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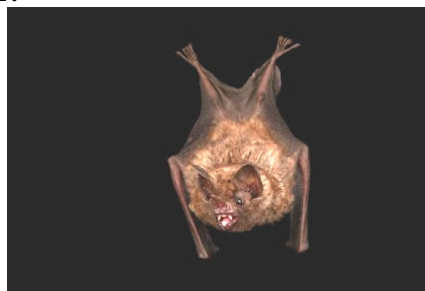
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*****10 LEFT!*****

**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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CAVE EVENTS

2017

NOV 5 --- Daylight Saving Time Ends
NOV 8 --- TSG meeting – 7pm - Nominations
NOV 11 --- VETERAN'S DAY
NOV 11 --- WVCC Banquet – 630pm
NOV 16 --- Sadie Hawken's Day
NOV 23 --- THANKSGIVING DAY
NOV 24 --- BLACK FRIDAY
DEC 13 --- TSG meeting – 7pm – Elections
DEC 16 --- TSG Christmas celebration –
Bedington Ruritan – 6pm – 11:30 pm
DEC 21 --- WINTER SOLSTICE
DEC 24 --- CHRISTMAS EVE
DEC 25 --- CHRISTMAS DAY
DEC 31 --- NEW YEAR'S EVE

2018

JAN 1 --- NEW YEAR'S DAY
JAN 8 --- Elvis was born!!!
JAN 10 --- TSG meeting – 7pm
JAN 15 --- MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
FEB 2 --- GROUND HOG DAY
FEB 14 --- VALENTINE'S DAY
FEB 14 --- TSG meeting – 7pm
FEB 19 --- PRESIDENT'S DAY
MAR 7 --- Beer Day!
MAR 14 --- TSG meeting – 7pm
MAR 17 --- ST. PATRICK'S DAY
APR 1 --- EASTER
APR 11 --- TSG meeting – 7pm
APR 16 --- TAX DAY
APR 17 --- BAT APPRECIATION DAY
MAY 1 --- MAY DAY
MAY 9 --- TSG meeting – 7pm
MAY 11 --- Adam Stephen Day
MAY 13 --- MOTHER'S DAY
MAY 28 --- MEMORIAL DAY

***** CAVE BUCKS *****

CAVE BUCKS is a voluntary donation for cave purchases. The money is collected at each

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monthly meeting and sent to the Conservancy of choice. The money SHOULD NEVER be kept past the week it is collected.

Month of OCTOBER ----- **\$30.01**

TOTAL TO DATE: ----- **\$6715.52**

The money was sent to SCCI.

Keep It Coming!

WEBSITE & GIVING 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/
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Bob's Web Site ----- www.tristategrotto.net/Bob/
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<http://www.caves.org/WNS/WNS%20Info.htm/>
Containment Procedures -----
<http://www.fws.gov/northeast/whitenosemessage.html/>
Crystal Grottoes Caverns -----
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GROTTO BIRTHDAYS

MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Mary Bowen, Nikki Fox, Tom Griffin, Arthur Hanson Jr, Christal Hanson, Shawn Hogbin, Bill

Jackson, Terry McClanathan, Sheila Riley, John Scrivener

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

REPORTS

Adam Stephen Dig

By John DiCarlo, NSS # 25477

Martinsburg, WV-On October 14, 2017 Tri-State Grotto again returned to the Adam Stephen House to dig on the tunnels. We had Bob Bennett, Tom Griffin, Keith Hammersla and John DiCarlo.

We started setting up and asked ourselves if we had enough people to run the dig. We said if Tom goes down in the hole, Bob and I on the rope, with Keith hauling buckets then we could do it. Everyone agreed to the arrangements and we started.

Tom grabbed the grotto Wacker and sled down into the hole to the dig site. We heard the Wacker start up and it wasn't long before it stopped, and Tom had full buckets to send up.

Bob in the first position with me in second started pulling buckets up. At some point we swapped places.

Keith carried the buckets all the way out and dumped them on hillside. As usual, we kept count of the buckets as they came up.



Bob Bennett counting Buckets

After a while three young men showed up to help, Zachary Anderson, Cory Shade, and William Johnson. We moved Bob back to his chair to count buckets and one of the guys to second spot on the rope. We wanted him to see how we were pulling buckets up. The other guys we not carrying out the buckets.



Two of the young men pulling a bucket

After several buckets the young man moved up to first place on the rope and one of his buddies moved into second or anchor. The third friend carried buckets out to the threshold of the cellar door. I carried them to hillside and dumped them. Keith went to put our lunch together.



One of the young men taking out a bucket

During this time as buckets of dirt were coming up, a bucket came up with a ring Neck Snake in it. Of course, everyone wanted to take a picture of it. We kept it in the bucket to show it to Keith when he came back.



Our "Four-foot long" snake.
A Northern Ring-Neck Snake

Keith came back, and everyone was saying we pulled up a three-foot snake. It was here in a bucket. Someone picked up the bucket and held it under the line, so it could be seen. Keith said no it's

not, it's about three centimeters. We didn't fool him.

One of the guy's mother texted him and said that she needed him to help with something. They had to leave, and it was back to the four of us.



Tom Griffin climbing out with three ropes

We worked till lunchtime then knocked off for the day. Tom pulled the Wacker out as he came up. We left everything else as is as we went to lunch.



Keith's lunch spread

Keith had a nice lunch spread set up for us. Hotdogs, corn on the cob, lunchmeat, homegrown tomatoes, lettuce, Veggie tray, dip three kinds of vegetables, bags of Halloween chips and other snacks, chocolate cake, and drinks. We sat at tables

in the next room and ate lunch. We had one of the docents show the Adam Stephen House join us for lunch.



Great Food!!

After lunch, as no one else show up, we cleaned up and put everything away. I stayed a little longer to talk history with the docents. As I was leaving Daniel and his son Nathaniel showed up to help. I told him we had knocked off and we talked about caves for a while before leaving.

We had 7 Volunteers working the dig today. We took out 35 buckets of dirt and one bucket with a snake. We will look to do this again in the first quarter of 2018.



Ring neck snake (photo by Bob B)



John preparing to help pull up buckets (Bob B)



Tom coming up for lunch (Bob B)

Russell Linton Obituary

With heavy hearts we announce that TSG member Russell Linton has passed away. Russell, 77 years old, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Thu, Nov 2, 2017. He was married for 55 years to his wife Donna. Russell was an avid mountain climber in earlier days and has climbed most of the tallest mountains on both North and South America. If you took time to talk with Russell he constantly talked about his many journeys climbing mountains. His age and health problems slowed him down in recent years, so he joined Tri-State in 2010 and became involved in the Adam Stephen projects. He not only helped on almost all of the Adam Stephen digs but he also helped out on the digs at Crystal Grottoes.

Even with his advanced age and his health problems he could still outwork almost everyone at the Adam Stephen and Crystal Grottoes digs. His family said that he really loved to come out and help at the Adam Stephen projects. Not only did he dig but he also helped to lead tunnel tours on Adam Stephen Day!

Russell, you will be sorely missed but we all know that you have made that final ascent to the highest mountain and you are smiling as you watch over us. God bless you! RIP Russell!



(Photo by Tom Griffin)



(Photo by John DiCarlo)



(Photo by Tom Griffin)



Russell Linton and Bob Bennett waiting for a bucket of dirt

(Photo by John DiCarlo)



(All Photos by John DiCarlo)



Russell Linton empties a bucket of dirt



Russell Linton carrying out
a bucket



Our Lunch time crowd



CAVIN CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 5TH - DECEMBER 16TH



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov 5 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS	Nov 6	Nov 7	Nov 8  TSG MEETING 7PM Nominations	Nov 9	Nov 10	Nov 11 WVCC Banquet 6:30 pm VETERAN'S DAY
Nov 12	Nov 13	Nov 14	Nov 15	Nov 16 Sadie Hawkin's Day	Nov 17	Nov 18
Nov 19	Nov 20	Nov 21	Nov 22	Nov 23  THANKS GIVING DAY	Nov 24 BLACK FRIDAY	Nov 25
Nov 26	Nov 27	Nov 28	Nov 29	Nov 30	Dec 1	Dec 2
Dec 3	Dec 4	Dec 5	Dec 6	Dec 7	Dec 8	Dec 9
Dec 10	Dec 11	Dec 12	Dec 13  TSG MEETING 7PM Elections	Dec 14	Dec 15	Dec 16 Annual Grotto Christmas Celebration 7:00 pm at Bedington Ruritan

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RIP RUSSELL (Photo by John DiCarlo)



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