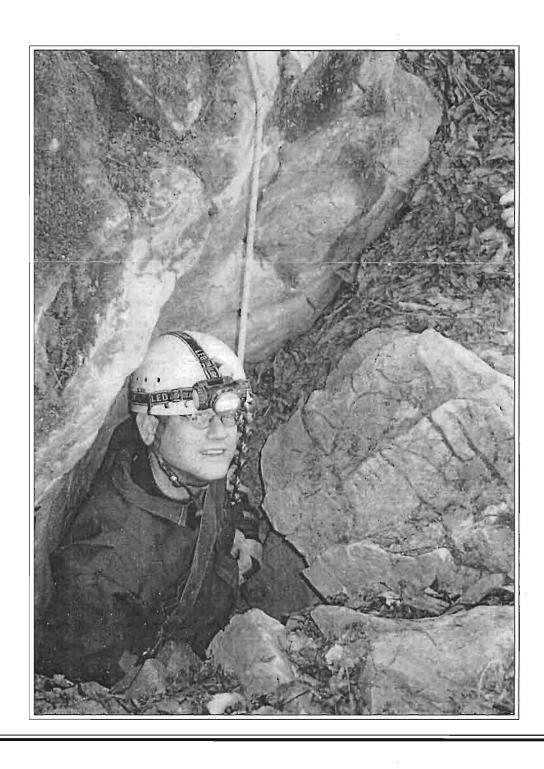
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President's Message

By Bob Handley

To start 2008 I'd like to welcome new members who've joined WVCC in the last few months and thank all of you older ones too who've joined in our quest and made us what we are. Members are our backbone and we need more. Please help us grow by asking anyone you know who has dropped out to rejoin and sign up some new ones. Members are also our eyes and ears so please let us know of any potential caves we can acquire.

Our primary goal is to acquire caves. The more significant the better, but they don't all have to be world class. We're working on three more now to add to the four we already own, two we lease, and two we manage. Bob Hoke has our finances in great shape (the Board has set up a Cave Acquisition Fund); Pauline Apling has our membership records in order; and Meredith Hall Johnson is bugging us for articles for *The Open Cave* newsletter. I plan to activate our Executive Board to stir activity between meetings. (Next meeting at Grand Caverns, 12 PM on March 30, 2008—members

welcome). New brochures are planned and for them we need photos of and in our properties—PLEASE HELP!! (Send your good ones to Meredith.)

The Board has wrestled with property liability issues for the past several years—since insurance premiums have gone out-of-sight. Because of this high cost we dropped the insurance and have investigated various ways to protect our assets. The West Virginia Cave Law protects us so far as cave accidents are concerned, but that doesn't cover what might happen on our surface—on the way to the cave.

There were rumors of a West Virginia Sportsman's Law that would cover our surface but no one was able to find such a thing—not even our lawyer. But I found that the current session of the West Virginia Legislature was taking up an amendment to a section of the West Virginia Code that would limit landowner liability so far as hunters, trappers, and fisherman were concerned. I mentioned this to John Pearson and gave him some details. John picked up

on it and found the West Virginia Code on the Internet. He spent a not very exciting three or four hours searching through it. But voila! He found the section of code that removes landowners from surface accident liability from hunters, hikers, bikers, ATV riders, skiers, swimmers, etc. SO, the West Virginia Code does protect us from both surface and caving accidents. John worked up a letter (that we sent to State Senators and Delegates) asking for the word "caving" be added to that section of the Code but were told it was probably too late for this year but certainly next session (2009). Such an amendment really isn't necessary but would be nice. This will come up again later.

This is something that all those caving in West Virginia need to know—to put to rest cave owner liability concerns. Limiting Liability of Landowners—Chapter 19, Article 25, Paragraph 5(5) of the West Virginia Code.

Optimism opens doors. The days are getting longer and SPRING isn't far away!!! Keep warm.

CHEERS, Bob.

Save the Date!!

11th Annual WVCC Banquet November 8, 2008

Put it on your calendars now!! The WVCC Banquet is scheduled for November 8, 2008! Place has yet to be determined in Lewisburg, West Virginia, but cocktails begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Registration for the banquet will be available starting at OTR this year. There will be a limited number of seats available, so be sure to register early while you're at

The WVCC Calendar

March 30, 2008. WVCC Board of Directors meeting to be held at the old stone house at Grand Caverns Park, Grottoes, Virginia. 12:00 noon. Bring a bag lunch.

May 7-10, 2008. Second Appalachian Karst Symposium, Johnson City, Tennessee. See http://www.etsu.edu/physics/appkarst/ for details.

July 12, 2008. WVCC Board of Directors meeting to be held at Dave and Sandy Cowan's home, Friars Hill, West Virginia. 1:00 p.m. Bring a dish and share it with the others.

August 11-15, 2008. NSS Convention in Lake City, Florida.

August 28-September 1, 2008. Old Timers Reunion in Dailey, West Virginia. Come by and visit us at our booth. Wine and Cheese Member Appreciation party on Friday evening.

November 8, 2008. 11th annual banquet. Place has yet to be determined in Lewisburg, West Virginia, but cocktails begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:00 p.m.

November 9, 2008. WVCC Board of Directors meeting to be held at Lost World Caverns, Lewisburg, West Virginia. 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided for a \$5 donation if the meeting goes too long.

Date, time, and place to be determined. The Third National Cave and Karst Conservancies Forum.

WVCC Membership Update

By Pauline Apling

- 81 Regular
 20 Family
 10 Institutional
 4 Sustaining
 74 Life
 8 Life Institutional
- 197 TOTAL

The Conservancy currently owns or manages seven caves in West Virginia and one in Virginia. Although there are no properties currently being acquired, there are a number of possibilities being investigated. Your

continued support will help pay for WVCC's routine operating expenses and future acquisitions.

If you have questions or problems with your membership, please e-mail me at papling@verizon.net or call me at 301-725-5877.

(Information current as of December 31, 2007)

Landowner Liability Issues

By John E. Pearson

As WVCC decided to not carry any liability insurance, it has been working on getting an opinion letter from an attorney that states we are protected under West Virginia statutes. Cliff Lindsay and I met with an attorney last summer just before OTR and requested that he research the law and prepare an opinion letter concerning our liability. That letter was delivered in time for our November board meeting, but really didn't address the issues we were interested in. It did give us an opinion on using conservation easements to protect our assets.

Flash forward to early February 2008. I received a call from Bob Handley who told me that he had received a legislative update that might be to our advantage. I went over the proposed amendment, but it really didn't appear to be for landowner liability. I then began my own research into the law. I specifically read over all of Chapter 20, "Natural Resources." This is the chapter in which our cave law, "Cave Protection," Section 20, Article 7A, is found. I read about recycling, water skiing, ATVs, conservation and preservation easements, more things than I cared to know about, but nothing that even faintly appeared to be a sportsman law.

Okay, work was slow that day. I began my own hunt for the sportsman law. The first 18 chapters appeared to be the law on setting up the government of the State of West Virginia, so I skipped them. Chapter 19, "Agriculture," seemed to be the place to start. It begins by setting up the state Department of Agriculture and proceeds to

the Division of Forestry, then to marketing of goods. I really got bogged down in the section called the Plant Pest Act. We all hate the multi-flora rose around here. Feed and Seed laws came next. Another area of interest was Fences. Turns out there are laws pertaining to fences, including sharing the cost between neighbors. Dogs and Cats, Drainage Areas, Vinegars, and Horse and Dog Racing were next. I've now spent three hours and am about to take a break.

I finally get to Article 25, "Limiting Liability of Landowners." Have I discovered the long sought-after sportsman law? Yes. The purpose of this article is to encourage owners of land to make available to the public land and water areas for recreational purposes by limiting their liability for injury to persons entering a property. This is exactly what I was looking for. The "Cave Law" specifically states that the owner of a cave is not liable for injuries sustained by any person using the cave if no charge has been made for the use of the cave. It doesn't address above-ground activities on a cave property. That comes under Chapter 19, Article 25, "Limiting Liability of Landowners."

Going over this law, one finally comes to a section of definitions of recreational activities that are included for protection. ATVs, horseback riding, winter sports, you name it and it's listed under the definitions, except caving. I called Bob Handley and told him what I found. We immediately discussed whether we should request that there be legislation introduced to include caving in the definitions under §19-25-5. We decided

that Bob could act as president of WVCC without prior board approval on the matter. We had some deadlines to meet, though. The last day legislation can be introduced to the State Senate was February 18, 2008, and the last day it can be introduced in the House of Delegates was February 22, 2008. It was now Wednesday, February 6, 2008. As Bubble Cave LLC would benefit from this legislative amendment as well as WVCC, I worked on letters for both entities to be sent to members of the legislative branch where our two conservancies held properties, specifically Greenbrier, Berkeley, and Mineral Counties.

Bob took my draft of the WVCC letter and beefed it up. I then sent drafts to Cliff Lindsay and Jeff Bray for their comments. They were also working on the liability issues for the conservancy, so we wanted to keep them in the loop. I also sent a draft to J.C. Fisher for his comments on Bubble Cave's behalf. I managed to get all the letters put on nice-looking, ivory-colored, bond letterhead and mailed out the Bubble letters on Monday, February 11. Bob came by and signed the WVCC letters that previous-Saturday and took them to be mailed off the same day.

It must be an election year. Senator Jesse O. Guills of Greenbrier County sent me a reply via e-mail on Thursday, February 14th that he had received my letter. He stated:

Dear Mr. Pearson:

Thank you for your February 6, 2008

letter regarding legislation amending 19-25-5(5) of the West Virginia Code. Your request is reasonable and appears to be something property owners, as well as, insurance carriers, would readily support.

The deadline for introduction of bills from the Senate will expire on Monday, February 18. It is doubtful that this bill can be processed through the system for introduction by next Monday; I will, however, try. I believe the House has an additional week to introduce bills and I will speak with Delegate Campbell and Delegate Canterbury to see if I can get them to start the bill from the House side.

Chances of the bill clearing for passage by both sides of the Legislature with over 2000 bills in the House and nearly 700 bills in the Senate already introduced it is not likely your bill will clear through by the end of session (March 9, 2008).

If we cannot get a bill through this

year we can get an early jump for next year with time to lobby committee chairs for passage.

Thank you for your interest. Please call if you would like to discuss further.

Very truly yours, SENATOR JESSE GUILLS

Delegates Campbell and Canterbury both represent Greenbrier County. Okay, WVCC and Bubble Cave had taken the first steps in beefing up the landowner liability law to include caving. A state senator appears to like our proposal. Now, will we have success? Only time will tell.

On February 19, 2008, George Dasher announced that West Virginia House Bill 4648 had been introduced to the West Virginia legislature by a Greenbrier County legislator. Senator Guills may not have had time to act, but his support got either

Delegate Campbell or Delegate Canterbury to introduce the bill. We made the docket this legislative session. We may not succeed this time, but we are willing to continue to pursue the matter in future legislative sessions until we succeed.

We specifically requested the following for inclusion in Chapter 19, Article 25, Paragraph 5(5) to read:

(5) "Recreational purposes" includes, but shall not be limited to, any one or any combination of the following noncommercial recreational activities: Hunting, fishing, swimming, boating, camping, picnicking, hiking, pleasure driving, motorcycle or allterrain vehicle riding, bicycling, horseback riding, nature study, water skiing, winter sports, caving, and visiting, viewing or enjoying historical, archaeological, scenic or scientific sites or otherwise using land for

White Nose Syndrome By Meredith Hall Johnson

If you are a caver or a lover of bats, which you likely are since you're a member of the West Virginia Cave Conservancy, then no doubt you've heard of White Nose Syndrome. This disease was first discovered in four caves in New York in the winter of 2007. This winter, it has spread to a few other caves and mines in New York, Vermont, and Massachusetts. White Nose Syndrome is a bat killer. Thousands of bats of various species have been found dead in these affected caves, many with a white fungus on their carcasses.

NO ONE at this time knows how it is transmitted nor exactly how it is killing bats. Many theories and lots of opinions and speculation have been batted around the various caver listservs. For now, reaction has been to be over-cautious. Many caves in non-affected states have been closed for the time being, including all significant bat caves in West Virginia.

Because of the myriad e-mails and lack of

hard facts, WVCC Treasurer Bob Hoke has put up a Web page with whatever factual information links that exist. This Web page, "White-Nose Syndrome: A Major Problem for Both Bats and the Caving Community," can be found at www.white-nose.info. Please take the time to educate yourself with the facts as they become known.

As of press time, the caves that WVCC owns, manages, or leases are all open, according to their normal access policy. While our caves may have a few bats, none are considered to be significant bat caves. For access information see the WVCC Web site at http://www.wvcc.net/caveAccess/.

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources has developed a list of important bat caves in the State that they would like to see closed. This list can be found on the Virginia Region's Limited Access Cave List at www.VAR-caves.us, which will be updated to reflect any new closures. Please check this list before you go caving.

Donaldson Cave Clean-Up Trip June 23, 2007

By Pauline Apling

We had a Donaldson Cave clean-up trip on Saturday, June 23rd. Only four of us showed up: Bob Hoke, Kevin Bradley, Louise Neu, and me. We had perfect outdoor weather for the clean up.

We stopped by the kiosk and noticed there were no flyers in the mailbox attached to the kiosk. I totally forgot to bring some.

The first item on the list was to see if the old barrel could be chopped up into small pieces and removed from the cave. The hammer and hatchet were no match for the barrel. Score now: barrel 2, Bob Hoke 0. We decided to declare the barrel historic and leave it in the cave.

We went in the cave after a few problems getting the lock undone. We found a few out arrows in the lower part of the cave. This was pretty surprising since it is such a small cave (750 feet). Louise noticed an old historical signature as you enter the back of the cave.

The date was 1851. I've been back there at least 7 times and never noticed it.

We spent some time picking up glass shards and other trash in the front of the cave. We made a small dent in it and I'm sure there will be plenty there for our next clean-up trip in 2008.

On exiting the cave, it was discovered that it is difficult to lock the cave and to be sure the lock was securely shut. This may have been the problem with previous groups. We should discuss with the cave managers if it makes sense to get a lock with a larger shackle or not.

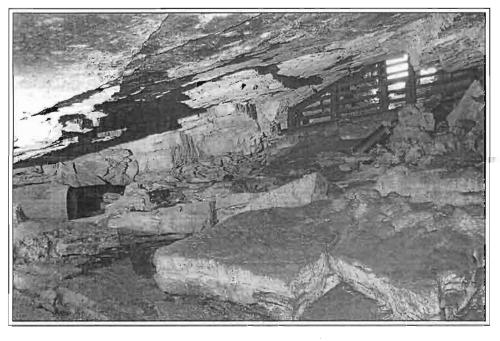
All in all, it was a successful clean-up tourist trip. Thanks to everyone who participated.

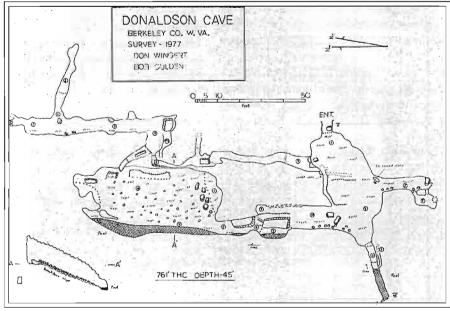
Donaldson Cave

By Pauline Apling

Donaldson Cave is owned and managed by the West Virginia Cave Conservancy. The cave is located in Berkeley County, West Virginia, about a 2-hour drive from the Washington, D.C. area.

The cave is more than 700 feet long. There is a little crawling, chimneying, and a couple of climb-downs. It is a good beginner cave, but it won't challenge an experienced caver. A gate was installed after the cave was donated to the Conservancy a few years ago. The gate is locked and the combination can be obtained from the Tri-State Grotto.





History

The cave has been known to cavers for many years. It was described in the 1949 edition of Caverns of West Virginia (Davies, 1949) and is the 20th longest cave in Berkeley and Jefferson Counties. The cave contains some formations and small pools of water. During the rainy season, the cave can flood, but mostly it has standing water in the back half of the cave.

Donaldson was apparently used as a trash dump for many years, because there is a lot of broken glass in the cave. WVCC has had clean-up trips for at least four years, and several bags of glass have been removed on each trip. It's in pretty good shape now, but there are always small pieces of glass that can be picked up.

The cave was surveyed in 1977 by Don Wingert and Bob Gulden to a length of 761 feet and a depth of 45 feet.

Acquisition

The 1/3 acre parcel of land containing the cave entrance was donated to the WVCC by Hunter Wilson, the developer of a new subdivision that included the cave. Construction of a gate was part of the transfer deal. The cave gate was built by Craig Hindman, Dave West, Karen Willmes and other volunteers. Karen Willmes and Dave West donated half of the funds necessary for the materials, the rest of the costs were paid for by the WVCC.

Photograph of entrance of Donaldson Cave from the inside by Pauline Apling.

Bob Gulden gave permission to reprint the map.

Lightners Update By John E. Pearson

Well, the subdivision is growing rapidly around our cave preserve. We have a new neighbor to the east who has built a white plastic fence along the property line between our driveway and their property. At least everyone will have a landmark to guide them to the property. It used to be difficult to find our entrance lane to the property. Before the fence was built, all there was out there was pastureland. We also have two new neighbors bordering our lane on the west side, but they are fairly close to Vago Road, so we shouldn't be a nuisance to them.

First, I want to thank Tim Brown for all his work as the chairman of the management committee for the preserve. Tim has stepped down as the chairman effective December 2007 due to his personal workload. I remember the first time I met Tim. It was the open house we had at the preserve back in 2001. It was the first property acquired by the conservancy. Mark Manor and I drove

out to the open house to be greeted by Tim, who served us burgers and hotdogs. We chatted for a while and ended up not even visiting the entrance.

Later that year, when the kiosk was delivered, Mark, Gordon Birkhimer, and I went out and installed the kiosk in the rain. If it was raining, it must have been Memorial Day. Shortly after that, Tim invited me to serve on the management committee for the preserve.

After it was noticed that some locals were driving around the fields of the property, we decided to install a sign stating only emergency vehicles were allowed past the parking area. That was before there were any houses and neighbors. Wouldn't you know it, one of the first homes that was constructed was on the lot right next to our parking lot. Now we had to consider constructing a changing area to be good neighbors. Only

trouble with that was the only place we could dig any holes was the place we had installed our kiosk. All the other places had underlying karst for bedrock.

Tim and I discussed this issue via e-mail back in November and we decided to relocate our "Emergency Vehicles" sign to the top of the hill near the sink. The consensus was that we'd rather risk a rare incident of locals driving through the fields than offend our neighbors when we change. So of course, when I went out there to move the sign, it was frozen in the ground.

So, later in the spring, I plan to go out there and relocate the sign to the top of the sink. This should make all cavers happy; they won't have to hike all over the property looking for the right sinkhole. And it should make our neighbors happy, not having to see us changing in front of their cookouts.

The Lightners Entrance to McClungs Cave By John E. Pearson

Directions

- 1. Start at the Intersection of U.S. 219 and I-64.
- 2. Go north on U.S. 219 for 3.6 miles and take a right onto Vago Road. If you take a sharp bend to the left, you went too far.
- 3. Go 1.0 mile until you see a white fence on the left-hand side of the road with a telephone pole just inside the fence. The pole number is 1074426.
- 4. Follow the overgrown gravel lane parallel to the white fence about 0.35 mile until you come to an orange gate. Go through the gate and park next to the WVCC kiosk. Don't forget to close the gate.
- 5. You are now on the Lightner Cave Preserve, which is approximately 11 acres and is a kind of semi-wooded area behind the subdivision.
- 6. After you have parked, walk up over the hill for a few hundred yards and go to the biggest deepest sink, where you will find the entrance. It is located on the south side of the sink in a rock face about 30 feet below the rim. It is a small hole that can be down-climbed and is about 10 feet deep.

, Entrance Description

Just past the down-climb is a 45-foot freefall pit that will need to be rigged. The drain out of the bottom of this pit leads to another 25-foot drop along a wall into a room. A 100-foot rope can rig both drops. Once in the room you can follow a stoop-way out to

a tight squeeze that drops you into a slimy little crawl that opens up into a breakdown room. Drop down into the breakdown to a lower passage (a handline is useful at this point) and go till you get to a massive breakdown. From here you have to crawl through the breakdown basically following

your nose (and the air) and you will pop up into a walking passage that quickly intersects the lower section of the Tufa Trail, a route to the rest of the cave.

December 1, 2007

2007 Donations to WVCC - Thanks!!

Compiled by Bob Hoke, Treasurer

During 2007 the Conservancy received about \$2,700 in donations from individuals and \$7,400 in donations from organizations.

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Rapps Cave Report Greenbrier County, West Virginia

By Bob Handley Rapps Cave Manager

There's been no activity since the last report, so really there's nothing to report now, but I want to remind people that we have permission from the owners to run a survey line from Rapps to Buckeye Creek Cave. It would be only a hole big enough to survey through (NOT BIG ENOUGH FOR A HUMAN BODY TO PASS THROUGH-only a hand shake). This would add another mile to Buckeye Creek Cave, making it about 6 miles of passages.

Anything else added to Rapps would make Buckeye Creek Cave even bigger. There's

the blowing lead at the end of Rapps' main passage and we've seen virgin cave in the left passage off the entrance room (but the opening into it is too small). We have permission to attack both of these spots.

Any who enter have to fill out a "Sign Your Life Away" liability release form (unless you've already done so), run your proposed project by me (and possibly by the owners), and if approved, let me know when you're going in to work. We need photos also. No trips are planned at present.

WVCC Banquet Hits the 'Broadway' of Lewisburg

By Jeff Bray

This year's annual WVCC banquet marked the 10th year of the cave conservancy, so we decided to try something a little different. To begin with, we held the banquet at a new facility, the Greenbrier Valley Theatre. By having the event at this facility, we were able to save a couple hundred dollars that we'd normally spend on a facility (since a board member works there), while having a new location to show off. It turns out that those in attendance were delighted by the change of scenery too! We also decided to concentrate on those attending rather than having a more developed agenda for the evening. It was decided early on in the planning that we substitute the usual guest speaker for a more relaxed presentation highlighting several aspects of the WVCC over the past 10 years.

The banquet started at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 10, 2007. Our bartender was ready with the wine that was donated to the theatre for our event, as well as many other favorite beverages for the young and more "experienced" drinkers. As folks gathered, our caterer worked hard to get ready for our meal, and members mingled in the lobby of the theatre, taking time to view the art on the walls as well as the various silent auction items on display. As time came closer for

dinner, everyone began to regroup (and stock up on a dinner drink or two) in the theatre's rehearsal hall that was converted into our dining room with pleasant comfortable lighting and all the food we could want for an evening.

After dinner, bidding ended on the silent auction items, and anyone still left standing after happy hour and the filling dinner then moved into the actual theatre. Having everyone in a theatre for the presentation portion of the banquet was a refreshing change from the static lights and floor level seating we're used to at previous venues. Ed Swepston, the first president of the WVCC who has become the event's MC over the years, introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the banquet. He, along with Jeff Bray, then honored Cliff Lindsay, Bob Handley, and Ed Swepston, the founders of the WVCC as well as honoring the charter board members. Jeff, the second president of WVCC, then joined Ed in thanking all those who have been working with the WVCC as past directors, advisors, and again thanked all the current directors, property managers, cavers, and supporters who have helped us throughout the years, including 2007. Bob Handley, the WVCC's third and current president, said a few words about our current status and activities that we are looking

forward to. We also took time to recognize a couple of our local cave owners who have been attending the WVCC banquets for the past few years and thanked all landowners for all their support toward cavers in this region.

We then announced the winners of the silent auction, and Jeff gave a brief multimedia slideshow highlighting some of the activities, properties, and people involved in the WVCC over the past 10 years. After this, everyone slowly made their way out, with about half of the attendees visiting the Irish Pub next door to the theatre for additional camaraderie. Many of those attending commented on how they have never spent any time in downtown Lewisburg, and appreciated the opportunity to see what all the non-cavers see in this small and vibrant town.

Overall, our annual banquet was again a success. I'd like to thank Ed Swepston and John Pearson for all their work in planning the banquet, the Jefferson Street Grille (the restaurant inside the Brier Inn) for the wonderful food (you should stop by when you're in town and tell him you're a caver!), as well as the Greenbrier Valley Theatre for its support of cavers by housing this event for us. Please mark your calendars now for November 8, 2008, and plan to attend our next annual fundraising banquet!



Ed Saugstad and Carroll Bassett chat before the WVCC Banquet as Larry Smith and others look on. (Photograph by David Socky)

Persingers Update

By John E. Pearson

As many of you know, we planted more than 775 trees the weekend of April 1, 2004. What we haven't done is give you an update on those trees. Some are doing great, at over six feet in height, while others are still less than one-foot tall. Why, you ask? Two different species. The white pines that were planted are a faster growing tree than the spruce we planted.

Also, we never thanked publicly the people who donated money to our tree planting efforts. We received money from as far away as California. Therefore, I would like to thank the following people for their generous donations:

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