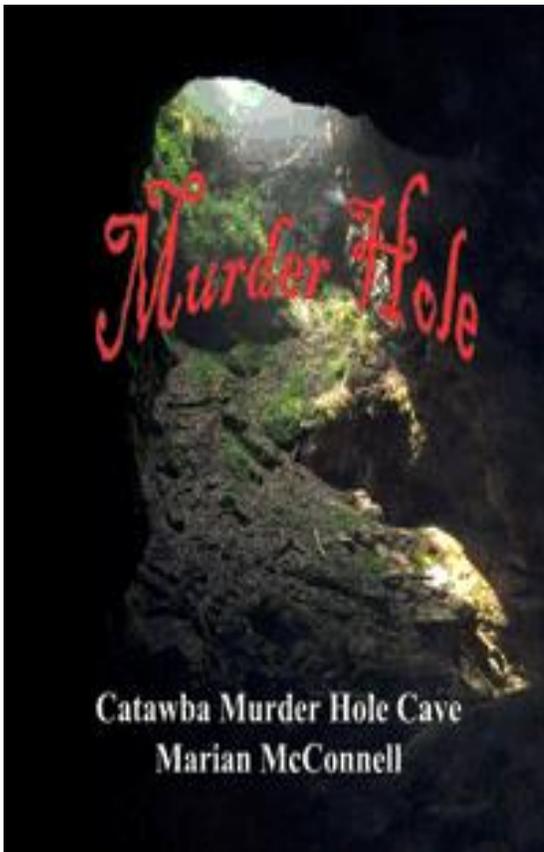
Submitted by Rick Lambert

NEW BOOK

Catawba Murder Hole in Botetourt County, Virginia, is a unique place of danger and beauty. Caver, landowner, and artist Marian McConnell, shares this fascinating collection of legends, history of its early explorers, and stories from those who survived accidents in its dark depths.

This quality 8-1/2" x 11" book contains over 150 pages of historical and current photographs, maps, artwork, stories, and more. Chapters include: Legends of Murder Hole; Death, Injuries, Rescues and Incidents; Caves in Virginia; Early Explorers; A Trip into Murder Hole; Mysteries; plus appendices on Safety, Conservation, and a Chronology of Trips from the almost 20 years Marian and Dan McConnell have owned the cave.

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Spring 2013 VAR

May 17th, 18th, and 19th

Registration Form

The Spring 2013 VAR will be held at Dilley's Mill located at the Buckskin Scout Reservation. The Reservation is located off Route 28 in Pocahontas County, West Virginia, near Cass and Marlinton, West Virginia.

Early registration by May 1, 2013 - Full = \$28.00 _____

Early registration by May 1, 2013 - Under 15 years old = \$24.00 _____

On-site registration - Full = \$33.00 _____

On-site registration - Under 15 = \$29.00 _____

Please check if you want Vegetarian Option _____

Make check payable to: **Tri-State Grotto**

Please fill out a form for each person

Name: _____

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