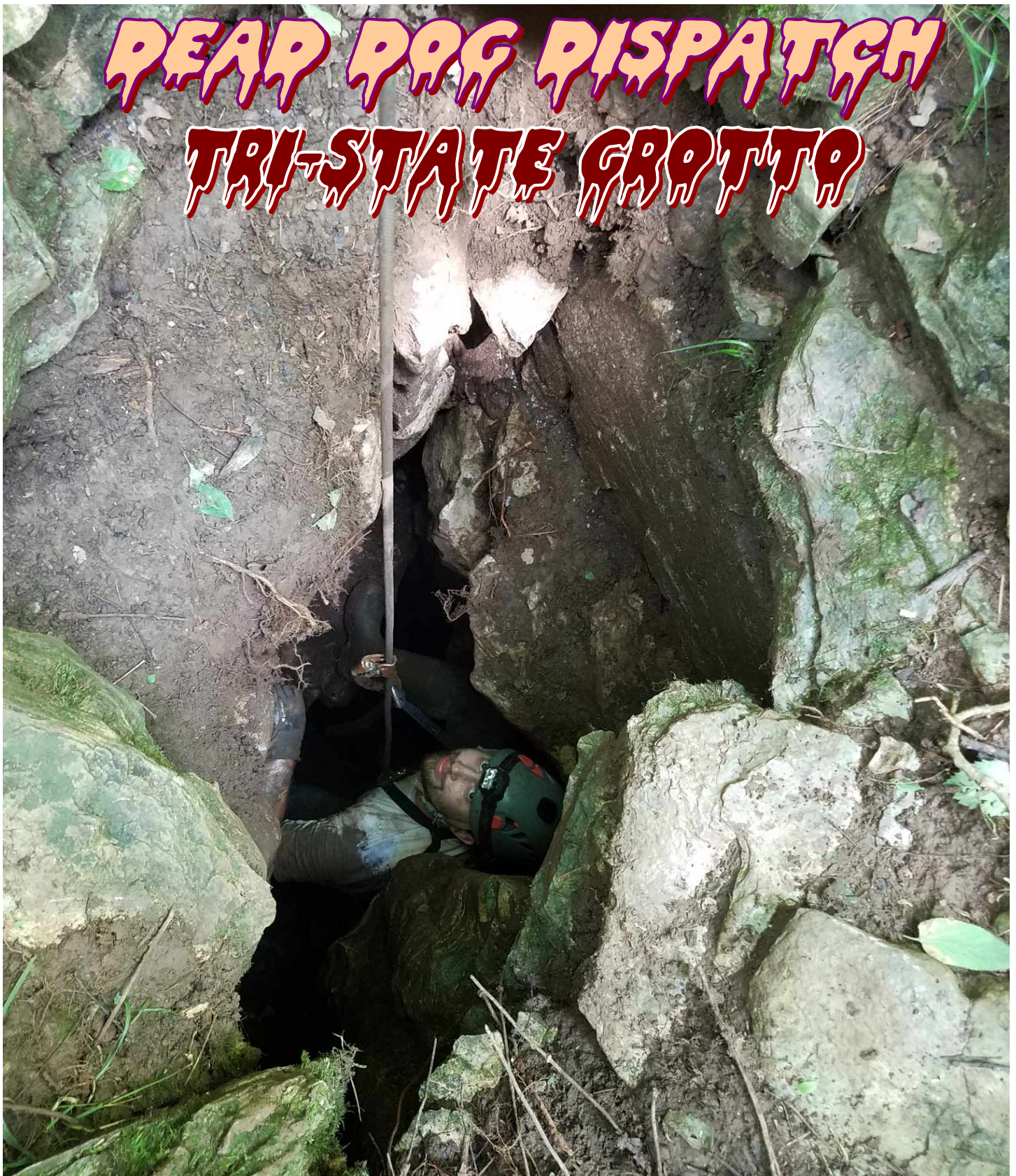


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\*\* The photo on this month's cover was taken by Bob Bennett as Dave 'From the Cave' Lucas was climbing out of the 40' pit entrance.

\*\*\*\* 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](mailto:gimpycaver@comcast.net)  
The copy will cost \$6.00 each plus the cost of shipping!

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

**WE NEED EVERYONE TO KEEP THINKING ABOUT VOLUNTEERING FOR AN OPEN POSITION. WE STILL HAVE 4 POSITIONS OPEN!**  
**PLEASE GIVE IT SOME THOUGHT. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!**



# CAVE EVENTS

## 2018

OCT 5-7 --- Fall TAG Cave-In – Westfork in Little River, AL  
OCT 8 --- Columbus Day  
OCT 10 --- TSG meeting – 7pm – Auction  
OCT 13 --- Molers Cave cleanup – Starting at 10am – Everyone welcome to help out – Who knows we might even get to go caving!  
OCT 17 --- Vertical Session, James Rumsey – 6pm  
OCT 20 --- Bridge Day  
OCT 30 --- The Devil's Night!  
OCT 31 --- ALL HALLOWS EVE (HALLOWEEN)  
NOV 1 --- DAY of the DEAD!  
NOV 4 --- DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS  
NOV 10 --- WVCC Banquet at the Brier Inn at Lewisburg, WV – 7pm  
NOV 11 --- VETERAN'S DAY  
NOV 14 --- TSG meeting – 7pm- Nominations  
NOV 16 --- Sadie Hawkins Day  
NOV 17 --- JONES QUARRY cleanup! – We will be sponsoring our 2<sup>nd</sup> cleanup of the area around the quarry. Come on out & help out. Lunch and drinks will be provided. The cave will be open for visitation after the cleanup!  
NOV 22 --- THANKSGIVING DAY  
NOV 23 --- BLACK FRIDAY  
DEC 12 --- TSG meeting – 7pm – Elections  
DEC 15 --- Annual TSG Christmas Party – 6pm – Bedington Ruritan  
DEC 21 --- WINTER SOLSTICE  
DEC 24 --- CHRISTMAS EVE  
DEC 25 --- CHRISTMAS DAY  
DEC 31 --- NEW YEAR'S EVE  
JAN 1 --- NEW YEAR'S DAY  
JAN 9 --- TSG meeting – 7pm  
JAN 21 --- MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY  
FEB 2 --- GROUND HOG DAY  
FEB 13 --- TSG meeting – 7pm  
FEB 14 --- VALENTINE'S DAY  
FEB 18 --- PRESIDENT'S DAY  
MAR 13 --- TSG meeting – 7pm

MAR 14 --- PI DAY  
MAR 17 --- ST PATRICK'S DAY  
APR 1 --- ALL FOOL'S DAY  
APR 2 --- PB&J DAY

### \*\*\*\*\* 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 SEPTEMBER ----- \$47.00

TOTAL TO DATE: ----- \$7011.53

WOW! That \$47 put us over the \$7000 mark for donations being sent to local cave conservancies! GREAT JOB EVERYONE! Let's continue the giving!

**The money was sent to SCCI.  
Keep It Coming!**

## WEBSITE & CAVING LINKS

Tri-State Grotto ----- [www.tristategrotto.net/](http://www.tristategrotto.net/)  
VAR ----- [www.varegion.org/](http://www.varegion.org/)  
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Jerry's Cave Web Site ----- <http://www.caves.org/member/jerry/>  
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## MONTH OF OCTOBER

Tyler Coulson, Bob Denton, Chrissy Hogbin,  
Lindsay Kerfoot, Larry Powell, Craig Stihler

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



### TSG Meeting 9/12/18

Meeting was brought to order by John at 7:00 pm.

Jerry gave a Treasurer's report.

Old Business: Doc reported on tent poles.

No pulleys were purchased at OTR-the supplier only had small pulleys.

The NSS house was finally torn down.

OTR: There was no Saturday caving trip due to the rain and possible flooding. TSG received 1st place in the Doo-Dah Parade for Dr. Doo Dah's Guano Elixir float.

Entertainment included bands, fire eating, costume contest, river party, zip lining, and dome activates just to name a few. Doc came in 2nd place in the costume contest. There will be a 10% discount offered to TSG members when the club orders the larger pulleys.

New Business: Motion passed for a brick to be placed at the NSS headquarters flag pole stating, 'Tri-State Grotto 2018'. A large brick was agreed upon for the cost of \$100. The Annual WVCC Banquet is to be held in Lewisburg at \$35 per person on Dec. 10, 2018. Speaker will be Nikki Fox with a silent auction.

List service will be employed for the TSG library.

On Line Rope orders will be taken at James Rumsey Technical Institute during a vertical practice session this Wednesday starting at 6:00 pm.

20% discount offered from Fenix to all TSG members. Check emails for the coupon code or contact Doc for details.

Bernard Hill 1954 expedition from his book mentioned in last moths DDD.

Trips: There was a report on last Wednesday night caving to Molers Cave. There was eleven participants that found the cave extremely muddy. There will be a cleanup at the cave on October 13.

Doc and company went to Dreen Cave during OTR.

Tom and Jerry went to Greenville Saltpeter Cave with a scout troop which was reported to be a long trip.

Nathan and company visited Rich Creek Cave.

Baker Quarry needs re-welded in the near future.

Bob gave a report of new sinkholes in the area.

Wednesday Night caving to be announced. There will be climbing at James Rumsey's at 6:00 pm on September 19

Cave Bucks: \$47.00 was collected reaching a goal of \$7011

**Please Note:** Next meeting: Annual auction. Bring stuff to sell.

The meeting was adjourned by John at 8:35 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Donald 'Doc' Phillips, Equipment Chair  
Sitting in for Paulette Bennett, Secretary  
Tri-State Grotto

Occasionally, I get an email or a text from someone who has used a misspelled word either by accident or design. If by design, they are using a homophone. A homophone is a word that is pronounced like another word but is different in meaning, origin, or spelling. The following story uses over a hundred homophones. See if you can find them all.

## A CAVING STORY THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN

by Jerry Bowen, Tri-State Grotto

Friday afternoon is the thyme to do the first thing at VAR—go shopping for the proper gear.

Baste at Endless Caverns in New Market, Virginia, there was a vendor named Inner Mountain Outfitters.

Nina, the principle owner was running it. Going in, eye looked at everything she had to cell, and spied a really nice Petzl ascender. I knead to bye that ascender, and picked it up. Addressing Nina, we mentioned, “We all sew herd you had outer-where”. So she showed us her blew Meander coveralls, and noticed our size wasn’t available. She told us a wail of a story about that, which really tares me up! I asked her who could due a repair and so a seem in my back pack. I paid cache for my ascender and received fore dollars and thirteen scents in change. I said, “Thank ewe” to Nina, and left.

Friday night, there was a whine tasting event where there was a hole lot of sipping going on. If it wasn’t wine, then it was the loggers. Then we hung around

the campfire drinking Coke and singing songs. The fire was enchanting, it turned into a late nite.

The next day, bleary I’d, we met at Tri-State Grotto registration to go caving. It was my terne to drive so I drove my six cylinder pick-up truck which isn’t very powerful. George was driving his ate cylinder Cougar. On our way to the cave, he past me like I was sitting still because I had more wait. He maid me feel insignificant in my heavy truck. He nearly mist an oncoming driver. Driving down the rowed. I vowed to be careful because it started to reign. A censor caused a lite on my dashboard to illuminate, indicating whet roads.

We all geared up in the parking area and started our wok. We walked through a creak and saw a hunter who was looking to chute a bare. We staid out of his way. Finally, the raise of the Son peaked through the clouds.

The cave was beautiful! We found the entrance, witch was in plane site. Some louse asked why couldn’t the cave be moved closer to home, butt found out the cave was stationery. We put on our minors helmet and followed Dave, are trip leader who new the weigh. We were aloud to walk in waste

deep water and later stopped to weight for slower people who didn’t want to get wet. We were lead strait through a canyon and then had to crawl threw a small whole where my genes got dirty.

Inn one passage we found breakdown where the sealing had dropped large bolders. Don’t mecca mistake climbing over the rocks, they whey allot. Watt in the whirled is this? We came to a room where the lush formations were a site to behold! I was in wrapped attention! This area was really rheumy!

Later, we had to make an assent up a steep climb. I tide nots in the rope to help some cavers. I told them to bee careful and to yews there ascender. During



this operation, I bumped my knows so aisle be moore careful next time. (This wasn't Sights Cave you know). Dave, my idle, thanked me for my assistants; I thanked him for his complement. There never was a buoy bourne, who was more ready for this caving trip; I really felt Victoria's after conquering the darkness! I tell you, caving is not like walking through a maul!

Maybe you can take a pique at my pictures.

At dinner that night, we went to a table set for a king to sit with our friends. I saw Jimmy whored the cookies. We eight serial, beats, buries, karats, a pair and a peace of bred. What a offal meal! Of coarse I didn't like it because there was no meet! I can't eat another byte. It was enough to give me the flew! I would dye for a better meal! I shouldn't teas you like that! The food wasn't that way atoll! The fax are, the food really was good!

Saturday knight, there was a program where will Orendoorf used a laptop computer, a projector and a Power Point to discuss 'Appalachian Karst with Emphasis on the Virgins'. There was a drawing and my fiend, Bob, one a climbing rope. After that, a guy with a base guitar played cords until midnight; such music I never hurd! We had to dress warm, it was going to frees, so Mary put on her fir coat and I wrapped an Afghanistan around me! Except four the cold and the light rain, it was a perfect weekend, the wether turned out stellar! We had to brake camp on Sunday and drive home.

Some people have read through my tome and have accused me of misspelling words. Have I Ben? I should say knot! I ran a spell check on this story and every word is spelled correctly! You're still smiling, we'll sea about that! This is where I waive good-buy!

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your friend,  
Jerry

## In search of a lost quarry, 35 years later

By Tom Griffin

June 16<sup>th</sup> was the start of looking for Bob's 42-foot pit he lost 35 years ago.

Bob, Bill Jackson and I went out to Duncan Road to River Bend Quarry where we found Broken Toe Cave. The quarry was posted, but we figured we would not be long. Then we headed to a farm that Bob had permission many moons ago. The only sign on the property was a Conservation Easement sign. We drove down to the river, parked then hit the 4 and 5-foot-high brush. We found swales and hills but no sinks, quarries or caves. We had started around 9 and finished about 3 that day vowing to return.



The floor of the quarry with the stream headed to Cascade Cave (Bob B-35 years ago)

June 24<sup>th</sup> Bob and I returned to the farm and started in a different direction. Bob mentioned that this cave was not actually on this farmer's property. We did find a nice sink. Even after all the flooding there was no water in this sink. We took pictures and GPS and moved on. We found the boundary line,

after crossing this line we immediately started finding deep 20 to 30-foot sinks. We found 3 in a row with the third having a 1-foot square hole leading down. I used my DistoX to a depth of about 8 feet. After leaning over the hole further I was able to get about 15 feet. The pit Bob was looking for was 42 feet. On these days it was very hot and humid. I know I don't deal with the humidity very well, so we called it a day, still not finding the quarry.



The hole at the top of the 40' pit (Tom Griffin)

July 21<sup>st</sup> Bob and I, Terri Griffin and Dave Lucas went again with finding this quarry in mind. Dave brought along his drone to possibly help us to find the elusive quarry. But the weather didn't cooperate and it started to rain so he put the drone away. We also had in mind to open up the pit passage to see what we had. I went straight to the hole in the sink and started removing dirt, eventually getting to some very large limestone rocks. This is when Dave Lucas ran down to my truck to get my small sledge and chisel. I removed everything except one rock waiting for Bob to see the entrance get opened up. Bob went on looking for the quarry also at the time not convinced this was the pit he found.

After locating Bob, we removed the one rock that kept the entrance blocked. I then used my DistoX to take a measurement. I was able to reach at least 39.8 feet. The weather was not holding out for us with rain along with the heat and humidity. We were or at least I was worn out. We had the gear to drop the pit but decided to wait until the following week.

July 26<sup>th</sup> Bob did some research, he sent me some old GPS he had. I plugged it in the Google Maps to see that this was the possible Quarry.



The last rock remaining to open up the pit (Tom Griffin)

July 27<sup>th</sup> Bob, Dave and I returned with rappelling gear to drop this pit. We took some measurements. It was originally taped to a depth of 42 feet. There were 2 small leads at the bottom, one being about 26 feet long. Another lead at about the 15 to 20-foot mark with a small room. Dave and I ascended out wrapped things up then headed back to the truck so we could check the GPS coordinates for the quarry.





Tom getting ready to rappel (Bob B)



Dave got in on the act too! (Bob B)

limestone wall and circled back into the wall as if it was making a big circle.



Cascade with Tom entering (Bob B)

The entrance looks like you are going for a swim even though you are actually backing in with bending over using your hands. Once inside the entrance there is a small room then a passage that leads up and to the right. Near the top you can see holes and light leading back out of the limestone wall, not big enough to egress. Down and to the left where the water leads, you are going to get wet.

This passage leads to another small room then to a passage with a pool of water. We did not go into this room. You could see that it headed towards the resurgence.

This was a big day, dropping the pit that we named Santa's Chimney since Bob plays Santa at Martins each year. Bob, Chuck Stanley, and 'Crazy' Ted Wachter found the pit 35 years ago. This pit was straight down like a chimney, so it made sense to call it Santa's Chimney.

September 28<sup>th</sup>, I returned with Terry McClanathan specifically to survey the pit. It was determined to be 40 feet deep with about 50 feet of passage. We then headed to Cascade Cave and then headed home.

We drove our vehicles back down to the river, parked and started walking. The GPS took us right to the quarry where we found Cascade Cave. Cascade was another cave Bob found 35 years ago. He has a pretty good drawing of the cave. Cascade cave was a neat cave because about 50 feet up the quarry is a resurgence that flowed out of the



## TSG's Member Spot Light

This month's Member Spotlight is shining on Jerry Bowen!

Retired since 2015 from the publications business, Jerry is presently Tri-State Grotto's Treasurer and has been for the past nine years.

He began caving in 1995 mostly in MO but he has also caved in WV, VA, MD, TN, AL, GA, KY, PA, NY, OH, and UT. He has held several other board positions with TSG such as Member at Large and President.

Jerry has work on several notable projects but 2 of the most important were the gating of Mt Aetna Cave and the MD license plate project. He went through tireless hours of public & private meetings and delicate negotiations with quarry owners to assure that Mt Aetna Cave would be protected and not quarried away. Jerry also spent 14 months negotiating with the state of MD to ensure that his dream of an NSS license plate in MD would become a reality. Jerry was awarded the Fellow of the NSS in 2010 and just recently was awarded the Virginia Area Regional Outstanding Service Award of 2018. With the addition of two more grandchildren, Jerry has not only had busy but blessed year - congratulations and many more.

Truly,

Donald 'Doc' Phillips



Jerry receiving the VAR Outstanding Service Award at the Fall VAR (Tom Griffin)

Speaking of the VAR Outstanding Service Award, I did a little bit of checking and Here is what I came up with. TSG has been pretty well represented with this award. All in all 14 present & past members have received this award. Not bad! The recipients for this award are as follows:

2004: Craig Hindman & Carol Tiderman  
2005: Bob Bennett  
2007: JC & Judy Fisher & Janet Tinkham  
2009: John Pearson



2010: Ellie Florance

2012: Eric Berge & Meredith Weberg

2017: Earl & Cheryl Suitor

2018: Jerry Bowen & Carl Amundson

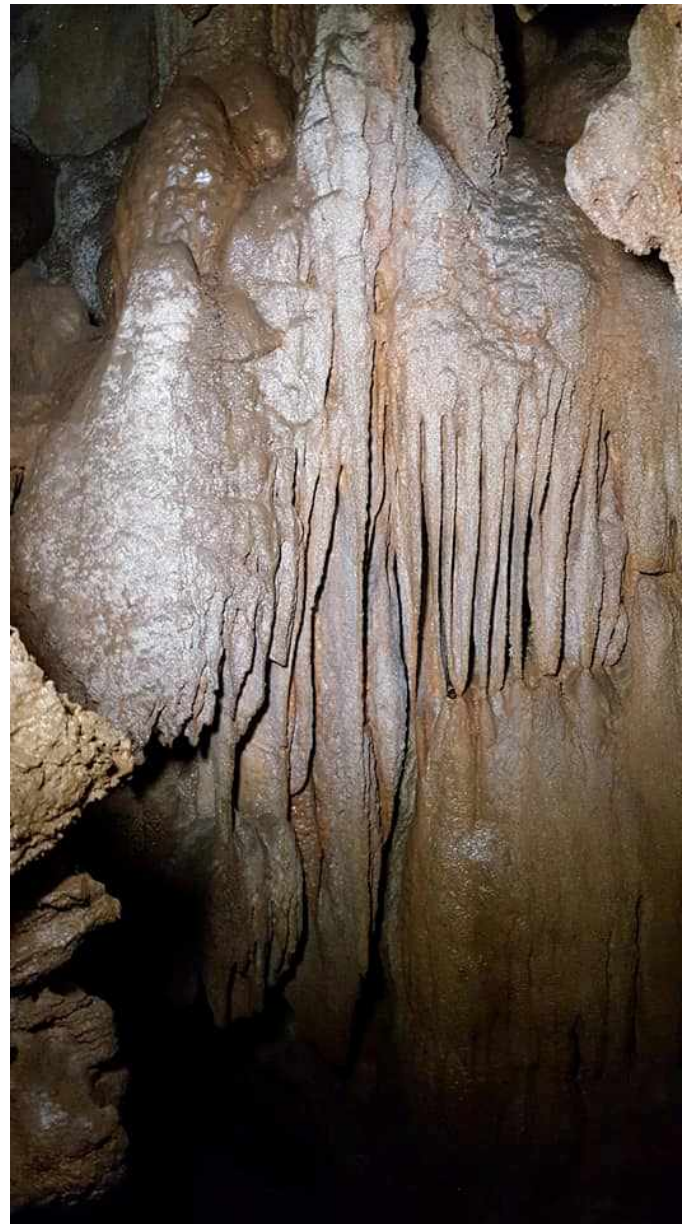
TSG still continues to be in pretty good  
prestigious company!!!



Looking 40' down at Dave in Santos Chimney.



Shawn Hogbin rappelling at Whitesides (Nikki  
Fox)



Nice formation in Santos Chimney (Dave from  
the Cave Lucas)



Maybe a new cave!





# CAVIN CALENDAR

## OCTOBER 7TH - NOVEMBER 17TH



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Oct 7</b> Fall TAG Cave-In - Little River, AL	<b>Oct 8</b> COLUMBUS DAY	<b>Oct 9</b>	 Meeting 7pm - Annual Auction	<b>Oct 11</b>	<b>Oct 12</b>	<b>Oct 13</b> MOLERS CAVE CLEANUP 10AM
<b>Oct 14</b>	<b>Oct 15</b>	<b>Oct 16</b>	<b>Oct 17</b> Vertical session - James Rumsey - 6pm	<b>Oct 18</b>	<b>Oct 19</b>	<b>Oct 20</b> Bridge Day
<b>Oct 21</b>	<b>Oct 22</b>	<b>Oct 23</b>	<b>Oct 24</b>	<b>Oct 25</b>	<b>Oct 26</b>	<b>Oct 27</b>
<b>Oct 28</b>	<b>Oct 29</b>	<b>Oct 30</b> DEVIL'S NIGHT	 HALLOWEEN	<b>Nov 1</b> DAY of the DEAD	<b>Nov 2</b>	<b>Nov 3</b>
<b>Nov 4</b>	<b>Nov 5</b>	<b>Nov 6</b>	<b>Nov 7</b>	<b>Nov 8</b>	<b>Nov 9</b>	<b>Nov 10</b> WVCC BANQUET 7PM
 VETERAN'S DAY	<b>Nov 12</b>	<b>Nov 13</b>	 Meeting 7pm - Annual Auction	<b>Nov 15</b>	<b>Nov 16</b>	<b>Nov 17</b> JONES QUARRY CLEANUP 9AM

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A blast from the past! Bob, Carl Amundson, & Tim McDougale walking back from Roaring Spring Cave, VA (Jeff Hajenga)



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