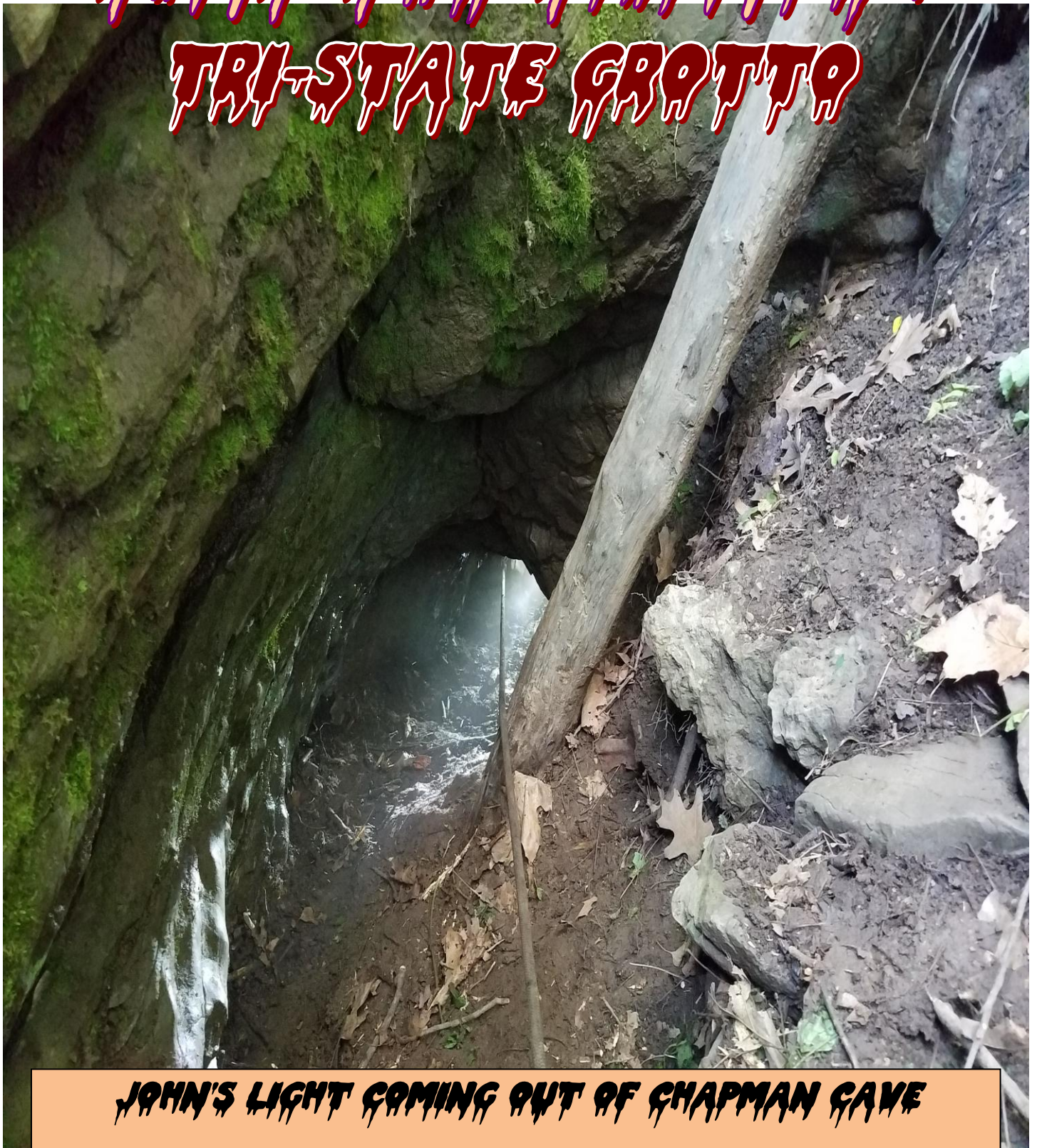


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JOHN'S LIGHT COMING OUT OF CHAPMAN CAVE

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**** The cover this month shows a photo of John DiCarlo's light as John was exiting the entrance to Chapman Cave. Photo was taken by Bob Bennett.**

****** Don't forget, the JONES QUARRY BOOKLET is ALMOST GONE! There are 10 left! If you are interested in purchasing a copy of the BOOKLET, contact **BOB BENNETT 304-821-4621(H)** or **304-671-0344(C)** E-MAIL at gimpycaver@comcast.net
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*******10 LEFT!*******

**WE NEED EVERYONE TO KEEP THINKING ABOUT VOLUNTEERING FOR AN OPEN POSITION. WE STILL HAVE 6 POSITIONS OPEN!
 PLEASE GIVE IT SOME THOUGHT. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!**



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CAVING EVENTS

2017

JUN 2-4 --- Spring MAR/NRO – Cobleskill, NY
JUN 3 ---- Chapmans Cave – see John
JUN 9-11 --- Bubble weekend at Nancy Hanks
JUN 10 ----- Camp Rock Enon – Invited to practice
vertical from 9am-12 noon – see Tom
JUN 10-11 --- WVACS weekend
JUN 14 --- FLAG DAY
JUN 14 --- TSG Meeting – 7pm
JUN 18 --- FATHER'S DAY
JUN 19-23 --- NSS Convention, Rio Rancho, NM
JUN 20 ---- WV Day
JUN 21 ---- SUMMER SOLSTICE
JUN 30-JUL 4 --- MAKC 20th Anniversary –
Blairsville, PA – Camping is free!!!!
JUL 4 ---- INDEPENDENCE DAY
JUL 8-9 --- WVACS Classic
JUL 12 ---- TSG Meeting – 7pm
JUL 20-23 --- Karst-O-Rama – Great Saltpeter
Preserve
AUG 4-6 --- Indiana Cave Capers – Carydon, IN
AUG 5 --- Annual TSG Picnic – Blue Ridge
Acres, Harpers Ferry, WV – 12 noon-6pm
AUG 9 ---- TSG Meeting – 7pm
AUG 13 --- Left Handers Day
AUG 26 --- Boy Scout Powder Horn – Camp Rock
Enon – see Tom or Bob about helping
AUG 31 --- SEP 4 – OTR
SEP 2 ---- Doo Dah Parade – 10 am
SEP 2 ---- Polyester Power Hour Trip – 1pm
SEP 4 ---- LABOR DAY
SEP 9 ---- PATRIOT'S DAY
SEP 22-24 --- Fall VAR – Mountain Institute,
Spruce Knob, WV
OCT 9 --- Columbus Day
OCT 11 --- TSG Meeting – 7pm – Auction
Oct 21 ---- Bridge Day
OCT 31 --- ALL HALLOWS EVE
(HALLOWEEN)
NOV 8 --- TSG meeting – 7pm - Nominations
NOV 11 --- VETERAN'S DAY
NOV 16 ---- Sadie Hawkin's Day
NOV 23 --- THANKSGIVING DAY
NOV 24 --- BLACK FRIDAY

DEC 13 --- TSG meeting – 7pm – Elections
DEC 24 --- CHRISTMAS EVE
DEC 25 --- CHRISTMAS DAY
DEC 31 --- NEW YEAR'S EVE

***** 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 ----- \$18.00
Correction for May -- ----- \$ 4.00

TOTAL TO DATE: ----- \$6594.50

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 2017 ----- <http://nss2017.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/>
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/
WV Caver ----- <http://wvcaver.speleo.us>
WNS -----
<http://www.caves.org/WNS/WNS%20Info.htm/>
Containment Procedures -----
<http://www.fws.gov/northeast/whitenosemessage.html/>

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GROTTO BIRTHDAYS

MONTH OF JUNE

Bob Bennett, Gordon Birkhimer, Hazel Bowen,
Anya Crane, Mike Eppley, Jesse Hogbin, Tim
Jordan, Bill Vis

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

REPORTS

TSG Meeting 5/10/17

John called the meeting to order at 7pm.
Jerry gave the Treasurer's Report.

Correspondence: Received a letter from the state of WV. We are now incorporated.

Old Business: Bob hasn't added any more to the TSG Library.

Spring VAR was 2 weeks ago and it turned out great. Great weather and good food.
Some even went into Butler cave through the newest entrance.
Wed Night Caving went to Dam #4 Cave.
Fall VAR will be at the Mountain Institute on Spruce Knob.

New Business: Dave Knox found a half dollar on his last dig at VAR dated 1917. He suggested June 3 or 4 to work on Chapman Cave.
Sat, May 13 is Heritage Day. Tri-State will be giving tours of the tunnels.
Tom talked about Mystic Cave. He also talked about Bob Liebman (Bob & Bob) and what cavers are doing to help with his medical expenses.

RASS is having a field house event on June 15th (free).

There will be a Boy Scout event at Rock Enon on Aug 26th.

There is a field house near Baker that TSG has access to.

Cave Bucks: \$18.00 – Sent to SCCI

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

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

Chapman Cave June 3, 2017

Photos and report by John DiCarlo NSS# 25744
Baker Heights, WV-Bob Bennett, Dave Knox,
Tom Griffin and I met up to go to Chapman Cave.
Were drove over, parked and made our way to the sinkhole. A lot of debris had slid down the sinkhole and partially filled the opening.



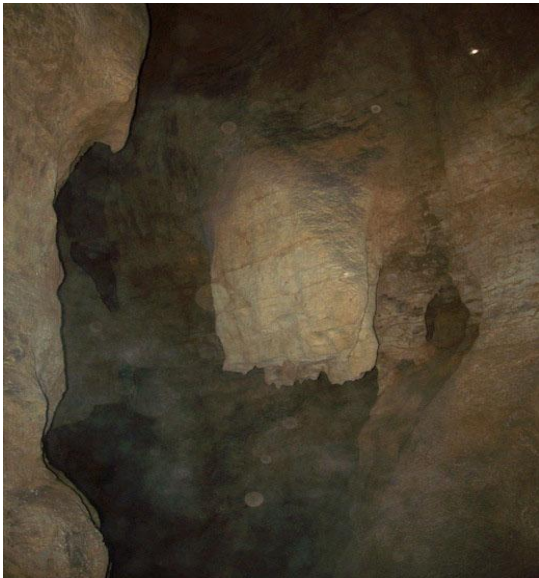
**Tom Griffin passes a rock
up to Bob Bennett**

Using a gas can sled that Dave had, we moved rock and dirt until we had room to go in. Bob had to leave for a bit, so that left Dave, Tom and me to check out the cave.



Dave Knox ready to go into Chapman Cave

We slid in one at a time. As each person made their way in, they went ahead and checked out the cave. As I made my way through it, I had my camera and took some video. It is mainly three rooms with a canyon passage between the first and second room. The second room is the largest. It has some rocks hanging down with pendants on the bottom of them.



Looking into the largest room in the cave

Looking over from the second room to the third room's ceiling, we can see the side of a shield. This is the best formation in the cave. You can see the bottom of it from the third room.



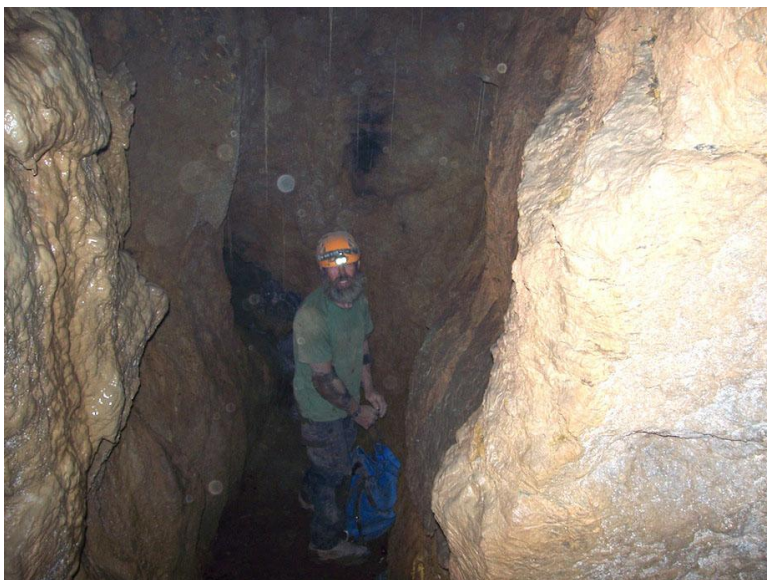
A shield, the best formation in the cave

At the end of the third room, there is a small passage on the floor. Dave went through this, and wiggling around, he made his way down to a small stream.



Tom Griffin rooting around in the back of the cave

At this point, we turned the trip and made our way out. We took Dave over to Big Column Cave next and let him go through it by himself. When he came out we packed it in and headed our separate ways home.



Dave Knox in the back of the cave



We explored every passage in the cave. At one point, Levi looked down a small passage and said, somebody put water bottles in there. He said it a few times and I took a look. They were empty beer bottles.

Levi Goes To Dargan Cave

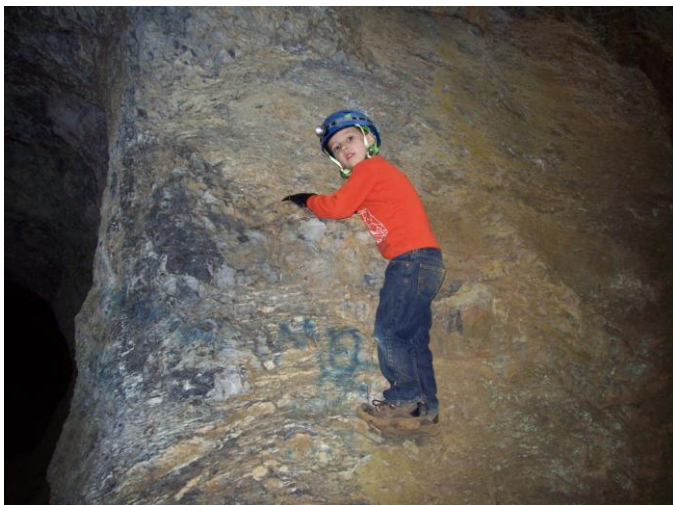
Pictures and Report by John DiCarlo, NSS # 25744

Dargan, MD-Tuesday night, May 23, 2017, as part of my hiking the C&O Canal series, I took Lynn and Levi Caving.



After checking out all the leads we moved over to another cave. It has a small passage that goes in and turns to the left. Levi went to the end of the passage and looked around the corner. "It goes," he said, before turning around and coming back out. If he had gone any farther, I wouldn't have been able to follow him.

We visited Dargan Cave and two smaller caves in the area. So, not being a big cave, taking Levi was a good choice; a small person, for a small cave.



We left that cave and moved over to another area, and climbed around before we stood in front of the last cave. Levi went in 10 feet and said that it didn't go any farther. He came out and we hiked back to the car.



Levi had a sleep-over at our house that night. At midnight he turned five years old. How's that for a birthday outing!



(All photos in the previous 2 reports were taken by John DiCarlo)



John coming out of Chapman (Bob Bennett)



The gathering of the kayaks (Bob Bennett)



Tom sawing obround hole (Bob Bennett)



Tom & Bob measuring where to put the box (Doc Phillips)



Scout leader cleaning graffiti (Doc Phillips)



Scouts Kayaking (Doc Phillips)



Still lots of graffiti (Doc Phillips)



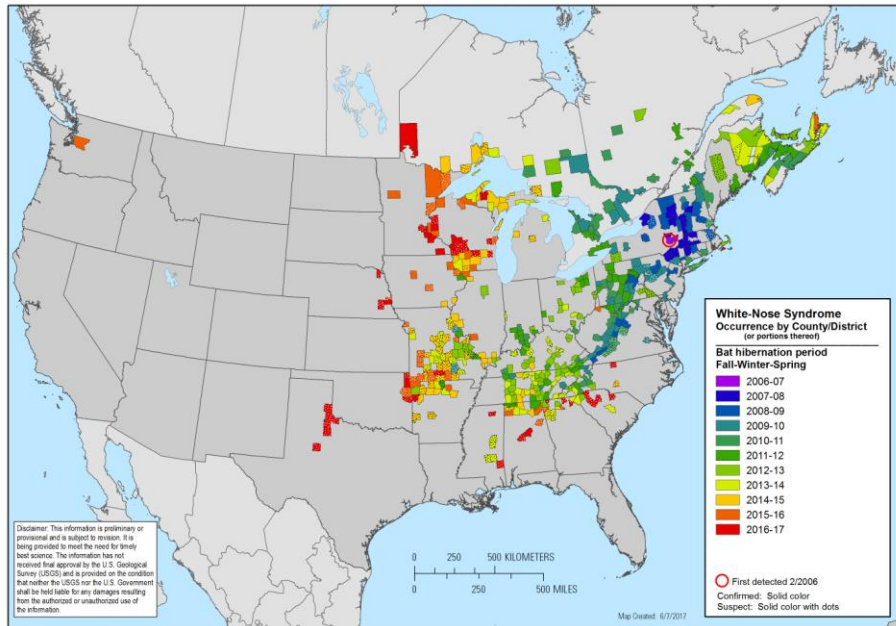
CAVIN CALENDAR

JUNE 11TH - JULY 22ND



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jun 11 Bubble weekend at Nancy Hanks WVACS weekend	Jun 12	Jun 13	Jun 14  Meeting 7pm  FLAG DAY	Jun 15	Jun 16	Jun 17
Jun 18 FATHER'S DAY	Jun 19  NSS CONVENTION - RIO RANCHO, NM	Jun 20 NSS CONVENTION - RIO RANCHO, NM WV DAY	Jun 21  NSS CONVENTION - RIO RANCHO, NM	Jun 22 NSS CONVENTION - RIO RANCHO, NM	Jun 23 NSS CONVENTION - RIO RANCHO, NM	Jun 24
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Jul 9 WVACS CLASSIC	Jul 10	Jul 11	Jul 12  Meeting 7pm	Jul 13	Jul 14	Jul 15
Jul 16	Jul 17	Jul 18	Jul 19	Jul 20 Karst-O-Rama - Great Saltpeter Preserve, KY	Jul 21 Karst-O-Rama - Great Saltpeter Preserve, KY	Jul 22 Karst-O-Rama - Great Saltpeter Preserve, KY

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