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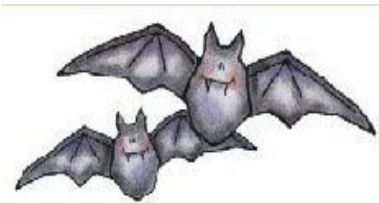
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2010

MAY 1 ----- Replace ladders & cleanup in Whittings Neck
- 10am
MAY 5 ----- CINCO de MAYO
MAY 6 ----- NATIONAL DAY of PRAYER
MAY 8 ----- Adam Stephen Day (Heritage Day)
MAY 9 ----- MOTHER'S DAY
MAY 12 ---- TSG Grotto Meeting 7pm
MAY 15 ----- ARMED FORCES DAY
MAY 15 ----- Dig in Hampshire Co - see Bob
**MAY 21-23 - Spring VAR sponsored by Bubble
Cave LLC**
MAY 28-31 - Speleofest - KY
MAY 31 ---- MEMORIAL DAY
JUN 4-6 ---- BUBBLE CAVE WEEKEND
JUN 9 ----- TSG Grotto Meeting 7pm
JUN 14 ---- FLAG DAY
JUN 15 ---- Deadline for registration for NSS Convention
JUN 17-20 - SERA Cave Carnival, Monteagle, TN
JUN 19 ----- Adam Stephen Dig - 9am
JUN 20 ---- FATHER'S DAY
JUN 20 ----- WV DAY
JUN 20 ---- Ft Royal Grotto Picnic
JUN 21 ---- SUMMER SOLSTICE
JUL 4 ----- INDEPENDENCE DAY
JUL 14 ---- TSG Grotto Meeting 7pm
JUL 17 ---- Annual Grotto Picnic - 12pm
JUL 25 ---- PARENT'S DAY
AUG 2-6 -- NSS Convention, Essex Jcnctn, VT
AUG 11 ---- TSG Grotto Meeting 7pm
SEP 2-6 ---- OTR
SEP 6 ----- LABOR DAY
SEP 8 ----- TSG Grotto Meeting 7pm
SEP 11 ---- PATRIOT'S DAY
SEP 23 ---- AUTUMN EQUINOX
OCT 7-10 - Fall TAG Cave-In, Lookout Mt, TN
OCT 11 ---- COLUMBUS DAY
OCT 13 ---- TSG Grotto Meeting 7pm
OCT 16 ---- Bridge Day
OCT 31 ---- ALL HALLOW EVE
NOV 2 ----- ELECTION DAY
NOV 7 ----- DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
NOV 10 ---- TSG Grotto Meeting 7pm
NOV 11 ---- VETERAN'S DAY
NOV 13 ---- SADIE HAWKIN'S DAY
NOV 25 ---- THANKSGIVING
NOV 26 ---- BLACK FRIDAY
DEC 8 ----- Wrap Presents for Red Cross 6pm
**DEC 11 ---- ANNUAL TSG CHRISTMAS
CELEBRATION at Bob & Paulette's
home 6pm**

DEC 21 ---- WINTER SOLSTICE
DEC 24 ---- CHRISTMAS EVE
DEC 25 ---- CHRISTMAS DAY
DEC 31 ---- NEW YEAR'S EVE

2011

AUG 2-6 ---- NSS Convention, Glenwood Springs, CO

2012

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

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OTR ----- www.otr.org/
MAR ----- www.caves.org/region/mar/
WVCC ----- www.wvcc.net/
Andy Celmer ----- www.tristategrotto.net/Andy/
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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/
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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 Tri-State Grotto MySpace -----
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 Animated Knots by Grog ---- www.animatedknots.com/
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<http://www.caves.org/grotto/dcg/wns-notice-to-cavers.pdf>
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 WNS -----
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 Containment Procedures -----
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MONTH OF MAY

Eric Berge, JC Fisher, Lucas Hanson.
 Matthew Jefferson, Greg McCoy, Pat
 Minnick, Chelsea Pell, Chris Wootten

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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

Scherr Crystal Cave

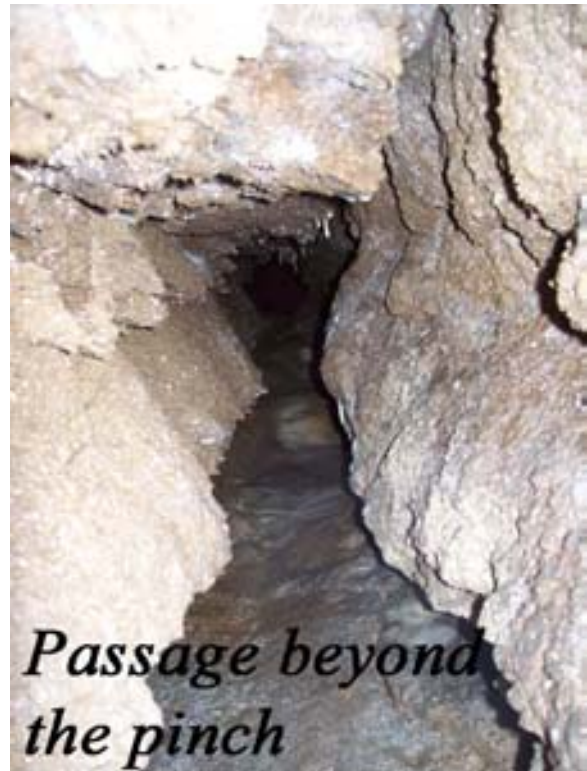
Well it has finally happened. The cave has been closed off and covered over. The photo on this month's cover shows what the site looks like now. It seems that the saga has finally ended.

- 1) Opened up by the WVDOH
- 2) Entrance was made safe for entry
- 3) Cave was explored
- 4) Big entry in the Grant Co book
- 5) Cave received a lot of notoriety locally & regionally
- 6) Entrance was closed
- 7) The end!



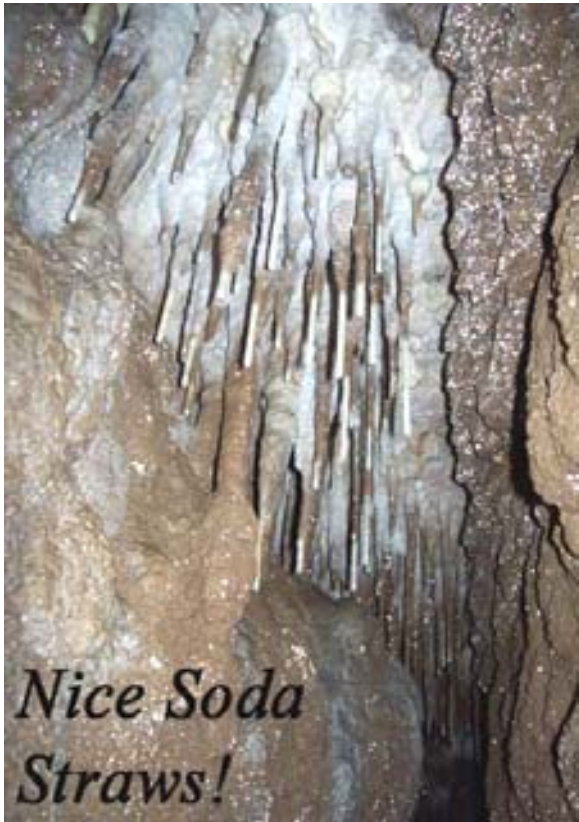
Small passage to the right.

To our left there was only a little evidence of something there.



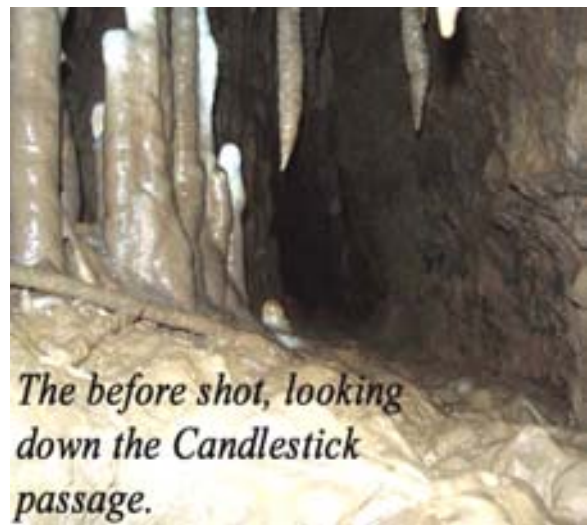
Passage beyond the pinch

A hammer was produced and Alex started banging on the rock and digging the clay floor down. Thirteen buckets of clay were removed from this passage. Alex was able to get about six feet farther down the passage.



Nice Soda Straws!

Continuing straight ahead the ceiling had some nice soda straws. The passage pinched for 8 to 10 feet and it opened up beyond.



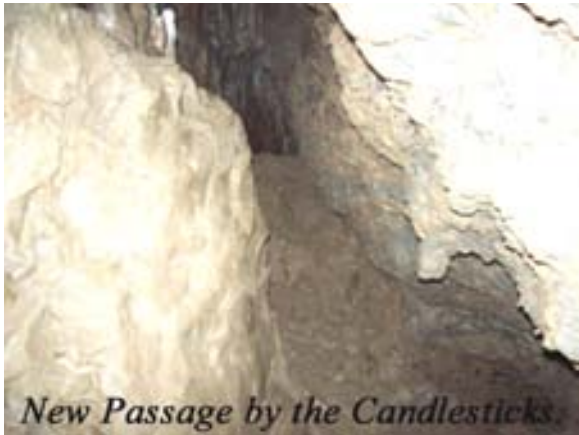
The before shot, looking down the Candlestick passage.

Meanwhile back at our first dig Cory Hackley was leading the dig at the Candlesticks. There were two digs going on simultaneously. The room before the candlesticks was being lowered down.



Ryan Schulz digs away

At the same time Cory was digging beside the Candlesticks. He was able to dig to his right side, which was against the wall and stop a little bit before the Candlesticks. With that tactic, he carved out a passage past them. He connected with the passage that was coming from the Turtle.



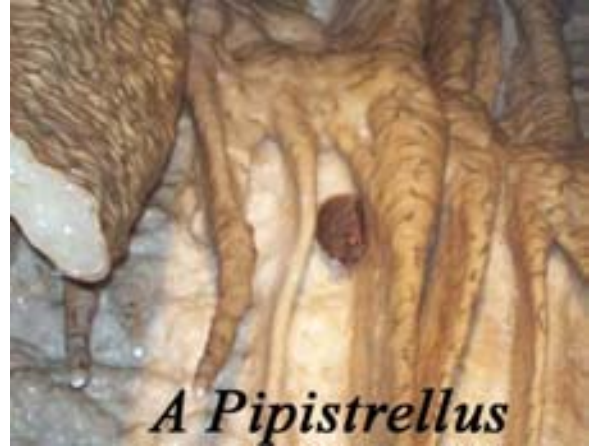
New Passage by the Candlesticks

When we were done you could walk all the way through the passage to the Turtle on the other side. A few more digs and this connection with the walkway will be done.



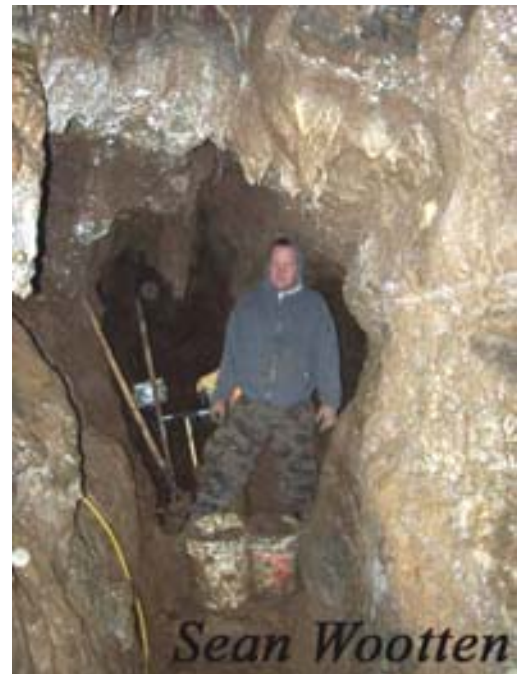
Alex Beaulieu, Ken Carter & Carolyn Carter pulling out a wagon full of clay.

After our work session was over I linked up with one of the Crystal Grottoes Caverns' guides. He took me to two places in the Caverns where he had seen bats. One was in the Lake Room and the other was in the Blanket Room. They were Pipistrelles. In both cases there was no sign of WNS.



A Pipistrellus

Tri-State Grotto removed 91 wagonloads of clay. Each wagon held 3 drywall buckets of clay. This gave us 273 buckets of clay removed from the area of the Candlesticks. In the passage that Alex was digging in, 13 more buckets were pulled out. That gave us a total of **286** buckets of clay removed from Crystal Grottoes Caverns.



Sean Wootten

The Dig at Crystal Grottoes Caverns

By John Di Carlo

Boonsboro, MD - On April 17, 2010 Tri-State Grotto returned to Crystal Grottoes Caverns to continue a dig that we are working on.

We had eleven helpers show up: Bob Bennett, Ann Muldoon, Russell Linton, Jason Rice, Todd Zimmerman, Alex Beaulieu, Tanner Haid, Sonny Floyd, Debbie Floyd, Cory Hackley, John Di Carlo, Sean Wootten, Chris Wootten, Tyler Wootten, Abby Wootten and Johnny Wootten.



As we waited for some more people to show up we did the commercial trip. Some have not seen the cave before and others had seen it years ago. Others just wanted to see it again.

Back outside we gathered our tools and entered the cave through the back door. We set things up. By the way, don't touch the spotlight sticking in the clay without unplugging it first.

We had two levels of clay on the floor that are being removed. The current top layer has been taken down a few feet back and the next layer takes us down to the floor.



Buckets were being filled and passed back. They were dumped into a wagon. Two people took the wagon up the passage and out the back door. It was dumped into a pile and Crystal Grottoes Caverns will take it from there. Each time we went out we were exposed to a gang of desperadoes who would shoot at us. We took heavy fire all day.



Jerry provided lunch for us. He cooked a meatless chili on the grill, baked beans and bread and butter. He provided something to drink all day.



As the clay was lowered at the dig site, Cory Hackley uncovered an unknown passage on the right wall.



Again Alex was stuffed into a passage, this time with a tape measure. Heading down the passage, she came to the first cross passage. The clay was slumped to the left and going to the right. She turned right and slid down it for a measurement. She could go eight feet and could see three feet more to where it ended. Coming back out, Alex continued down the main passage. She reached the pinch that she had dug on last time. Three more feet and she could reach going passage. The passage is 30 feet long at this point. There is another passage to the right here but she could not get through the pinch enough to see into it.

Wildlife that was seen

On one of the runs outside with a wagonload of clay we spotted a duck in the stream.



On the wall of the commercial passage near where Alex had taken the tape measure down the 30 ft passage, we saw a salamander. It was the Longtail Salamander (*Eurycea loongicauda longicauda*), which is the only salamander that is yellowish with black vertical marks on its tail. Breeding underwater in the winter, the Longtail Salamander produces a clutch of 90 eggs. It eats insects, worms, arthropods and other terrestrial invertebrates.



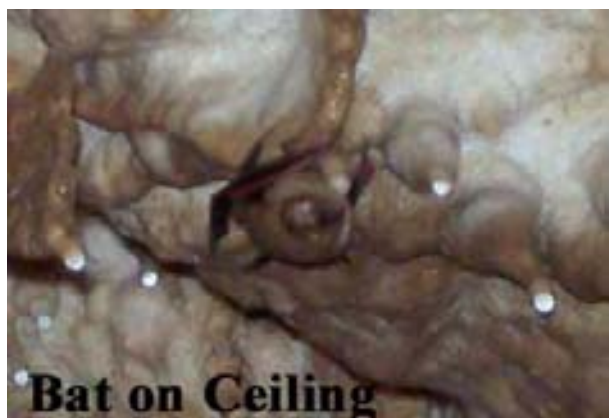
There were three bats in the cave, one on the wall by Old Father Time, another on the wall in the Blanket Room near the Blankets.



Bat near the Blankets

The third one was spotted at the end of the dig. Todd Zimmerman and I were walking through the cave with just a helmet light. Just before we got to the Blanket Room, Swoosh, and I thought, "did something just fly by us?" We walked into the Blanket Room, and again Whoosh. Todd said, "that's a bat." We stood still while he flew around. I tried to look at him as he flew by. I was looking for WNS. I didn't see any signs. I thought he looked bigger than the other bats in there. I kept saying, "land somewhere, land somewhere." He finally did. He hung from the ceiling. I snapped off some photos of him. Todd turned on the light and I took another picture. Later the tour guide asked us to show her the bat.

As we walked into the Blanket Room she turned on the light. The bat took off, circled the room a couple times and disappeared down a passage.



Bat on Ceiling

That night I looked at the photos. None were that sharp being that they were high on the walls or on the ceiling. But they were clear enough

that I could see that they didn't have a white nose or white on their arms. I did think that the third bat had more of a bottle face.



Bob Bennett counting Buckets

Bob Bennett kept count of our wagonloads of clay. We had 91 wagonloads at three buckets a load. One more bucket as four ended up in a load. That gave us a total of 274 buckets of clay removed that day. We added 41 feet of passage to the survey.

Tri-State Grotto donated 120 hours of labor and the use of many tools to this project.

For those of you who may not have heard, one of our new members passed away recently. Ryan was a young man with a zest for life. I didn't know him that well but just meeting him and talking to him at meetings gave me the impression that he loved the outdoors and was always being active in the things that he liked to do Below was taken from an email that was received from Edward Marshal, a *Journal* writer. Ryan passed on living life to the fullest and doing what he loved! God bless you Ryan!

Bob

Missing kayaker's body found in Shenandoah River

Funkstown, Md. man's body found Monday night after extensive search efforts

By Edward Marshall, Journal Staff Writer

POSTED: May 4, 2010

"Missing kayaker's body found in Shenandoah River"



SHANNONDALE - A search and rescue operation turned into a recovery effort Monday night after a Maryland kayaker missing since Saturday was found dead in the Shenandoah River.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Department and surrounding rescue agencies launched the rescue effort Monday afternoon after the 22-year-old Funkstown man failed to report to work, prompting family to contact police. His body was found at about 7:21 p.m. in the Shenandoah River in the area of the Shannondale Springs Wildlife Management Area off Mission Road. "We just found him probably about a half-hour ago deceased," Jefferson County Sheriff Robert "Bobby" Shirley said shortly after 8 p.m. Monday night.

The victim's mother, father and sister were at the scene when his body was found.

"I was the one that told his family here, and it's very hard for me to tell families. You know it was their only son, and it's always hard," Shirley said.

Police were waiting for the county's medical examiner to look over the area where the victim's body was found before transporting it from the scene. Shirley said he believed the victim's first name was Ryan, but he didn't know yet what the man's last name was. "I don't know his last name. I haven't got that information," Shirley said. Shirley said the victim's father last heard from his son between 9 and 9:30 a.m. Saturday morning after the victim had traveled to the area to go kayaking. "He was on the river then and he said it was a beautiful day, and he told his dad that he wished they were there with him," Shirley said.

The man never returned home Saturday night, and his abandoned kayak was found submerged in the river at about 4 p.m. Saturday afternoon by other people kayaking in the area, Shirley said. On Sunday, deputy reserves with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department found the missing man's vehicle on John Rissler Road, which runs along the Shenandoah River. The man had not been reported missing at the time. The vehicle was found to be registered to the victim after officials checked to see if it had been reported stolen. The man's kayak was not found with the vehicle when it was discovered.

The search and rescue effort was launched Monday afternoon after the victim still had not returned home. "I guess it was around 3:30 p.m. I think when his parent called and said that he hadn't reported to work today. That's when we started putting all of this together and came down and started searching," Shirley said. The Jefferson County Sheriff's Department along with rescue workers from the Blue Ridge, Citizens and Independent fire companies assisted with the large, coordinated search effort. Rescue workers in boats searched the river while other personnel and police searched along the riverbank and surrounding areas on foot. The Maryland State Police also assisted in the search by flying two helicopters over the search area. Shirley had held out hope that the missing kayaker would be found alive, but those hopes were tragically dashed upon the discovery of the body.

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"It's very difficult. That's the hardest part of the job," Shirley said.

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"Celebrating Heritage: Tours, music, crafts highlight city's past" - journal-news.net,
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look on. (Journal photo by Lance Henline)

MARTINSBURG - The Martinsburg Heritage Day program states, "A people that breaks with its past does not have much hope for the future." The people of Martinsburg must be quite optimistic, judging from Saturday's events and activities to preserve, promote and honor the city's rich history.

At the Adam Stephen House, members of the General Adam Stephen Association had the grounds well prepared for the hundreds of guests touring today. Beginning with several exhibit booths, which lined the entrance way, visitors were greeted by members in period costume who were demonstrating several skills from days gone by.

Gene Butts was dressed in his Revolutionary War finery replete with a flintlock musket, powder horn and "possible" bag to relate stories of the French and Indian War. Butts has participated in the Heritage Day celebration since its inception 20 years ago.

"I guess it's my military background that gave me an interest in the earlier wars and their history" he said, adding that he recently joined the Berkeley County Historical Society to expand his role as a historian and to further his own interest.

A number of other presentations were scheduled throughout the day on the General's grounds, including children's games and crafts from the Revolutionary period, gospel music by Albert Epps, excerpts from "Little Shop of Horrors" by the Apollo Theatre, Viola Johnson with story-telling about "how it was back then," Sweet Grass Drum - Native American Music & Lore and more music by Sleepy Creek, playing traditional bluegrass.

There also were tours of the home and the caves below. Upon entering the General's home, built in 1789, Marty Keesecker greeted guests as they signed in on the guest register. Marty is president of the General Adam Stephen Association. "This is all done to perpetuate the memory of Adam Stephen and his accomplishments," he explained.

While Marty manned his post in a splendid red Revolutionary uniform, his wife, Marlyn, "manned" the refreshment stand run by the Martinsburg Lions Club.

"The tour of the caves introduced another aspect of the original history and later use of the Adam Stephen House during the Civil War.

The historical records still are unclear as to the exact placement of the underground passageways and their use, but generally, it is thought to have consisted of five entryways that converge on a common area far below the surface of the home. During the time of the French and Indian War, the tunnels were used to escape from Indian attacks, while later, the tunnels may have been used as part of the Underground Railroad to harbor escaped slaves.

Bob Bennett, the tour master (and spelunker) brought groups down, down, down to where a small manhole was dug into the bottom of the last basement level - and there were several. "We were trying to dig this out to the common area, but gave it up because we had better places to do that," he said.

Over the years, the locations of the original tunnels have been covered up and need to be re-excavated, he said."

In other Heritage Day activities, the Boydville mansion, built in 1812 by Gen. Elisha Boyd, was open for public touring with plenty of volunteers to guide visitors through the well-appointed home.

Carole Daly, of the Heritage Craft Center, introduced guests to "twined rag rug making" as she wove a carpet on a period loom. She explained that her group tries to keep the old time skills alive by teaching weaving, pottery, stained glass, woodcarving, spinning, quilting and other period skills. For classes or information go to www.heritagecraftcenter.org

Rounding out Heritage Day would include tours of the Triple Brick Museum, Belle Boyd House and Caperton Train Station. Pan Tran provided free shuttle service between all five attractions.

Tri-State Grotto Meeting March 10, 2010

Bob Bennett started the meeting at 7:00 pm.

He told us the story of a cave that was opened up near Scherr, WV. It is near where Rt 42 and Rt 93 intersect. This is part of Corridor H. Scherr Crystal Cave. It has a 30 ft pit opening, 408 ft of passage. It may be filled, it may be gated, and it hasn't been decided yet. They are going back and forth.

Jason, Todd, another Todd, and Aaron introduced themselves, four new people who are interested in caving.

Jerry Bowen gave the treasurer's report. It was moved, seconded and passed.

JC Fisher got a call from Dan Feller, Western Regional Biologist, MD DNR. WNS was found in Maryland.

<http://www.dnr.state.md.us/dnrnews/pressrelease/2010/031810.asp>

Bernie Wootten talked about the spread of WNS. Bob gave an overall update on WNS.

There will be limited caving at VAR. Jerry Bowen showed a map of Benedicts Cave that will be in the guidebook. There will be a lot of maps in the guidebook.

Grotto T-Shirts are for sale for \$10. The deadline will be the next meeting. John Di Carlo will send out another email.

Jerry Bowen talked about a supplement on the MD caves survey. There may be a new book on MD caves in the future.

21 people were present at this meeting.

Cory Hackley talked about a Scott Hollow trip.

We will ask Keith Hammersla about doing a dig at Adam Stephen in April. If he can't, we will do a dig at Crystal Grottoes Caverns.

Tanner Haid talked about a trip to Dead Dog Cave.

Jerry Bowen talked about doing entrance surveys with John Pearson.

April 17 - Scout trip to Jones Quarry Cave

\$29 in Cave Bucks was collected and will be sent to WVCC.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

There were snacks after the meeting.

Submitted by
John P. Di Carlo, Jr.
Secretary
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Tri-State Grotto Meeting 4-14-2001

Bernie Wootten opened the meeting at 7 pm

New guests Tamie and Amber introduced themselves. They found us on our web site.

Jerry Bowen gave the treasurer's report.

MAKC asked for dues renewal. JC made a motion to send MAKC and SCCI \$50 each.

The treasurer's report was moved seconded and passed.

It was kicked around about how many extra Grotto T-Shirts to order. It was moved to order 9 shirts, black, green and blue in M, L and XL. It was seconded and passed.

WNS WVCC has opened their caves. Fish and Wildlife has not had their meeting yet to reopen caves. Two bats from Dyers were negative for WNS.

Bob Bennett had some pictures of bats that looked positive for WNS.

The ACC is trying to pay for Gilles cave in Lee County. It was moved by Terry McClanathan to send Cave Bucks to ACC this month. It was seconded and passed. Terry and JC said that they would match what was collected.

Moved by JC to send \$100 to ACC. It was seconded and passed.

VAR. Jerry Bowen talked about the guidebook. You have to pre-register to get the guidebook. Jerry showed off some of the maps.

There was discussion about putting the Grotto application on web site. Bob Bennett will take care of it.

The Adam Stephen Association wants Tri-State Grotto to give the tours of the tunnels for Heritage days. 10-4 May 8. Our next dig at The Adam Stephen House is June 19.

Bob talked about JC and him taking the 4-H group climbing and rappelling. There were 16 in the group.

Bernie and Sean Wootten went to Arkansas to Devils Den. It is a 300 ft. sandstone cave. They went thru blizzards and even broke down to make the trip more memorable.

They did get into a lava tube. They made it to Illinois and saw "Cave in the Rock".

Terry McClanathan talked about a drop named Hidden Well that was in a cave he was at. Someone moved the anchor point and now the drop is 292 ft.

April 17th Crystal Grottoes Dig 10:00 am.

April 17th Jones Quarry Scout trip (21 scouts)

May 1st Tri-State Grotto will replace both ladders in Whittings Neck Cave.

May 15th McDonalds Farm Dig in Hampshire Co, WV. See Bob Bennett

May 21-23 VAR

June 19th Adam Stephen Dig

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Submitted by
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