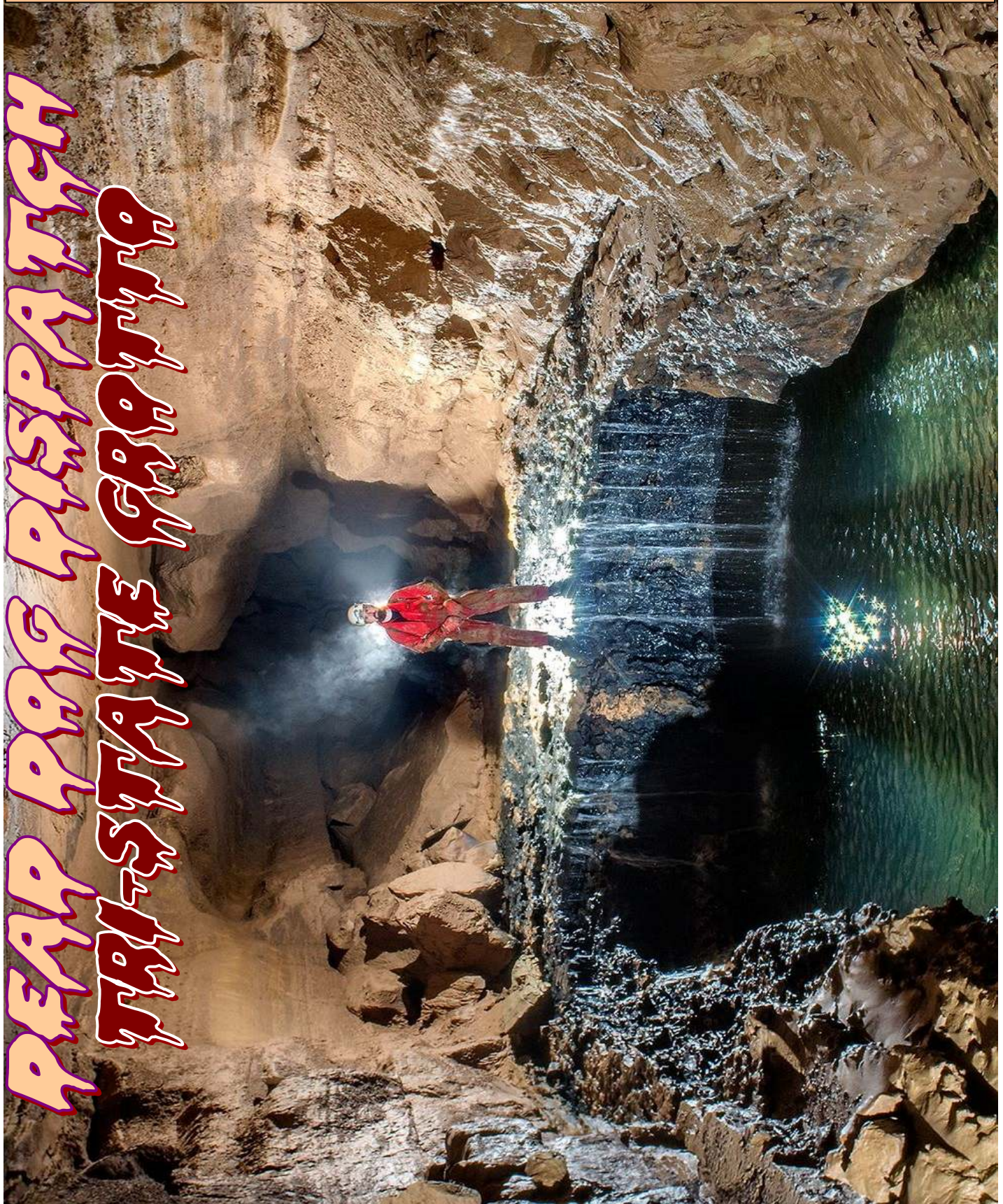


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WE NEED EVERYONE TO KEEP THINKING ABOUT VOLUNTEERING FOR AN OPEN POSITION. WE STILL NEED SOMEONE FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

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PLEASE GIVE IT SOME THOUGHT. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!



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CAVIN EVENTS

2014

NOV 1 ---- Ridgeway - Hardy Co - Lost River
NOV 2 ---- DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
NOV 4 --- Election Day
NOV 8 --- WVCC Banquet – 7PM - Lewisburg
NOV 9 ---- SADIE HAWKINS DAY
NOV 11 -- VETERAN'S DAY
NOV 12 -- TSG meeting – Nominations – 7pm
NOV 27 -- THANKSGIVING
NOV 28 -- BLACK FRIDAY
DEC 10 -- TSG meeting – Elections – 7pm
DEC 13 -- Annual Christmas Celebration at Bob & Paulette Bennett's home – 6:30 pm
DEC 14 -- TSG caving – set trip up at party!
DEC 21 -- WINTER SOLSTICE
DEC 24 -- CHRISTMAS EVE
DEC 25 -- CHRISTMAS DAY
DEC 31 -- NEW YEAR'S EVE

2015

JAN 1 ----- NEW YEARS DAY
JAN 14 ---- TSG meeting - 7pm
JAN 19 ---- Martin Luther King Day
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 October ----- \$19.00

TOTAL TO DATE: ----- \$5690.50

The money was sent to SCCI!
Keep It Coming!

WEBSITE & CAVING LINKS

Tri-State Grotto ----- www.tristategrotto.net/
VAR ----- www.varegion.org/
NSS ----- www.caves.org/
NSS Convention 2014 ----- <http://nss2014.caves.org/>
OTR ----- www.otr.org/
MAR ----- www.caves.org/region/mar/
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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

GROTTO BIRTHDAYS

MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Mary Bowen, Brooks Brogan, Nikki Fox, Tom Griffin, Art Hanson Jr, Christal Hanson, Terry McClanathan, Johnny Robinson Jr

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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TRIP REPORTS

LOST RIVER ESCAPADES

The last time that a ridge walk was planned we were to go to Morgan Co & look for a reported pit/sink in the western part of the county. The plans were changed though. Instead we went to the Sinks of Lost River.

About 20 years ago a group of us went to the sink area & checked out the limestone cliffs above where the river sinks. We found 4 caves (the longest about 200-300 feet. It was cold, snow flurries, windy, & about 2" of snow on the ground.

On a later trip about 10 years ago a group of us went to the same area. John Pearson and I found a small cave almost at river level. The hole dropped down & turned into a small crawlway. Neither of us wanted to do any squeezing so we GPS'd it & saved it for later.

On Saturday, Nov 1st, Tom & Terri Griffin & I headed for the sinks in Hardy Co. Of course it was cold (40 degrees) & raining. Our goal was to re-find & GPS the caves that we had found on the previous 2 trips for information for Hardy Co survey that George Dasher was working on.

We headed down to the river bed which had no water running in it. We decided to head to the other side because it was more open. Of course true to form I slipped on the wet rocks and fell. My body slid forward & my right arm slid backwards. My shoulder doesn't work quite that way! I hurt it pretty bad. I couldn't bring the arm up at all.

But hey I'm tough! Terry found me a nice walking stick & using my left arm I trogged on. Of course this left me out from climbing around the rocks & the cliffs.

Tom headed back across the river bed & I started noticing cave entrances from the other side of the river bed. As I pointed them out Tom would climb to them, check them out & GPS them. There was a

series of slots in some outcrops that contained short passages. There were 3 in all that were significant enough to mention. They were about 10', 15' & 20' long. They also could be in a limey sandstone.



(bob)



(bob)



(bob)

previous entrances. Since we were finding new caves we sorta forgot about looking for the caves found on the previous trips.



(bob)

Since Tom had to leave by 3pm we stopped what we were doing & headed back to the vehicles. My arm was still hurting pretty bad.

Before we headed home we headed to another ridge that contained a resurgence to take pictures & GPS it.

From there we headed home relishing in the fact that we had 4 new caves & possibly a new spring for the Hardy Co survey. Pretty good work for a nice afternoon out in a cold drizzle!

We still need to go back because there are more entrances & caves to be found there!

Bob 21847



(Tom)

Tom moved on up the steep hill & found a small entrance in the limestone. It turned out to be about 40' long. Tom then spent the next hour or so climbing around the slope & cliffs finding several more entrances that were not entered at this time. Terri then climbed behind Tom & checked out the



(Eric)



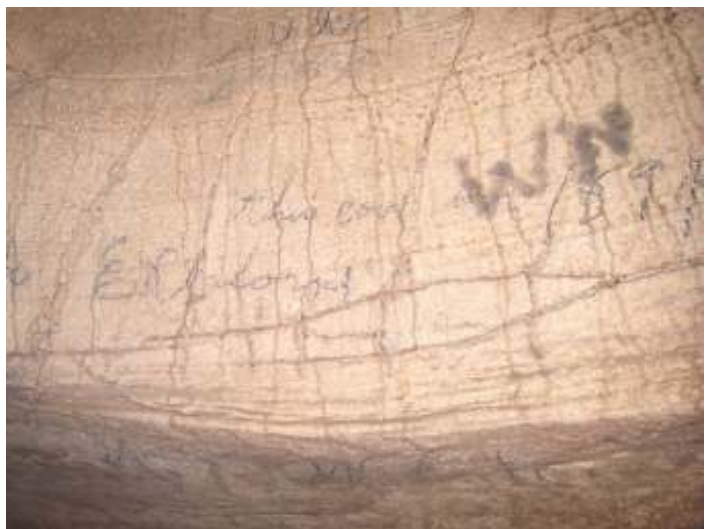
(Jerry)



(Jerry)



(Eric)





CAVIN CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 9TH - DECEMBER 20TH



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov 9 SADIE HAWKIN'S DAY	Nov 10	Nov 11  VETERAN'S DAY	Nov 12  Meeting 7pm Annual Nominations	Nov 13	Nov 14	Nov 15
Nov 16	Nov 17	Nov 18	Nov 19	Nov 20	Nov 21	Nov 22
Nov 23	Nov 24	Nov 25	Nov 26	Nov 27 THANKSGIVING	Nov 28 BLACK FRIDAY	Nov 29
Nov 30	Dec 1	Dec 2	Dec 3	Dec 4	Dec 5	Dec 6
Dec 7	Dec 8	Dec 9	Dec 10  Meeting 7pm Annual Elections	Dec 11	Dec 12	Dec 13  Annual Christmas Celebration
Dec 14 Grotto Cave Trip	Dec 15	Dec 16	Dec 17	Dec 18	Dec 19	Dec 20

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