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

PROGRAM CHAIR  
 MEMBER at LARGE

PLEASE GIVE IT SOME THOUGHT. WE NEED YOUR  
 SUPPORT!



# CAVING EVENTS

## 2011

NOV 6 ----- DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS  
NOV 8 ----- Election Day  
NOV 9 ----- TSG Grotto meeting – 7pm – Nominations  
NOV 11 ----- VETERAN'S DAY  
NOV 12 ----- Sadie Hawkin's Day  
NOV 12 ----- WVCC Banquet – 6:00 pm  
NOV 24 ----- THANKSGIVING DAY  
NOV 25 ----- BLACK FRIDAY  
DEC 14 ----- TSG meeting – 7pm – Elections  
DEC 17 ----- Annual TSG Xmas Celebration – 6pm  
DEC 18 ----- Xmas caving  
DEC 22 ----- WINTER SOLSTICE  
DEC 24 ----- XMAS EVE  
DEC 25 ----- XMAS DAY  
DEC 31 ----- NEW YEAR'S EVE

## 2012

JAN 1 ----- NEW YEARS DAY  
JAN 11 ----- TSG meeting – 7pm  
JAN 14 ----- Adam Stephen dig work day – 9am  
JAN 16 ----- MARTIN MUTHER KING DAY  
FEB 2 ----- GROUND HOG DAY  
FEB 8 ----- TSG meeting – 7pm  
FEB 14 ----- VALENTINE'S DAY  
FEB 20 ----- PRESIDENT'S DAY  
MAR 14 ----- TSG meeting – 7PM  
MAR 17 ----- ST PATRICK'S DAY  
APR 1 ----- ALL FOOL'S DAY  
APR 6 ----- GOOD FRIDAY  
APR 8 ----- EASTER  
APR 11 ----- TSG meeting – 7pm  
APR 15 ----- TAX DAY  
MAY 4-6 ----- SPRING VAR – Hosted by TSG in  
Greenbrier Co, WV  
MAY 9 ----- TSG meeting – 7PM  
MAY 12 ----- Heritage Day (Adam Stephen Day)  
MAY 13 ----- MOTHER'S DAY  
MAY 28 ----- MEMORIAL DAY  
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 October ----- \$23.00

TOTAL TO DATE: --- \$5070.00

Keep It Coming!

## WEBSITE & CAVING LINKS

Tri-State Grotto ----- [www.tristategrotto.net/](http://www.tristategrotto.net/)  
VAR ----- [www.varegion.org/](http://www.varegion.org/)  
NSS ----- [www.caves.org/](http://www.caves.org/)  
NSS Convention 2010 ----- <http://www.ics2009.us/>  
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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](http://www.crystalgrottoescaverns.com)

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# GROTTO BIRTHDAYS

## MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Mary Bowen, Brooks Brogan, Pat Cronin,  
Nikki Fox, Art Hanson Jr, Christal  
Hanson, Austin Jefferson, Chase  
Jefferson, Terry McClanathan, Abby  
Wooten

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

# GROTTO NEWS

## Tri-State Grotto Meeting October 12, 2011

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

Jerry Bowen gave the Treasurer's report.

Bob Bennett talked about the WVCC banquet coming up on Nov 12, 2011. The cost is \$30 in advance & \$35 at the banquet.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Talked about the Fall Bash. 14 people attended. The weather was great!

Fall VAR – Being held at the RASS Field House.

7 new people showed up at the meeting.

Nestle Quarry cave is for sale (2.4) acres

Talked about the Crystal Grottoes dig. Removed 300 buckets of dirt.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Jerry Bowen talked about the 2012 Convention. It is being held in Lewisburg, Greenbrier Co, WV.

The next Adam Stephen dig will be held Jan 14, 2012 at 9am. We will be working on shoring up the foundation.

Some of the new people at the meeting talked about recent caves that they have done like Stillhouse, Sinks of Gandy, & Whittings Neck.

### UPCOMING TRIPS:

10/22/11 – Mystic – see Bob

12/17/11 – Annual Christmas party – at Paulette & Bob Bennett's home – 6pm until whenever?

### CAVE BUCKS:

Collected \$23.00

Adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Paulette Bennett, Tri-State Grotto Secretary



Crystal Grottoes

# OTR 2011

## Alpena Cave

By John Di Carlo

Alpine Lodge, Bowden, WV - Our OTR caving trip on Saturday, September 2, 2011, was to Alpena Cave. It is a wet cave with a stream running through it. Parking beside the road at a pull-over spot, we geared up. We followed a trail to the cave. As we went down a hill to the cave opening we could feel the cool air coming out. It was a hot weekend and the cool air felt nice. We didn't mind waiting for the others to make their way to the opening.

As we waited to go in, several people came out. First there were two young adult women. The front side of them was soaking wet. They told us that we were definitely going to get wet. They said that there was a crawl right inside that was right in the stream. We said, OK, we thought that we would get wet.

A few minutes after the girls came out two older guys came out. They were hardly wet at all. They told us that it wasn't that wet. This shows the difference between new cavers and experienced cavers.

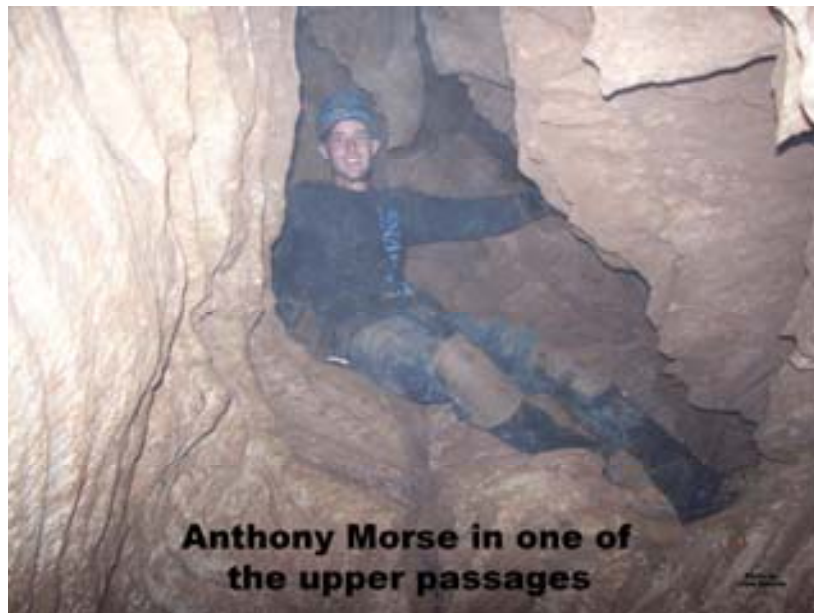
When everyone arrived we lined up for a before photo shot.



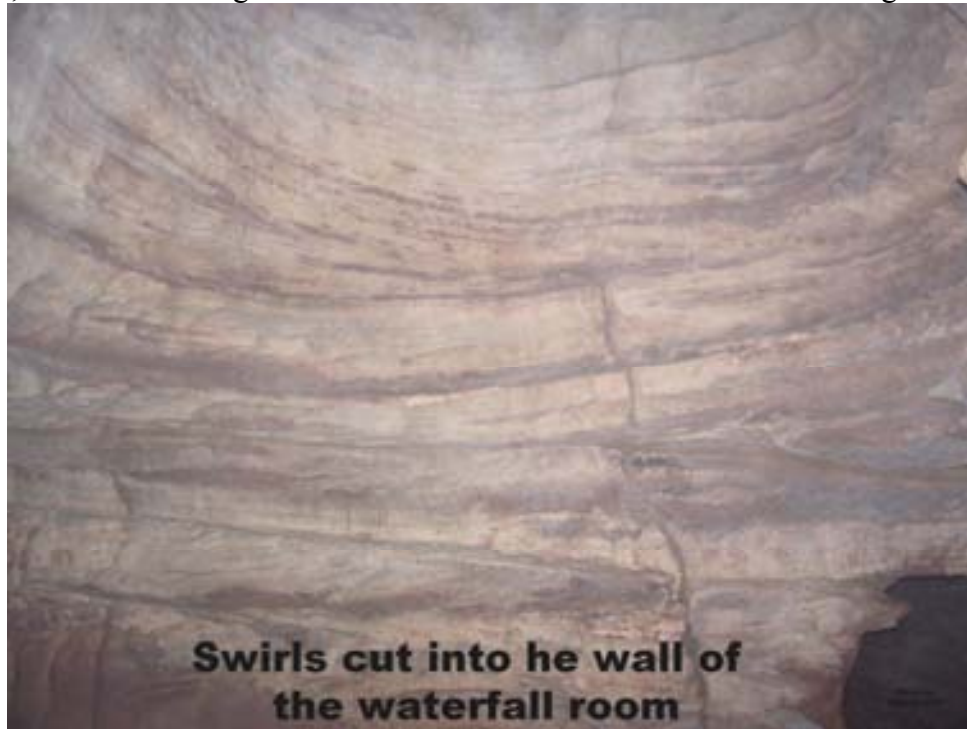
We started in and true to what the girls said we had to crawl through the stream at a low spot. After that it opened up a little. The shorter you were the easier the trip was. Some people could walk. I had to get down and crawl on my knees or duck walk. There were small rooms where we could group, but they were few and far between.



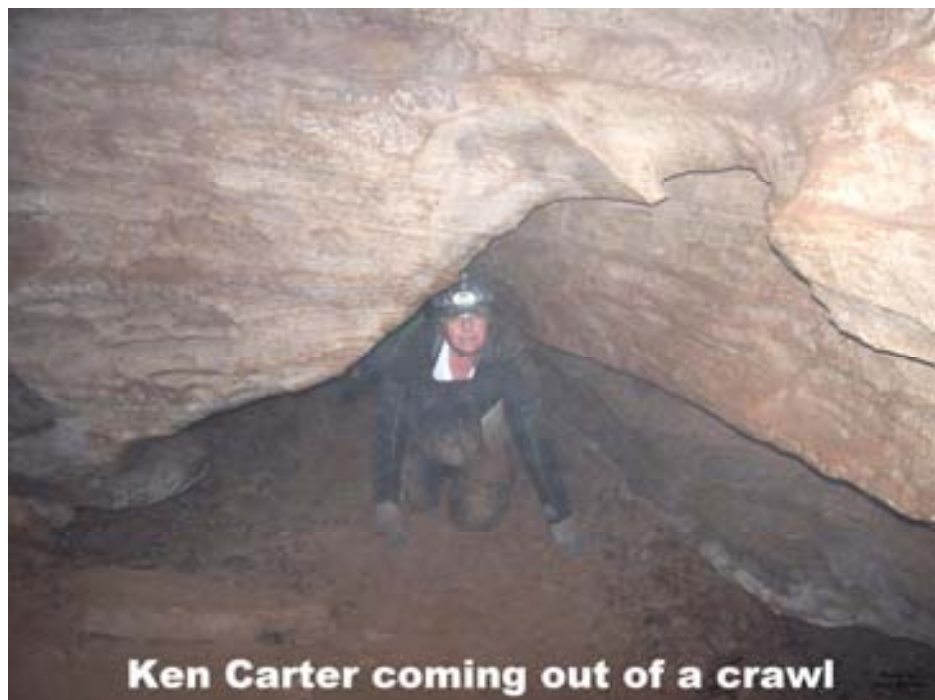
There were a few upper level passages. A few people on our trip climbed up and checked them out.



As we continued we came to a waterfall room. It was the largest room that we saw. I tried to take pictures of it, but it was hard to capture. It may have been the largest room we saw, but it was still tight. The circular lines on the walls were interesting.



After the waterfall room, we continued up the passage. We were still walking and crawling. We finally got to where the passage dropped and it was all crawling in the stream. We turned around there.

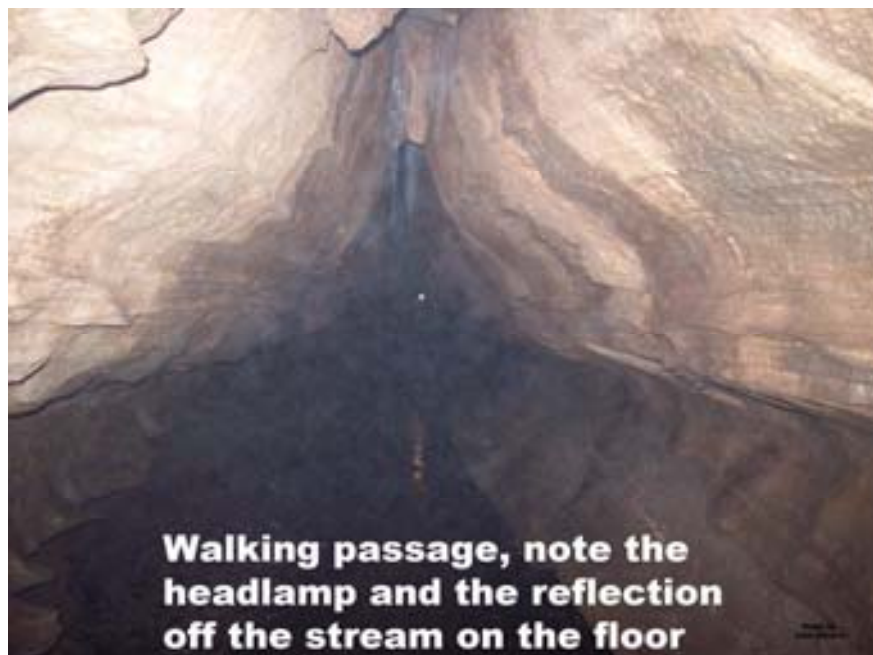


We were back to crawling and then being able to walk. The shorter you were, the easier the cave was; you didn't have to crawl so much.

We did have an OTR Virgin from Baltimore Grotto with us. We got him to drive us to the cave. He also got to lead us in.



You may be wondering what most of the passage looked like. I did take a picture so you could see. This is the walking passage part. You can see someone's headlamp in the distance. It is also bouncing off the stream on the floor.



After we came out of the cave we lined up for the after shot. We don't look too muddy, do we?



After we changed into clean clothes, several people were still messing around with their things and a state trooper drove by. Right after that the road curved to the left. As the trooper looked, he drove off the road into the gravel. He drove back onto the road and continued on. Can you imagine telling your boss how you wrecked your police car while trying to look at naked female cavers?

The people on the trip were: Shawn Daugherty- the OTR virgin, Andy Celmer, Ken Carter, John Di Carlo, Trish Walters, Barb Walters, Jordan Walters, William Walters, Jessica Waters, Randi Morse, and Anthony Morse.

# The Annual Grotto Christmas Celebration

Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Time: 6PM until (?) whenever!

The party will be held at  
Paulette & Bob Bennett's home.

Bring a cover dish (with food of course) and your families and celebrate the joyous season with your fellow cavers & friends! The Grotto will furnish a ham, plates, eating utensils, napkins, sodas, ice, & veggies.

There will be pictures & slides of caving trips and events to show. If anyone has any pictures &/or slides bring them along to show.

There will be a squeeze box for those who want to show off how small of a hole they can get through.

CYALL at the party. Paulette says that you better be here!

## BYOB!



# CAVIN CALENDAR

## NOVEMBER 6TH - DECEMBER 17TH



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov 6 Daylight Saving Time Ends	Nov 7	Nov 8 ELECTION DAY	Nov 9  Meeting 7pm Annual Nominations	Nov 10	Nov 11 VETERAN'S DAY	Nov 12 SADIE HAWKIN'S DAY WVCC BANQUET 7PM
Nov 13	Nov 14	Nov 15	Nov 16	Nov 17	Nov 18	Nov 19
Nov 20	Nov 21	Nov 22	Nov 23	Nov 24 THANKS GIVING	Nov 25 BLACK FRIDAY	Nov 26
Nov 27	Nov 28	Nov 29	Nov 30	Dec 1	Dec 2	Dec 3
Dec 4	Dec 5	Dec 6	Dec 7	Dec 8	Dec 9	Dec 10
Dec 11	Dec 12	Dec 13	Dec 14  Meeting 7pm	Dec 15	Dec 16	Dec 17 Annual Grotto Christmas Celebration 6pm-until?

# DEAD DOG DISPATCH



Sinks of Gandy (Berge)

- 1- CRYSTAL GROTTOES DIG
- 2- UPCOMING CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



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