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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!**



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# CAVING EVENTS

## 2012

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

JUN 4 ----- NSS Convention pre-registration ends  
JUN 8-10 ---- Bubble Weekend  
JUN 13 ----- TSG meeting – 7pm  
**JUN 14 ----- FLAG DAY**  
JUN 16 ----- Adam Stephen Dig-9am  
**JUN 17 ----- FATHER'S DAY**  
JUN 20 ----- WV DAY  
**JUN 20 ----- SUMMER SOLSTICE**  
**JUN 25-29 --- NSS Convention, Lewisburg, WV**  
**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

### \*\*\*\*\* 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 May ----- \$34.00

TOTAL TO DATE: --- \$5180.00

**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/>  
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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>

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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)



## MONTH OF JUNE

Bob Bennett, Gordon Birkhimer, Anya Crane, Mike Eppley, Vik Garg, Steven Jefferson, Paul Payne Sr, Bill Vis, Bernie Wootten, Jonathan Wootten

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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:** Heritage Day (Adam Stephen Day) Sat, May 12. Need volunteers.

Picnic Sat, Jul 14 at Crystal Grottoes @ 12 noon.

Crystal Grottoes dig Sat, Jul 28 @ 10am.

**New Business:** We are hosting the Spring 2013 VAR! Jeff gave a report on the site for the VAR.

Fall VAR 2012 is near Lexington, VA.

Trips: Jeff Marcum went to Stillhouse & Norman Caves. Mary Lynn, Jerry & others went to Poor Farm (Greenbrier Co).  
Steven went to Lightners & Bob went to Poor Farm (Pocahontas Co)

**Cave Bucks:** \$34 - SCCI

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm

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



Morgan Co pit!

# Spring VAR 2012

Williamsburg, WV

By John DiCarlo, NSS 25744

Friday night started with registering as soon as I hit Poor Farm Festive Campgrounds. I looked around to see where things were.







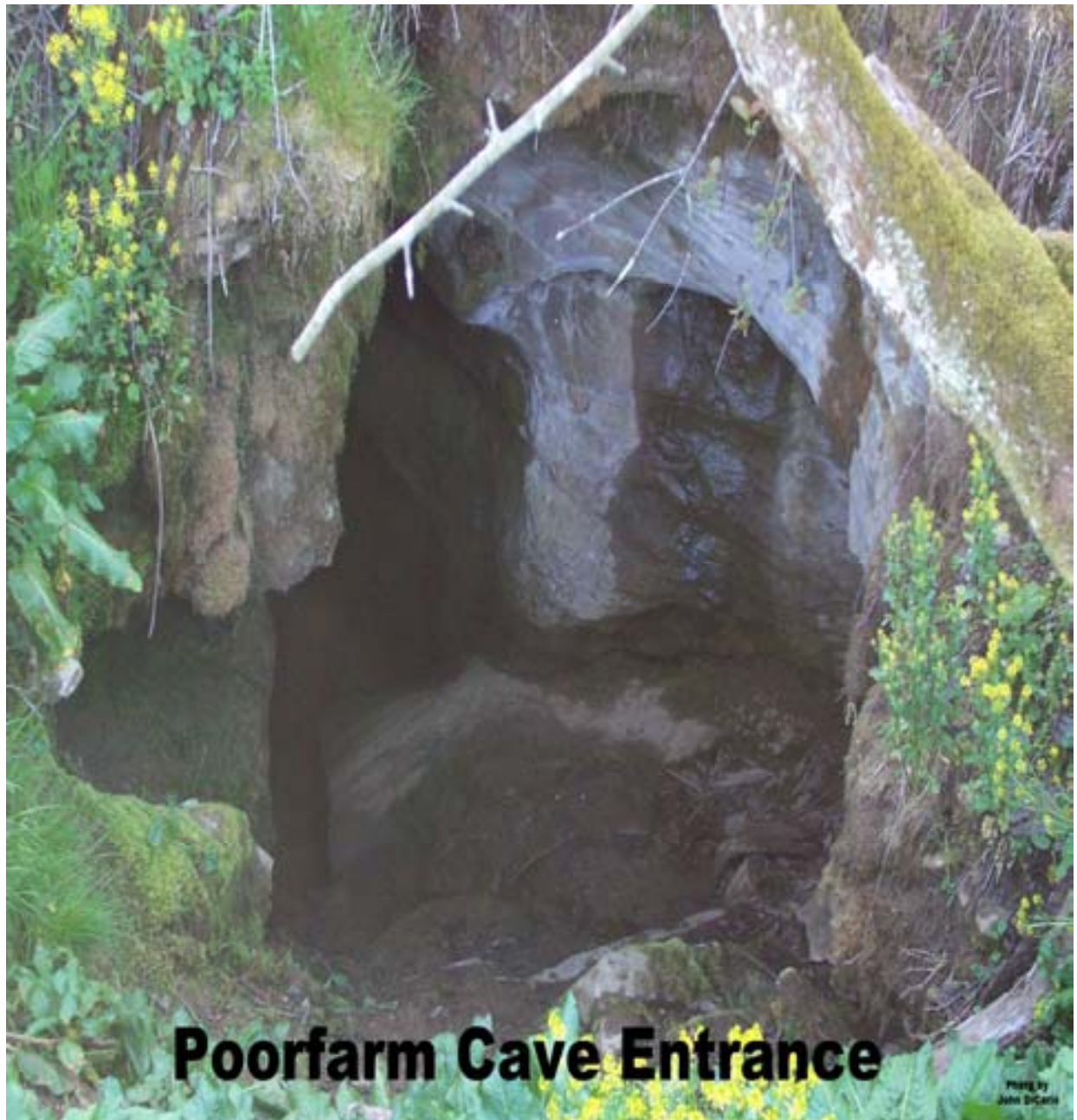
**Rock with flutes**



**Pots in the rocks**



There were sinkholes all over the place. The Karst showed signs of once being underground. The rocks were fluted and there were several potholes in a row.



I walked over to see the entrance to Poor Farm Cave. There was a project scheduled to fix the steps on Saturday, which happened.



**Bob Bennett at the Wine Tasting**



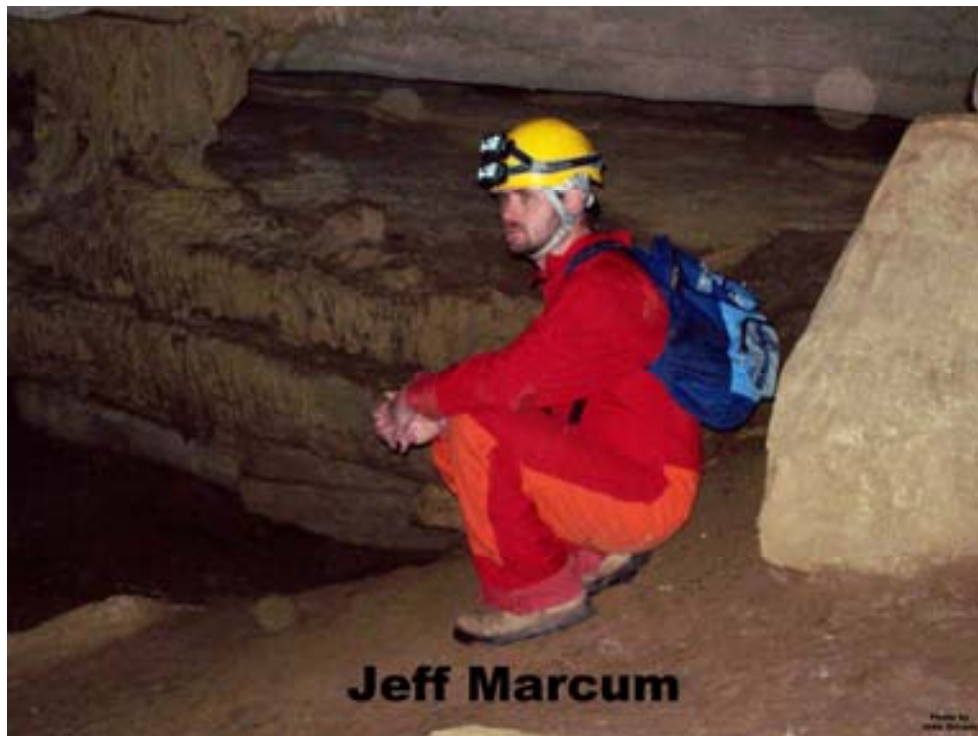
**Carl Amundson at the Wine Tasting**





At 7 pm. The Wine Tasting and Bluegrass music started. It had a nice turnout.

When the sign-up sheets went out at 9 pm, I signed up for Norman's Cave. Others signed up for a large selection of trips.



Saturday morning found me riding with Ken and Carolyn Carter to Norman's Cave. It was only 20 minutes from camp. Suiting up we followed Jeff Jahn up the trail to the opening. Other people on the trip who were from Tri-State Grotto were; Jeff Marcum, Todd Zimmerman and Jason Rice. There were a few others, but I don't know who they were.



**Upper part of the Waterfall**





We slid into the entrance and continued down a large slope to the bottom. We climbed around and entered the stream level. There is a nice waterfall that was hard to get a shot of. I had to do it in two shots, the upper part of the waterfall and the lower part.

Here we entered the stream and followed it downward. The water was up a little bit and you had to be careful where you placed your feet or you could step into a deep hole.



We knew going in that we would be in waist deep water. That wasn't wrong. We can use these shots of Caroline Carter as a gauge.





We took a side passage and saw some nice formations.





At this point we took a little break. Some ate a bite or took a drink. Others just hung in there. After passing this spot where the above picture was taken we stopped and rested. The trip was turned around at this point and we headed out.

Dinner was close to being on time. After dinner the program started. When it was over, John Fox DJ'ed the night away. There was beer, snacks and a cup flip competition till the wee hours.

Sunday morning Front Royal Grotto served breakfast. Shortly after breakfast the VAR meeting started.

During the meeting when VAR asked for a sponsor for Spring 2013 VAR, no other grotto spoke up. Then Jeff Marcum stood up and said that Tri-State Grotto would do the Spring 2013 VAR. Looks like we're doing it again.





# CAVIN CALENDAR

## JUNE 10TH - JULY 21ST



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Jun 10</b> <b>BUBBLE WEEKEND</b>	<b>Jun 11</b>	<b>Jun 12</b>	 <b>MEETING 7 PM</b>	 <b>FLAG DAY</b>	<b>Jun 15</b>	<b>Jun 16</b> Adam Stephen Dig 9am
<b>Jun 17</b> <b>FATHER'S DAY</b>	<b>Jun 18</b>	<b>Jun 19</b>	 <b>SOLSTICE WV DAY</b>	<b>Jun 21</b>	<b>Jun 22</b>	<b>Jun 23</b>
<b>Jun 24</b>	<b>Jun 25</b> NSS CONVENTION LEWISBURG, WV	 <b>NSS CONV</b>	<b>Jun 27</b> NSS CONVENTION	<b>Jun 28</b> NSS CONV	<b>Jun 29</b> NSS CONV	<b>Jun 30</b>
<b>Jul 1</b> OTR PRE-REG	<b>Jul 2</b>	<b>Jul 3</b>		<b>Jul 5</b>	<b>Jul 6</b>	<b>Jul 7</b>
<b>Jul 8</b>	<b>Jul 9</b>	<b>Jul 10</b>	 <b>MEETING</b>	<b>Jul 12</b>	<b>Jul 13</b>	 <b>Picnic 12 noon</b>
<b>Jul 15</b>	<b>Jul 16</b>	<b>Jul 17</b>	<b>Jul 18</b>	<b>Jul 19</b>	<b>Jul 20</b> Karst-O-Rama Great Saltwater Preserve, KY	<b>Jul 21</b> Karst-O-Rama

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Skyline Caverns (Bob)



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