

The background of the cover is a photograph of a cave entrance. The cave is a dark, jagged opening in a rock face, surrounded by lush green vegetation and trees. A metal railing is visible in the lower right foreground, suggesting a viewing platform or walkway.

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



# CAVING EVENTS

## 2012

Month of August ----- **\$14.00**

SEP 1 ----- Doo Dah Parade – 10am  
SEP 1 ----- Polyester Power Hour  
SEP 3 ----- LABOR DAY  
SEP 9 ----- GRAND PARENT'S DAY  
SEP 11 ----- PATRIOT'S DAY  
SEP 12 ----- TSG meeting – 7PM  
SEP 14 ----- Registration discount ends for Fall VAR  
SEP 21-23 --- Fall VAR - Lexington, VA  
SEP 22 ----- AUTUMNAL EQUINOX  
SEP 28-30 ---- Fall MAR – Crystal Cave, Berks Co, PA  
SEP 29 ----- Scouts Rappelling – Eric Berge needs help  
OCT 4-7 ----- Fall TAG Cave-In  
OCT 8 ----- COLUMBUS DAY  
OCT 10 ----- TSG meeting – 7pm  
OCT 20 ----- Bridge Day  
OCT 20 ----- Crystal Grottoes dig – 10am  
OCT 31 ----- ALL HALLOW EVE (HALLOWEEN)  
NOV 4 ----- DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS  
NOV 6 ----- Election Day  
NOV 10 ----- Sadie Hawkin's Day  
NOV 10 ----- WVCC Banquet, Quality Inn Motel,  
Lewisburg, WV – 7pm  
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 ----- Christmas Caving!  
DEC 21 ----- WINTER SOLSTICE  
DEC 24 ----- CHRISTMAS EVE  
DEC 26 ----- CHRISTMAS DAY  
DEC 31 ----- NEW YEAR'S EVE

TOTAL TO DATE: --- **\$5241.00**

**The money was sent to WVCC!**

**Keep It Coming!**

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## 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.

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# GROTTO BIRTHDAYS

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Twila Bracken, Karen Kehs, Ann Muldoon,  
Zane Pane, Cheryl Suitor

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

# GROTTO NEWS

Tri-State Grotto of the NSS  
Meeting: August 8, 2012

John called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.  
Jerry gave the treasurer's report.

OLD BUSINESS: 33 people attended the Grotto picnic.

Fall 2012 VAR - Jerry gave a report about the person sponsoring the Fall VAR.

Upcoming OTR - Blue Moon is the theme.

Spring 2013 VAR - TSG is sponsoring. It will be held at Dilley Mill off of Rt 28 in Pocahontas Co. Had a discussion on alcohol at the VAR.

Dig at Crystal grottoes - Wall was broken through & connection was made. Lots of pictures were taken.

NEW BUSINESS: Crystal grottoes dig - Sat, Oct 20 at 10:00 am.

Trip to Donaldson Cave - Joe gave a report.

Terry gave a report on taking Corey on his 1st TAG trip.

CAVE BUCKS: \$14.00 to the WVCC.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

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

# TRIP REPORTS

**Surveying the new find in Darby Cave**  
By Nathan Roser

On June 16th (I think) Corey Hackley, Ryan Boyce and I went on a survey trip in Darby Cave. Before getting into the cave we walked around a nearby streambed to look at some sinkholes and insurgences. We found a hole in the middle of the creek that was taking in water. After pulling some debris out of the hole and building a dam to reroute water around it Corey looked in and said it goes and disappears down a waterfall. We decided to save this one for later. We headed over to the entrance of Darby and looked at another insurgence a few hundred feet upstream in Rattle Run. This one is just a swirling pool of water that would be impossible to enter. After this we suited up and began our survey of Darby at the entrance. We got the entrance passage in two 45 foot shots and then headed up the chute to the drop into the rest of the cave. We spent about 5 hours surveying and netted about 400 feet for the day. We cut the survey short so Corey could show us some cool parts of the cave and go check out the insurgence we left behind earlier. After doing some crawling down 45 degree angle chutes and some walking and stooping in horizontal passage we arrived at a passage called the Storm Drain. The passage is a bedrock tube that is hands and knees crawling height for hundreds of feet. It gets the name from it's shape and the acoustics. All in all a very cool passage. After exiting Darby we headed back over the the new insurgence. I really wanted to crawl in this one so I went in feet first due to the entrance being a squeeze with lots of water flowing in. After about 10 feet of

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moving backwards I was able to turn around and crawl on hands and knees. 5 feet later the water plunges down a slope to the right and ends in a mud siphon 15 feet later. I crawled back out and as I bumped the clay ceiling chunks of it fell off. Only 30 feet long but it's a new cave in Maryland and the whole area around it could have something quite large that will be part of Darby Cave.

### **Shoveleater (July GVKS weekend)**

By Nathan Roser

On Saturday, July 21st I went on a GVKS trip into Shoveleater. After eating breakfast we loaded up and left the field house. There were six of us; Mark, Dwight, Yvonne, Tyler, someone whose name I forgot, and myself. The goal for the day was for one team to work on the dig at Rush'n Rift and another group to do a bolt climb at Pristine. After dropping by the owner's house we headed up the road to the cave. We were expecting to do a lot of tree clearing due to the big storm a few weeks earlier but we were pleasantly surprised to find a large part of the road already cleared. However, we did eventually run into fallen trees and broke out the chainsaws. After working on the road we got to the entrance and suited up. We entered the cave at 11 AM. We didn't wait around for everyone to go in at once since a few folks in front want to go replace a badly worn section of rope at the Ohio Bypass and hammer off the offending rock protrusion that caused the abrasion. After the bypass was rerigged we headed on over to our destinations. I went to Rush'n Rift to dig. We got into the rift at about 1:30 PM and got to work. We spent a grand total of 9 and a half hours digging, enough to make my hands quite sore and destroy my gloves. At some point in the middle of the day the crew from the Pristine climb came by and told us they climbed up about 50 feet to a narrow slot that didn't go very far. They left the cave after this while we kept working. There was a lot of air moving inwards through the rift and we could sporadically hear dripping water in the distance. At 11 PM we began our journey out. Since it was my first time in Shoveleater, Dwight took me on a little detour to see Hellhole Hall and the

Acoustic Persistence Chamber. We got out of the cave at 1 AM after a 14 hour trip.

### **Mammoth Cave – Grand Avenue Tour**

By Arthur Hanson Jr

Christal, Kai, Lucas and I made the Mammoth Cave Grand Avenue Tour part of a recent trip through Tennessee and Kentucky. This is the longest tour available in Mammoth and covers approximately 4 miles of cave. Kai pointed out that this is very small compared to the total 360 miles of mapped passage.

We set up camp in the Mammoth Cave National Park campground the evening before our tour. After a brief trip to the visitor center, we drove down to the Green River ferry crossing and set out upriver in our canoe. We made it about 2 miles up the green river past Cave Island to Floating Mill Island. A little exploration yielded a nice selection of fossils – mostly Crinoids and shell imprints. We headed back downstream about 7:30. We watched with delight as Tri-color Bats gorged themselves on insects over the Green River at dusk; often flying within feet of our canoe as they swooped on their prey.

We assembled the next day for our 11:30 tour at pavilion B near the visitor's center. One of our two guides went through the safety briefing and stressed the importance of not bringing potentially contaminated gear into Mammoth. Fortunately, Mammoth has not been contaminated by White Nose. From the Visitor's Center, it was a short bus ride to the Carmichael entrance. From there we descended about 200 steps into the Rocky Mountains where one of our guides gave a demonstration of the lamps used for tours in the 1800s & 1920s. From there we hiked about 1 mile through Cleveland Avenue to the Snowball Room (1 hour). The entire way, Kai expressed his surprise and dismay at the unique sidewalk & handrail 'formations'.

Our lead guide stopped several times to talk about geology and cave formation. Kai did not approve. At our last stop before lunch, after demonstrating

reverberation due to another passage inches under our feet, she asked if anyone smelled anything unique. One gentleman responded that he smelled something particularly 'stinky'. After a brief pause the guide commented that the smell was the Snowball Room's vegetable soup and that it was, in fact, quite delicious. Someone else in our group of 28 asked if they served hot wings (they don't).

About five minutes later we walked into the Snowball Room. The floor is concrete. There are about 20 picnic tables in two rows. There's also a lunch counter, chips, sandwiches, coffee, soda, a water fountain and his & hers bathrooms complete with hand dryers & lo-flo environmental flush toilets. The soup was actually pretty good.

From the Snowball Room, we travelled through Mary's Vineyard and Boone Avenue, past Thorpe's Pit. Kai had been up front with the lead guide. However, we found him waiting for us near the end of Boone Avenue with a despondent look on his face. He'd gotten in trouble for trying to lead the tour. Apparently the guide was too slow. We slunk towards the back of the group and struck up a conversation with the other guide bringing up the rear. We learned that she was a local Grotto member and an experienced caver. I was thinking that being a ranger at Mammoth was one of the world's coolest jobs until she shared the fact that she never made it to OTR because she always had to work Labor Day weekend.

We stopped on top of Mount McKinley (very large break-down passage) for Mammoth's other set of public restrooms complete with hand dryers and flush toilets. We also talked about more geography and were lectured on the importance of using the 'mandatory' handrails in the upcoming downhill section.

We started off in the lead again – just after the guide this time – as we headed down the impressive breakdown. That didn't last long because Kai got in trouble again for not using the mandatory handrails. We slipped further back in the pack again and met up with Lucas and Christal. While Kai had been

bemoaning the walking path, handrails and lighting, Lucas was desperately trying to suppress his urge to express his boredom. It was getting harder by the minute. He thought it was 'so lame' that we had to stay on the path and took every opportunity to shine the flashlight we had brought down side passages. He was determined to try though because he wanted to earn a promised trip to Dinosaur World in nearby Cave City.

From Mount McKinley, we traveled down through Grand Canyon and Kentucky Avenue. Next we went through the Big Break – the only tight spot on the whole tour. The tour ended at Frozen Niagra, an impressive flowstone formation about 60 feet high. On the way out, we caught a glimpse of Crystal Lake far below the main passage then proceeded out through frozen Niagra entrance to waiting tour bus back to Visitor's Center.

Once back at the Visitor's Center we piled into the car for our trip to Dinosaur World.

Before leaving Mammoth Cave National Park we stopped by Sand Cave to pay our respects. We also made a short stop at Carter Caves State Park to explore the entrance to Laurel Cave.

## **P Caves in Pennsylvania**

Jeffrey A. Marcum

Josh Prusha and I took a quick trip to the P caves in Pennsylvania on August 18th. Since it had been a few years since I had last been there, I got some quick directions from Jon Peterson and remembered, if nothing else, that there seemed to be a plethora of caves in the area and we were bound to find one or two.

We decided to head towards Python and Persistence/Platter first because those were caves I had already visited. We actually stumbled upon Python, and after sliding into the cave, stopped to fill out the registration. Of course, throughout the day, we discovered that none of the registration tubes had anything in them. We took a right and

headed into the long, narrow, pathway towards the back of the cave, exploring as far as we could before turning back. Once back at the entrance room, we headed down towards the stream and explored around. There was a new, tight crawl that had been dug out for a couple hundred feet that I did not remember from my previous visit. I looked at the sump heading to Monster Dome and saw that the entire path had approximately 4 inches of airspace above the water. We still decided against going through. We did, however, head about 200 – 300 feet downstream until the ceiling of the cave, once again, met water.

After leaving Python, we looked around the woods, following old faint trails for signs of other caves but came up empty handed. We passed sinkhole after sinkhole, but none opened up. I decided to head towards several of the other caves Jon had suggested and ended up finding Woodchuck Pit. I knew the name because a piece of pink flagging had it labeled. We decided to inch down the hole and even rigged a hand-line to descend into the depths of the pit. We spent five minutes exploring the entirety of Woodchuck Pit before heading out to find other targets.

It wasn't long before we came across Perseverance. I recognized the entrance from Jon's description. This is another short cave full of tight, narrow, exhausting passage. A small junction room leads you to think that more caving possibilities exist, but after searching each direction, climbing and contorting, we had once again explored the depths of another cave. Perseverance did mark the doubling of Josh's cave count, as he had only been in three wild caves prior to this trip.

With the luck we had at finding caves so readily, we decided to search out one more and eventually landed at Buchanan cave. The cave entrance was another one perfectly described by Jon. We were excited to be in a cave that we could stand and walk in without touching any walls. It was a good cave to end our day on and probably the most fun. We discovered a nice little slide that led down towards a stream but proved difficult to climb back up. Once

again, we explored every possible lead that we could find and left the cave fairly happy with our efforts.

Total cave count for the day was four. All of them were brand new to Josh and three were brand new to me. Not bad for a Saturday.

#### Sep 8-9, 2012 by Terry McClanathan

Corey and I had a short 14 hour trip in Memorial Day in Germany Valley this past weekend with Chris Coates and Nikki Fox. We split into two survey teams. Corey and I got about 140' of virgin cave mapped in 14 stations with going cave. It was pretty nasty all in all but up ahead looked like it might improve. We quit because we were wet and cold. If I return it will probably warrant as PVC suit to keep from becoming hypothermic in the wet slime. I think Chris and Nikki also got a little over a hundred feet on their lead. It was Corey's first time down any of the drops in MDC and I thought he did real well.

#### Memorial Day Cave

June 9, 2012

Chris Coates and Nikki Fox got ~120 feet of survey in a 12-hour trip.

#### Simmons-Mingo Cave

June 16, 2012

We attended the annual PSC Jamboree and went on a trip lead by Pete Penczer to the Oil Drums Falls entrance.

Chris and I left the main group of seven to find the route to the historic entrance. We did not find the way, but instead climbed out of the Zarathustra Entrance. We went back to find the group and took them to the other entrance, since the 200-foot crawl into Oil Drums was brutal and others wanted to skip it. Chris and I returned, with Pete and Christine Skelton, to the Oil Drums Falls drop, climbed up and derigged to meet everyone back at the vehicles. It was a great time underground learning a new part of a fantastic cave!

### Sinks of the Run

June 24, 2012

Chris Coates and Nikki Fox lead an NSS Convention trip there. We had a crew of five people, which included two people from California, Rob from Idaho and two "locals" who were people we know from the Germany Valley Karst Survey project. It was a great 6-hour trip and everyone really enjoyed the cave!

### Scott Hollow

June 27, 2012

Nikki Fox and Chris Coates attended a NSS Convection trip lead by WVACS' Gordon Cole and Larry Fisher. We thought it would be a great opportunity to return to the cave since it has been closed for a couple of years. There were 12 people total, and I think that the trip leaders were glad there were others who had been there and were able to help out.

### Carpenter-Swago Thru Trip

June 28, 2012

Chris Coates and Nikki Fox lead an NSS Convention trip there, each leading one side of the through trip.

### Lightners Entrance to McClungs

June 29, 2012

Chris Coates and Nikki Fox lead an NSS Convention trip there. We did a loop in the cave, which included the Bat Bone Crawl.

### Whitings Neck 8-22-2012

Bob Bennett, Tom Griffin, Cassidy Morris & Eddie Pifer  
The trip was a total of about 2.5 hours.

This was the fastest trip to the back of Whitings Neck I have been on. Normally we would have been in for about 3.5 to 5 hours mostly to play with the ropes and climb around.

A good reason to get out of the heat and be under ground. My reason most of the time. The cave seemed pretty clean on this trip.

Obvious digging going on in the back I had not noticed in the past.

### OTR - Nelson Cave - Sep 1, 2012

Bob Bennett was our tour guide. We had 4 vehicles and about 15 cavers, one being a novice.

The cave is in the Germany Valley area. Those that went were:

Bob Bennett, John DiCarlo, Jennifer Kysar, Tom Griffin, Terri Griffin, Mason Griffin, Chase Griffin, Amanda Malave, Nikki Fox, Chris Coates, Jeff Hajenga, Arthur Hanson Jr, Christal Hanson, Kai Hanson, & Lucas Hanson.

The purpose for me was that I had never been in that cave and no real reason to go back. The last 100 feet was the most interesting (lots of muck!)

For those that have never been to Nelson, The last 100 feet would be the highlight of the trip. Besides the second entrance there is was the hike back over the mountain which was also just as much fun when you don't know the way.

Lessons learned. A good idea that all stick together. Otherwise it was one of those trips that can be fun with large groups.

### OTR – Nathan Roser

Friday(8-31) during OTR I went to Simmons-Mingo with Dale Holtze and several other Canadian cavers who often cave with Syracuse University Outing Club (SUOC) at OTR. We went in the historic entrance and did a loop to the Little Lechuguilla passage to see the gypsum chandeliers. After this we went down the cable ladder drops and worked our way to the stream level and then heading back out of the cave through this route. Nothing too interesting happened in the cave but while we were asking permission from the owner before going in, some other group's SUV bumped into the owner's mailbox. The box got bent up a little but the SUV took a bit more damage.

Sunday(9/2) at OTR I went to Left Tit Pit with the Rockeaters (Brian Barton and Mark Whittermore) and Abbe Hamilton from SUOC. We went down the drop and several thousand feet into the cave before turning around. Going back out we discovered the solid looking rock we rigged to was actually just loosely sitting on top of a mud layer. After the first person up noticed this we re-rigged the rope to a rock projection further back and everyone else climbed up. We decided the best course of action would be to send the big death boulder down the pit so no one else would make a similar mistake or risk it falling while on rope. We easily pried it loose but it got wedged at the top of

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the pit and wouldn't go down. We spent about 45 minutes kicking it, throwing rocks at it, and prying it with a tire iron before we finally gave up and left the cave. As of now it's still sitting at the top of the drop so it will take some more powerful tools to get rid of it.

Saturday September 8th I led a group of SUOC cavers to McFail's Cave up in New York. There were five of us total in the group. There was a thunderstorm in the forecast but little rain and the weather had been dry all summer so the risk of high water was low. After rigging the Ack's Shack entrance we headed over to Hall's Hole which is usually a 67 foot waterfall. This time the drop was completely dry. After everyone was in we headed down the main passage for over a mile until one of our group got tired and we began heading out.

When we reached the bottom of Hall's Hole there was still no waterfall. The first ones out reported it was raining on the surface but the stream still was not flowing. By the time we all got out there were a few drop going over the edge but not waterfall. After de-rigging and heading out it became apparent there was a lot of wind. The Ack's Shack entrance had two trees in it. I had to get on rope and head down into the sinkhole to pull the trees out to de-rig the drop. After we all got back to the car we headed over into Cobleskill, NY for a pizza dinner.

## OTR 2012 – Observations by Bob Bennett



OTR 2012 was a mixture of things this year. Of course it was based on the Blue Moon theme because of the 2 full moons in Sept.

We had the following members attend: Bob & Paulette Bennett, Gordon Birkhimer, Pete & Twila Bracken, Gloria Chepko, Chris Coates, Nikki Fox, Anya Crane, Kevin Mulligan, John DiCarlo, Barry & Barbara Duncan, JC & Judy Fisher, Vik Garg, Mason, Chase, Tom & Terry Griffin, Bob Gulden, Jeff Hajenga, Allison Hazen, Ed, Karen, Zoe & Zuri Kehs, Jennifer Kysar, Pat Minnick, Bill Vis, Mike Ward, Nathan Roser, Jep, Ellie Florance, JJ & Janey Pate, Greg & Lauren McCoy, Art Hanson Sr, Arthur Jr, Christal, Kai, & Lucas Hanson, Danny Cumbo, Andy Celmer, Ken Carter (46). If I have forgotten someone I apologize.

On Friday, JC, Judy, Paulette, & I went to Audra State Park. It is a little known park just NW of Elkins. Actually it is a nice little park. The Middle Fork River runs thru the park. The river has lots of sandstone & shale ledges which makes the river very picturesque. There are also a couple of hiking trails. One goes past a very large massive shale (?) overhang called Alum Cave. We took lots of pics.

On Friday evening Hucklebuck played.

The Doo Dah Parade was a success on Saturday morning even though TSG didn't even place! Bats even entered a very large Trojan Killer Bunny on wheels. It was built from wood from the OTR bonfire. They placed 3<sup>rd</sup>.

On Sat afternoon we had our Polyester Power Hour trip to Nelson Cave. We had 15 people on the trip & even had one novice, Jenifer Kysar.

Sat night the Tom Principato Band played.

Sunday was quiet. Allison & Lucas took their turn at zip-line jousting after everyone visited the yard sale.

Of course in between all of the activities were off & on showers & thunder storms.

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Lining up for the Doo Dah Parade



Still more Doo Dah



The Trojan Killer Bunny from Bats



More Doo Dah



Now this is a knight to remember!



Very British



Arthur & Sir Galahad



Knight on a steel steed



Sir Galahad got thirsty at Cooters



KING ARTHUR



All photos by Ken Carter

# Fall VAR 2012

The Fall VAR is being hosted by Rolland Moore in Rockbridge County Virginia to benefit the Proyecto Sierra Mazateca. The Saturday night dinner will be a Mayan Taco Bar planned by Aida Ferreira of Quintana Roo Mexico and prepared with help from local cooks. There will be live music and the usual libations. The guest speaker will be Tony Akers, founder of the [Proyecto Sierra Mazatec](#). Come explore a county with approximately 200 known caves and many more to be discovered. For questions or more information email [rollandmoore@gmail.com](mailto:rollandmoore@gmail.com).

## Registration

- Online registration open until September 20: \$30
- Registration at the gate: \$35
- Discounts available to Volunteers. E-mail [rollandmoore@gmail.com](mailto:rollandmoore@gmail.com) for discount registration codes.
- Volunteers must register individually.

This is for primitive camping Friday September 21 at noon through Sunday September 23 at noon. Bring your own water. Potable water on site is for emergency use only. Porta pots will be provided throughout the campground. No shower facilities on site. No Pets! RV's welcome, but no hook ups available. No refunds available.

Live music Saturday night, Mayan Taco dinner, and refreshments included. Come experience a cave rich region of Virginia not often explored!

## Directions

Recommend/Signed Route From Exit 50 on I-64 (5 miles west of Lexington):

1. Take exit 50 for US-60 East/VA-623/Fredericksburg Rd
2. Turn onto VA-623/Fredericksburg Rd towards US-60 East for 0.5 miles
3. Take the 1st right onto VA-631/W Midland Trail/State Route 850 for 0.3 miles
4. Take the 1st left onto VA-631/Still House Dr
5. Continue on Still House Dr for 2.6 miles (beware hidden stop sign)
6. Turn right onto State Route 638/Still House Dr for 1.1 miles
7. Turn right onto State Route 641/Jacktown Rd for 0.6 miles
8. Turn left to stay on State Route 641/Sugar Creek Rd for 1.9 miles
9. The destination will be on the right.

518 Sugar Creek Rd  
Lexington, VA 24450



# CAVIN CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER 9TH - OCTOBER 20TH



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sep 9 GRAND PARENT'S DAY	Sep 10	Sep 11 PATRIOT'S DAY	Sep 12  MEETING 7pm	Sep 13	Sep 14 Registration discount ends for Fall VAR	Sep 15
Sep 16	Sep 17	Sep 18	Sep 19	Sep 20	Sep 21 FALL VAR ROCKBRIDGE CO, VA	Sep 22 FALL VAR ROCKBRIDGE CO, VA  AUTUMNAL EQUINOX
Sep 23 FALL VAR ROCKBRIDGE CO, VA	Sep 24	Sep 25	Sep 26	Sep 27	Sep 28 FALL MAR, CRYSTAL CAVE, PA	Sep 29 FALL MAR, CRYSTAL CAVE, PA  Scouts Rappelling - see Eric Berge
Sep 30 FALL MAR, CRYSTAL CAVE, PA	Oct 1	Oct 2	Oct 3	Oct 4 Fall TAG Cave-In	Oct 5 Fall TAG Cave-In	Oct 6 Fall TAG Cave-In
Oct 7 Fall TAG Cave-In	Oct 8 COLUMBUS DAY	Oct 9	Oct 10  MEETING 7pm	Oct 11	Oct 12	Oct 13
Oct 14	Oct 15	Oct 16	Oct 17	Oct 18	Oct 19	Oct 20 BRIDGE DAY CRYSTAL GROTTOES DIG 10AM

# DEAD DOG DISPATCH



Jerry has TSG hats for sale



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