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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!



CAVE EVENTS

2012

MAR 10 ----- Culverson Creek – Eric & Earl
MAR 11 ----- DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS
MAR 14 ----- TSG meeting – 7PM – Deadline for beer, sodas, & water
MAR 17 ----- ST PATRICK'S DAY
 MAR 17 ----- Silers Cave – SEE Jeff Jahn
MAR 20 ----- VERNAL (SPRING) EQUINOX
 MAR 22 ----- World Water Day
 MAR 25 ----- MD Day
 MAR 30-31 – NCRC Orientation – E. Mennonite U
 MAR 31 ----- Maxwelton Sink – see Jerry (Photo trip)
 MAR 31 ----- Hamilton Cave-see Eric Berge – Beginner
 APR 1 ----- NCRC Orientation
APR 1 ----- ALL FOOL'S DAY
APR 6 ----- GOOD FRIDAY
 APR 6-8 ----- Grand Caverns Conservation Weekend
APR 8 ----- EASTER
APR 11 ----- TSG meeting – 7pm
APR 16 ----- TAX DAY
 APR 22 ----- EARTH DAY
 APR 27 ----- ARBOR DAY
APR 27-29 --- SPRING VAR – Hosted by TSG in Greenbrier Co, WV at the Poor Farm Festival Grounds
 MAY 3-6 ----- SERA Cave Carnival
 MAY 5 ----- CINCO de MAYO
 MAY 9 ----- TSG meeting – 7PM
 MAY 10 ----- DAY of PRAYER
 MAY 12 ----- Heritage Day (Adam Stephen Day)
MAY 13 ----- MOTHER'S DAY
 MAY 19 ----- ARMED FORCES DAY
 MAY 25-28 --- KY Speleofest – Lone Star Preserve
MAY 28 ----- MEMORIAL DAY
 JUN 8-10 ----- Bubble Weekend
 JUN 13 ----- TSG meeting – 7pm
JUN 14 ----- FLAG DAY
JUN 17 ----- FATHER'S DAY
 JUN 20 ----- WV DAY
JUN 20 ----- SUMMER SOLSTICE
JUN 25-30 --- 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 Saltwater Preserve, KY
 JUL 22 ----- Parent's Day
 JUL 31 ----- TRA Deadline
 AUG 8 ----- TSG meeting – 7pm
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

***** 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 February----- \$11.00

TOTAL TO DATE: --- \$5122.00

Keep It Coming!



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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/
Andy Celmer ----- www.tristategrotto.net/Andy/
Bob's Web Site ----- www.tristategrotto.net/Bob/
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

GROTTO BIRTHDAYS

MONTH OF MARCH

Gloria Chepko, Ehren Gieske, Mason Griffin, Bob Gulden, Allison Hazen, Kevin Mulligan, Amanda Payne, Ken Tayman, Eliza Marie Vis, Sean Wootten

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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GROTTO NEWS

Spring VAR

Poor Farm Festival Grounds

Williamsport, WV

April 27th, 28th, & 29th, 2012

Have you registered for VAR yet? If not, you still have until April 1st. Why, do you ask? Because starting now, you can go to our website

"<http://tristategrotto.net/SpringVAR2012/VARTrips.pdf>" and sign up for trips. We have a lot of trips, horizontal, vertical, easy and some a little harder. George Dasher is leading a kids' trip. We'll save a few spots for Friday night sign up, but why wait? Then there is food. Want to make sure there is a meal ticket for you? Pre-register and your ticket will be waiting.

Spring VAR will be held at Poor Farm Festival Grounds in Greenbrier County, WV. To get there, go to the Lewisburg, WV exit on I-64. Turn north on Rt. 219 to the little town of Frankford (about 8.5 miles). Turn left onto Williamsburg Road and follow the signs to the Festival Grounds (about 6.3 miles). Please note! This not a campground. Camping will be primitive. There will be water and porta-pottys, but no bathhouse or showers. Lots of open pasture to camp. Vendors, registration, food, wine tasting, information and trip signups will be near the stage area.

Registration will open Friday at 12:00 noon. IMO has sent in their registration and Barry Duncan and B&C Wonderwear have said they are coming. NCRC vertical module training will also start Friday afternoon. Tri-

State Chair John DiCarlo will host a wine tasting Friday night beginning 7pm on the stage. Please bring a bottle to share. Your bottle should be a berry wine or have a berry on the label. Try to keep the cost to \$10.00/bottle. Trip sign up will open at 9pm. Registration will close at mid-night.

Registration will reopen at 7am Saturday. Trips will leave at their scheduled times. John Pearson will have a conservation project (rebuilding some steps) on site at Poor Farm Cave entrance. Greenbrier County has many non-caving activities such as biking on the Greenbrier River Trail, floating on the Greenbrier River, Bear Town State Park, Greenbrier State Forest, the towns of White Sulphur Spring, and Lewisburg. Two commercial caves and the list goes on. If you need help, ask at registration. Registration will close at 5:00pm The Festival ground owner's will cater a Bar-B-Q dinner at 6:30pm at the stage. 8:00pm will feature our speaker followed by our DJ John Fox and beer and soft drinks until midnight.

Sunday has Front Royal Grotto doing their super breakfast (extra fee), several trips are scheduled, and the VAR Meeting at 9am.

Tri-State Grotto of the NSS Meeting: Feb 6, 2012

John called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Jerry gave the treasurer's report.
John read an invite to help at Heritage Day for the Adam Stephen Tunnel Tours.

OLD BUSINESS: VAR

Judy gave a report on VAR registrations (18 so far).

JC gave a report on jobs for VAR.

Bob gave a report on pre-posted trips for VAR. Need at least 3 signs with arrows, possibly 8 total signs.

Need chairs, wine glasses (?), snacks (?), crackers & cheese (?), & tables for wine tasting (7 pm to 12 pm).

Ft Royal will be fixing breakfast on Sunday.

Bob gave a report on all the led trips with leaders.

Talked about speaker (s) for VAR, conservation project (steps), and music (John Fox).

MORE OLD BUSINESS:

Whitings Neck cleanup – Possibly June.

Crystal Grottoes dig – Feb 11 at 10 am.

NEW BUSINESS:

Stephen gave a report on the cave rescue in MD.

TRIPS:

Tom talked about the Adam Stephen dig a couple of weeks ago.

Jerry & family went to Whorleys Cave in TN.

FUTURE CAVE TRIPS:

Jeff is going to Carnegie Cave in PA.

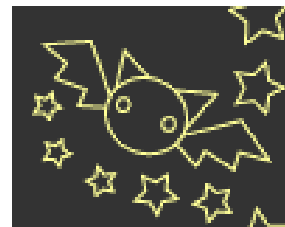
Next Adam Stephen dig will be in June or July.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Paulette Bennett

Recording Secretary



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TRIP REPORT

Tri-State Grotto The Tri-Colored Bat

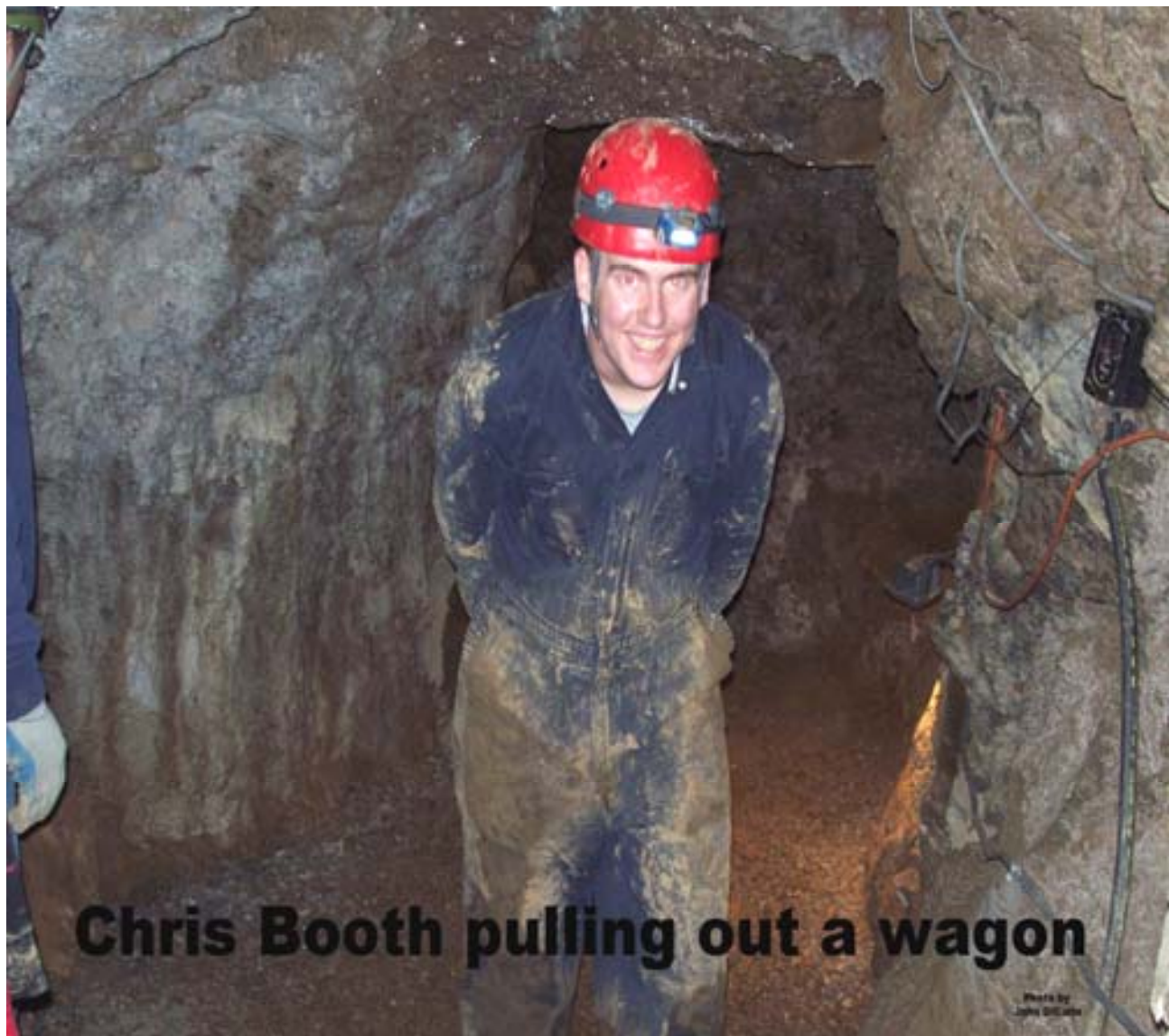
By John DiCarlo, NSS 25744

Boonsboro, MD-On February 11, 2012 Tri-State Grotto returned to Crystal Grottoes Caverns to continue their dig on the Tri-State Grotto Passage.



Tom Griffin, Bob Bennett and Stephanie Lederer

The digging started. One person dug while two people filled the wagons. The wagons were backed up to the dig site, rapidly filled and pulled out. As soon as a wagon returned it was filled and sent back out. There were three wagons running back and forth.



Chris Booth pulling out a wagon

When lunchtime arrived, there had been 65 wagons taken out and dumped. For lunch, pizza and sodas were served in the Blanket Room.

It was noted the work that had been done there by Crystal Grottoes' employees since the last dig. A big rock in the Blanket room had been hammered apart. The stone left from it was used to build a stone wall as a separation between the open room and the Blankets.

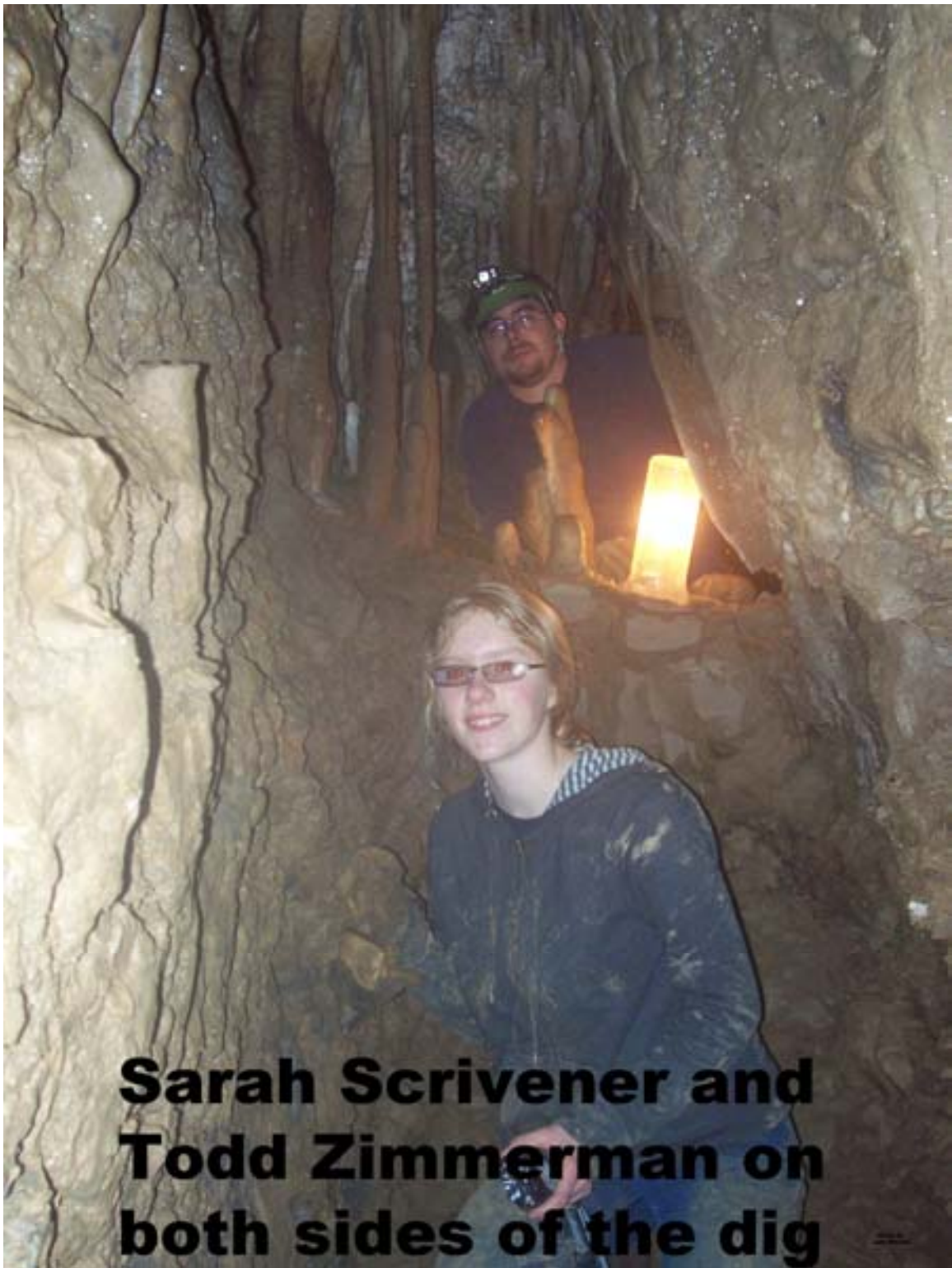


After lunch the digging started back up. The wagons were being filled with clay, pulled up to the surface and dumped. It was like clockwork again.



**Tim Kropp hauling
out a wagon**

We broke two wagons. The metal in the front was pretty light weight and didn't hold up. Todd Zimmerman took them home to fix. The one wagon that didn't break had been fixed by Todd before. In talking to Jerry Downs, owner of Crystal Grottoes Caverns, he decided to buy two more wagons. This will help if another one breaks down during a future dig. It did slow us down when we lost the two wagons. When the second one went, the work pretty much grounded to a stop.



**Sarah Scrivener and
Todd Zimmerman on
both sides of the dig**

When we finished for the day we were only several feet from the other side. The next dig will bust through.



As far as cave life, we saw two creatures in Crystal Grottoes. One was a small, quarter size, Pickerel Frog. It was sitting on the cover of the sump pump by the Pig Ears. The second creature was an Eastern Pipistrelle Bat (Tri-Colored Bat). It did not show signs of WHS. It was hanging from the ceiling off the passage at the same sump pump.



There were 14 helpers. John Scrivener, Sarah Scrivener, Zack Floyd Art Hanson, Sr., Tom Griffin, Mason Griffin, Stephanie Lederer, Cory Benasaute, Bob Bennett, Todd Zimmerman, Tim Kropp, Chris Booth, Chris O'Dea, and John DiCarlo.



With two-thirds of the wagons breaking down, there still were 340 drywall buckets of clay taken out. A total of 84 hours of donated time worth \$1,680.00.

Tri-State Grotto will return again to “Break on Through to the Other Side.”

**Spring 2012
VAR
Registration Form**

Spring 2012 VAR will be held at the Poor Farm Festival Grounds located in Williamsburg, WV. The Grounds are off Rt 219 near Williamsburg WV, just north of Lewisburg, WV. Make a left in Frankford and follow the signs.

Early registration by April 1st 2012 - Full = \$30.00 _____

Early registration by April 1st 2012 - under 15 years old = \$26.00 _____

On – site registration - Full = \$35.00 _____

“ -Under 15 = \$31.00 _____

Please check if you want Vegetarian Option _____

Make check payable to: Tri-State Grotto
Please fill out a form for each person

Name: _____

Address: _____

Grotto: _____

Phone number: _____

E-mail: _____

MAIL FORM to Judy Fisher
PO Box 276
Berkeley Springs, WV
25411



Whitings Neck Cave Berkeley Co, WV



Photos were taken by Eric Berge





CAVIN CALENDAR

MARCH 11TH - APRIL 21ST



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--------------------------|---|--|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| Mar 11 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS | Mar 12 | Mar 13 | Mar 14  MEETING 7PM | Mar 15 | Mar 16 | Mar 17  ST PATRICK'S DAY Silers Cave-Jeff Jahn |
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COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL
 (or perform them)

● Feb. 2009, 1st detected
 in California, CA, NY

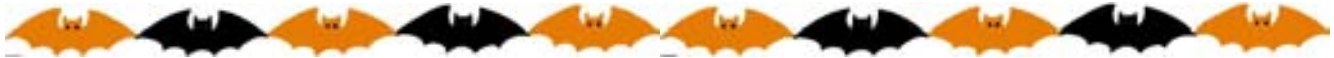
Fall/Winter/Spring
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 2008-2009: Confirmed
 2009-2010: Confirmed
 2010-2011: Confirmed
 2011-2012: Confirmed

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*Confirmed
 Confirmed by
 State / Province
 (outline transparent year)
 *Suspect
 With symptoms reported
 but not confirmed by
 State / Province

Map by: Cal Health, CA Dept of Health Services

1- "BREAKING THROUGH TO THE OTHER SIDE"
2- SPRING VAP REPORT & REGISTRATION FORM



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