



The Region Record

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Fall VAR 2013 September 27-29 The Poor Farm Campground Williamsburg, Greenbrier County, WV

Come one, come all! The VPI Cave Club is proud to announce that it will be hosting this year's Fall VAR meeting. We have lots of cave trips planned and several great non-caving activities available nearby such as geocaching, hiking, biking, canoeing and kayaking. So no matter who you are, you're guaranteed to find a good time at this year's Fall VAR. Remember to check the VAR webpage for a tentative list of led cave trips as the event approaches.

To start off a great weekend, Friday will feature an open mike onstage for anyone interested in showing off their talents or who just wants to play some rockin' tunes.

Saturday night's dinner will feature pit barbequed pork, with all the fixings and drinks, along with an awesome vegetarian option! Wil and Zenah Orndorff and their band Septapus will be performing live with all original pieces for Saturday night's entertainment, so bring your dancing shoes (or just kick 'em off) and get ready to get down.

We strongly urge you to use the pre-registration form now. It ensures we will have a meal for you, and it makes planning a whole lot easier. We hope to have on-line registration working soon. Check back if you prefer to register online!

We look forward to seeing you in September! If you have any questions, contact John Echols at echolsj@vt.edu or call (540) 292-8491.

The always popular VAR business meeting will be held Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. for anyone who wants to attend.

IMPORTANT INFO

This will be a BYOB event. Bring your own cover beverages for the party. Non-alcoholic beverages will be provided at dinner only. ***The landowner has a strict policy against glass bottles.*** Please bring your beverages cans or plastic. There is space for RVs and campers, but no hookups are available. There is a cold shower on the premises. Sorry, but no pets allowed.

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Regional Calendar

**Sept. 27-29 Fall VAR at the Poor Farm
Campground in Williamsburg, WV**

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.

Cave Conservancy of the Virginias Logo Design Contest

\$250 Cash Prize

Submissions are being solicited for a redesign of the official Logo of the Cave Conservancy of the Virginias (CCV). CCV is seeking a simplified version of its current Logo that will maintain high impact and reproduce clearly on the web, on paper, t-shirts, and on media we have yet to envision. In addition, the logo must clearly convey organizational goals which include provision of financial and other support for efforts to: - protect cave and karst resources - search for new discoveries in cave and karst environments - disseminate knowledge of cave and karst systems More information about CCV is available at <http://caveconservancyofvirginia>

.org/. The winning design will become the property of CCV. CCV will own copyright and all other rights including the right to modify the Logo. The Logo may be featured on official communications from CCV, on the CCV website, on promotions of CCV sponsored events, and on products resulting from CCV funded projects, among others. If no suitable design is submitted, no prize will be awarded. The deadline for submissions is October 25, 2013. Selection of the winning design will be made by the 12-member CCV Board of Directors and announced by August 1, 2013. Submit your design via email to ccvlogocontest@ccvsite.org. Include your full name, email address, and postal address. If you are submitting more than one design, each submission should be a separate email.

Please use the following guidelines in formatting your submissions: - All initial entries should be in the format of a 600 dpi image file (gif or jpg) under 1 MB in size. - Three meritorious entries selected among the initial entries will be asked to submit their final design in adobe illustrator format (*.ai file), with no embedded raster data (vector data only) and all text converted to shapes (vectors) if in a non-standard font. Design must not include signature, artist name/initials, ©, or date. Design should be 3 colors or less. A couple of helpful links on Logo design: <http://tinyurl.com/ygl8m22> <http://tinyurl.com/9vp4rg> All members of CCV are encouraged to submit one or more entries. You do not have to be a member of CCV to submit an entry. *Taken from CCV Website.*

The Return of the Greenbrier Grotto

It is with great pleasure that I announce that the Greenbrier Grotto has reformed. The original Greenbrier Grotto was formed in 1971 and was very active until its eventual decline. However, local residents of the Greenbrier Valley have realized the need for a local grotto to reach out to the local community to help those who have been going caving on their own but not informed about the National

Speleological Society and safe and responsible caving. Many familiar faces are members of the grotto (some of them being members of the original Greenbrier Grotto), along with new folks who are wanting to become better cavers and more active in the caving community. The Chairman of the grotto is Bill Balfour, Vice-Chair is Susie Rock, and Secretary-Treasurer is Jessica Reep. Besides recreational "tourist" caving activities, several digs and surveying projects are

being conducted by grotto members, along with ridgewalking and dye tracing activities. Meetings are held at the Ambulance Squad building in Fairlea, Greenbrier County, WV at 7pm on the second Wednesday of each month. Please contact Kyle Mills at wv.mills@yahoo.com or check out our facebook group (search for Greenbrier Grotto) for more information about the grotto. Dues are \$15/year.

Plea from the Editors: *We need articles!!!*

Please send us your VAR cave and caving related articles, artwork, pictures, whatever!

We would also love suggestions for what you would like to see in *The Region Record*.

Fall VAR 2013 Pre-Registration Form

Please complete this form and mail it with your check (payable to VPI Cave Club with 'Fall VAR' on memo line) to:

**ATTN: VAR REGISTRATION VPI CAVE CLUB
PO BOX 558
BLACKSBURG, VA 24063-0558**

Pre-registration forms will **only** be accepted if your form is **postmarked on or before September 15, 2013**. Web registration will remain open until September 23rd.

Name _____

Others you are paying
for _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

A BBQ pork meal will be provided Saturday night (a vegetarian option is available upon request). Every attempt will be made to feed all in attendance, but the meal is only guaranteed for PRE-REGISTERED ATTENDEES.

Registration: Through September 15th 2013 (We will use the postmark):

Adult (18+ years): \$30.00 X _____ = \$ _____

Children (4-17 years): \$25.00 X _____ = \$ _____

Babies (Under 3): Free

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Vegetarian Meals Requested: _____

COST AT THE DOOR: ADULT \$35.00 CHILDREN \$30.00