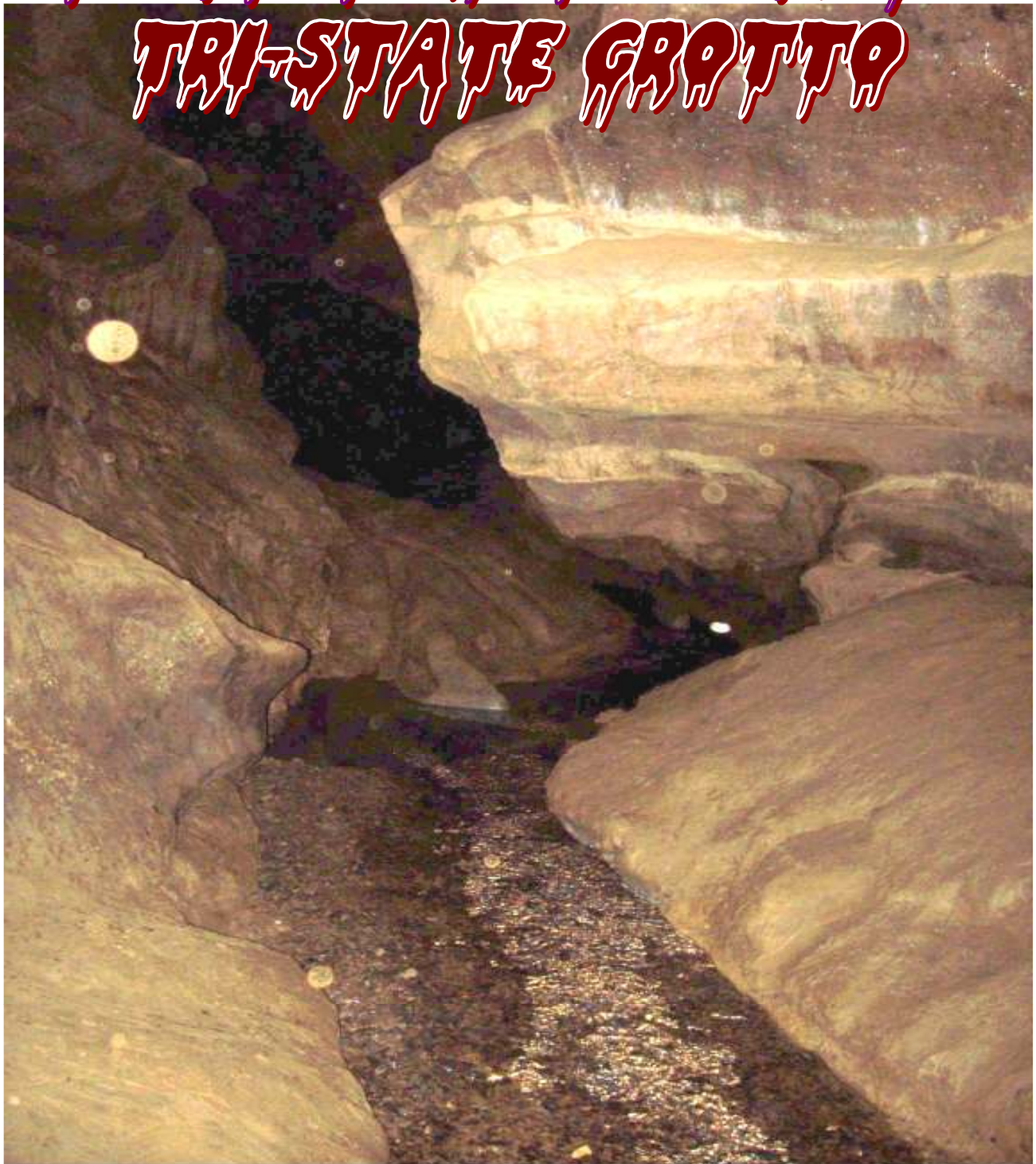


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**WE NEED EVERYONE TO KEEP THINKING ABOUT  
 VOLUNTEERING FOR AN OPEN POSITION. WE  
 STILL NEED SOMEONE FOR THE FOLLOWING  
 POSITIONS:**

**PROGRAM CHAIR  
 MEMBER at LARGE**

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



# CAVING EVENTS

## 2014

FEB 2 ---- GROUND HOG DAY  
FEB 2 ---- Super Bowl  
**FEB 12 ---- TSG meeting – 7pm**  
**FEB 14 ---- VALENTINE'S DAY**  
FEB 15 --- Hamilton Cave – see Earl Suitor - Cleanup  
**FEB 17 --- PRESIDENT'S DAY**  
FRB 28-MAR 2 --- Orientation to Cave Rescue –  
Harrisonburg, VA  
MAR 14 --- FAT TUESDAY  
**MAR 9 --- DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS**  
**MAR 12 --- TSG meeting – 7pm**  
MAR 15 ---- Adam Stephen dig – 9am  
MAR 17 --- ST PATRICK'S DAY  
**MAR 20 --- VERNAL EQUINOX**  
MAR 25 --- MD Day  
APR 1 ---- ALL FOOL'S DAY  
**APR 9 --- TSG meeting – 7pm**  
**APR 11-13 --- Spring VAR – RASS**  
**APR 15 --- TAX DAY**  
**APR 18 --- GOOD FRIDAY**  
**APR 20 --- EASTER**  
APR 22 --- EARTH DAY  
APR 25 --- ARBOR DAY  
MAY 1 --- DAY of PRAYER  
**MAY 2 --- Last day for discount – NSS Convention**  
MAY 5 ---- CINCO de MAYO  
MAY 10 --- HERITAGE DAY  
**MAY 10 --- ADAM STEPHEN DAY**  
**MAY 11 --- MOTHER'S DAY**  
**MAY 14 --- TSG meeting – 7pm**  
MAY 16-18 --- Spring MAR – OTR site  
MAY 17 ---- ARMED FORCES DAY  
MAY 23-26 – Ky Speleofest  
**MAY 26 ---- MEMORIAL DAY**  
MAY 30-JUN 1 – SERA – NSS Hdqtrs  
JUN 6-8 ---- Bubble weekend  
**JUN 11 ---- TSG meeting – 7pm**  
JUN 14 ---- FLAG DAY  
**JUN 15 ---- FATHER'S DAY**  
JUN 20 ---- WV DAY  
**JUN 21 --- SUMMER SOLSTICE**  
**JUL 4 ---- INDEPENDENCE DAY**  
**JUL 9 ---- TAG meeting – 7pm**  
**JUL 12 -- TAG PICNIC – CRYSTAL GROTTTOES**  
**JUL 14-18 – NSS Conv – NSS Hdqtrs**  
JUL 27 ---- PARENT'S DAY  
**AUG 13 --- TSG meeting – 7pm**  
**AUG 28-SEP 1 --- OTR**  
**AUG 30 --- DOO DAH PARADE – 10 AM**  
**AUG 30 --- POLYESTER POWER HOUR – 1PM**  
**SEP 1 ---- LABOR DAY**  
SEP 7 ---- GRAND PARENT'S DAY  
SEP 10 --- TSG meeting – 7pm

SEP 11 --- PATRIOT'S DAY  
SEP 22 --- AUTUMNAL EQUINOX  
OCT 8 --- TSG meeting – 7pm – Annual Auction  
OCT 10-12 – Fall TAG Cave-In  
OCT 13 --- Columbus Day  
OCT 18 ---- Bridge Day  
OCT 31 --- ALL HALLOWS EVE

## 2015

JUL 13-17 --- NSS Conv – Waynesville, MO

## 2016

JUL 17-23 --- NSS Conv – Ely, NV

### \*\*\*\*\* CAVE BUCKS \*\*\*\*\*

CAVE BUCKS is a voluntary donation for cave purchases. The money is collected at each monthly meeting and sent to the Conservancy of choice. The money **SHOULD NEVER** be kept past the week it is collected.

Month of January ----- **\$15.00**

TOTAL TO DATE: ----- **\$5527.50**

The money was sent to SCCI!

**Keep It Coming!**

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<http://www.caves.org/WNS/WNS%20Info.htm/>  
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### MONTH OF FEBRUARY

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 Walthers, Tyler Ward, Todd Zimmerman

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## TRIP REPORTS

### OTR 2013

By John DiCarlo NSS # 25744

Dailey, WV-There was no rain at OTR 2013. It all  
 fell before hand and left us with mud.



Sinking Lane is sinking into the ground.

Saturday after the DOO-DAH Parade, Tri-State  
 Grotto went to Sharps Cave. As we pulled up there  
 were parked cars as far as we could see. As we  
 suited up, even more people arrived. We hiked over  
 to the cave entrance and had to wait for the group  
 ahead of us to enter the cave.



Bryce waiting his turn to enter  
 Porters Cave. Behind him the  
 next group waits their turn.

Finally it was our turn and Tri-State members started climbing down into Sharps Cave.



**Trish Walters Climbing down into Sharp's Cave**



**Andy Celmer sliding down into Sharpes Cave**



**Carolyn Carter climbing down into Sharps Cave.**

Heading into the cave we had to drop down about 20 feet then belly crawl. Coming out of the crawl, we were in a large room. We stopped in the room to gather our people. When traveled across the room down into a trough and up the other side. Going through a connecting passage we went into a wide room with a drop off at the end. We ran into Tom Griffin and his party here. They had arrived before us and entered the cave. We exchanged greetings and continued on our way.

Moving through the room Tom was in we had to crawl through a hole in the wall and popped out into another large passage. I've heard this called the bedroom. We gathered here as people popped through the hole.



**Malakai Hanson climbing out of a small passage between two large rooms.**



**Crystal Hanson climbing out of a small passage between two rooms.**





**Carolynn Carter climbing out of a small passage between two rooms.**



**Carolyn Carter**



**Garth climbing out of a small passage between two large rooms. What you see is after it opened up a bit, it was a squeeze.**

So, we went back through the hole and were in the bedroom again. From here we followed the large passage over and under big blocks of breakdown. The first of our group reached Hollywood and stopped to admire the clay figurines and to take pictures.



**Star**

From this room we crossed over and entered another low passage. As we followed this passage we ran into a couple. When asked about the way to the waterfall, they directed us back the way we came.



**Taco**



**Dog's Head**



**A Face on the Wall**



**Horns**



**Buddha**

At one point I heard Bob yell my name and I answered him back with, "We're right up here. He didn't sound to far away. We kept looking and I kept taking pictures. All of a sudden someone said, "Where's Bob?" I yelled out to him and there was no answer. We went down the passage looking for them. There was no Bob or anyone else.

They must have taken the lower passage looking for the waterfall. We found a spot where it looked like people had gone down. We followed the passage and saw a stream. We followed it downstream. The passage pinched down to a tight craw and we turned around. Making our way back we wondered where they went. We climbed out of the lower level thinking, this wasn't it. All of a sudden we heard voices from the hole we just climbed out of. There were people climbing out. They had kids and were having trouble.

We helped them up then asked, "Where were you? We were just down there and didn't see anyone."

They told us how to get to the waterfall. It was UP stream. We climbed back down and followed the stream up until it again pinched.

I yelled out, "Bob!" I heard him answer back from a side passage.

We climbed through a hole and entered the room Bob and others were in. They had already seen the waterfall and were on the way back.

We headed the way that was pointed out to us. Wading knee deep in spots we wound our way around to the waterfall. It was a horseshoe shaped waterfall. We were in the middle and the waterfalls were around us.



**Left side of the waterfall**

In the rest of the cave I did not notice any air movement. Here the wind was blowing so hard that

water droplets were flying horizontally by our heads.



It was hard to get shots of the waterfall with water droplets flying everywhere, but I did the best I could.



We headed back to the rest of the group. They had climbed out of the lower level. Linking up with them we headed out of the cave. We still had some caving to do. We traveled down the passage with all sizes of breakdown, some three foot wide, some as large as a one-story house.

We made our way back to the bedroom. We squeezed into the hole that led back into another large room. Climbed up a wall to the next room and crossed that to the next passage. This lead into the first large room where we had to cross a trough which lead to the base of the entrance drop.



Here some of us climbed up an exposed climb, where others belly crawled 15 feet and had a safer climb. Here we were at the entrance section. It is a tight slot up hill. I had one of the Hanson boys in front of me and literally pushed him up the hole.

I climbed out and turned back to help others out. After everyone was out we headed back to the cars, changed and headed back to camp.

The band that night was more to our liking. Probably because we knew all the songs they played.



**Bob and Jeff Get Down!**

We saw a lot of Grotto people dancing.



**Paulette Bennett and Ann Muldoon Dancing**



**Paulette Bennett and Garth dancing**

## Nestle Quarry Cave

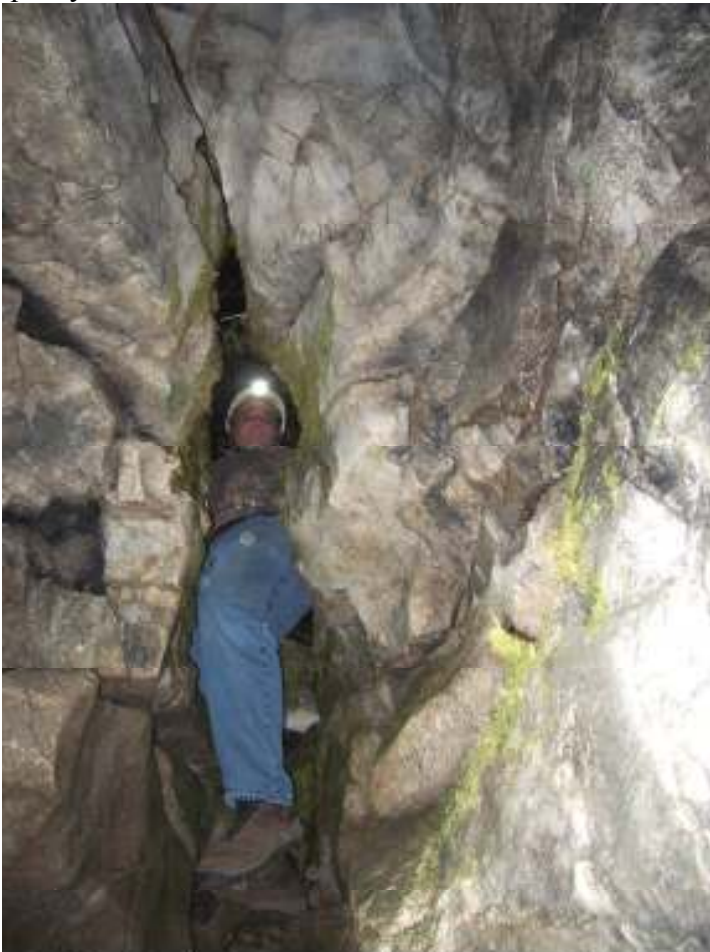
November 1, 2013

By John DiCarlo, NSS# 25477

Falling Waters, WV - John Scrivener had gotten written permission for us to go to Nestle Quarry Cave. This was a big deal because people have been arrested there before.

I showed up and parked at the beginning of the lane so people could find it. First came John and his daughter Sarah. Then came Jerry Bowen and Steven followed by Mary, Melissa, and her two

boys. Todd Zimmerman rounded out our group. We suited up and walked over to the quarry to show everyone how far down we were going. I told them that we would be in the stream going across the quarry floor.



**John Scrivener entering Nestle Quarry Cave. This is the inside view of the entrance.**

We headed back and walked to the cave. Jerry had gone ahead and took his family in ahead of us and didn't see the quarry. As we were starting down, here came one of Jerry's grandsons popping out of the cave. I reached down and pulled him the rest of the way out. Todd went down. I went down, Sarah followed and John brought up the rear.



**Sarah Scrivener in the first room.**

As we grouped in the first room Steven took out his youngest nephew. Jerry stayed with us and we headed down to the next room. I always say that in Nestle Quarry Cave you go down into a room, at the bottom of the room is a hole, you go into the hole and you're in another room. At the bottom of the room is a hole, you go through the hole and you're in a room. At the bottom of the room is a hole. And so it goes until you're at the bottom of the cave standing in a stream.



**Jerry Bowen in a large room with nice flowstone.**

We headed down through several rooms or levels and came to a cross section. Several people checked out the passage to the left and we headed down again. We were now entering the largest room in the cave.





**Sarah Scrivener in part of the largest room in Nestles Quarry Cave.**

We explored it before moving into the subway tunnel. We looked up that and checked out the rimstone pools. Water over time leaving the rimstone pools had left a lighter stain on the floor heading down to the stream passage.



**Looking to the left down the Subway Passage showing a trail of calcite from where the rimstone pools overflowed and ran down to the stream passage.**

We followed the passage down until we met the stream. Looking around we headed down stream. The passage was tall and lined with a lot of nice formations.



**Looking down the stream passage**

We worked our way down the passage until the water flowed under the wall. We turned around here and headed up stream.



**Sparkling White Flowstone**





**Large cone of Flowstone about 20 feet tall**



**Whole lot of action going on.**

We passed where we entered the stream passage and continued on.



**Looking up from the Stream Passage, Todd Zimmerman sits in the end of the Subway Passage.**



**This calcite ball is from the Rimstone Dams overflow. It is six feet tall.**

We had to work our way around or through a shallow pond that was right in front of a small hole that we had to climb through. Moving on we climbed across a mud bank and found a Longtail Salamander. The Longtail Salamander (*Eurycea longicauda longicauda*), which is the only salamander that is yellowish with black vertical marks on its tail. Breeding underwater in the winter, the Longtail Salamander produces a clutch of 90 eggs. It eats insects, worms, arthropods and other terrestrial invertebrates. Several photos were taken before we moved on.



Longtail Salamander (*Eurycea longicauda longicauda*)

We made it to the headwaters of the stream. It was flowing out from underneath a ledge. After checking it out we turned the trip and started making our way out.



The headwaters of the stream.

Todd made the comment that there was so much more that you see on the way out. As we went we kept looking and taking pictures. We climbed out of the big room and checked out a passage on our left. It was worth seeing.



A little side passage.

Moving up we worked our way over rock after rock. I looked up and saw a hole in the ceiling about 20 feet up and took some shots of it. This was my favorite picture that was taken.



A hole in the ceiling about 20 feet off the floor.

We continued and found several different paths to get back up. Climbing out of the entrance, John asked for an after shot of him and his daughter.



Sarah and John after the trip.

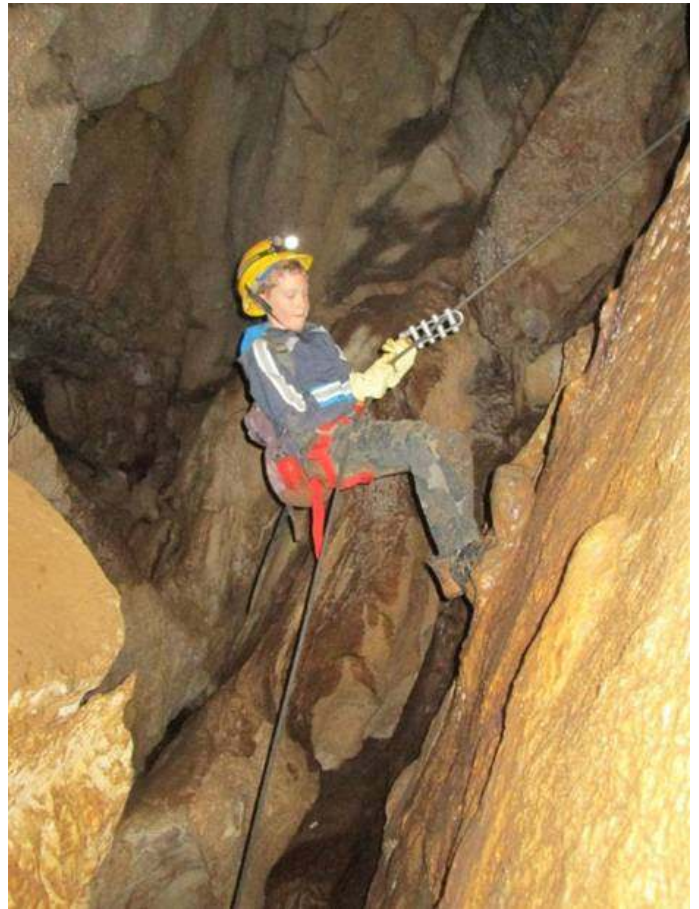
We thanked John for getting us access to Nestle Quarry Cave, and he thanked us for taking them in.

It was a great trip. We were in about an hour and a half.





Jones Quarry Cave



Rappelling in Whittings Neck Cave



Ice formations in JQ Cave



Entering 2<sup>nd</sup> entrance of WN Cave  
Both pictures were taken by Larry Powell



Nice formations with bat  
All 3 pictures were taken by David Snow





# CAVIN CALENDAR

## FEBRUARY 9TH - MARCH 22ND



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Feb 9	Feb 10	Feb 11	Feb 12  Meeting 7pm	Feb 13	Feb 14  VALENTINE'S DAY	Feb 15 Hamilton Cave - see Earl Suitor
Feb 16	Feb 17 PRESIDENT'S DAY	Feb 18	Feb 19	Feb 20	Feb 21	Feb 22
Feb 23	Feb 24	Feb 25	Feb 26	Feb 27	Feb 28 OCR - Harrisonburg, VA	Mar 1 OCR - Harrisonburg, VA
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