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**** The photo on this month's cover was taken by David Smallwood. It shows Nikki Fox in Windymouth Cave, Greenbrier Co, WV**

****** 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**
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

2019

JUL 2 ---- OTR pre-registration opens
JUL 3 ---- Whittings Neck area dig – 3pm – For more info contact John – Come when you can!
JUL 4 ---- INDEPENDENCE DAY
JUL 6 ---- Resurvey Dyers Cave – Contact David Smallwood
JUL 7 ---- World Chocolate Day
JUL 6 ---- FRG summer picnic – 11am
JUL 10 --- TSG Meeting – 7pm
JUL 11 ---- FT Royal Grotto meeting – 7pm – Jaliscos in Ft Royal
JUL 12-14 --- WVACS Classic
JUL 13 --- TSG Picnic – 1pm – C&O Canal Campsite #8 – Same place as last year
JUL 17 --- Vertical session – James Rumsey – 6pm
JUL 18 ---- HOT DOG DAY
JUL 19-21 --- Karst-O-Rama – Great Saltpeter Cave Preserve, Mt Vernon, KY
JUL 20-21 ---- Resurvey Dyers Cave – Contact David Smallwood
JUL 24 --- Wed Night Caving – Crystal Grottoes Caverns – 6pm – We will use our headlamps so lights in cavern will not be turned on – NO OFF-TRAIL TRIPS!!! – Grotto members & families only!
JUL 25 --- National Carousel Day
JUL 27 --- Hamilton Cave – see Earl Suitor
JUL 28 ---- PARENT'S DAY
JUL 31 --- Dig in Whittings Neck area – 3pm – Come when you can
AUG 1 ---- Whittings Neck area dig – 3pm – Come when you can – see John for info
AUG 2-4 --- Indiana Cave Capers, Marengo, IN
AUG 12 --- National Middle Child Day
AUG 13 ---- LEFT HANDERS DAY
AUG 14 ---- TSG Meeting – 7pm
AUG 16 ---- Elvis Died
AUG 24 ---- Special trip into Molers Cave – Open to Grotto members only! – 12pm
AUG 29 - SEP 2 --- OTR
AUG 31 ---- Doo Dah Parade – 10am
AUG 31 --- Polyester Power Hour – 1pm
AUG 31 --- WVASS meeting – 630p

SEP 1 ---- OTR Yard Sale – 9am
SEP 1 ---- OTR River Party – 1pm
SEP 2 ---- LABOR DAY
SEP 11 --- TSG meeting – 7pm
SEP 11 --- 9-11!!!
SEP 20-22 --- Fall MAR – Shippensburg, PA
SEP 26-29 --- Fall VAR, Friars Hole
OCT 9 --- TSG meeting – 7pm
OCT 10-13 --- Fall TAG Cave-In – Menlo, GA
OCT 14 --- Columbus Day
OCT 19 --- Bridge Day
OCT 30 --- Devil's Night
OCT 31 --- All Hallow Eve (Halloween)
OCT 31 --- National Knock Knock Joke Day
NOV 1 --- Day of the Dead
NOV 3 --- DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
NOV 10 --- Vivian Monger's Birthday (Owner of Jones Quarry)
NOV 11 --- Veterans Day
NOV 13 --- TSG meeting – 7pm
NOV 16 --- Sadie Hawkins Day
NOV 28 --- Thanksgiving Day
NOV 29 --- Black Friday!
DEC 7 --- TSG Christmas Party – 6pm - Bedington Ruritan Club
DEC 21 --- Winter Solstice
DEC 24 --- Christmas Eve
DEC 25 --- Christmas Day
DEC 31 --- New Year's Eve
DEC 31 --- Bat Ball, Huntsville, AL – 6pm

***** 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 JUN ----- **\$10.51**

TOTAL TO DATE: ----- \$7233.67

GREAT JOB EVERYONE! Let's continue the giving!

The money was sent to MAKC.

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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/>
Crystal Grottoes Caverns
www.crystalgrottoescaverns.com

GROTTO BIRTHDAYS

MONTH OF JUNE

Lynn DiCarlo, Jason Hajenga, Gary Mathias, Kathy Robinson, Nuch Songsasan

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



REPORTS

TSG Meeting (10 people in attendance) 6/12/2019

John called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
Elysia gave the Treasurer's Report.
Doc reported the minutes of last month's meeting May 8, 2019.

Committee Report: Another batch of tent poles are ready for use. Hopefully the project will be completed by OTR.

There was a clarification concerning helmet usage which concluded that TSG members leading a cave trip will provide said helmets to groups. Any breakage or lamp failure will be absorbed by TSG.

There should be updates on TSG sites after internal internet problems are resolved. No details following.

New Business: The thumb drive containing cave data was passed on to Doyle.
Hargobin of Casa Om on the Potomac is a definite candidate for an award due to his generosity regarding access to his property, Hollow Hill. Award documents should be available either form the VAR site or the internet in general.
Climbing class at Rumsey had been cancelled this month.

In order that the Molers Cave trip does not conflict with OTR, the date set is a week before Old Timer's, August 24th.

June 26 Wednesday night caving will be held at Dam #4 Cave at 6:00 pm.

Last visit to Big Column Cave was discussed leading to considerations concerning Duffy and Chapman Cave.

Old Business: The cave dig at Hollow Hill is, for the present, named Adams Needle Cave. Doc, who discovered the cave, remains the naming party.

The Grottoes annual picnic will start at 1:00 pm and is to be held on Lot 8 at the Antietam Creek Campground.

For more information please check:

<https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/252970>

A new T-shirt was presented at the meeting featuring caving and geriatrics - all in good humor.

Whitings Neck Cave is presently devoid of water. Good time visit the lower part of the cave.

Nine people attended the Poor Farm Cave trip.

The owner even participated in the gate repair by helping transporting welding gear to the entrance.

The cave trip went well, and another possible trip is planned for July 27th.

Jerry Downs of Crystal Grotto Caverns in Boonsboro, Maryland, has approved our visit for TSG's July Wednesday night caving event, July 24. Light sources will be provided by the cavers. There will be no off path wild explorations - everyone is to stay on the commercial path. There will be an opportunity to visit the famed TSG passage in the caverns.

<http://www.crystalgrottoescaverns.com/>

A conversation concerning the third and fourth week of Wednesdays events took place resulting that there will be climbing on the third Wednesday and caving of the fourth Wednesday instead of last month's report.

Cave Bucks: \$10.51 was collected.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted

Donald 'Doc' Phillips / 32922

Secretary

Tri-State Grotto of the NSS

Dyers Re-Survey July 7.6.19

Hey all, here is the brief recap of the trip this last weekend.

We got into the cave before the crack of noon with a fourish team survey with Rob, Nikki, Wyatt and I on survey (Wyatt and Rob handling sketching, me doing profile and Nikki keeping everything and everyone in line with protocol and tips and tricks) and Ed working on a video. We went from where the last survey left off at the left loop and followed the main Paleo trunk until it ended at the dead end on the left and the slot down to the current stream.

The main survey continued down the active stream until the sump, which I checked and it definitely sumps....

There's air in a slot just before the sump does its down dip thing and that maybe should be checked again at some point somehow.

At any rate the primary backbone of the cave is done. CONGRATS!!!! Probably added something like 500 feet so far. Now the hard work of filling in the stream passage from where we drop into the sump all the way past the Lunch Room to the first encounter needs to be filled in as well as the entire area around the waterfall still.

Oh,. One neat thing, we did experience an afternoon thunderstorm which had a small pulse inside the sump area that we were able to witness. Definitely need to hop back there in high water.

On to the major pushes.

It's going to be worth it to take a shot on the weekend of the 20/21st. And a VERY sting push the weekend after. The 27-28 perhaps even for both days that weekend.

Let's get a team of 4 sketchers if we can and really put a dent on the rest of the primary cave.

Then we'll have to fill in the details but there are definitely some interesting things happening in the

Dum dum dum

MOST INTERESTING AND GLORIOUS CAVE IN THE
WORLD!!!!!!

If Dyers were a flavor it would be vanilla.

Dave Smallwood

""Here are some excerpts from an interview with Jeff
Hajenga of the WVDNR""

**MONROE COUNTY, WV (WCHS/WVAH) — 'It's a
different world inside our caves.'**

And the critters that call them home don't seem to
mind.

In fact, living here is a big advantage to those which
can adapt to this environment.

"The caves are beneficial because it provides
protection. It's very stable--temperatures are
consistent year-round, not a lot of predators that
choose to come in to try to prey upon you", said
Jeff Hajenga—a wildlife biologist with the West
Virginia Division of Natural Resources.

There are some cons, though--especially in regards
to food.

"Everything in the cave is dependent upon what
happens to wash in, wonder in—so things like
leaves and logs. Occasionally, random animals will

find their way in—essentially die in the cave and
become a food supply", explained Hajenga.

This is why a lot of the animal species found in
caves are scavengers--almost willing to eat
anything.

"In West Virginia, we have a wide diversity of
species that use the caves. Most of them are
invertebrates, so they're very small and unique--
things like springtails and spiders, there's types of
beetles and pseudo scorpions and millipedes--
things of that sort. There's two species of cave snail
found in the state--there's a number of amphipods
and isopods, which are essentially small little
crustaceans".

And in the 'twilight zone', near the cave entrance,
you can find a bright orange amphibian--named a
cave salamander.

"There is a cave salamander in the state--it is fairly
widespread, it is limestone dependent--and it can
actually forage on the landscape, but goes into the
cave to reproduce and to also have protection from
predation", said Hajenga.

Protecting these caves is especially important
because of the unique species that require this
environment.

"About 90 different species in the state that are only found in caves. Of those 90 species, about 30 of them are only found in one cave in the whole world--they are a single site endemic. The species

in those caves cannot survive outside of the caves. Everything is interrelated, and the more variety that's out there--the more stable the environment is", said Hajenga.



This is a drawing of an off-trail area of Endless Caverns (Drawing by Donald 'Doc' Phillips)



Adams Pit (By Gary Mathias) (Slot to right of Elysia is actual entrance)



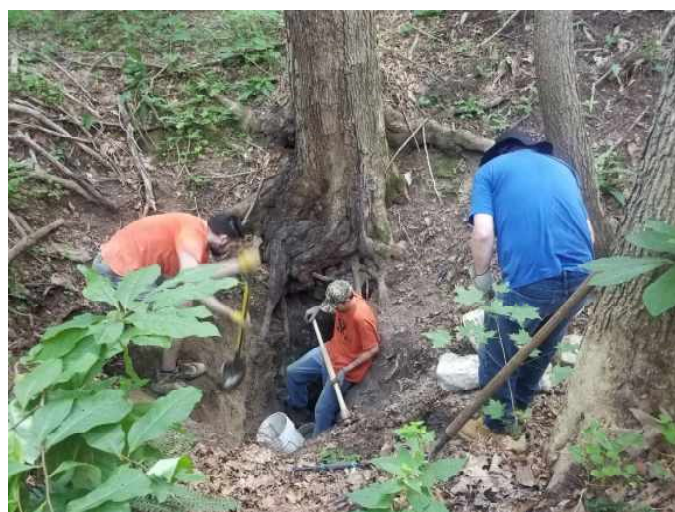
Dyers Cave (By Nikki Fox)



Dyers Resurvey (By Nikki Fox)



Old photo of Keith Schenk in Adams Pit (By Bob B)



HH Dig (By Bob B)



CAVIN CALENDAR

JULY 7TH - AUGUST 17TH



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jul 7 WORLD CHOCOLATE DAY	Jul 8	Jul 9	Jul 10  Meeting 7pm	Jul 11 FRG Meeting 7pm	Jul 12 WVACS Classic	Jul 13 WVACS Classic TSG picnic 12 noon
Jul 14 WVACS Classic	Jul 15	Jul 16	Jul 17 Vertical Session James Rumsey 6pm	Jul 18 HOT DOG DAY	Jul 19 Karst-O-Rama at the Great Saltpeter Cave Preserve	Jul 20 Karst-O-Rama at the Great Saltpeter Cave Preserve Resurvey Dyers Cave
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Aug 11	Aug 12 NATIONAL MIDDLE CHILD DAY	Aug 13 LEFT HANDERS DAY	Aug 14  Meeting 7pm	Aug 15	Aug 16 Elvis Died	Aug 17

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Past NSS Presidents (Photo furnished by Gordon Birkhimer)



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