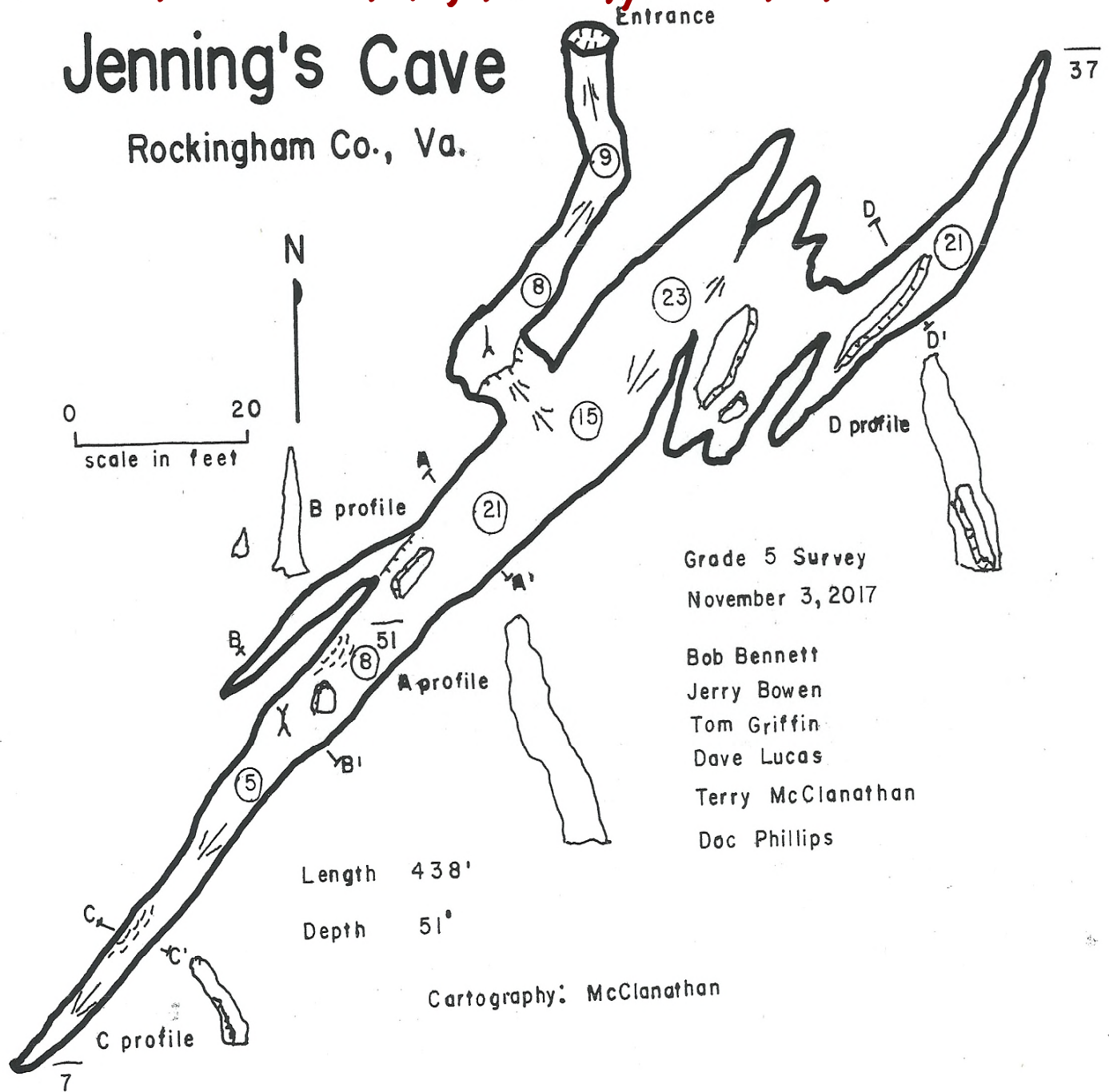


# DEAD DOG DISPATCH

## TRI-STATE GROTTO

### Jenning's Cave

Rockingham Co., Va.



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**JENNINGS CAVE, ROCKINGHAM CO, VA**



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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

## 2018

**JAN 1 ---- NEW YEAR'S DAY**  
JAN 8 --- Elvis was born!!!  
**JAN 10 --- TSG meeting – 7pm**  
JAN 12-14 --- WVACS weekend  
**JAN 15 --- MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY**  
JAN 18 --- FRG meeting at 630p – Jalisco Mex Restaurant  
JAN 25-28 --- Carter Caves Winter Adventure  
FEB 2 --- GROUND HOG DAY  
FEB 9-11 --- WVACS weekend  
**FEB 14 --- VALENTINE'S DAY**  
FEB 19 --- PRESIDENT'S DAY  
**FEB 21 --- TSG meeting – 7pm**  
**FEB 24 --- Adam Stephen dig – 930am**  
MAR 7 --- National Beer Day!  
MAR 9-11 --- WVACS weekend  
**MAR 14 --- TSG meeting – 7pm**  
MAR 17 --- ST. PATRICK'S DAY  
MAR 30 --- GOOD FRIDAY  
**APR 1 --- EASTER**  
APR 1 --- ALL FOOL'S DAY  
**APR 11 --- TSG meeting – 7pm**  
APR 13-15 --- WVACS weekend  
**APR 16 --- TAX DAY**  
**APR 17 --- BAT APPRECIATION DAY**  
APR 21-22 --- Grand Caverns restoration weekend  
– Contact Meredith Weeberg  
**APR 27-29 --- Spring VAR – Hungry Mother Retreat**  
APR 30 --- GOOD FRIDAY  
MAY 1 --- MAY DAY  
MAY 3-6 --- 67<sup>th</sup> Annual SERA Cave Carnival – Scottsboro, AL  
MAY 5 --- CINDO de MAYO  
MAY 5 --- Spring WVASS meeting at 1pm – WVACS Field Station  
**MAY 9 --- TSG meeting – 7pm**  
MAY 11-13 --- WVACS weekend  
**MAY 12 --- Adam Stephen Day**  
**MAY 13 --- MOTHER'S DAY**  
MAY 25-28 --- Speleofest – Lone Star Pres, KY  
**MAY 28 --- MEMORIAL DAY**  
JUN 8-10 --- Bubble weekend

JUN 8-10 --- WVACS weekend  
**JUN 13 --- TSG meeting – 7pm**  
JUN 14 --- FLAG DAY  
**JUN 17 --- FATHER'S DAY**  
JUN 21 --- SUMMER SOLSTICE  
**JUL 4 --- INDEPENDENCE DAY**  
**JUL 11 --- TSG meeting – 7pm**  
**JUL 14 --- Annual TSG Picnic**  
JUL 14-15 --- WVACS Classic - see Dave Sockey  
JUL 30-AUG 3 --- NSS Convention – Helena, MT  
**AUG 8 --- TSG meeting – 7pm**  
**AUG 30-SEP 3 --- OTR**  
SEP 1 --- WVASS Fall meeting at 630p – Lutz Rock, OTR  
**SEP 3 --- LABOR DAY**  
**SEP 11 --- PATRIOT'S DAY**  
**SEP 12 --- TSG meeting – 7pm**  
OCT 5-7 --- Fall TAG Cave-In – Westfork in Little River, AL  
OCT 8 --- Columbus Day  
**OCT 10 --- TSG meeting – 7pm**  
OCT 11 --- VETERAN'S DAY  
OCT 20 --- 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 DECEMBER ----- \$15.00

TOTAL TO DATE: ----- \$6755.52

The money was sent to SCCI.

Keep It Coming!

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NSS Convention 2017 ----- <http://nss2017.caves.org/>  
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Bob's Web Site ----- [www.tristategrotto.net/Bob/](http://www.tristategrotto.net/Bob/)  
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Bob Gulden ----- [www.caverbob.com/home.htm/](http://www.caverbob.com/home.htm/)  
Rock Climbing Knots Friction ----- [www.chockstone.org/TechTips/prusik.htm#Bachman/](http://www.chockstone.org/TechTips/prusik.htm#Bachman/)  
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Animated Knots by Grog ----- [www.animatedknots.com/](http://www.animatedknots.com/)  
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# GROTTO BIRTHDAYS

## MONTH OF JANUARY

Nathaniel Allen, Chris Coates, Judy Fisher, Bob Gray, Stacey Hajenga, Keith Hammersla, Samantha Hicks, Clint Hogbin, Michael Keesecker, Dave (The Cave) Lucas, Corey Majtyka, Tim McDougale, Todd Roberts, Earl Suitor, Fiord'aliza Vis, Minori Yoshida

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

# REPORTS

## TSG Meeting 12/13/17

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

Correspondence: Bob gave a report from Carol Jackson.

Old Business: Doc gave a report on the poles.  
Bob gave a report on the Grotto Library Books.  
Tom got the webbing, 9 biners, & 60' of tubular webbing.  
The next Adam Stephen dig will be Sat, Feb 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:30 am. We will need help digging and hauling buckets!  
Due to Valentine's Day the Feb meeting will be moved to Wed, Feb 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm.  
The Annual Christmas party will be Sat, Dec 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 6pm. We will be giving Landowner Awards at the party.  
Spring VAR will be held Apr 27-29 at Hungry Mother retreat in VA.

New Business: Doc said that all helmets are working & in good shape.

Trips: Trip to scout trip to Dyers Cave was cancelled due to possible bad weather and will be rescheduled at a future date.

Wed Night Caving: Went to Indian River and Whittings Neck caves.

Doc went to Whittings Neck Cave.

Gary & Elysia went to the Bat Ranch in VA.

Upcoming Trips: The next Wed Night Caving will be on Sat, Dec 30<sup>th</sup> to Dyers Cave. Meet in Wardensville at the flea market area at 10:30 am.

Cave Bucks: \$15.00 – Sent to SCCI

Elections 2017:

Chair: John DiCarlo & Doc Phillips

V-Chair: Bob Bennett

Treasurer: "Tom & Jerry" - Tom Griffin & Jerry Bowen

Secretary: Paulette Bennett

The new officers for 2018 are:

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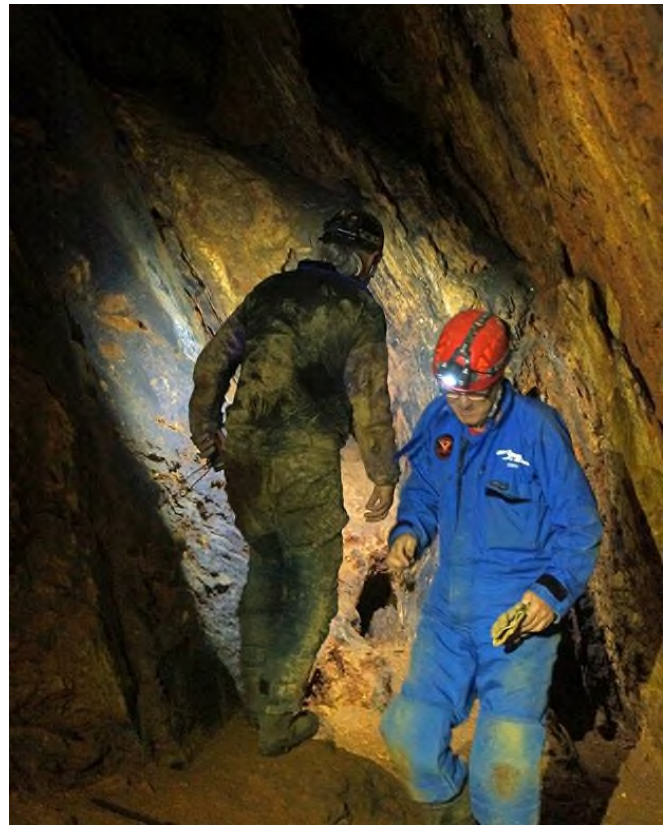
**Chair:** John DiCarlo  
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**Secretary:** Paulette Bennett  
John adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm.

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

## Jennings Cave, Rockingham Co, VA



(Tom Griffin)



(Dave Lucas)



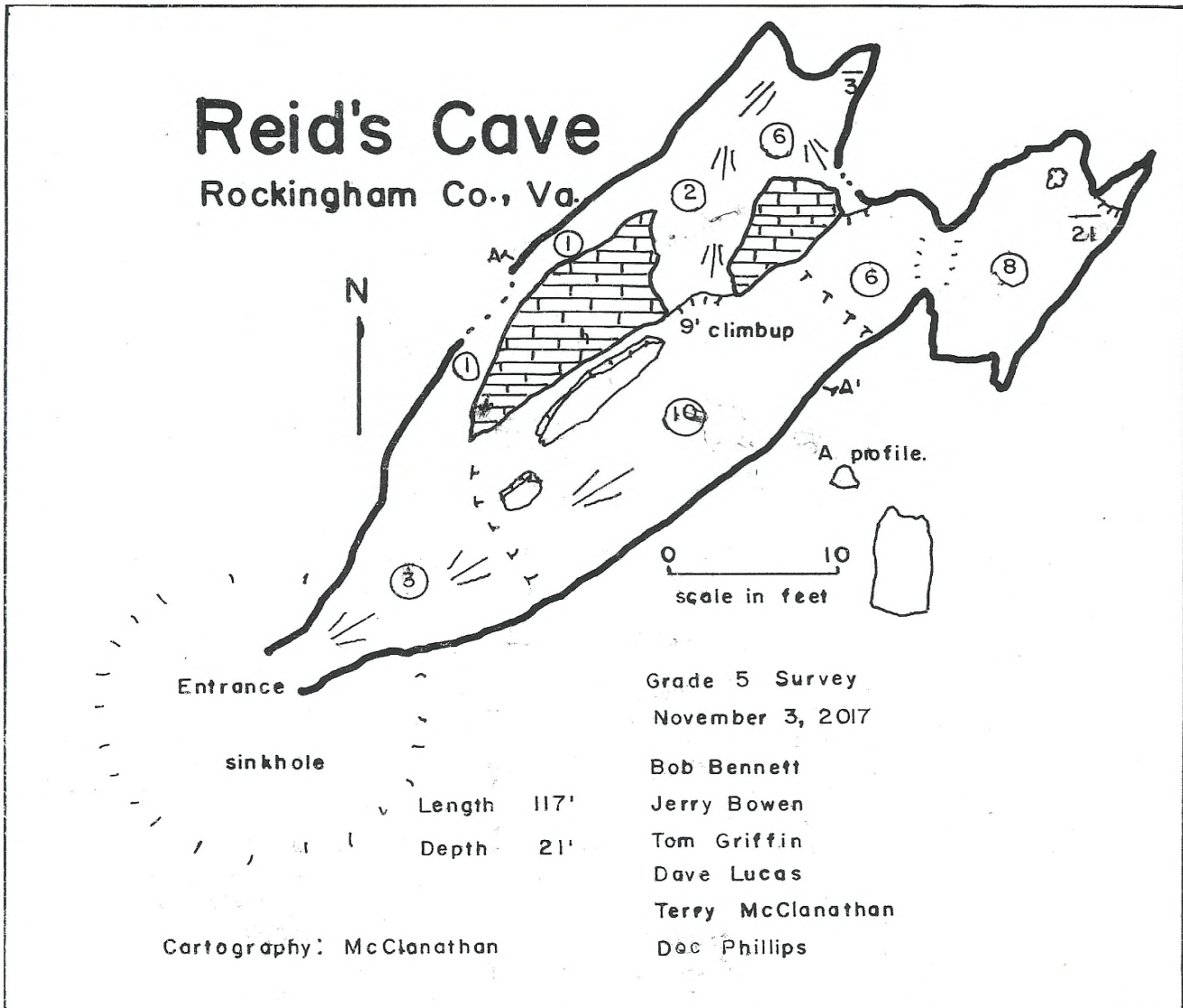
Terry Sketching (Dave L)



(Tom G)



## Reids Cave, Rockingham Co, VA



(Photo by Dave Lucas)



(Photo by Tom Griffin)



# CAVIN CALENDAR

## JANUARY 7TH - FEBRUARY 17TH



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jan 7	Jan 8	Jan 9	<b>Jan 10</b>  TSG MEETING 7PM	Jan 11	<b>Jan 12</b> WVACS WEEKEND	<b>Jan 13</b> WVACS WEEKEND
<b>Jan 14</b> WVACS WEEKEND	<b>Jan 15</b> MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY	Jan 16	Jan 17	<b>Jan 18</b> FRG meeting 630pm Jaliscos Mex Restaurant	Jan 19	Jan 20
Jan 21	Jan 22	Jan 23	Jan 24	Jan 25	Jan 26	Jan 27
Jan 28	Jan 29	Jan 30	Jan 31	Feb 1	<b>Feb 2</b> 	Feb 3
Feb 4	Feb 5	Feb 6	Feb 7	Feb 8	<b>Feb 9</b> WVACS WEEKEND	<b>Feb 10</b> WVACS WEEKEND
<b>Feb 11</b> WVACS WEEKEND	Feb 12	Feb 13	<b>Feb 14</b>  VALENTINES DAY	Feb 15	Feb 16	Feb 17



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Tom climbing back out of Scrabble Pit (Photo by Bob B)

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