Marc was an exceptional caver from Quebec who caved a lot in Mexico, in San Luis Potosí, Puebla and Oaxaca.

From a note posted on Facebook by Peter Sprouse: We are very saddened to hear of the passing yesterday of Marc Tremblay from cancer. Marc led the efforts in the Sierra Negra area of Puebla. Marc was a great guy, and I will miss him.

We received this from Daniel Caron, Société Québécoise de Spéléologie:

Speleologist Marc Tremblay, known to several speleologist colleagues outside Quebec, died on Sunday, June 26, 2022. Marc had been battling brain cancer for several months, which finally killed him. He leaves to mourn his spouse Marie-Hélène Drolet and his two daughters, Sophie and Zoé, as well as relatives and friends of the small community of speleologists and canyoneers in Quebec.

Active for several decades, Marc has left his mark on Quebec caving through his decisive involvement in many important projects, including MEXPÉ, which has seen dozens of Quebec and foreign cavers explore the caves of the Sierra Negra in Mexico. He has also participated in several explorations in other regions of Mexico. He traveled enthusiastically across Quebec from the Outaouais to the Gaspé, and the world in search of unknown underground spaces. An excellent photographer and videographer, many will remember the long sessions underground in his company.
Marc is also at the origin of the development of canyoning in Quebec, an activity that has become very popular and practiced today in several regions. For the past few years, his artistic side has flourished in the film project, CLOSTROFOBIA, the first screening of which took place in Quebec City on June 22, 2022. His state of health did not allow him to attend this one. However, a vibrant tribute was paid to him.

A few weeks ago, absent again due to his state of health, he was honored at the 50th anniversary Gala of Spéléo Québec. All the many cavers who knew Marc will remember him as a warm, passionate, and creative person.

**Marc in the AMCS**

A digital search of the AMCS Activities Newsletter found many mentions of Marc. Here are a few notable ones.

1984 Christmas, Sótano de Tlamaya and Xilitla Area. The next day Louise Hose, Laurent Ouellet, Marc Tremblay, and Luc Trepanier derigged the remainder of the cave from the Fossil Pit. 1985 AMCS ANL 15, 21.

1988 AMCS ANL 17, 120-128. Mexpé 88 – Quebec Expedition to Sierra Negra (Puebla).

Marc Tremblay, Societe Quebecoise de Speleologie 4545, av. Pierre-de-Coubertin C.P. 1000, Succursale M Montreal, Quebec HIV 3R2 Canada

Marc Tremblay in the Wind Crawl, Ocotempa, by Terry Raines, p. 64.

7 AMCS ANL 22, 13, news item about Sierra Negra, Puebla.

p. 96, maps of Pozo de Columpio, Cueva de las Ilusiones, Coahuila.
p. 97, maps of Cueva Abajo del Castillo, Cueva de Cuatro Chichis, Coahuila
p. 101, map of Cueva del Oso, Coahuila

2001 AMCS ANL 24, 39, 43
Sistema Ehécatl-Xáltéoxti: A New ~700 in The Sierra Negra

2013 AMCS ANL 36, p. 35. The XI Congreso Nacional Mexicano de Espeleología was a total success. It was held in Mérida, Yucatán, from February 1–4, 2013. A paper was given by Gustavo Vela Turcott, Mark Tremblay, and Guillaume Pelletier. Attention: traversée de gouffre mexicaín.

2014 AMCS ANL 37, pp. 63-67. Caving on The Slopes of Zizintépetl by Jesse Martin. In late February, cavers from Quebec, France, and Alberta began to assemble in Mexico for MEXPÉ 2012, twenty-five years since the first expedition of 1987, initiated by Marc Tremblay. MEXPÉ is primarily organized by cavers from the Société Québécoise de Spéléologie, in strong collaboration with cavers from all over France…

Marc and Canyoning

Marc Tremblay is the founder/owner and guide of Canyoning-Quebec. He is a geological engineer and has a diploma from the École française de descente de canyon. Marc has been going to the Jean-Larose Falls since 1980, first as a caver and now as a passionate canyoneer. He has been guiding outdoors since his beginnings in caving, with the Société québécoise de spéléologie (Québec Caving Society). Marc has been a Québec City certificated tourism guide since 2010.


Obituary 7/11/2022. Photos and biographical information are requested at speodesmus@gmail.com, William R. Elliott.