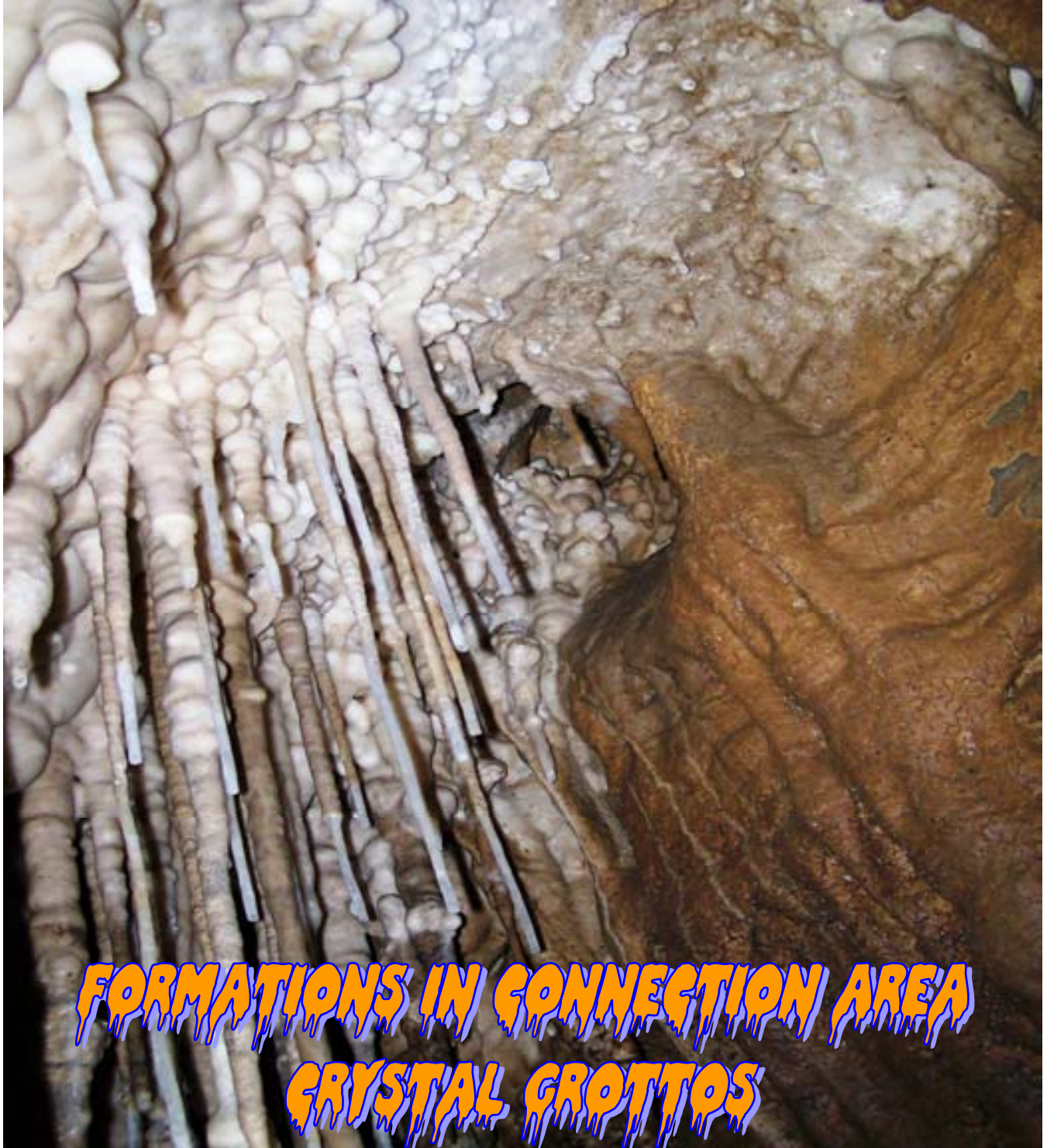


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WE NEED EVERYONE TO KEEP THINKING ABOUT
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STILL NEED SOMEONE FOR THE FOLLOWING
POSITION:

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PLEASE GIVE IT SOME THOUGHT. WE NEED YOUR
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CAVING EVENTS

2009

SEP 3-7 ----- OTR!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
SEP 5 ----- DOO DAH PARADE
SEP 7 ----- LABOR DAY
SEP 9 ----- GROTTA MEETING – 7PM
SEP 11 ----- PATRIOT'S DAY
SEP 14 -15--- Karst Conference at the USF&WL
Training Center
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 ----- GROTTA MEETING – 7PM
OCT 17 ----- BRIDGE DAY
OCT 31 ----- ALL HALLOWS DAY
NOV 1 ----- DAYLIGHT SAVING 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 25 ----- 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 Jctn, 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 August----- \$11.00

TOTAL TO DATE: --- \$4572.00

Keep It Coming!

WEBSITE & CAVING LINKS

Tri-State Grotto ----- www.tristategrotto.net/
VAR ----- www.varegion.org/
NSS ----- www.caves.org/
NSS Convention 2010 ----- <http://www.ics2009.us/>
OTR ----- www.otr.org/
MAR ----- www.caves.org/region/mar/
WVCC ----- www.wvcc.net/
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Ehren Gieske ----- www.tristategrotto.net/Ehren/
Jerry's Cave Web Site -----
<http://www.caves.org/member/jerry/>
Vitas Eidukevicius ----- www.tristategrotto.net/Vitas/
Tina Blaik's Web Site ----- www.kayakdream.com/
David Hackley's Web Site -----
<http://s180.photobucket.com/albums/x307/clearsig/>
Todd Roberts -----
http://s63.photobucket.com/albums/h143/Todd_05/
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Nikki Fox -----
<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 SEPTEMBER

Tyler Brandenburg, Ben Doan, Art
Hanson Sr, Bill Jones, Ann Muldoon, &
Twila Neeld

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



WNS!!!

WNS!!!

Of course, again a repeat, 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

US Forest Caves Closure

http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/docs/apr_2009_caves_closed/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.p
df](http://www.caves.org/WNS/WNS2009research.pdf)

D-Con Procedures

[http://www.fws.gov/northeast/whitenosemessage
html](http://www.fws.gov/northeast/whitenosemessage.html)

The testimony on WNS before the joint sub-
committee video

[http://resourcescommittee.house.gov/index.php?
option=com_jcalpro&Itemid=27&extmode=view
&extid=259](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](http://caves.org/WNS/Hearing%20on%20WNS.htm)

Tri-State Grotto

Meeting

August 12, 2009

Chair Bernie Wootten started the meeting at 7
pm. All the officers were present.

Chuck Stanley gave the treasurer's report. It was
moved, second and passed.

Bob Bennett said the web site is up and running.
There is still some work to be done on it. Vitas
was thanked for hosting the grotto web site up to
now. Vitas said we might have had the first
grotto web site in the country.

We talked about OTR. The parades, the no
caving moratorium, WNS, camping spots and
what times people would get there.

Fall VAR is Sept 25-27,

New business

Sept 14-15 DEP Karst Conference. Bob Bennett
asked for help with the cave trip part of this. Not
caving but getting people to the openings of the
caves. Sunday meet at 1p. Monday meet at 1
pm

18 people were present for our meeting tonight.

Adam Stephen dig this Saturday. Meet here at 9 am.

Crystal Grottoes Caverns dig August 29, 2009, meeting time 10:00 am.

\$11.00 Cave Bucks was collected. It will be sent to WVCC.

Chuck Stanley gave notice that he will not run for office again. He did not feel that he had the time to do it any longer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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

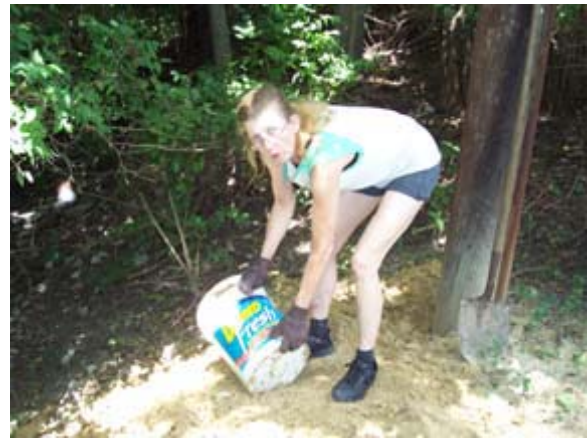


Tri-State Grotto **Digs at The** **Adam Stephen House**

By John DiCarlo NSS 25744

MARTINSBURG, WV - On August 15, 2009, Tri-State Grotto held a dig at The Adam Stephen House. The Grotto is using drywall buckets, rope and a pulley to bring up the dirt. The hope is to reopen the cave opening under the house. By 10:00 buckets were coming up and there was a new pile of dirt outside.

Some tourists came by and Keith ran out to give them the tour of the Adam Stephen House. When he took them to see the tunnel entrance on E. King Street, anyone who had not seen the sub-sub basement on E. King St. went with them.



Mary Lynn Collis dumping a bucket



Jeff Marcum waiting for a bucket

Jeff won the Groundhog award today for doing the most digging. He almost did it all!



Side view of bone or tooth

While Jeff was digging he came across something. We speculated it might be a bone or tooth. I took pictures of it. It could have been petrified.



Bottom of Bone or tooth

About 11:30 Jeff told me to go get the Wacker. I touched base with Jerry, then ran to get it. When I returned, lunch was ready.



Keith Hammersla carries out a bucket

As always Keith had a feast prepared for us. Everyone ate their fill before heading back to the dig.

The Wacker helped break up the dirt. It kept the buckets moving toward the top. We ended up pulling out 103 buckets of dirt for the day.

We have dug down to large rocks. We have turned the direction of the dig. On the west side is a stone wall, the south side is toward a cliff, and the east side is back under the house. So, we have turned north.

As the buckets have come out we noticed the dirt was different. Maybe we will have to have another look at our direction.



Jerry Bowen and Russell Linton hauling up a bucket



John Di Carlo carrying out a bucket



Russell Linton hauls out a bucket

Our helpers for the day were: John Di Carlo, Mary Lynn Collis, Jeff Marcum, Keith Hammersla, Russell Linton, Dave Cunningham, Larry Padgett, Michael Rodgers, Jay Merrbaugh and Bill Weinsten.

SAVIN CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 6TH - OCTOBER 17TH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sep 6 QTR	Sep 7 QTR LABOR DAY	Sep 8	Sep 9  TSG meeting 7pm	Sep 10	Sep 11  PATRIOT'S DAY	Sep 12
Sep 13 Trail blazing for Karst Conference 1pm	Sep 14 Karst Conference USFWL Training Center Cave Trip 1pm	Sep 15 Karst Conference	Sep 16	Sep 17	Sep 18	Sep 19
Sep 20	Sep 21	Sep 22  EQUINOX	Sep 23	Sep 24	Sep 25 Fall VAR at Battle of Cedar Creek Campground	Sep 26 Fall VAR Middletown, VA Bats & Dingo Grottoes
Sep 27 Fall VAR	Sep 28	Sep 29	Sep 30	Oct 1	Oct 2	Oct 3
Oct 4	Oct 5	Oct 6	Oct 7	Oct 8	Oct 9	Oct 10
Oct 11	Oct 12 COLUMBUS DAY	Oct 13	Oct 14  Grotto meeting 7pm	Oct 15	Oct 16	Oct 17 Bridge Day

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Corey & Sean digging in Crystal Grottoes

1- MORE & MORE WNS WNS WNS!!!!!!!!!!!!

2- KARST CONFERENCE!!!!

3- ADAM STEPHEN DIG



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