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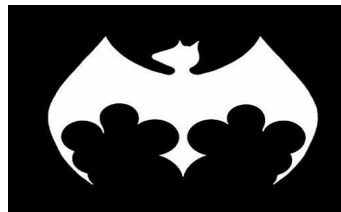
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The copy will cost \$6.00 each plus the cost of shipping!

\*\*\*\*\*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!**



# CAVING EVENTS

## 2019

OCT 9 --- TSG meeting – Annual Auction – 7pm  
OCT 10-13 --- Fall TAG Cave-In – Menlo, GA  
OCT 12 --- Scott Hollow Cave – see Jeff Jahn  
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 5 --- Reservation Deadline for WVCC Banquet  
NOV 9 --- WVCC Banquet, Lewisburg, WV – 7pm  
NOV 10 --- Vivian Monger's Birthday (Owner of Jones Quarry)  
NOV 11 --- Veterans Day  
NOV 13 --- TSG meeting – Nominations – 7pm  
NOV 16 --- Sadie Hawkins Day  
NOV 21 --- World Hello Day  
NOV 28 --- Thanksgiving Day  
NOV 29 --- Black Friday!  
DEC 4 --- National Cookie Day  
DEC 7 --- TSG Christmas Party – 6pm - Bedington Ruritan Club  
DEC 11 --- TSG Meeting – Elections – 7pm  
DEC 21 --- Winter Solstice  
DEC 24 --- National Chocolate Day  
DEC 24 --- Christmas Eve  
DEC 25 --- Christmas Day  
DEC 31 --- New Year's Eve  
DEC 31 --- Bat Ball, Huntsville, AL – 6pm  
JAN 1 --- New Year's Day  
JAN 1 --- National Hangover Day  
JAN 8 --- Elvis's Birthday  
JAN 8 --- TSG meeting – 7pm  
JAN 9 --- Law Enforcement Day  
JAN 13 --- National Rubber Ducky Day  
JAN 14 --- National Dress Up Day  
JAN 20 --- Martin Luther King Jr Day  
JAN 22 --- Ted Monger Birthday – Owner of Jones Quarry  
JAN 24 --- TSG BIRTHDAY  
JAN 24 --- Peanut Butter Day  
FEB 1 --- Bubble Gum Day

FEB 2 --- Ground Hog Day  
FEB 9 --- National Pizza Day  
FEB 12 --- TSG meeting – 7pm  
FEB 14 --- Valentine's Day  
FEB 17 --- President's Day  
FEB 25 --- Fat Tuesday (Mardi Gras)  
FEB 28 --- National Tooth Fairy Day  
MAR 1 --- Peanut Lovers Day  
MAR 8 --- DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME STARTS  
MAR 11 --- TSG meeting – 7pm  
MAR 14 --- Dr Latterell's Birthday – Owner of Molers  
MAR 14 --- Pi Day  
MAR 14 --- National Potato Chip Day  
MAR 17 --- St Patrick's Day  
MAR 20 --- SPRING EQUINOX  
MAR 21 --- Absolutely Incredible Kid Day  
MAR 22 --- World Water Day  
MAR 22 --- National Goof Off Day  
MAR 25 --- MD 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 SEP ----- **\$44.04**

**TOTAL TO DATE: ----- \$7340.72**

GREAT JOB EVERYONE! Let's continue the giving!

**The money was sent to MAKC.  
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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 MAR ----- [www.caves.org/region/mar/](http://www.caves.org/region/mar/)  
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 Bob's Web Site ----- [www.tristategrotto.net/Bob/](http://www.tristategrotto.net/Bob/)  
 Jerry's Cave Web Site ----- <http://www.caves.org/member/jerry/>  
 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/)  
 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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## MONTH OF OCTOBER

Bob Denton, Debbie Floyd, Ashby Haines, Zack Haney, Ambor Hobday, Chrissy Hogbin, Lindsay Kerfoot, Kathy Martinez, Larry Powell, Craig Stihler

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



TSG Meeting (12 people in attendance)  
 Sept 11, 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 August 14, 2019.

Committee Report: The tent pole project is in need of three more poles. There was a motion to purchase these poles which subsequently passed. All helmets and climbing gear are in clean working condition and ready for use. There was a discussion about rappelling racks. The decision to purchase one was tabled for the time being. Jeff presently has the thumb drive. The drive is going to be returned by mail.

New Business: Jerry Bowen asked about the status of Mystic Cave. Apparently, the cave has been gated by the new owner. There is no further information.

John DeCarlo purchased a new 'whacker' bit from Ebay for the price of \$44. The original price from Lowe's was approximately \$60.

Pre-registration to VAR by September the fourteenth grants a meal plus a five-dollar saving. There will be a host of events including entertainment provided by DJ John Fox and a gear swap amongst other activities. At present there are no directions on how to get to the upcoming VAR.

Bob read a letter offering the grotto flood insurance which was dismissed.

WVCC Banquet will be held on November 9 in Lewisburg. Dr. Dan Doctor will be lecturing on the subject of 'How Old is Appalachian Karst?' There will also be a silent auction.

The next TSG meeting which will be held on October 9 will feature the clubs annual auction. There will be no Wednesday Night Caving event due to VAR.

Old Business: Wednesday, September the 18th will be the James Rumsey Climbing Class starting at 6:00 pm. The address is 3274 Hedgesville Rd, Martinsburg, WV 25401.

The Whitings Neck dig will continue October 2, starting at 3:00 pm.

The Molers Cave trip held on August 24 went well with Dr. Lattrell posing for pictures with TSG members at the entrance of his cave. Ashby Haines explored the high arcade behind the formations in the lower level of the cave.

Elysia took novice cavers to the Sinks of Gandy. Cave trips during OTR included Dreen and Just Cave and was attended by John, Tom, Bob, Philip, Adam, Ashby, Jeff and his son, and Doc. Philip and Doc also visited Nelson and Stillhouse Cave.

Bob and Paulette visited Spruce Knob and concluded the trip by taking a tour of Seneca Caverns.

Jerry Bowen is going on survey trips to both Sarah's Furnace Cave in Pennsylvania and Silers Cave on October the fifth.

The water level in Donaldsons Cave is lower, but is still deep enough to prevent exploring the whole cave.

Whitings Neck Cave has less than six inches of water at the bottom the canyon.

Adam Haines will lead a trip to not only Whitings Neck Cave for a local group, but also lead trips to Donaldsons and Jones Quarry Cave for visitors from MAR (Mid-Atlantic Regional).

The lock and combination were changed for entrance to Donaldsons Cave.

Last month's Cave Bucks collection had an addition of \$8.00, making the total \$35.

Cave Bucks: \$44.04 was collected.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted

Donald 'Doc' Phillips / 32922

Secretary

Tri-State Grotto of the NSS

## The Gem Of The Panhandle - Whitings Neck Cave

I first visited Whitings Neck Cave (WNC) when I was new to caving in the late eighties, and at the time a member of the Fairfax Underground Network, which is now defunct. At one of their meetings I was given a map on where to find WNC and other caves in the immediate area. The directions were inefficient and difficult to follow so my troop had a hard time locating the cave. We ended up asking a local who was mowing a lawn for directions and he told us to go up the road,

look for power lines, turn left and drive about a quarter of a mile up this dirt road and park. He also instructed us to search around the electric poles. Reportedly no one lived on the property the cave was at the time, so we drove the driveway and managed to find our target after trudging through thickets and brambles for about hour.

Being blue jeans and carbide cavers, the troop and I still managed a successful trip including exploring past the forty-five-foot drop.

There was a time when WNC was on the closed cave list. The resident back then had both of his white Shepard's shot by an unknown trespasser, so he decided that access to the cave has come to an end. We were fortunate to be able to visit the cave when it was freshly taken off the closed cave list.

I will never forget that visit. WNC had everything I was looking for in caving. Climbs, crawls, with plenty of formations and the perfect length to spend either an hour or a day exploring. It was more than I could ask for and still remains a photographer's gold mine, an adventures delight and a beginner's privilege.

I should remark that the cave then was not as 'worn out' by over visitation and still possessed more traction and a slight but different character altogether. WNC has now been reported to be a 'sacrifice' cave with tour groups and flashlight visitors endangering an otherwise unique environment.

According to William E. Davis' Caverns of West Virginia published Volume XIX -1949, Whitings Neck Cave was in a entrance was in a rolling meadow, about a 1/4 mile south of the Potomac River, 100 feet east of the mouth of the Opequon Creek. The south entrance, on the eastside of the meadow 600 feet north the country road, was in a shallow sink. It appears that the landscape of the area has changed drastically. When visiting the cave today guests walk upon an ambling path from the road to the cave surrounded by trees in a woodland setting - not a rolling meadow. There is evidence of blasting on the entrance closest to the road in order to gain easier access. When this was done, and by whom, still remains a mystery.

The earliest record of the area surrounding what is now known as the Yankauer Nature

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Preserve was a part of two land grants issued by Thomas Lord Fairfax in the early 1700's. The northern half of Whittings Neck was part of a 400-acre parcel given to Thomas Caton in 1750. The southern half was part of a 236-acre parcel given to John Carlyle in 1761. Both of these men were known associates of George Washington.

Whiting Carlyle Faulkner, born 1895 in Martinsburg and lends the name to Whittings Neck and Carlyle Road. What role he played in the area remains unknown to me.

The tribe which I associate with the locale are the Native Americans known as the Tuscarora, who migrated from the Carolinas northward to New York from about 1710 to about 1730 and then joined the Six Nations. The Six Nations of the Iroquois Confederacy also included the Mohawk, Oneida, Onondag, Cayuga, and Seneca tribes. The tribes had encampments in the area that is now Martinsburg and also along the Opequon Creek which flows into the Potomac River in the area close to Whittings Neck.

An ancient people known as the Adena, lived along the Potomac River centuries earlier leaving behind burial mounds. One burial mound can be found in the vicinity of WNC and can be found on a neighboring property. On a sub-note, WNC is Beekmantown Limestone/Dolomite.

There have been rumors and tall tales that have been mostly spread by cave guides of a legend of the headless ghost of John Whiting and is occasionally told in the cave. They report that he can be seen in or around the cave entrances late at night, especially when someone has been in Headless John's realm longer than acceptable. Apparently, there is, by historical examination, no such person or specter. If there was, it is very likely that I would have encountered this ghost already. Nevertheless, the tale makes a good yarn for first time visitors adding chills to their spelunking experience. These tales of mystery and imagination are usually told around a great formation in the middle of a large room that is not too far from the entrance. The floor to ceiling massive column is known by many names: the birthday cake, wedding cake, Capital Dome, and even the stack of pancakes (in the pancake room) and is the most photographed caving landmark in the panhandle.

WNC has a subterranean cousin facing the Potomac River called Indian River Cave, which was once called River Indian Cave, the latter has been reported by word of mouth. It has always been believed that the two caves, WNC and Indian River Cave, were connected in some manner and many attempts have been made to unite them by hap hazard subterranean digging and excavation. In a recent cave and surface survey, results have reported that at one time these two caves were connected and shared the water flow that formed them. At the present they are separated by mud and rock reportedly three-hundred fifty to four hundred feet apart.

WNC has provided, for many including myself, a host of delightful days caving and remains the first cave for many cavers today. Should it be your first of fiftieth visit, there remains a guarantee to always find something new to explore and discover in WNC - et usque in aeternum semper (forever and always)

Donald 'Doc' Phillips, 32922

Please note: a special thanks goes to Mr. Keith Hammersla, Reference Librarian/Museum Curator/Genealogist/Local Historian in Martinsburg, West Virginia. Thank you for your contribution concerning this article on not only the Native American Tribes mentioned, but for your time and consideration to the newsletter.

**WHO'S BEEN CAVING?**

8-29 to 9-2-19 – OTR – Bruce Cowie, Anya Crane & Kevin Mulligan, Bob & Paulette Bennett, John DiCarlo, Barry, Barbara, & Adriana Duncan, Nikki Fox, Tom Griffin, Bob Gulden, Ashby Haines, Adam Haines, Jeff & Jason Hajenga, Doc Phillips & Susan Harbina, Ashley Hitchcock, David Knox, Fritz & Jennifer Kysar, Corey Majtyka, Dave "From the Cave" Lucas, Greg & Lauren McCoy, Pat Minnick, Mike Nally, Janey & JJ Pate, Nathan Roser, Amanda Willis, Cheryl & Earl Sutor, Trish



Walthers, Mike & Tyler Ward, Kevin Haney – Great OTR!  
Very little rain!

8-30-19 – Sinks of Gandy Cave, Randolph County, W.Va.  
– Led an OTR Randy Gandy trip.

8-31-19 – Lightner's Entrance to McClung Cave,  
Greenbrier County, W.Va. – The exciting dive  
connection trip between McClung's Freeman Ave Sump  
into the upstream Sweetwater River Sump. Support for  
the divers were — myself, Steph Petri, Dave Smallwood,  
Dave Socky, Nick Socky, Rob Wardell, Carl Amundson,  
Errol Glidden and Chris Coates. Brian Williams dove first  
and laid the dive line. Zeb Lilly went second and  
surveyed the sump. Got 160 feet of survey, with a depth  
of 16 feet. Ended up being 88 linear feet between the  
two sumps. Now we have a new cave — the Great  
Savannah Cave System is born with 40.678 miles in  
length and has a depth of 588 feet!! Rappels: 45, 21 &  
12 ft

9-6+8-19 - Maxwellton Sink Entrance to the Great  
Savannah Cave System, Greenbrier County, W.Va. –  
Trip with Carl Amundson, Corey Hackley, Keely Owens  
and I on Team 1. Continued survey upstream Echo River  
with two teams, leap frogging with the FSS (First  
Savannah Survey). Got 825.7 feet and 12 stations.  
Ended up finding another sump!!! 46.5 hours  
underground. Rappels: 40, 40, 20, & 18 ft (Maxwelton  
proper); +55, +10, 10, +30, 15, +20, +50 ft (Covert  
Creek), +35 ft (Bittersweet), +55 ft (Funnel Room climb)

9-14-19 – Milton Cave – Tom, Bob, Elysia, Terry, Shawn,  
Chloe, & ben – Survey new cave – 97 feet.

9-14-19 – Robbins Run Hole, Greenbrier County, W.Va. -  
Trip with Keely Owens and Frank Abbato to work on  
digging out the 2016 Flood debris gathered in the  
bottom of this beautiful multi-drop cave. We dug for  
hours. Afterwards, Keely and I surveyed back to the last  
domepit to see exactly we were digging on the maps of  
Robbins Run and Friars Hole. Connection was not  
accomplished.

9-15-19 – Terry McClanathan, Shawn Hogbin, Emily  
Neely, Ed Villarreal, Coleman McHose' Redlick Pit, Dying  
Skunk Pit in Pocahontas County - Hadn't been to these

pits in over ten years so a return trip seemed like a good  
idea - Dying Skunk is an open air basically wall drop of  
126' - Redlick is a pit complex which contains a 105  
footer - The 105 is accessed by rappelling 12' down the  
89' entrance drop, then getting off onto a somewhat  
airy ledge which leads to a tight spot I dug open about  
twenty five years ago - This pops into the top of the  
105. After Shawn and I rigged this and rappelled to the  
bottom, the others put in another rope and rappelled  
the 89'(free)entrance pit, then another 16' pit which  
landed them at the bottom of the 105 - There was some  
instability with the way the second (entrance) rope was  
rigged, so all climbed the 105 and exited via that rope -  
These are nice pits and I can probably set up a trip for  
anyone interested during non-hunting season times.

9-18-19 – Vertical Practice at James Rumsey – Tom,  
Bob, Paulette, John, Doc, Adam

9-18-19 – Whittings Neck Cave, Berkeley Co, WV – Ashby  
& Adam

9-18-19 – Friars Hole Cave, Pocahontas Co, WV – Jeff  
Jahn, Janet Tinkham, Lauren & Greg McCoy, & 3 others  
– Hanging out with good friends

9-19-19 – Jerry Bowen and Terry McClanathan went on  
a survey trip to Sarah Furnace in Western Pennsylvania.  
The trip was led by four MAKC cavers.

9-20+21-19 – Whiteside Mountain, Macon County, N.C.  
– (Bounced the mountain twice each day, for a total of 4  
rappels and climbs, making for over a half mile of rope.)  
Rappel: 650 ft

9-21-19 – Grand Caverns, Rockingham Co, VA – Debbie  
& Sonny Floyd & Yvonne & Ray Keating. Anniversary  
celebration

9-21-19 – Bob Bennett was asked if anyone could lead  
trips for the MAR to our local caves. Adam Haines said  
he could for Jones Quarry and Donaldsons. I said I could  
for Whittings neck and Indian River. Mike Shank  
contacted me just before heading to the meeting spot.  
He said no one signed up for Jones Quarry, 3 signed up  
for Whittings Neck then 2 crossed their names off. I gave  
a trip to Jones Quarry for one person. It turned out to  
be about a 3-hour tour. With the lack of water, it turns

out there was plenty of mud to go around still. Very good trip even with the lack on numbers.

9-26+29-19 – Fall VAR at Friars Hole Preserve – Jerry Bowen, 2 of his grandsons, John DiCarlo, JC & Judy Fisher, Bob & Paulette Bennett, Nikki Fox, Tom Griffin, Bob Gulden, Corey Hackley, Ashley Hitchcock, Kevin Hughes, Corey Majtyka, Jeff Jahn, David Knox, Dave “From the Cave” Lucas, Greg & Lauren McCoy, Doc Phillips, Nina Rao, Johnny & Kathy Robinson, Nathan Roser, Amanda Willis, & Todd Zimmerman – Great VAR!

9-27+29-19 – VAR was a 4-day trip. I went down on Friday early, still not early enough to meet the crew for a Scott Hollow trip. I met them about 15 minutes from the cave. We had 10 cavers in all, I had never been to Scott Hollow. The trip was good, a bit fast in the beginning, slower on the way out so we could take pictures. We did make to the Mystic River and the double waterfalls and beyond. We finally headed back out and up Drag Ass Hill where my A#S was dragging back up. Everyone headed back for a nice evening.

9-27-19 – Scott Hollow Cave, Monroe Co, WV – Tom, Ashley, Gerhart Hauptman-Diaz, & many others – Trip to Mystic River to the down-stream sump & upstream to the Double waterfall

9-28-19 – Dry Cave, Greenbrier County, W.Va. – Survey trip with Dave Socky, Errol Glidden and Silas Springer on Team 2. Drew the cross sections and profiles on the DEN (Dave, Errol and Nikki) Survey, got 833.3 feet. Went down the large room (called the Better End) Nick found bypassing the breakdown at the stream level named the Better End. Our team spent most of our time surveying upstream at the stream level.

9-28-19 – Snedegars Entrance, Friars Hole Cave, Pocahontas Co, WV – Bob, Judy & JC – Short trip for “Old Time’s Sake”

9-28-19 – I headed over to Lost World Caverns in Greenbrier Co where Carrol Basset had set the rope for the historic entrance known as Grape Vine Pit. It took 2 hours to get there since there was a parade in Frankfort. It seemed that half the people I caved with in Scott Hollow was at Grape Vine. There was only enough time to drop it twice and climb once. At camp we had

good conversation and salsa with Bob, Paulette, Craig and Carol.

9-28-19 – VAR caving to Friars Hole, Pocahontas Co, WV. Todd Zimmerman, Dave Lucas, John DeCarlo and Doc Phillips visited the Snedegars entrance two days in a row. The cave was a couple of hundred feet from our camp. We did not have to drive anywhere or even employ cave suits because the cave was that huge. Great trip.

9-28-19 – Friars Hole Cave, Pocahontas Co, WV – David Smallwood, Mike Nally, Rob Wardell, Blake McDaniel, Eric Landgraf, Larry Manning, Corey Leef, Amy Skowronski, & Philip Balaster – Crookshank drop to Snedegars Entrance

9-28-19 – Monster Cavern – Friars Hole Cave, Pocahontas Co, WV – Ryan Mauer, =Nathan Roser, David Marcenaro DeBernardis, Julian Benson, Katey Bender, Stephen Berge, Ben Shcafler – Fast trip!

9-28-19 – Boarhole Cave, Greenbrier Co, WV – Amanda Willis, Taryn Langmead, & Monica Sexton – Spontaneous trip

9-28-19 – Grapevine Entrance to Lost World Caverns, Greenbrier Co, WV – Tom, Ashley, Melissa Lee, and many others – Rappelled the 128 ft drop

10-2-19 – Raven’s Roost, Augusta County, Va. – Random vertical practice on evening, had 3 rappels and climbs. Rappel: 100 ft

10-4-19 – Windy Mouth Cave, Greenbrier Co, WV – Worked on a bolt climb with Aaron Clair and Nick Socky in the waterfall dome area. Sketchy vertical rock mixed in with chert layers . . . made for a slow, scary situation. Climb left unfinished due to time.

10-5-19 – Dry Cave, Greenbrier Co, WV – Nick S, Chris Coates, Joe Calderone, Nikki Fox, Silas Springer, & Carl Amundson – Survey trip with Carl Amundson and Silas Springer on Team 1. Sketched 662 feet of in the BHB (Boar Hole Babes) Survey. Continued upstream after the DEN survey and discovered a 7-foot waterfall where most of the main water was coming from! Continued survey up Inferer #4 and left going passage. Just shy of 7 miles total.



10-5-19 – Sinkhole – Bob & Paulette – photos & GPS – Jefferson Co, WV – Lots of cave crickets!

10-6-19 – Donaldson Cave, Berkeley Co, WV – Tom, Amanda, Trinity, Travis, Austin, Eli, & Corey – Combination to the cave was changed

Oct. 6th: Shawn Hogbin took Terry to Four Tucker County (W. Va.) Caves – Shawn Hogbin & Terry McClanathan – All horizontal (yes, Terry is also interested in non-vertical caves) – Laurel Run (200'), Confluence (900'), Red Run (2200'), and Moore (1000')

10-6-19 – I was contacted to take a crew caving, so I took them to Donaldson's Cave, Berkeley Co, WV. 3 adult and 2 kids besides myself. We started to do the circle trip. It seemed that no one was following so I backed out, then went around. Once back near the entrance 2 of them headed down the rabbit hole which was completely dry. They even went in the narrow tube in that area with the signature in the ceiling. No water in the cave until you went through to the break down pile. Then there was very little water at the bottom. More muddy cavers, another good trip. The lock combo was changed after that trip.



Elysia in Milton Cave (BB)



Sinkhole along Rt 340 in Jefferson Co with lots of cave crickets! (BB)



Tom speaking at the National Cave & Karst Symposium (Photo furnished by Tom Griffin)



The Great Savanna Cave System (Nikki Fox)

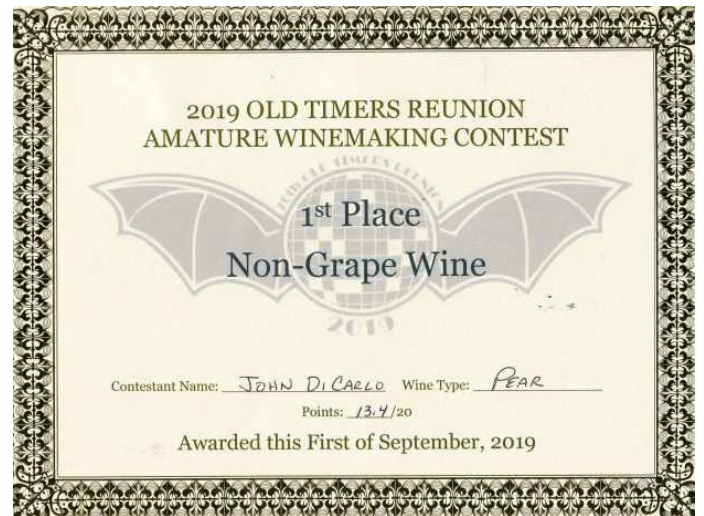




Whittings Neck (Ashby Haines)



Adam in Whittings Neck (Ashby Haines)



John won 1<sup>st</sup> place for his wine! (John DiCarlo)



Tom received the VAR Outstanding Service Award (BB)



Whittings Neck above ground survey (BB)



# CAVIN CALENDAR

## OCTOBER 6TH - NOVEMBER 16TH



| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday   |
|---|---|--|---|---|---|--|
| <i>Oct 6</i>  | <i>Oct 7</i>  | <i>Oct 8</i>   | <i>Oct 9</i><br><br>Meeting 7pm    | <i>Oct 10</i><br>Fall TAG<br>Cave-In, Menlo, GA   | <i>Oct 11</i><br>Fall TAG<br>Cave-In, Menlo, GA | <i>Oct 12</i><br>Fall TAG<br>Cave-In, Menlo, GA<br><br>Scott Hollow - see Jeff Jahn  |
| <i>Oct 13</i><br>Fall TAG<br>Cave-In, Menlo, GA                       | <i>Oct 14</i><br>COLUMBUS DAY   | <i>Oct 15</i>  | <i>Oct 16</i>   | <i>Oct 17</i>   | <i>Oct 18</i>                                   | <i>Oct 19</i><br>Bridge Day  |
| <i>Oct 20</i>   | <i>Oct 21</i>   | <i>Oct 22</i>  | <i>Oct 23</i>   | <i>Oct 24</i>   | <i>Oct 25</i>                                   | <i>Oct 26</i>  |
| <i>Oct 27</i>   | <i>Oct 28</i>   | <i>Oct 29</i>  | <i>Oct 30</i><br>THE DEVIL'S NIGHT  | <i>Oct 31</i><br>National Knock<br>Knock Joke Day<br><br>ALL HALLOW<br>EVE<br><br>HALLOWEEN | <i>Nov 1</i><br>DAY of the DEAD                 | <i>Nov 2</i>   |
| <i>Nov 3</i><br>DAYLIGHT<br>SAVING TIME<br>ENDS                       | <i>Nov 4</i>  | <i>Nov 5</i><br>WVCC Banquet<br>Reservations<br>Ends | <i>Nov 6</i>  | <i>Nov 7</i>  | <i>Nov 8</i>                                    | <i>Nov 9</i><br><br><br>WVCC<br>BANQUET 7PM |
| <i>Nov 10</i><br>Vivian Monger<br>(Jones Quarry<br>owner)<br>Birthday | <i>Nov 11</i><br><br>VETERANS<br>DAY | <i>Nov 12</i>  | <i>Nov 13</i><br><br>Meeting 7pm | <i>Nov 14</i>   | <i>Nov 15</i>                                   | <i>Nov 16</i><br>Sadie Hawkins<br>Day  |



# DEAD DOG DISPATCH



This picture sums up our whole weekend. The Saltpeter Entrance (Snedegars) to Friars Hole. (Jerry Bowen)



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