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

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**MEMBER at LARGE**

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



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# CAVING EVENTS

## 2012

- JUL 1 ----- OTR Pre-registration begins
- JUL 4 ----- INDEPENDENCE DAY
- JUL 11 ----- TSG meeting – 7pm
- JUL 14 ----- TSG picnic
- JUL 20-22 --- Karst-O-Rama, Great Saltpeter Preserve, KY
- JUL 22 ----- Parent's Day
- JUL 28 ----- Crystal Grottoes dig – 10am
- JUL 31 ----- TRA Deadline
- AUG 8 ----- TSG meeting – 7pm
- AUG 10-12 --- 50<sup>TH</sup> Annual Cave Capers – Camp Rivervale, Mitchell, IN
- AUG 30-31 – SEP 1-3 --- OTR
- SEP 1 ----- Doo Dah Parade – 10am
- SEP 3 ----- LABOR DAY
- SEP 9 ----- GRAND PARENT'S DAY
- SEP 11 ----- PATRIOT'S DAY
- SEP 12 ----- TSG meeting – 7PM
- SEP 22 ----- AUTUMNAL EQUINOX
- OCT 8 ----- COLUMBUS DAY
- OCT 10 ----- TSG meeting – 7pm
- OCT 20 ----- Bridge Day
- OCT 31 ----- ALL HALLOW EVE (HALLOWEEN)
- NOV 4 ----- DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
- NOV 10 ----- Sadie Hawkin's Day
- NOV 11 ----- VETERAN'S DAY
- NOV 14 ----- TSG meeting – 7pm
- NOV 22 ----- THANKS GIVING
- NOV 23 ----- BLACK FRIDAY
- DEC 12 ----- Grotto meeting – 7pm
- DEC 15 ----- Annual Grotto Christmas Celebration
- DEC 16 ----- Caving!
- DEC 21 ----- WINTER SOLSTICE
- DEC 24 ----- CHRISTMAS EVE
- DEC 26 ----- CHRISTMAS DAY
- DEC 31 ----- NEW YEAR'S EVE

## 2013

AUG 5-9 ----- NSS Convention, Shippensburg, PA

### \*\*\*\*\* 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 ----- \$20.00

TOTAL TO DATE: ---- \$5200.00

**The money was sent to SCCI!  
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/>
- OTR ----- [www.otr.org/](http://www.otr.org/)
- MAR ----- [www.caves.org/region/mar/](http://www.caves.org/region/mar/)
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- Jerry's Cave Web Site ----- <http://www.caves.org/member/jerry/>
- Vitas Eidukevicius ----- [www.tristategrotto.net/Vitas/](http://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/](http://s63.photobucket.com/albums/h143/Todd_05/)
- Bob Gulden ----- [www.caverbob.com/home.htm/](http://www.caverbob.com/home.htm/)
- Rock Climbing Knots Friction ----- [www.chockstone.org/TechTips/prusik.htm#Bachman/](http://www.chockstone.org/TechTips/prusik.htm#Bachman/)
- Tri-State Grotto MySpace ----- [www.myspace.com/tristategrotto/](http://www.myspace.com/tristategrotto/)
- Animated Knots by Grog ----- [www.animatedknots.com/](http://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](http://www.crystalgrottoescaverns.com)

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# GROTTO BIRTHDAYS

## MONTH OF JULY

Lynn DiCarlo, Jason Hajenga, Nuch Songasasen, Terry Ward

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

# GROTTO NEWS

## Tri-State Grotto of the NSS Meeting: May 9, 2012

John called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Jerry gave the Treasurer's report.

OLD BUSINESS: Spring VAR 2012 - Made a small profit.

We are sponsoring the Spring 2013 VAR. It will be in Pocahontas Co.

Judy suggested that John do his wine tasting again.

Jerry suggested that each trip leader have a placard with the cave name so people can easily see what is what.

Jerry has also seen the scout camp site.

NEW BUSINESS: Jerry gave a report about a cave in TN. There was an article about the cave in the NSS News.

John said that another sinkhole opened up near Frederick, MD.

The Annual Grotto Picnic at Crystal Grottoes. It starts at 12 noon until about 5pm.

There will be an Adam Stephen dig on Sat, June 16 at 9:00 am.

There is also a dig at Crystal Grottoes On Sat, July 28 at 10:00 am.

TRIPS: NSS Convention in Greenbrier Valley in WV.

OTR - Aug 30 - Sep 3

Jerry went to Donaldson Cave & Whittings Neck Cave.

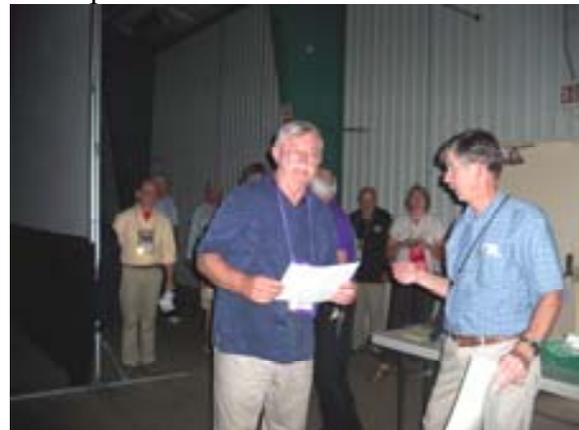
CAVE BUCKS: \$20 - Will be sent to SCCI.

John adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by:  
Paulette Bennett  
Recording Secretary  
Tri-State Grotto of the NSS

WOW! At the 2012 NSS Convention in the Greenbrier Valley, WV we again had a Tri-State Grotto member recognized for achievements in the field of caving!

Congratulations to JC Fisher for becoming a Fellow of the Society! Again I can't think of a better person to receive the award!



JC makes the 12<sup>th</sup> member of Tri-State Grotto to make Fellow of the Society!

Here is a listing of past Fellow awards to TSG members:

Bill Jones - 1972  
Dave Culver – 1974  
Bob Gulden – 1982  
Ellie Florance – 2005  
Gordon Birkhimer – 2006  
John Pearson – 2007  
Janet Tinkham – 2007  
Bob Bennett – 2008  
Judy Fisher – 2009  
Jerry Bowen – 2010  
Pat Minnick – 2011  
JC Fisher – 2012

Congrats to all!

Here are some other awards that have been bestowed upon TSG members:

John Pearson – Conservation Award – 2007  
Dave Culver – Certificate of Merit – 1978 & 2005

I think that Tri-State has become a pretty prestigious Grotto!!!! Don't you?

Here are a few tidbits from the 2012 NSS Convention.

I'm not sure of the total amount of attendees but it was in the neighborhood between 1100 & 1200.

The weather was perfect through Wednesday. The daytime temps were 80-85 degrees and the night temps were 50's to near 60.

Thursday it turned hot! Daytime temps were in the mid 90's.

Friday was another scorcher in the mid 90's again! Then during the banquet all Hell broke

loose! As you are well aware a Derecho hit the Mid-Atlantic with winds of 80-90 mph. Lewisburg was really hit hard! The convention campground was no exception! I witnessed at least 3 very large trees that fell and crushed several vehicles and damaged many others.

Seems like bad weather likes to follow the NSS Convention no matter where it is being held!

Here are some pictures of the damage in the campground:



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There was no power within 60-100 miles of Lewisburg so there was no gas! Those who were lucky enough to fill up before the storm were able to head home but many were stranded for hours.

Paulette & I were stranded in Covington for 6 hours until our son & grandson-in-law drove 3.5 hours with 15 gallons of gas. I must say that the wait in Covington as a hot one! The temperature for most of the day set right on 102 degrees!

Another convention that will be remembered for a long time!!!!!!



On the following page are a couple of more pictures that were taken during caves trips. Probably the most memorable pictures that I took were on my first trip to Norman. On the way to the cave we came upon 12-15 head of cattle that were leisurely strolling down the road. It was pretty funny following a herd of cattle consisting of at least 2 bulls, several calves, & the rest cows. Everything was fine until the 2 bulls squared off and started butting heads right in front of my Honda. I guess they were trying to assert dominance for the privilege of servicing the cows! LOL!



Here are some pics that Ann Muldoon took in Maxwellton Sink:





Here is a pic from the banquet:



Ready to leave (with very little gas).



Waiting in Covington, VA



# CAVIN CALENDAR

JULY 8TH - AUGUST 18TH



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jul 8	Jul 9	Jul 10	Jul 11  MEETING 7pm	Jul 12	Jul 13	Jul 14  Picnic 12 noon
Jul 15	Jul 16	Jul 17	Jul 18	Jul 19	Jul 20 Karst-O-Rama Great Saltpeper Preserve, KY	Jul 21 Karst-O-Rama
Jul 22 Karst-O-Rama	Jul 23	Jul 24	Jul 25	Jul 26	Jul 27	Jul 28 Crystal Grottoes dig 10 am
Jul 29	Jul 30	Jul 31 TRA Membership deadline	Aug 1	Aug 2	Aug 3	Aug 4
Aug 5	Aug 6	Aug 7	Aug 8  MEETING 7pm	Aug 9	Aug 10 50th Annual Cave Capers, Camp Riverdale, IN	Aug 11 Cave Capers
Aug 12 Cave Capers	Aug 13	Aug 14	Aug 15	Aug 16	Aug 17	Aug 18

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Adam Stephen Dig



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