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**** Don't forget, the **JONES QUARRY BOOKLET** is **STILL** available at a reasonable price **\$6.00**. If you don't have it in your library, then YOU MUST GET IT. It is PACKED with info about the QUARRY, the CAVE, the INDIAN BONES, and of course the **MAP!** If you are interested in purchasing the BOOKLET, contact **BOB BENNETT [304-579-4304(H) or 304-725-3481 ext 491(W)]**(E-MAIL at gimpycaver@comcast.net or **JUDY FISHER [304-258-4974(H) or 304-258-1822(W)]**(E-MAIL at jcf@access.mountain.net)

WE NEED EVERYONE TO KEEP THINKING ABOUT VOLUNTEERING FOR AN OPEN POSITION. WE STILL NEED SOMEONE FOR THE FOLLOWING

POSITIONS:

SECRETARY

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MEMBER at LARGE

PLEASE GIVE IT SOME THOUGHT. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!



CAVING EVENTS

2011

APR 1 ----- **ALL FOOL'S DAY**
APR 13 ----- TSG Grotto meeting – 7pm
APR 15 ----- **TAX DAY**
APR 16 ----- Crystal Grottoes Dig – 10am
APR 17-23 --- VA Cave Week
APR 22 ----- **GOOD FRIDAY**
APR 22 ----- EARTH DAY
APR 23-24 --- Grand Caverns Easter Restoration
APR 24 ----- **EASTER**
APR 29 ----- ARBOR DAY
APR 29 – MAY 1 – SPRING VAR @ Durbin, WV –
 Sponsored by FRG
MAY 5 ----- CINCO de MAYO
MAY 5 ----- DAY OF PRAYER
MAY 7 ----- Adam Stephen day – 9am
MAY 8 ----- Jones Quarry Cave – 9am – see Bob
MAY 8 ----- **MOTHER'S DAY**
MAY 11 ----- TSG meeting – 7pm
MAY 12-15 --- Spring MAR – Shade Camp, PA
MAY 21 ----- ARMED FORCES DAY
MAY 27-30 --- Speleofest, KY
MAY 30 ----- **MEMORIAL DAY**
JUN 8 ----- TSG meeting – 7pm
JUN 10-12 --- Bubble weekend
JUN 14 ----- **FLAG DAY**
JUN 15 ----- NSS Convention Pre-registration Discount
 Ends
JUN 16-20 --- SERA Cave Carnival – Monteagle, TN
JUN 19 ----- **FATHER'S DAY**
JUN 20 ----- WV DAY
JUN 21 ----- **SUMMER SOLSTICE**
JUN 24-26 --- Indiana Cave Capers
JUL 4 ----- **INDEPENDENCE DAY**
JUL 13 ----- TSG meeting – 7pm
JUL 16 ----- Annual Grotto Picnic
JUL 18-22 --- NSS Convention, Glenwood Springs,
 CO
JUL 24 ----- PARENT'S DAY
JUL 31 ----- TRA Deadline
AUG 10 ----- TSG meeting – 7pm
SEP 1-5 ----- **PTR!!!!**
SEP 5 ----- **LABOR DAY**

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 March ----- **\$14.00**

TOTAL TO DATE: --- \$4947.00

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/
 David Hackley's Web Site -----
 <http://s180.photobucket.com/albums/x307/clearsig/>
 Todd Roberts -----
 http://s63.photobucket.com/albums/h143/Todd_05/
 Bob Gulden ----- www.caverbob.com/home.htm/
 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>
 WV Caver ----- <http://wvcaver.speleo.us>
 WNS -----
 <http://www.caves.org/WNS/WNS%20Info.htm>
 Containment Procedures -----
 <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/whitenosemessage.html/>
 Crystal Grottoes Caverns -----
 www.crystalgrottoescaverns.com



MONTH OF APRIL

Jeff Hajenga, Lauren McCoy, Ann Shepard

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Tri-State Grotto meeting Feb 9, 2011

John Di Carlo called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

Jerry gave the Treasurer's Report.

There were 2 new people at the meeting. They were asked to introduce themselves.

Old Business:

Adam Stephen dig – Sat, Mar 12 at 9 am

Crystal Grottoes dig – Sat, Apr 16 at 10 am

Spring VAR – Sat, Apr 30 & Sun, May 1 in Durbin, WV. Ft Royal Grotto is sponsoring the VAR.

Adam Stephen Day – Sat, May 7 – 10am-5pm

New Business:

Corey has been working on broken formations in Crystal Grottoes

Corey also wants to resurvey Crystal Grottoes but Jerry does not want a map published.

Trips-Bob & Brent went to Baker, WV to survey cave entrances for WNS.

Cave Bucks: \$14

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

Submitted by Paulette Bennett (Acting Secretary)

Tri-State Grotto meeting Mar 9, 2011

John called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm

Jerry gave the Treasurer's Report

Old Business:

Adam Stephen Dig – Mar 12 at 9 am

Crystal Grotto dig in April.

New Business:

Russ Kennedy was at the meeting. He is Chairman of the NSS Convention for 2013. He was asking for volunteers to help out. He needs 30-40 people for help.

A local canoe club (Mid-River Club?) donated a canoe to be put inside the quarry at Baker.

Brent is looking for people to help with a house at Baker, WV near Baker Quarry. Paint the roof & outside & mend the fence around the yard in exchange for using the house when in the area caving.

Jerry gave John the 'Official' gavel for the meetings.

Cave Bucks: \$20

The meeting was adjourned & Ed Devine gave a slide show on Carols Crack Cave and the gating of Baker Quarry.

Brand-New Caver in Tri-State

Bill Vis announced a new addition to his family: Eliza Marie Vis was born on 3/22/11. All are doing well!

Congratulations Bill! A job well done!

Folks,

As the Spring VAR draws near (April 29-May 1) in Durbin, W.Va., which is hosted by Front Royal Grotto, I am happy to announce that online registration of trips is now available.

<http://www.frontroyal.varegion.org/var.html>

Please Note:

Online registration for trips will be available to registered people only.

All lead trips will have a couple of open spaces to sign up at the VAR. So if you cannot decide which trip you want to go on, you may be able to sign up for one Friday night. But if you want to reserve a spot for a certain trip, it is suggested you sign up for one now.

WNS Decon:

There will be a station to decontaminate your gear after caving.

Loaner gear will also be available.

On our organized trips, all trip leaders have the right to look over your caving gear to see if it is clean.

If you have dirty gear, you risk not getting underground. It is up to the discretion of the trip leaders, so please honor their decisions and decon your gear before the VAR.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Nikki Fox
FRG Spring VAR Cave Committee



Bob Bennett in Coral Cave, Dark Woods area, Berkeley Co, WV – photo taken by Jerry Bowen



Tight Passage in Coral Cave (Bowen)

TRIP REPORT

Adam Stephen Dig

Taking a shower

By John Di Carlo NSS 25744

Martinsburg, WV - On March 12, 2011 Tri-State Grotto met at the Adam Stephen House to continue our dig. We are still hoping to reopen the tunnels there.

As we set up we looked down into the tunnel to see if we had water in there. It had been raining the past week. We haven't had water in the tunnel since new gutters were put on the house.



Bob Bennett hands a bucket off to John Roche

With just the light from the room above we couldn't see any water. Jeff Marcum put on his helmet and turned the light on. As he moved around the opening he said he thought he could see water. His moving around caused some dirt to roll down the slope. We could hear it splashing into a pool. We had our milk jug bailer from before and Jeff went down and started sending buckets of water up. As the first one came up he commented that it had leaks in it and was getting a shower. We set that bucket aside until we were ready for the dirt. We sent a second bucket down and Jeff cried out that he could see light through the bucket. Again, he received a shower as that bucket full of water was pulled up. That bucket was set aside too. We sent a third bucket down and it didn't leak. We pulled up 13 buckets of water.



John Roche Taking out a bucket

Now we started on the dirt. As fast as a bucket was pulled up and another sent back down, Jeff had one ready to take out. When Jeff was ready for a break he came out and I went down. We kept up the same fast pace as before. When we broke for lunch we were up to 55 buckets of dirt and the 13 buckets of water.



Keith Hammersla taking out a bucket

Keith had lunchmeat, rolls, all the fixings, soup, chips, dessert and drinks for us. After lunch Keith took 5 visitors and the people who had not seen the other end of the tunnel to the King St. entrance.

We started back up with Todd Zimmerman climbing down into the tunnel. Again the buckets of dirt came up at a fast pace. Keith told us that the record number of buckets was 150. We felt that we could beat that number.



Jeff Marcum and Bob Bennett starting to pull a bucket up

When Todd took a break Jeff climbed back down. We kept up the fast pace until we stopped for the day.

We were taking out tan, sandy, rock free, dirt. The going direction is on the north side of the hole. All totaled we pulled out 163 buckets of dirt and 13 buckets of water for a grand total of 176 buckets for the day. We ran a tape down the hole and came up with a dept of 33 feet deep. At the bottom the space measured 7 ½ feet across.

Todd and I measured the ceiling joists so a metal bar between the joists can replace the nails that the pulley is on. Todd said he had the parts and would bring them to the next dig.



Jack Brawner taking a bucket out

Our helpers were; Bob Bennett, Paulette Bennett, Jeff Marcum, Jesse Thompson, Jack Brawner, John Roche, Todd Zimmerman, Keith Hammersla and John Di Carlo. Nine people donated 54 hours of work to the project.



What would you do if you saw this sign?

IN THE MEDIA



The Herald Mail, Tristate, Mon, Aug 24, 2010, pp B1 & B3 (Paulette Bennett)

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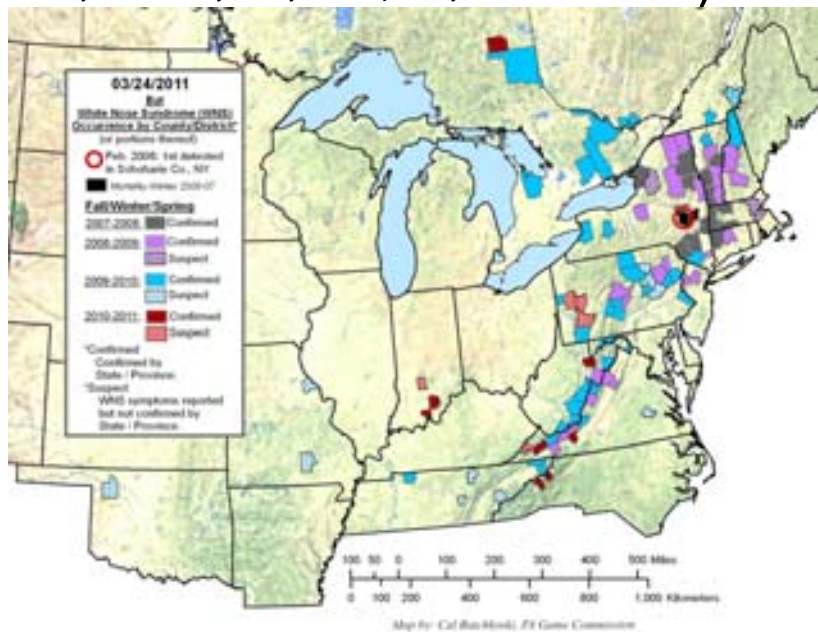
CAVEM CALENDAR

APRIL 10TH - MAY 21ST



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Apr 10</i>	<i>Apr 11</i>	<i>Apr 12</i>	<i>Apr 13</i> Meeting 7pm	<i>Apr 14</i>	<i>Apr 15</i> TAX DAY	<i>Apr 16</i> Crystal Grottoes Dig 10 am
<i>Apr 17</i> VA CAVE WEEK	<i>Apr 18</i> VA CAVE WEEK	<i>Apr 19</i> VA CAVE WEEK	<i>Apr 20</i> VA CAVE WEEK	<i>Apr 21</i> VA CAVE WEEK	<i>Apr 22</i> VA CAVE WEEK EARTH DAY GOOD FRIDAY	<i>Apr 23</i> VA CAVE WEEK Grand Caverns Restoration Weekend
<i>Apr 24</i> Grand Caverns Restoration Weekend EASTER	<i>Apr 25</i>	<i>Apr 26</i>	<i>Apr 27</i>	<i>Apr 28</i>	<i>Apr 29</i> ARBOR DAY SPRING VAR Durbin, WV	<i>Apr 30</i> SPRING VAR
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<i>May 8</i> Jones Quarry Cave - see Bob MOTHER'S DAY	<i>May 9</i>	<i>May 10</i>	<i>May 11</i> Meeting 7pm	<i>May 12</i>	<i>May 13</i> Spring MAR - Shade Camp, PA	<i>May 14</i> Spring MAR
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1- TAKING A SHOWER

2- MAN KEEPS EYE OUT FOR BATS



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