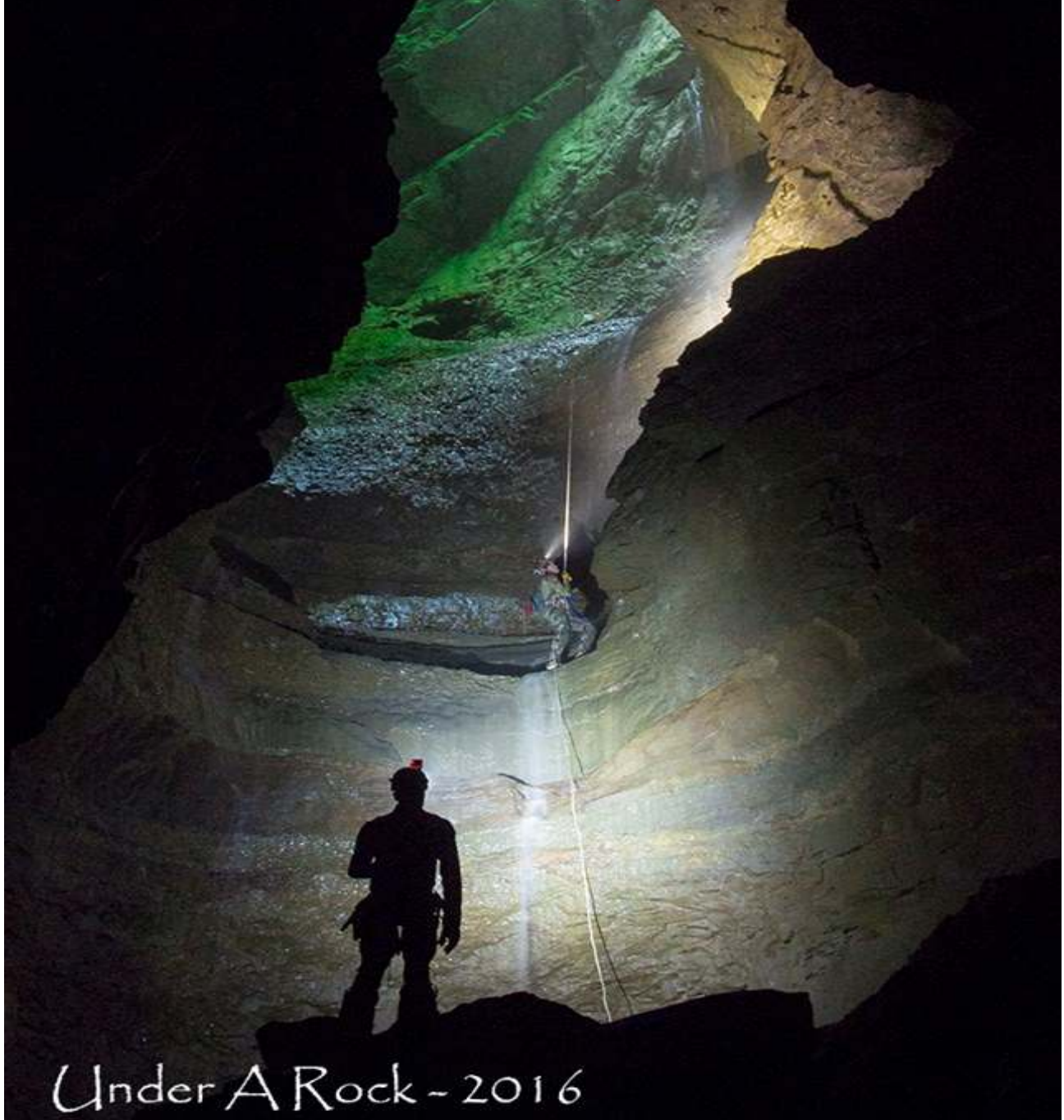


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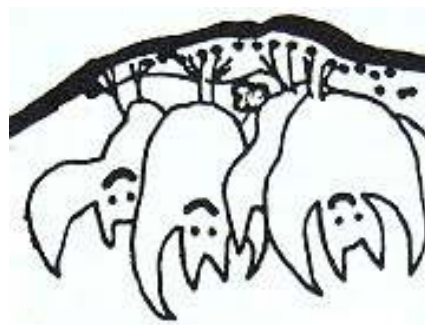
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*** The cover this month is the Crookshank Entrance to the Friars Hole System, Greenbrier Co, WV. Ryan Maurer Took the photo. Thanks Ryan.

**** Don't forget, the **JONES QUARRY BOOKLET** is STILL available at a reasonable price **\$6.00**. There is only a couple left! If you are interested in purchasing the BOOKLET, contact **BOB BENNETT 304-821-4621(H)** or **304-671-0344(C)** E-MAIL at gimpycaver@comcast.net

*****ONLY 2 LEFT!*****

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



CAVIN EVENTS

2016

JUN 2-5 --- SERA Cave Carnival - Pigeon Mt, GA
JUN 4 --- Norman Cave - see Jeff Jahn
JUN 8 --- TSG meeting - 7pm
JUN 10-12 --- Bubble Weekend
JUN 10-12 --- WVACS Classic - WVASS field station,
Greenbrier Co, WV
JUN 11 --- Greenbrier Co, WV - Survey - see Bob
JUN 14 --- FLAG DAY
JUN 17-19 --- Karst-O-Rama - Great Saltpeter Cave
Preserve, KY
JUN 19 --- FATHER'S DAY
JUN 20 --- SUMMER SOLSTICE
JUN 20 --- WV DAY
JUL 4 --- INDEPENDENCE DAY
JUL 9 --- Adam Stephen dig - 9:30am
JUL 13 --- TSG meeting - 7pm
JUL 18-22 --- NSS Convention - Ely, NV
AUG 4-7 --- Indiana Cave Capers
AUG 10 --- TSG meeting - 7pm
AUG 20 --- Annual TSG picnic - Blue Ridge Acres,
Harpers Ferry, WV - 12pm
SEP 1-5 --- OTR
SEP 3 --- Doo Dah Parade - 10am
SEP 5 --- LABOR DAY
SEP 11 --- PATRIOT'S DAY
SEP 14 --- TSG meeting - 7pm
SEP 23 --- Fall MAR, Woodward Cave, PA
SEP 23 --- AUTUMN EQUINOX
SEP 30-OCT 2 --- Fall VAR - Poor Farm Park,
Greenbrier Co, WV
OCT 6-9 --- Fall TAG Cave-In - Lookout Mt, GA
OCT 12 --- TSG meeting - 7pm
OCT 15 --- Bridge Day
OCT 31 --- All Hallows Eve (Halloween)

***** 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 MAY ----- \$45.00

TOTAL TO DATE: ----- \$6236.50

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 2016 ----- www.nss2016.caves.org/
OTR ----- www.otr.org/
MAR ----- www.caves.org/region/mar/
WVCC ----- www.wvcc.net/
Bob's Web Site ----- www.tristategrotto.net/Bob/
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 JUNE

Bob Bennett, Gordon Birkhimer, Anya Crane, Mike
Eppley, Jesse Hogbin, David Knox, Bill Vis

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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REPORTS

TSG Meeting
5/11/16
Attendance - 17

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

No Correspondence:

Old Business: John talked in depth about the final budget for the Spring VAR.

Adam Stephen Day/Heritage Day is this Sat, 5/14/16. John talked about past AS digs and what was done.

Bob talked about the Jones Quarry Cave calendar. John opened JQ Cave for the recent YMCA trip and went along with them.
Tom talked about the recent rules for JQ that have gone into effect.

New Business: John talked about the Grotto giving grants to people and organizations requesting cave and bat equipment. It was voted down.

JC talked to Craig Stihler and equipment needed for the WV DNR. It looks as though what the DNR is needing right now is a newer updated computer to work with existing equipment that is being used. It was decided that TSG should continue to 'donate' / 'give' items (not money!) needed to government agencies/organizations in need of equipment that is outdated.

JC also talked about items that we have donated to different government agencies such as the WV & MD DNR's etc.

Sheila Riley talked about a friend of hers that has purchased property in MD that has a cave on it. She says that he would like to have someone to gate the cave. She will get more information about the property and cave.

Bill Jackson talked about the NSS asking for donations from individuals and organizations to support the paying off of the existing mortgage on the NSS headquarters.

He also talked in dept about the current mortgage and how it was set up with a balloon payment.

He also talked about Team 404.

JC made a motion for TSG to donate a one time donation of \$500 to the NSS mortgage fund.

Cave Bucks: \$45 and it will be sent to SCCI.

Cave trips: John and Tim Jordan talked about several members who went to Jordan Lane in Darksville to look at several sinkholes and an existing hand dug well.

They also talked about Pig Cave.

Tom talked about an existing shelter cave right in Harpers Ferry. A trip was set up for Wed, May 18th at 6pm to go dig in the cave and survey it. The cave is in a type of sandstone(?) or very hard shale(?). *(It seems to be in the CH formation which is mostly the greenish gray phyllite.)*

John has a lead on a small cave near Martinsburg that a bear had cubs in. He will get more info before we check it out.

Kevin Hughes talked about his recent month-long trip to the Grand Canyon and the caves he was able to get into.

Scott Graham talked about a recent trip to Round Top, MD to check out some existing caves/ mines that were not gated.

The annual Grotto picnic will be held on Sat, Aug 20th at the Blue Ridge Acres river front. We have had the picnic there the past 2 years and it has been well attended. It is mostly grassy, well, shaded, and the river is low, slow, & shallow enough there for children to get in the water. We have had a rope set up for practicing vertical and the boat ramp is right there for putting kayaks and canoes into the water. The picnic will start at noon and last until about 6pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

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

Hi All,
6/4/16

I want to thank everyone who came out on the Norman/Great White Way trip. Especially Jeff Jahn for leading. There was a tiled map floating around. I was able to take several sheets of paper, and 'Boy Scout style' was able to measure the map with tic marks. After measuring all the tic marks on three sheets of paper have come up with the following statistics.

To the waterfall:
400 feet
To the Great White Way
4,009 feet
The Great White Way
2,011 feet

6420 feet (total, one way)

So it was about a mile and a quarter in, and a mile and a quarter out. Two and a half miles total. (There is 5,280 feet in a mile).

Going in was easy. First a body is fresh and looking for adventure. The stream runs in the direction you are heading. You lift your foot up and the current glides your foot to the next step. Like I said, easy. Coming out is a different story. You are tired and have found all the adventure you are going to find. When you hit the stream, your feet need to fight the current. You lift your foot up, struggle to place it in the next step. It wore me down, and I was glad to get back to the hill.

A lot of neat pictures were taken. I have included one for publication in the Dead Dog Dispatch. Dave from the Cave took a lot of video footage. I happen to know he is editing the footage and will have a link on his website soon. The link to his web site is:



<http://www.davefromthecave.com/>
The Great White Way - by Jerry B

He should have the water fall and walking sections in the GWW.

Participants:

Jeff Jahn (leader), Jerry Bowen, Dave Lucas, Greg McCoy, Lauren McCoy, Earl Sutor, Cheryl Sutor, Pete Bracken, Janet Tinkham

Jerry Bowen

Long Farm Cave

Pennsylvania caver Don Arrowood has for some time been systematically seeking out long lost or forgotten caves in Franklin County, Pa. Besides verifying their location, the primary objective is to

document the caves through survey. Recently he and a group of Pennsylvania cavers consisting of Ryan Boyce, Kevin Rice, Gordy Ley, Glen Sarvis, Corry Shafer, and Brant Wingert opened a cave covered by decades of dumped rubble near Welsh Run in Franklin County.

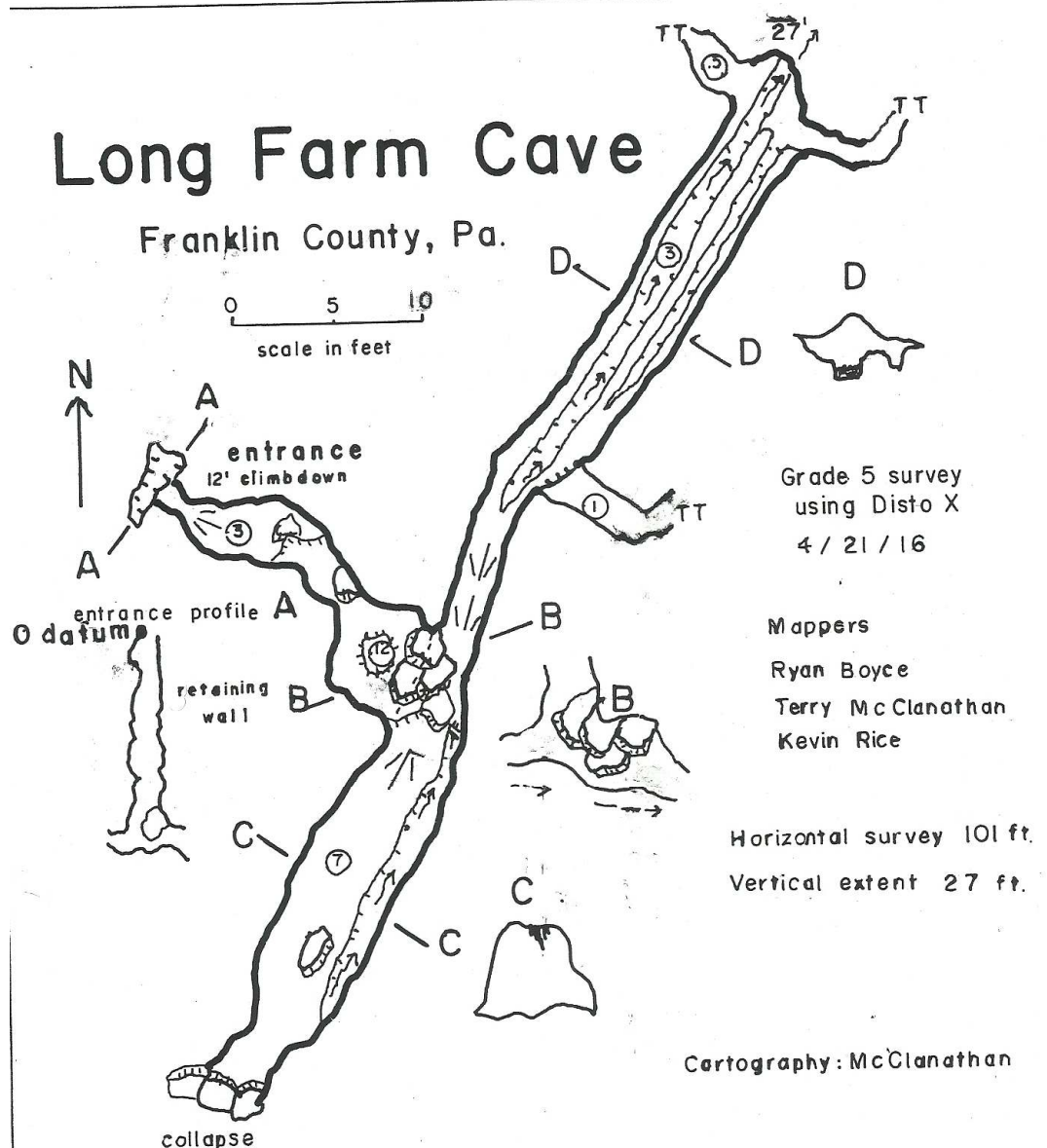
On the evening of April 21st Ryan, Kevin, and myself mapped the cave. Don pointed out that a description from way back showed that the cave used to be more extensive than it is today. Apparently there was a breakdown collapse (marked on the map as such) which has reduced the cave length to less than half of what it once was. A small stream flows through the main passage and exits through an inches high conduit beneath a low ledge to the northeast. There is ample evidence of back-flooding in the entire lower level.

Our initial mapping efforts from the 21st yielded 95 feet of horizontal traverse. When I went to draw up the map a few days later, the data showed a deviation in the main passage which I did not recall so Don, Ryan, and I returned the following week to re-check a couple of the stations. The problem was soon solved when I realized

I'd misread a decimal in one of the azimuths. A good case could be made here for always back-sighting, as doing so would have corrected the error on the spot, negating the need for a return trip. While there the second time I did a shot into a short side passage Kevin had entered on the first trip, getting us another six feet to bring the survey up to 101 feet with a depth of 27 feet. Don says there are many other small caves in the county, he just needs

to relocate them, so there may be other mapping projects in the future.

Terry McClanathan



Looking For The Other End Of Pig Cave: Wednesday Night Caving

By John DiCarlo, NSS 25477

Inwood, WV – On May 4, 2016 Tri-State Grotto visited Jordan Lane to look for the exit to Pig Cave. Tim Jordan grew up on the farm across from Pig

Cave. He said his whole life he was told the location of Pig Cave. His brother had been in it. His brother had made his way to about where Rt 11 is, and found that the cave was collapsed. The entrance is now full of fence wire and trash. He said it appears that someone is still putting trash into it.

The house site where the pig came out, is east of Rt 11. The house, Tim said, burned several years ago. You could hardly tell anything was there. It was overgrown with small trees.

Right behind it was a hand dug well.



ADAM OATES AT THE TOP OF THE WELL

Dirt from the house washed into the well. Filling it ½ of the way up.



LOOKING DOWN THE WELL AT THE LADDER, SITTING ON THE SILT

It has now washed out. Tim had an extension ladder set down it. Several of us climbed down the ladder into the well. Tom Griffin climbed down first. After he came out Jerry Bowen went down. Jerry came up and Bob Bennett climbed down the ladder. When he came up John DiCarlo took his turn. You had to climb down the well a little way to get to the ladder. The ladder was set at a steep angle. It had to be, as you can see in the photo.



JERRY BOWEN CLIMBING UP THE LADDER

On my descent, I took Doc's three-foot needle down to probe the floor. I could easily push it ½ way in, about 1 ½ ft. I could have pushed it in further but was worried I may not have been able to pull it out. There was a small side crevice. It ran to the south. I could see a couple feet up it. The silt had flowed into it.



LOOKING UP A SOUTHERN CREVICE

Looking up I could see wood beams were set and had rock built up on them that were the walls to the surface. It was stacked, un-mortared stone. The bottom logs ran east to west. The north south logs set on the bottom logs,



LOOKING UP THE WELL

The ends of the bottom logs were beveled to match the angle of the bedrock. Below that were bedrock walls. On top of the stone walls there was concrete and a row of brick.



**THE BEVELED END OF
THE BOTTOM LOG**

After we checked out the well we walked the fields and looked at a line of sinkholes.



**ADAM OATES WALKING
THROUGH THE FIELDS**

We looked at several sinkholes on our hike. One of them, Tim and Doc had previously pulled some rock out of. Most of it was fieldstone.



**SCOTT GRAHAM DOWN IN
THE SINKHOLE, CHECKING
TO SEE IF IT GOES**

The thought was, that whoever was working the fields, took rock out of the fields and dumped them into the sinkhole. It gave them a place to dump the rock and something to fill the sinkhole with.

THE WVACS CLASSIC 2016

When: Friday June 10th through Sunday June 12th, 2016

- The field station will be open Thursday night, but the main event runs from Friday night through Sunday afternoon. Folks are welcome to come early, but trips cannot be promised for Friday.

Where: WVACS Field Station in Greenbrier County

- 37.97912, -80.39182
- 739 Butler Mountain Rd Renick, WV 24966 (google maps)

Facilities:

- Bunk rooms plus plenty of tent space available
- \$15 per persons
- No pets, please



- **What:**
- Saturday night events
- Caving
- Potluck dinner
- Fireworks

For more caving and event details, See next page!

contact Nick Socky at sockynss@vt.edu for more info if needed

Caving Related Activities: There are multiple activities to choose from! Most of these will be determined based of guest interest.

- Sport Caving in the Greenbrier
 - Culverson Creek
 - Maxwellton
 - Windy Mouth
 - Friars Holes
 - Benedicts
 - McClungs (Lightners)
 - Lost World Caverns (Grapevine)
- Digging in the Greenbrier
 - Robbins Run
 - Burntwood
 - Midas Cave
- Learning how to survey
 - Culverson Creek
 - Maxwellton
 - Windy Mouth
 - Dry Cave
 - Midas Cave (needs to be opened by dig first)
- Learning how to sketch
- Learning advanced vertical techniques: Re-belay's, J-Hang's, Re-direct, Passing a knot





CAVIN CALENDAR

JUNE 5TH - JULY 18TH



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jun 5 SERA - Pigeon Mt, GA	<i>Jun 6</i>	<i>Jun 7</i>	Jun 8  Meeting 7pm	<i>Jun 9</i>	Jun 10 Bubble Cave weekend WVASS Classic	Jun 11 Bubble Cave weekend WVASS Classic Greenbrier Co Survey-see Bob
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Jun 19 Karst-O-Rama - Great Saltpeter Cave Preserve FATHER'S DAY	Jun 20  SOLSTICE	<i>Jun 21</i>	<i>Jun 22</i>	<i>Jun 23</i>	<i>Jun 24</i>	<i>Jun 25</i>
<i>Jun 26</i>	<i>Jun 27</i>	<i>Jun 28</i>	<i>Jun 29</i>	<i>Jun 30</i>	<i>Jul 1</i>	<i>Jul 2</i>
<i>Jul 3</i>	Jul 4  INDEPENDENCE DAY	<i>Jul 5</i>	<i>Jul 6</i>	<i>Jul 7</i>	<i>Jul 8</i>	Jul 9 Adam Stephen dig - 9:30 am
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Shawn Hogbin in Persinger Entrance to Benedicts Cave (Ryan Mauer)



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