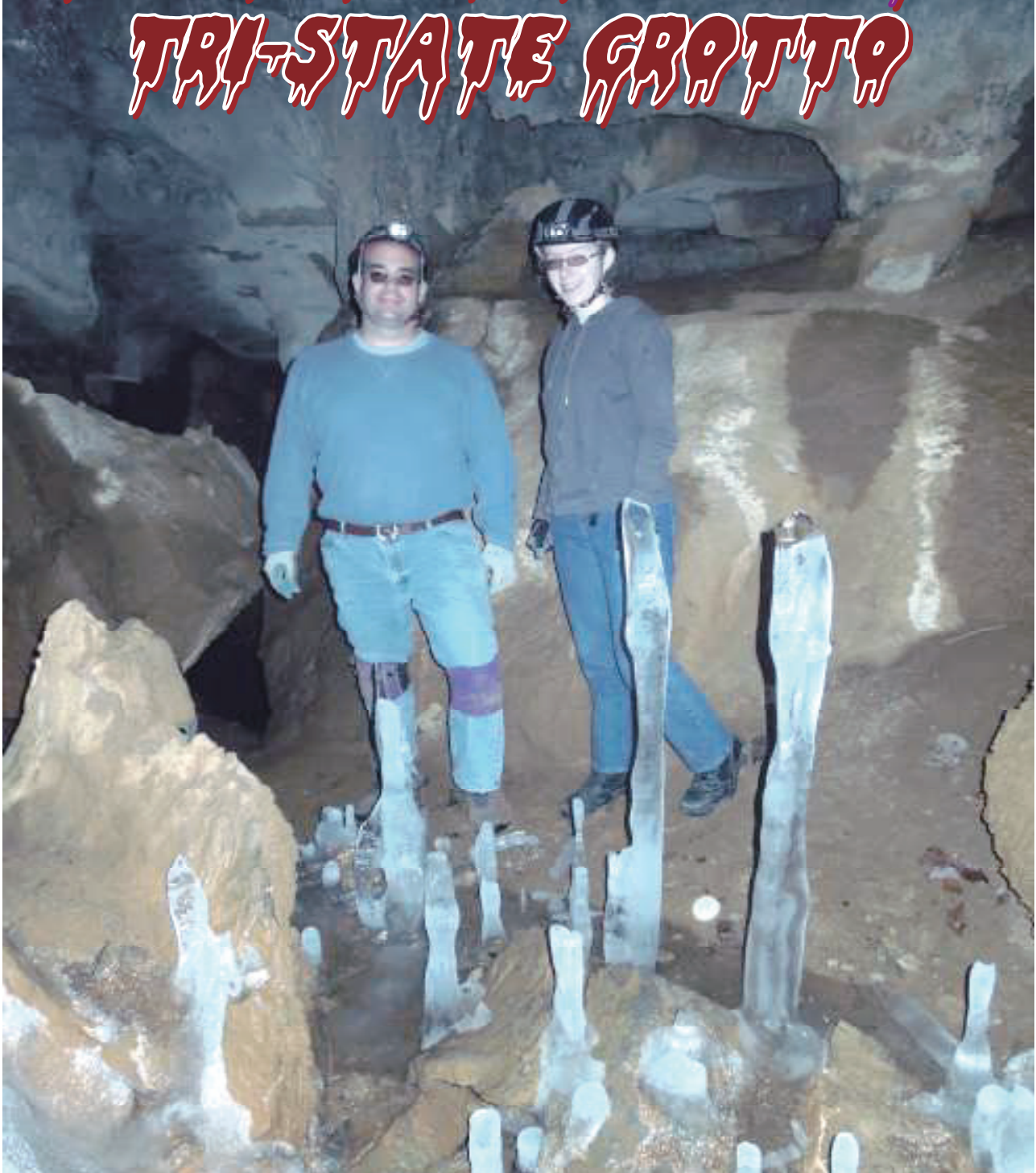


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**WE NEED EVERYONE TO KEEP THINKING ABOUT
VOLUNTEERING FOR AN OPEN POSITION. WE
STILL NEED SOMEONE FOR THE FOLLOWING
POSITIONS:
PROGRAM CHAIR
MEMBER at LARGE
PLEASE GIVE IT SOME THOUGHT. WE NEED YOUR
SUPPORT!**



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CAVING EVENTS

2014

MAR 9 --- DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS
MAR 12 --- TSG meeting – 7pm
MAR 15 ---- Adam Stephen dig – 9am
MAR 15 --- Hamilton Cave – Eric Berge - Scouts
MAR 17 --- ST PATRICK'S DAY
MAR 19 --- Assault on the Apollo – 6:30 pm
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 19 --- Grand Caverns Easter Restoration Camp
APR 20 --- EASTER
APR 20-26 --- VA Karst Week
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 --- FRG Meeting – 10 am
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 20-22 --- Mud Fest – Lincoln Caverns
JUN 20-22 --- Karst-O-Rama - KY
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, Huntsville, AL
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

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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 Convention – Waynesville, MO

2016

JUL 17-23 --- NSS Convention – 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 February ----- **\$6.00**

TOTAL TO DATE: ----- **\$5533.50**

The money was sent to SCCI!

Keep It Coming!

WEBSITE & CAVING LINKS

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VAR ----- www.varegion.org/
NSS ----- www.caves.org/
NSS Convention 2014 ----- <http://nss2014.caves.org/>
OTR ----- www.otr.org/
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----- <http://www.caves.org/member/jerry/>
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 WNS -----
<http://www.caves.org/WNS/WNS%20Info.htm/>
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MONTH OF MARCH

Mason Griffin, Kevin Mulligan, Ken Tayman, Eliza Marie Vis

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Why take youth groups caving?

Ask yourself this question. Why should I take or help take youth groups caving? Have you ever wondered where the future cavers come from? So let's look at the pros:

1. When you take youth groups caving you get to give a positive spin on caving and watch the youths look in wonder at all the things most people never get to see.
2. You get to teach them how fragile the world underground is and how to protect it.
3. You get to teach them how to cave safely and properly move through a cave. How many times have you seen the formations have been destroyed? How about the painted arrows showing what might be the way out. One group I saw were using string tied to formations, I mentioned that to them and they said they were going to remove them as they went out,

well one year later I found several strings in the cave that had been left behind.

4. You get to show them what equipment they need for a successful trip. I remember meeting a group of three people in a cave with two flashlights wearing t-shirts and one of them was in a tank top and no head protection. Well we (group I was with) talked about grottos and how to join.
5. You get to see the youths for who they are and you can be a big influence on how they and others see them. I have taken kids caving and when we as adults speak encouragement to them you see their egos boosted. Remember the first time you went through a small crawl and someone gave you encouragement and when you made it through your ego said yea I can do anything (until the next challenge).

There are many more pros to why take youth groups caving but let's look at a few cons:

1. The group is unruly. Well just remember you are the leader and you can stop right where you are and head out.
2. Poor youth leadership, remember before you take a group caving you want to go to a meeting and tell them what you want and expect from the group. I have done that and when the talk was over they knew what I expected and the cave trip was a great one.
3. Poor equipment. That is your fault. You have to have a meeting with the youth group and tell them what to bring. I have made a list that I give to the groups and expect them to have the gear. Helmets are a problem but there are a lot of Grottos that have helmets for the youth groups to use. But remember even Grotto gear needs to be taken care of. I cover all the gear they need including mentioning a plastic bottle to pee in. When I first started taking groups I did not have that good of a list and as I was leading one Scout had a huge day pack and we were in a very muddy cave. I asked him, what do you have in your pack? Well the list I gave them listed the clean clothes and guess what he had them with him. Well I changed my list to show what to leave in the car.

4. The cave is too much for the group. Well you have to take the group in a cave that suits the group. Beginner's trips should be in a simple beginners cave.
5. Not enough adult supervision. I always require the group to provide adults. Without them the trip does not go forward. For one thing with all the weird things going on with adults being accused of sexual misconduct (whether true or not) always have other adults with you.

I'm sure you can come up with more pro and cons of youth groups but let's face it, they are the future of caving and if we don't take them by the hand and teach them the sport will become lost.

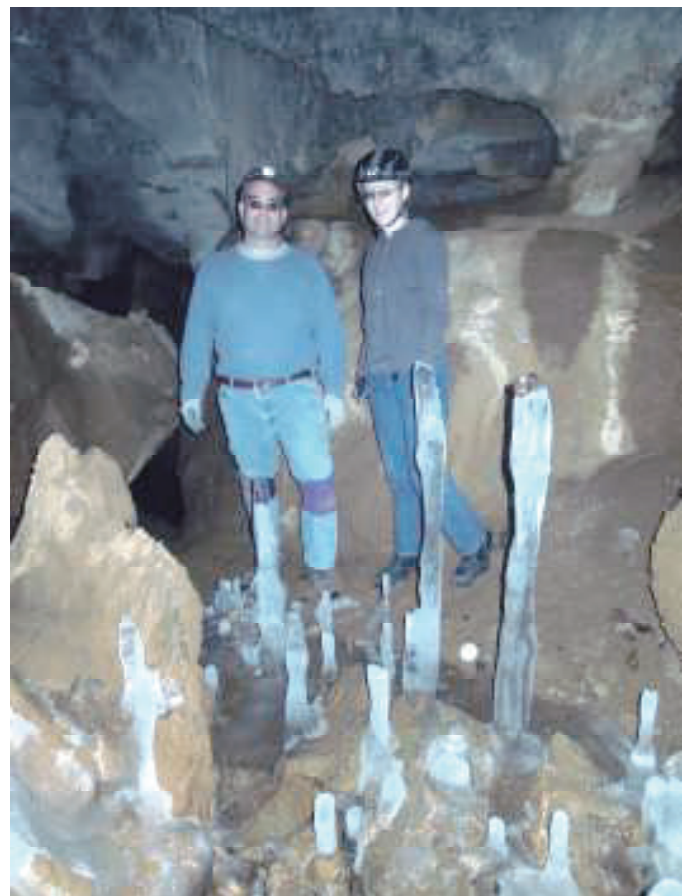
It's Never Been Done Before This one is for the record books.

We met Elaine Yu several years ago at a Maryland cave. She was there with other group leaders from Johns Hopkins University Outdoor Club. We hatched the notion that we would cave together in the future and we have. Since then, Elaine has moved on to Georgetown University and is in charge of the outdoor club there. She maintains a connection with the Johns Hopkins group as well and must be a very talented and busy lady. On one of our trips a year or so ago, we did a limited trip into Jones Quarry Cave, and traveled back to the handshake section on the east side near the 'S' turn. On that trip, Stephen took a few of the group back to about Snake Alley on the west side of the cave.

Elaine and her group have been enamored with the idea that there was a 'handshake' in the cave. The thought kept eating at her that one day she would like to see the other side. My son, Stephen Bowen had been making forays back into that section. Last summer he took several from the NSS Convention all the way back to the west side handshake area. So Stephen was the one with the most recent experience to lead the trip.

Elaine expressed to me the desire to have her team break up into two groups. Each group traveling to each side of the handshake. Then they were to come back and meet in the middle and reverse the groups. Each time, they were to do the handshake. I told her that would take about five hours, but she didn't mind. So now I have to look up Stephen and see if he is willing. Stephen! Where are you?

The day came on February 22, 2014. Elaine showed up with a total of seven participants from both universities. I had asked John and Sarah Scrivener to join us, and then it was Stephen and I. Eleven total participants. Because of all the snow we have had this winter, and the melting and freezing, there were ice stalagmites in the entrance area. All of their different shapes were pretty, some defying gravity.





We stopped at the big flat rock at the bottom of the mud slide to make our final preparations and figure our strategy. Stephen was to lead the west side only, and do it twice. The university groups did like they figured. Since a few of Elaine's group had already been to the handshake on the east side, they made sure there was one leader in each team who had been there before. John, Sarah and I did the typical tourist route around the front of the cave and took pictures. We headed down the strike east passage going high then low near the face of the quarry. We looked down into the pits and saw a lot of standing water at the bottom.



We headed back to the low crawl at the entrance to the east side handshake and took a break. After some pictures and small talk they decided they too wanted to see the east side handshake.

So in I went, followed by Sarah. When John arrived at the tight spot, I encouraged him to go back. I didn't want him stuck with seven people behind him who could not get out. Sarah and I continued on, negotiating the crawls and turns until we met up with the university group. It looked like they would be coming out soon, and we didn't want to be behind them, so we more or less turned around and exited as soon as we got there.



When the two university groups met at mid-term, they took a lunch break. John, Sarah and I took a look at the bowl room, and came back via the rabbit hole to the large rock. The Scrivener's had seen what they could so I led them out. Stephen was just getting ready to take a second trip to the west side, going up and down the elevators. I stayed out at the truck for another hour or so waiting for the university groups to finish their mission, which they did.



I asked Bob Bennett later if anyone on record had ever done the handshake, and had the groups cross over and do it again. Bob said, "No one has ever done that". So this trip goes in the record books. Remember, you heard it first on WJBW in the Dead Dog Dispatch.

Jerry Bowen

History of underground cave explored

February 23, 2014

By Mary Stortstrom (mstortstrom@journal-news.net) , journal-news.net

CHARLES TOWN - Beneath Charles Town and Ranson lies an underground cave which has undergone several changes since its discovery, but one thing - its grip on the imagination of locals - has not. According to a segment of West Virginia Public Broadcasting's "Lab 304" program titled "Underground West Virginia," there are more than 4,300 known caves in the state. According to the program, more than 500 miles of West Virginia's caves have been mapped.

The cave is more than 100 feet long and contains a subterranean lake and is located beneath Liberty St. and the Opera House in Charles Town, and may have once had an entrance under what is now the Southern States location in Ranson. An early photo of the cave beneath Charles Town is shown. First discovered in 1906, the cave has captured the imagination of locals for generations.



Handicapped!

As some of you know, I had an accident last November and was laid up for about 2 months & still had trouble getting around for another 6 weeks.

Tom Griffin has had a very bad knee so in January he had a knee replacement. So he has been getting around kinda gingerly since.

We both are getting really antsy to go caving! We got to talking and decided to go into Donaldson Cave since it is an easy cave. Since we both are sorta handicapped at the present we decided to take along our walkers to help us out!



Griffin

Now I don't know if anyone had used a walker in a wild cave but it is anything but easy! Even though the cave itself is pretty easy, using a walker in a cave has its drawbacks! Just inside the entrance to the cave it is kinda flat and the going pretty easy. But when you go down off of a drop sometimes there is no room to set the walker. You also have to be careful of the mud and wet slick rocks. A walker is not very stable in these situations. All photos were actually taken by Terri Griffin.



Griffin



Griffin



Griffin



Griffin



Bob



Bob



Bob



Bob



Bob



Griffin



Dowsing at the Apollo - Bob



Benedicts - Nikki



Bob



Nestle Quarry – Photo by John D



Bob



New TSG T-shirt



CAVIN CALENDAR

MARCH 9TH - APRIL 19TH



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Mar 30	Mar 31	Apr 1 ALL FOOL'S DAY	Apr 2	Apr 3	Apr 4	Apr 5 Dedication: TSG Passage Crystal Grottoes
Apr 6	Apr 7	Apr 8	Apr 9  Meeting 7pm	Apr 10	Apr 11 Spring VAR - RASS Field House	Apr 12 Spring VAR - RASS Field House
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