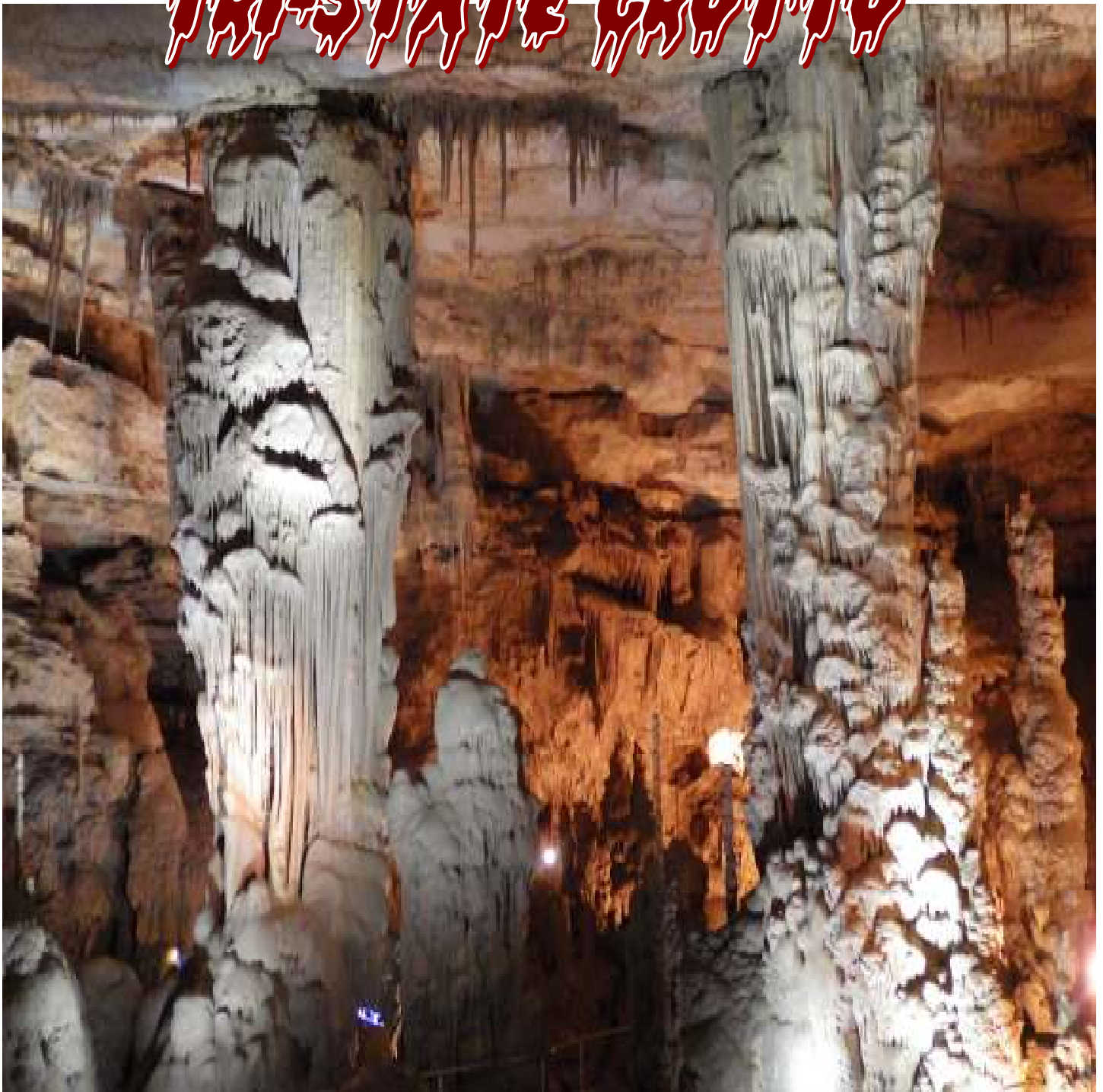


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WE NEED EVERYONE TO KEEP THINKING ABOUT VOLUNTEERING FOR AN OPEN POSITION. WE STILL NEED SOMEONE FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

PROGRAM CHAIR
MEMBER at LARGE

PLEASE GIVE IT SOME THOUGHT. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!



CAVING EVENTS

2014

Month of August ----- **\$19.00**

TOTAL TO DATE: ----- **\$5671.50**

SEP 1 ---- LABOR DAY
SEP 7 ---- GRAND PARENT'S DAY
SEP 9 ---- National Groundwater Day
SEP 10 --- TSG meeting – 7pm
SEP 11 --- PATRIOT'S DAY
SEP 13 --- Kayak trip - see John D – 11am
SEP 13 --- Breathing Cave – see Eric Berge
SEP 23 --- AUTUMNAL EQUINOX
OCT 8 --- TSG meeting – 7pm – Annual Auction
OCT 10-12 -- Fall VAR – Rich Mt Battlefield near Beverly,
WV – Hosted by Monongahela Grotto
OCT 10-12 – Fall MAR – Rupert Cave – 7 Valleys Grotto
OCT 9-12 – Fall TAG Cave-In
OCT 13 --- Columbus Day
OCT 18 --- Bridge Day
OCT 31 --- ALL HALLOWS EVE
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

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.

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/
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/>
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 SEPTEMBER

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

TRIP REPORTS

OTR 2014

By John DiCarlo, NSS 25744

Daily, WV--At OTR this year Tri-State Grotto went to Alpena Cave. Arriving at the parking area we suited up. Jordan's sole came off one of his shoes and was close on the other. Carolyn Carter doctored up his shoes with some duct tape and we were on our way.



Standing in front of Alpena Cave, this is the before picture. What a clean group.

We entered the cave one by one, immediately we had to belly crawl through the stream. It was a short crawl before we could stand up. The ceiling drops and rises as we go.



Jordan's sole came off. Dr. Carter patches him up. Duct tape to the rescue again.

Making our way down a narrow path through tall weeds we arrived at the entrance. Here we posed for a before picture. I would like to point out how clean everyone is. If you cave, clean your gear so not to spread WNS.



Moving down a passage with a stream for the floor.

It wasn't always ducking under things. Sometimes we had to climb over boulders and squeeze through things.



Here, the group goes through a tight spot.

Caving down the passage there were bigger rooms called dome rooms, they had tall ceilings with water dripping down. We were going from stooping down, crawling and standing up.



Carolyn Carter, who is wet past her knees, stands in one of the domes.

We followed this passage to the end and turned around. We came back to a connecting passage and again had to belly crawl to a parallel passage.



Low head space

We followed this passage to the end as Art went up another passage to its end. We turned around and headed back out. Again we had to belly crawl through the stream, and walk through the dome rooms and low passages.



Not sure if Trish Walthers is looking up or showing us her dance moves.

A couple of quick trips with one of our NSS VIP's Geary Schindel. We went to Donaldson Cave which was his very first cave about 40 years ago. Then we hit the upper section of Whittings Neck Cave. We then drove around to a few of the projects we (TSG) have going. Below are a couple of pictures.

TomGriffin



Coming to the last obstacle we crawled through the stream to the entrance and back out to the sunshine following the path back to the cars. We posed for an after picture in the parking area. Then changed and headed back to the OTR site.



Alpena Cave, after picture

Convention in Pictures:



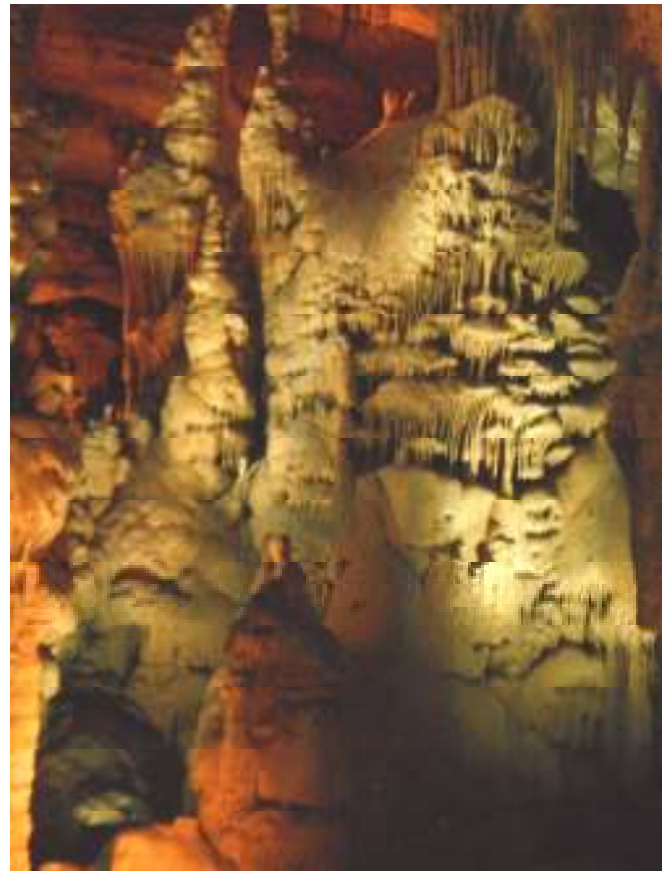
Camp (Ann M)



Auction (AM)



Neversink (AM)



Cathedral Caverns (AM)



Sauta Cave (AM)



(AM)



At the Vendors (AM)



(AM)



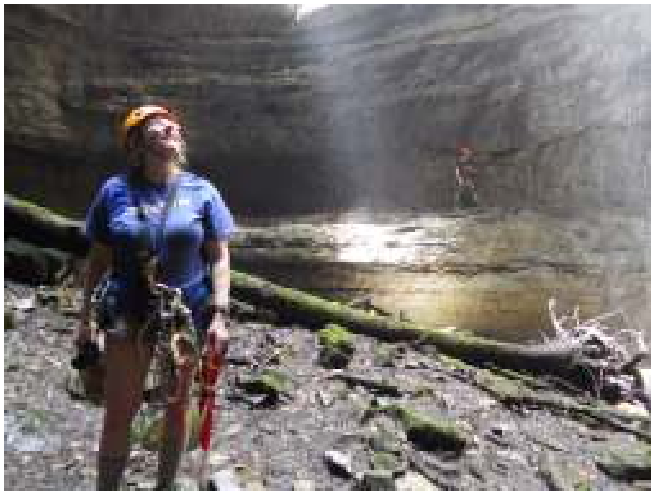
Cathedral Caverns(Bob B)



Tumbling Rock (AM)



Campground Party (BB)



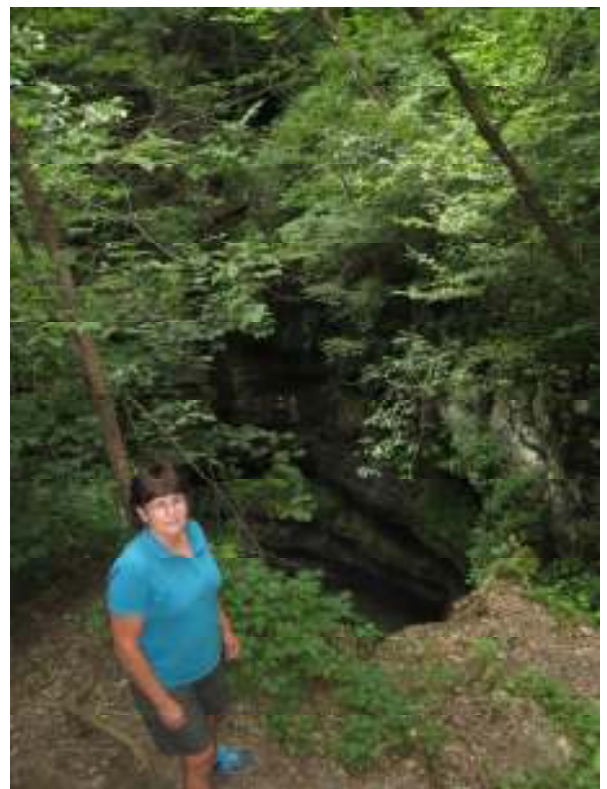
Neversink (Cheryl S)



(Jeff H)



Neversink (CS)



Neversink (JH)



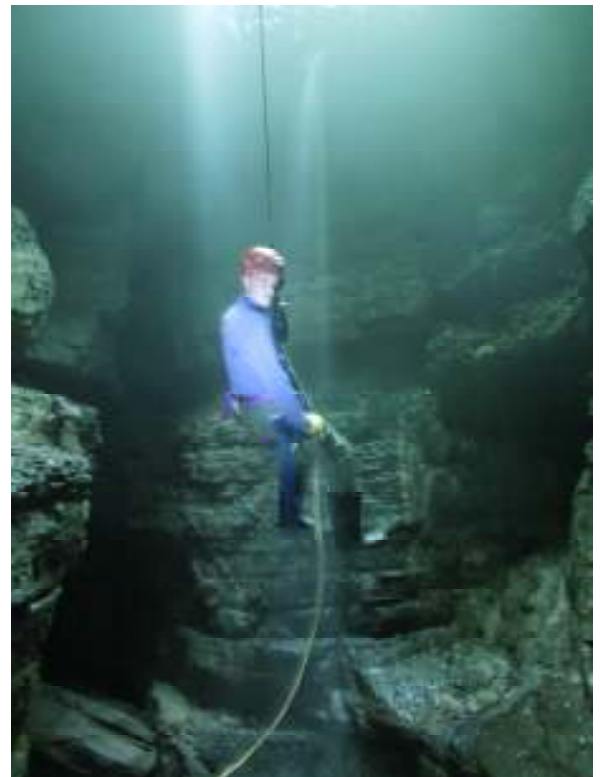
Vehicle fun (JH)



Vertical Session (TG)



Tumbling Rock (TOM G)



Stephens Gap (Jerry B)



Camp (JB)



Stephens Gap (JB)



Camp (JB)



Stephens Gap (JB)



Cathedral Caverns (JB)



Howdy Party (Janet T)



Campground Party (JT)



Relaxing LOL! (JH)



Cathedral Caverns (JH)



Cathedral Caverns (BB)



Stephens Gap (TG)



CAVIN CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 7TH - OCTOBER 18TH



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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