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John Benton working on the survey of the connection passage between Binkleys and Blowing Hole caves.

### **CURRENT EVENTS**

### LOST RIVER CAVERNS CLEANUP

Contact Dean Snyder in advance if you wish to participate.

### LEHIGH COUNTY CAVE SURVEY

Volunteers are needed for this ongoing project to assist with updating maps, historical research, digging, and ridge walking in Lehigh County. Please contact Dean Snyder or Mike Spencer for further details.

#### ONYX AND FRAZER CAVE DIGS

Ed Kehs has invited GAG members to come join him on digging in Onyx and Frazer caves on his Berks County property.

UNDISCLOSED CAVE DIG

Contact Mike Spencer for details.

# Newsletter Info

Material for this newsletter, including letters to the editor, can be submitted at the regular meetings, sent to me by 'snail mail' at 3144 Ironwood Lane, Allentown, PA 18103, or through the Internet to: GJaegers@cavingexpeditions.com

Photos and slides are also welcome for articles. I will scan them into the computer immediately upon receipt and return the originals.

