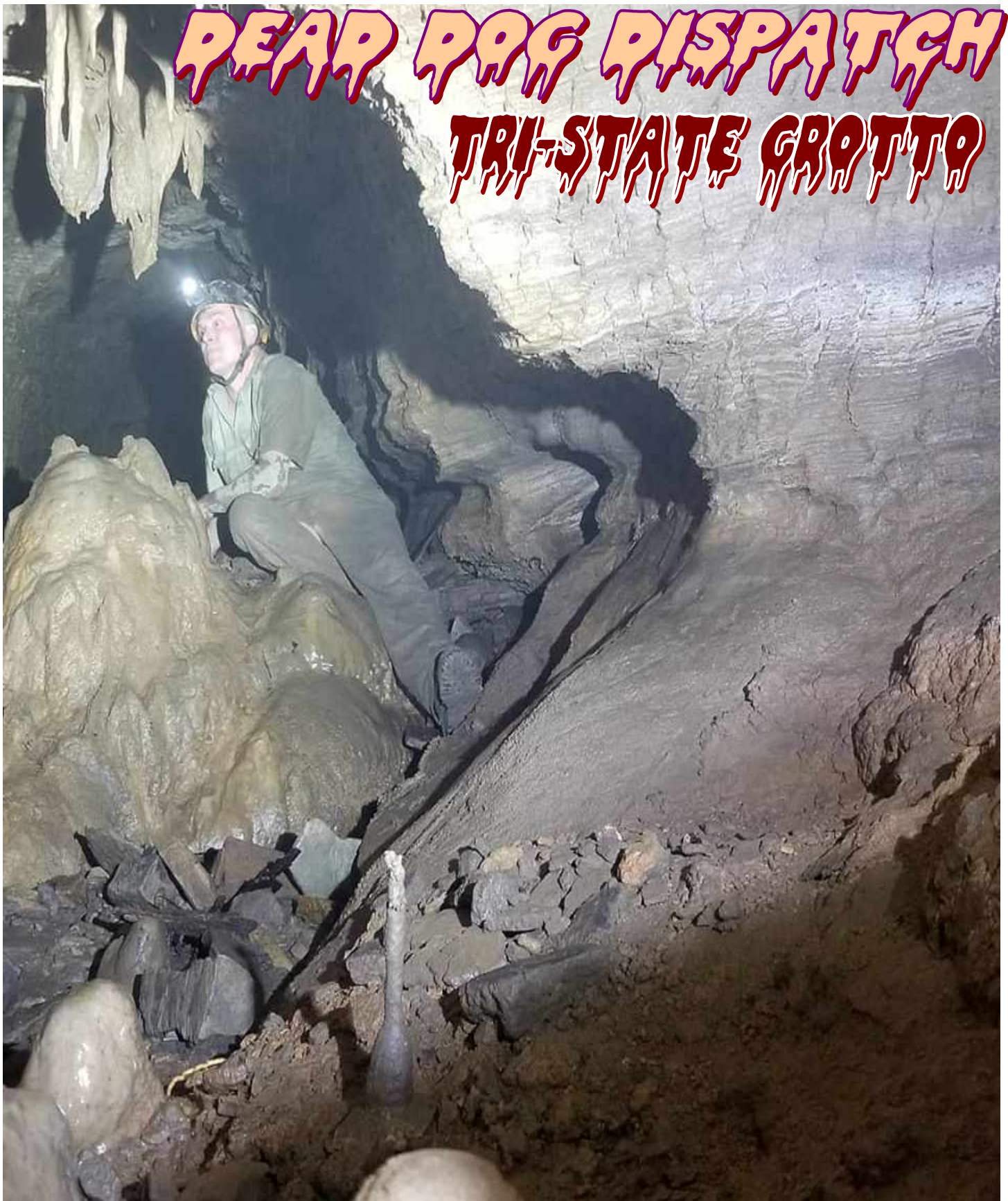


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**** The photo on this month's cover shows Beau Ouimette (Aquachigger) in MeMiner Cave the new cave he dug open in Hampshire Co, WV.**

****** 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**
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*******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!



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CAVING EVENTS

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NOV 1 --- Day of the Dead (All Saints Day)
NOV 1 --- DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
NOV 3 --- Election Day
NOV 10 --- Vivian Monger's Birthday
(Owner of Jones Quarry Cave)
NOV 10 --- Marine Corp Birthday
NOV 11 --- Veterans Day
NOV 11 --- TSG Meeting – 7pm Virtual
NOV 14 --- WVCC Banquet – 7pm (Cancelled)
NOV 16 --- Sadie Hawkins Day
NOV 21 --- World Hello Day
NOV 26 --- THANKSGIVING DAY
NOV 27 --- Day After Thanksgiving
DEC 4 --- National Cookie Day
DEC 9 --- TSG Meeting 7pm - Virtual
DEC 12 --- Annual TSG Christmas Celebration
– 6pm (Cancelled)
DEC 21 --- WINTER SOLSTICE
DEC 22 --- National Short Person Day
DEC 24 --- Christmas Eve
DEC 24 --- National Chocolate Day
DEC 25 --- CHRISTMAS DAY
DEC 30 --- National Bacon Day
DEC 31 --- Annual NSS Bat Ball
DEC 31 --- New Year's Eve

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JAN 1 ---- NEW YEARS DAY
JAN 1 ---- National Hangover Day
JAN 9 --- Law Enforcement Day
JAN 13 --- Rubber Ducky Day
JAN 13 --- TSG Meeting – 7pm
JAN 14 --- National Dress Up Day
JAN 18 --- MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
JAN 22 --- Ted Monger Jr Birthday (Owner of
Jones Quarry)
JAN 24 --- Peanut Butter Day
JAN 24 ---- TRI-STATE GROTTO BIRTHDAY
FEB 1 ---- Bubble Gum Day
FEB 2 ---- Ground Hog Day
FEB 7 ---- Super Bowl Day
FEB 9 ---- National Pizza Day

FEB 10 ---- TSG Meeting – 7pm
FEB 14 ---- Valentines Day
FEB 15 ---- PRESIDENTS DAY
FEB 16 ---- Fat Tuesday
FEB 28 ---- National Tooth Fairy 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 OCT ----- **\$00.00**

TOTAL TO DATE: ----- **\$7529.81**

GREAT JOB EVERYONE! Let's continue the giving! (Cave Bucks for September.)

The last money was sent to MAKC.
Keep It Coming!

WEBSITE & CAVING LINKS

Tri-State Grotto ----- www.tristategrotto.net/
VAR ----- <http://var.caves.org/index.php>
NSS ----- www.caves.org/
NSS Convention 2020 ----- <https://nss2020.caves.org/>
NSS Convention 2021 ----- <http://nss2021.caves.org/>
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MAR ----- www.caves.org/region/mar/
WVCC ----- www.wvcc.net/
Bob's Web Site ----- www.tristategrotto.net/Bob/
Rock Climbing Knots Friction -----
www.chockstone.org/TechTips/prusik.htm#Bachman/
Tri-State Grotto MySpace -----
www.myspace.com/tristategrotto/
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www.crystalgrottoescaverns.com

Silers Cave -----

<https://www.karst.org/index.php/category/preserves/silers-cave-preserve/>



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Mary Bowen, Pat Cronin, Nikki Fox, Nevin Gibberson, John Griffin, Kevin Haney, Art Hanson Jr, Christal Hanson, Shawn Hogbin, Bill Jackson, Terry McClanathan, Vivian Monger, Angela Rao, John Scrivener,

Happy Birthday!



TSG Meeting, October 14, 2020

John called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. The meeting was again held online because of the pandemic.

Elysia read the treasurer's report and it was approved.

Bob read the minutes and they were approved.

Old Business

New website – Ashby plans to start working on it.

Don reported that there is no news on Baker Caverns, and that he has not gone back out to check out Cedar Grove Schoolhouse Cave, where someone had told him that a house was built there and the cave is gone.

New Business

2020 is the lost year. Since 2020 has been a washout, the board has decided to rip the page for 2020 out of the calendar. We will act like 2020 never happened. The officers elected for 2020 will stay the same for 2021. The dues paid for 2020 will be used for 2021.

The Christmas party is cancelled and the deposit for the hall will be used for next year.

Trips

Tom and Don went ridge walking in PA and found a cave.

Ashby went to Howell Cave, McMahon's Mill Cave #1, and another one near McMahon's Mill.

Aquachigger has a new video of Sinks of Gandy.

Bob and Paulette went on a drive and went to Sinks of Gandy.

Bob and Tom went to some canal caves – Howell, McMahon's Mill, and Square

Tom was surveying at Sarah Furnace. They surveyed 2 caves, one of which was dug open. One of them had 30 feet of passage. There is a survey class on October 24.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lynn DiCarlo Substitute Secretary in place of Doc Phillips!

JC came on after the adjournment and made an announcement that someone had given him a lifetime collection of NSS newsletters from mid-70's to current, and Tri-State Grotto newsletters. There are a lot of boxes. He will haul to a drop-off location if anyone wants them, but they must take all.

TRIP REPORTS

Nov. 1st: Horn Hollow Cave, Carter County, Kentucky

Joyce and Terry McClanathan

My wife and I stopped by Carter Caves State Park in eastern Kentucky on our way back from visiting our son in Indiana.

There are many caves in the park, but due to Co-vid only Horn Hollow Cave was open. Wild caving is by permit which you obtain at the park welcome center (no charge, nor is there a charge for entering the park).

Horn Hollow is a multi-entrance cave which is mostly walking passages. It's about a mile back one of the many scenic trails in the park. Other trails lead to numerous natural bridges and other impressive features. Carter Caves park is a great place to spend a few hours, a day, or several days. If anyone is ever in the area. I highly recommend a stop.

Nov. 8th: Sinks of the Run, Greenbrier County
Hope Brooks, Ryan Mauer, Terry McClanathan, Ben???

Just a short photographic trip. Ryan did some shooting between the first and second pits. I spent most of our four hours in the cave rolling up some vertical footage yo-yoing the drops.

Jeff Hajenga

I was able to get underground for a cave invertebrate survey in Randolph county on November 5th at a site that is normally closed. A local caver was able to get permission from the owner to visit the site. The cave had an underground lake and it also contained many historic signatures, the oldest seen dating back to 1847.

I also made it out to Greenville Saltpeter cave in Monroe Mounty November 6th and cleaned flood debris off the water entrance cave gate.

I located 4 new caves (features?) in Monroe county on private land. I have not entered them yet to determine

the extent of any of them, but I do have permission to go back anytime I want.

PHOTO GALLERY



Dead Dog Cave (Elysia Mathias)



Dead Dog Cave (Elysia)

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Gary helping Tom get thru the DD Entrance (BB)



Elysia's Turn (BB)



Adam in DD Entrance (BB)



Red Almost out (BB)



Ashby coming out (BB)



CAVIN CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 8TH - DECEMBER 19TH



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov 8	Nov 9	Nov 10 Vivian Monger Borthday (Owner of Jones Quarry) Marine Corp Birthday	Nov 11 Veterans Day  Meeting 7pm Virtual	Nov 12	Nov 13	Nov 14 WWCC Banquet Cancelled
Nov 15	Nov 16 Sadie Hawkin's Day	Nov 17	Nov 18	Nov 19	Nov 20	Nov 21 World Hello Day
Nov 22	Nov 23	Nov 24	Nov 25	Nov 26 THANKS GIVING DAY	Nov 27 DAY AFTER THANKS GIVING	Nov 28
Nov 29	Nov 30	Dec 1	Dec 2	Dec 3	Dec 4 National Cookie Day	Dec 5
Dec 6	Dec 7	Dec 8	Dec 9  Meeting 7pm Virtual	Dec 10	Dec 11	Dec 12 Annual TSG Christmas Party Cancelled
Dec 13	Dec 14	Dec 15	Dec 16	Dec 17	Dec 18	Dec 19

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Donaldson Cave (Shawn Harris)



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