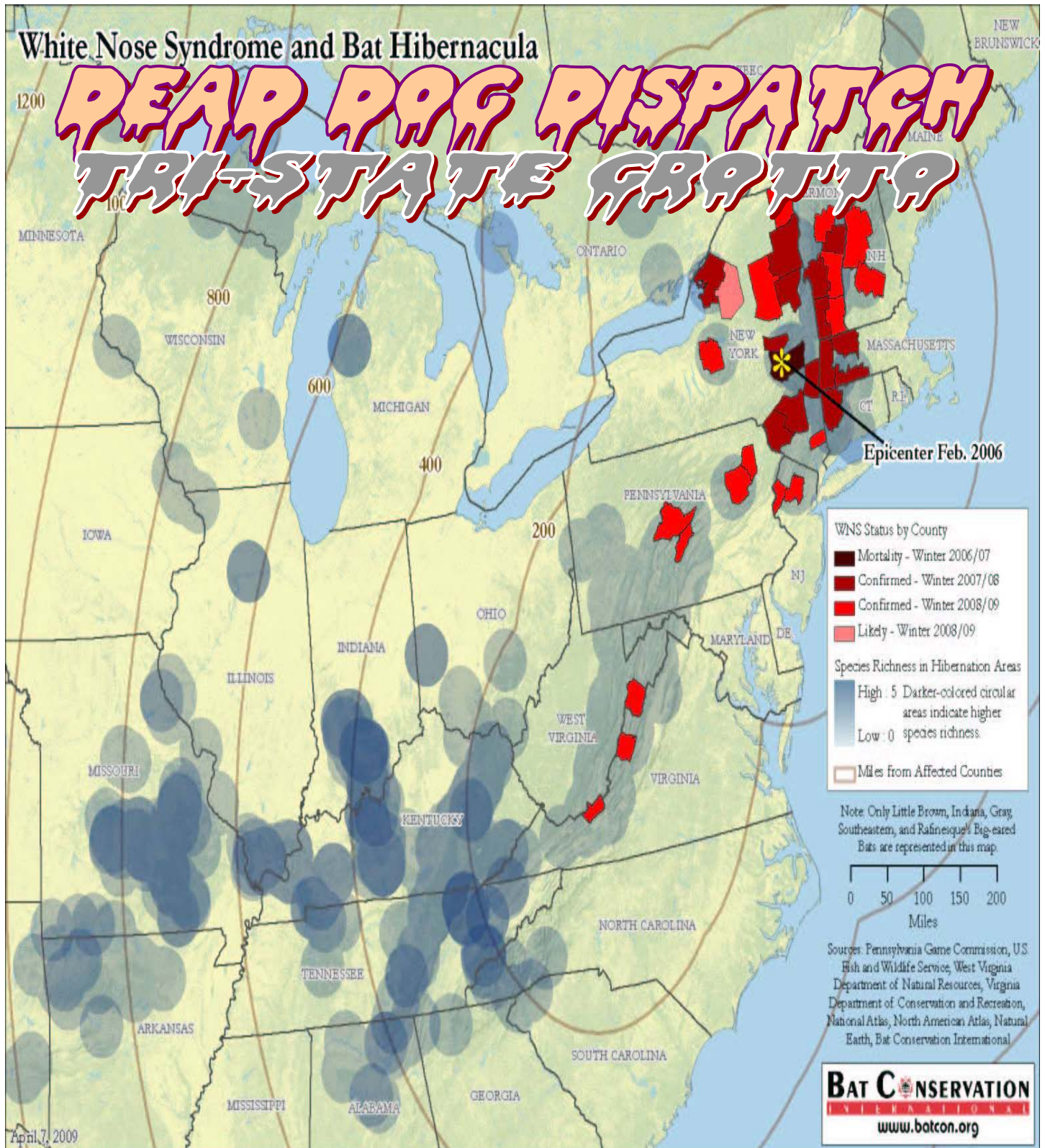


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PLEASE GIVE IT SOME THOUGHT. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!**

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CAVING EVENTS

2009

- JUL 4 ----- INDEPENDENCE DAY
- JUL 8 ----- Grotto Meeting – 7pm
- JUL 11 ----- Grotto Picnic – Crystal Grottoes – 12pm
- JUL 19-26 --- NSS Convention, Kerryville, TX
- JUL 25 ----- Crystal Grottoes Dig – 9am – see John DiCarlo
- AUG 12 ----- Grotto Meeting – 7 PM
- AUG 14-16-- Indiana Cave Capers – Camp Riverdale, Mitchell, IN
- SEP 3-7 ----- OTR!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- SEP 5 ----- POLYESTER POWER HOUR
- SEP 5 ----- DOO DAH PARADE
- SEP 7 ----- LABOR DAY
- SEP 9 ----- GROTTTO MEETING – 7PM
- SEP 11 ----- PATRIOT DAY
- SEP 22 ----- AUTUMN EQUINOX
- SEP 25-27 --- Fall VAR at Battle of Cedar Creek Campground – Middletown, VA – Sponsored by BATS & DINGO
- OCT 12 ----- COLUMBUS DAY
- OCT 14 ----- GROTTTO MEETING – 7PM
- OCT 17 ----- BRIDGE DAY
- OCT 31 ----- ALL HALLOWS DAY
- NOV 1 ----- DAYLIGHT SAVUNG TIME ENDS
- NOV 3 ----- ELECTION DAY
- NOV 11 ----- Grotto meeting – 7pm – Nominations & Elections
- NOV 11 ----- VETERAN’S DAY
- NOV 14 ----- Annual WVCC Banquet
- NOV 15 ----- SADIE HAWKINS DAY
- NOV 26 ----- THANKSGIVING DAY
- NOV 27 ----- BLACK FRIDAY
- DEC 7 ----- PEARL HARBOR DAY
- DEC 9 ----- Wrap presents for Red Cross
- DEC 12 ----- ANNUAL CHRISTMAS Celebration at Bob & Paulette Bennett’s home – 6pm- until?
- DEC 13 ----- ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAVE TRIP
- DEC 21 ----- WINTER SOLSTICE (Shortest day of the year!)
- DEC 24 ----- CHRISTMAS EVE
- DEC 35 ----- CHRISTMAS DAY
- DEC 31 ----- NEW YEAR’S EVE

2010

- MAY 21-23 --- Spring VAR sponsored by Bubble Cave LLC
- JUL 12-17 ----- NSS Convention, Essex Jcnctn, VT

2011

AUG 1-5 ----- NSS Convention, Glenwood Springs, CO

2012

JUN 25-30 -----NSS Convention, Lewisburg, WV

***** CAVE BUCKS *****

CAVE BUCKS is a voluntary donation for cave purchases. The money is collected at each monthly meeting and sent to the organization of choice. The money SHOULD NEVER be kept past the week it is collected.

Month of June----- \$6.00

TOTAL TO DATE: --- \$4553.00

Keep It Coming!

GROTTTO LINKS

- Tri-State Grotto website ----- www.wobey.net/TSG
- VAR website ----- www.varegion.org
- NSS website ----- www.caves.org
- NSS Convention 2009 ----- <http://www.ics2009.us/>
- OTR Website ----- www.otr.org
- MAR Website ----- www.caves.org/region/mar/
- WVCC ----- www.wvcc.net
- Andy Celmer’s Web Site --- www.wobey.net/TSG/Andy/
- Bob’s Web Site ----- www.wobey.net/TSG/Bob/
- Ehren Gieske’s Web Site --- www.wobey.net/TSG/Ehren/
- Jerry’s Cave Web Site ----- <http://www.caves.org/member/jerry/>
- Vitas’s Web Site ----- www.wobey.net/TSG/Vitas/
- Tina Blaik’s Web Site ----- www.kayakdream.com/
- David Hackley’s Web Site ----- <http://s180.photobucket.com/albums/x307/clearsig/>
- Todd Robert’s Web Site ----- http://s63.photobucket.com/albums/h143/Todd_05/
- Bob Gulden’s Web Page - www.caverbob.com/home.htm
- Nikki Fox’s Web Site ----- <http://s231.photobucket.com/albums/ee8/cavefox1/>
- Rock Climbing Knots Friction ----- www.chockstone.org/TechTips/prusik.htm#Bachman
- Tri-State Grotto MySpace ----- www.myspace.com/tristategrotto
- Animated Knots by Grog ----- www.animatedknots.com/

White Nose Syndrome -----
<http://www.caves.org/grotto/dcg/wns-notice-to-cavers.pdf>
NSS Online Cavers ----- www.onlinecavers.com
WNS -- <http://www.caves.org/WNS/WNS%20Info.htm>
Containment Procedures -----
<http://www.fws.gov/northeast/whitenosemessage.html>



MONTH OF JULY

Patricia Carter, Lynn DiCarlo, Ellie
Florance, Jason Hajenga, Jayna Kackley,
Jep, Kathy Robinson, Kim Stanley

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Of course, everything is still WNS related right now. There are many links and articles on the web right now stating facts and what to do.

Here are a few links the read up on WNS and keep up on the developing news:

NSS Page

<http://www.caves.org/WNS/index.htm>

WNS Donation Page

http://www.caves.org/WNS/Rapid_Response.shtml

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http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/docs/apr_2009_caves_closure/closure_order.pdf

US Fish & Wildlife Advisory

http://www.caves.org/WNS/USFWS-WNS_cave_advisory_news_rls_2009-03-26_final-1.pdf

WNS Research

<http://www.caves.org/WNS/WNS2009research.pdf>

D-Con Procedures

<http://www.fws.gov/northeast/whitenosemessage.html>

The testimony on WNS before the joint subcommittee video

http://resourcescommittee.house.gov/index.php?option=com_jcalpro&Itemid=27&extmode=view&extid=259

Subcommittee on WNS hearing NSS web page
<http://caves.org/WNS/Hearing%20on%20WNS.htm>

From: Butchkoski, Calvin

[mailto:cbutchkosk@state.pa.us]

Sent: Friday, June 05, 2009 12:53 PM

Cc: Fernald, Ray (DGIF); Whitehurst, David (DGIF)

Subject: RE: Another Likely WNS VA Site

Hello Everyone...

I hate to say it, but here's an updated map. Added Smyth Co., VA as LIKELY per Ricks request.

Cal B...

Subject: Another Likely WNS VA Site

I was out of state last week and thus didn't get this out as quickly as I would have liked. We had a report of WNS symptoms in a cave (Hancock Cave) in Smyth County. Carol Zokitas and I went to the site on 21 May and collected three specimens that were sent to USGS (Madison). All three were pipistrelles (tri-colored bats) and all had the classic white nose fungus (plus). We observed approximately 20-25 pips in the two rooms we visited, but it was hard to determine how many had the fungus

due to position on the ceiling. No dead bats were observed. We did find a single VA big-eared bat in the passage between the two rooms we surveyed. This bat did not show signs of WNS, but we did not handle the bat as we had already handled several pips. This location now puts us in gray bat territory. There is a large bachelor colony (about 2,000 individuals) approximately 9 miles south of Hancock Cave. This site is also approximately 25 miles north of the NC and TN borders. Cal, you can put this down as a "likely but not confirmed" sighting.

Rick Reynolds
Wildlife Biologist
VDGIF
Verona Regional Office

Tri-State Grotto

Meeting
June 10, 2009

Bernie Wootten started the meeting at 7:00. Nine members were present.

Chuck Stanley gave the treasures report. Moved to accept, seconded and passed.

We talked about moving our web site.

WNS. We talked about WNS, closed caves, closed sinkholes. Sick bats.

We talked about the Adam Stephen Dig.

We talked about the Grotto picnic at Crystal Grottoes Caverns. It will be the Saturday after the July Meeting.

We talked about the dig at Crystal Grottoes Caverns. We will pick a date in July

Bob talked about a dig or ridge walk

We talked about a hole in Hedgesville.

Six dollars in CaveBucks was collected. It will go to WVCC.

The meeting was over at 8:00.

Submitted by
John P. Di Carlo, Jr.
Secretary
Tri-State Grotto

From: varlist Discussion List
[VARLIST@listserv.vt.edu] on behalf of
Dave West [d270@BELLATLANTIC.NET]
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2009 10:23 PM
To: VARLIST@LISTSERV.VT.EDU
Subject: [Fwd: White Nose Syndrome video link]

Ravenswood Media, US Forest Service and US Fish & Wildlife have produced a short video on White Nose Syndrome, *The Battle For Bats*. It can be viewed and downloaded at www.cavebiota.com
<<http://www.cavebiota.com>> Please share the link with others. Thanks.

Those in VAR may recognize some of the participants and locations...

Dave West

From: MAR-NSS@yahoogroups.com on behalf of sgentry177@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, July 05, 2009 8:10 PM
Subject: [MAR-NSS] Online Petition to Support the NSS Headquarters Move to Horse Cave

Can be found here, sign up and give your support!

<http://www.gopetition.com/online/29161.html>



7 11 FRO (BER-51)

GPS: 39 N 78 W

Quadrangle: Inwood

Formation: Rockdale Run

Location: Inwood area

Map: No

Length: ??

Depth: ??

Description: Just behind the 7 11 was a large sink with a small 2' diameter entrance that took drainage from storms. The passage headed south from the entrance. When the 7 11 was built, the sinkhole was filled in with the excavating rock & dirt debris from the 7/11. Later when the Dairy Queen was built behind the 7 11, the whole sinkhole was completely filled in & the whole area was leveled with part of the Dairy Queen being built over part of the sinkhole. **The cave is filled!**

30-FOOT CRAWL CAVE (BER-52)

GPS: 39 N 77 W

Quadrangle: Hedgesville

Formation: New Market

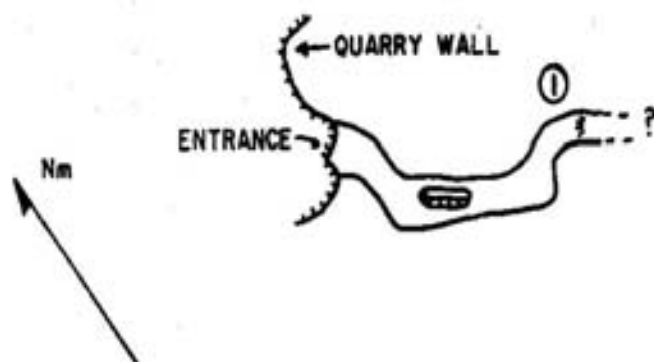
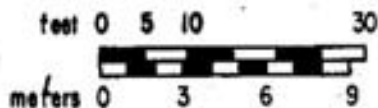
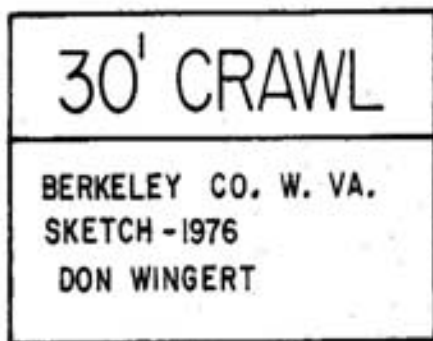
Location: Nestle Quarry Area

Map: Yes

Length: 30'

Depth: ??

Description: A short cave in the Nestle Quarry area with no water that gets too small to continue.



ADAM STEPHEN PIT (BER-65)

GPS: 39 N 77 W

Quadrangle: Martinsburg

Formation: New Market

Location: E. John St.

Map: Yes

Length: 10'

Depth: 30'

Description: Under a house owned by the Historical Society is a basement that has an arched stone ceiling. The pit is accessed from this basement. Tri-State Grotto spent many hours digging and excavation dirt & debris from the pit area and pit until it got almost too small to dig. The pit is shown to visitors every spring at the Martinsburg Heritage Day / Adam Stephen Day Celebration.

ADAM STEPHEN PIT #2 (BER-64)

GPS: 39 N 77 W

Quadrangle: Martinsburg

Formation: New Market

Location: E. John St.

Map: No

Length: 10'

Depth: 26'

Description: Under the Adam Stephen home on E. Burk St. there is a pit being dug by Tri-State Grotto. The pit has approximately a 4' diameter heading downward at approximately a 50 degree angle for 26' (and still going). The approximate direction is NNW. It is shown to visitors every spring at the Martinsburg Heritage Day / Adam Stephen Day Celebration.

ANDERSON CAVE (BER-22)

GPS: 39 31 48 (39.53)N 77 54 57 (77.916)W

Quadrangle: Hedgesville

Formation: Chambersburg

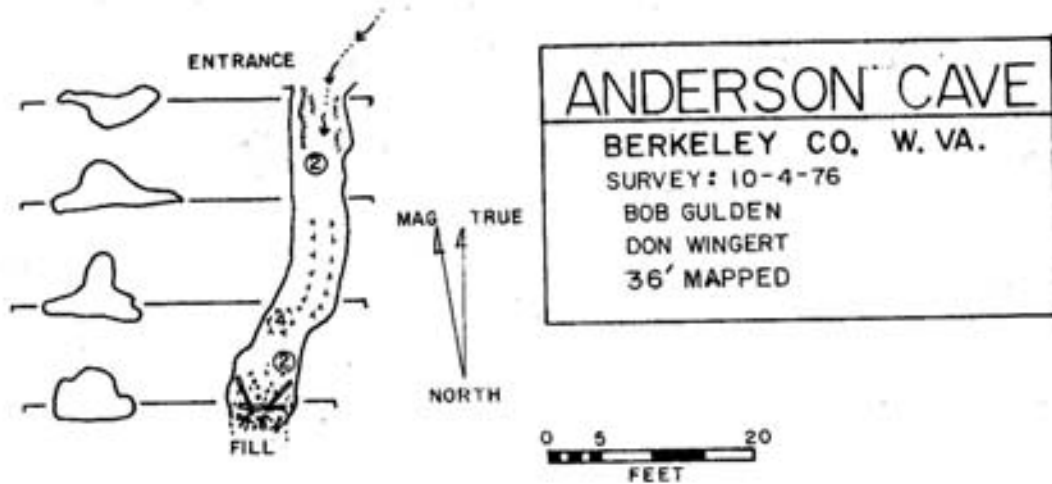
Location: Crossroads Store, Rt 11

Map: Yes

Length: 58'

Depth: ??

Description: The cave is located next to an auto salvage yard on the east side of Rt 11 north of Martinsburg. The entrance is on the south side of a very large sink. The cave accepts storm drainage from the local terrain. Debris has to be removed to access the cave each time it storms. The cave was resurveyed to 58' after the 1st map was drawn. **The cave is to be considered closed!**



APPLE JACK CAVE (BER-2)

GPS: 39 30 45 (39.513)N 78 04 30 (78.075)W

Quardangle: Big Pool

Formation: Tonoloway

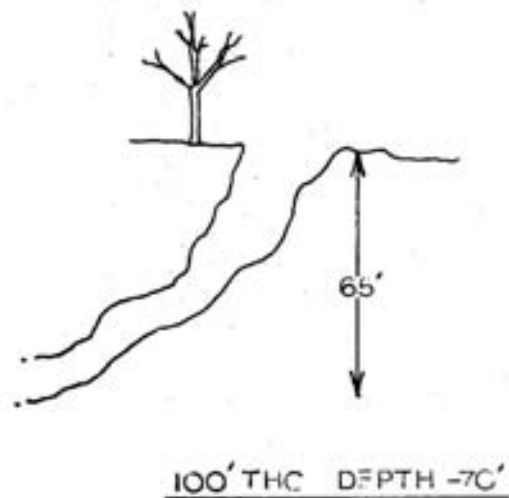
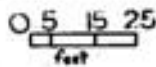
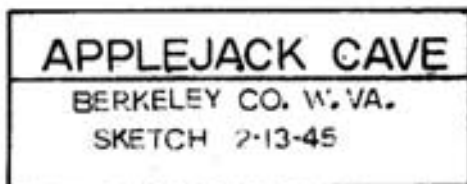
Location: Back Creek Valley west of Rt 7

Map: No

Length: 135'

Depth: 65'

Description: The cave is located on Leading Ridge just west of Rt 7 (Glengary / Tomahawk Rd). The cave was used to dispose of apples each year. The 10' square entrance drops down about 65' at about 45 degrees with 70' of passage at the bottom.



GROTTO PHOTOS

Mouth of Opequon Pit

Poor Farm Cave (Pocahontas Co)



Harpers Pit

Jones Quarry Cave

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