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The Franklin County Grotto Speleo-Schedule is published once per month, after the monthly meeting. It summarizes topics discussed at the monthly meeting and includes a calendar of upcoming events. It may also include articles, pictures and comments that did not make it into the Cumberland Valley Caver, our newsletter that is only published quarterly. This publication also offers the opportunity to showcase more members and caving activities on the cover. Meetings are held 7:30 PM at the Franklin Fire Department, 138 W. King St (at Franklin St), Chambersburg, PA. 17201. Visitors are welcome, Cave trips, projects and caving events are planned at these meetings. Contact Franklin County Grotto at **FCG@KARST.ORG** or any of the above officers for additional information.

Cover Photo: West portal of the abandoned East Broad Top Railroad Sideling Hill Tunnel, near Kimmel, PA *Photo by: Don Arrowood*



Notes from January 16 meeting: Members present: Ken Tayman, Howard & Diane White, Pat Minnick, Anne Shepard, John Boswell, Glen Sarvis, Don Arrowood, Todd Feasley, Dane Wagle, Steve Isch and guest Zarad

Treasurer's Report: Balance \$2429.68 as of 1/16/2012

Cave Bucks collected: \$9.00 (\$97 on hand)

\$50 Donation to Rouzerville Hunt Club Approved

\$50 Donation to Franklin Fire Dept Approved

\$50 Cave Buck Donation to PCC Approved

\$47 Cave Buck Donation to WVCC approved

Cleversburg Sink: Dec 9, Ken T, John, Don, Gordy, Andy, Steve, met Prof. Feeney and Chad to dump Data and collect water samples. Water is slightly up at about 27 feet. Checked water gauge in Byrd run.

Carnegie Cave: New parking map on web. Also Howard is updating on plaque at entrance to reflect correct parking.

Walnut Ridge: Howard- work in progress..

FCG Web Site: www.karst.org/fcg/

Updated with 2012 info, New officer pics, MAR and NSS Links
Newsletter page reorganized

Vertical Practice: None scheduled this winter.

Contact Pat to arrange session at patanne@pa.net

Cumberland Valley Caver: December issue available online at the FCG website http://www.karst.org/fcg/CVC_V12_I4_final.pdf
Be sure to follow links in Sinnett article and back page
Sent complementary copies to Shippensburg and Carlisle libraries

Corker Hill/Frustration Pit: Gordy, FCG and others from Philly grotto have done surface survey and working on Line plot of Frustration Pit

Timber Ridge Cave: Don took us to Timber Ridge and we found the Cave. Andy and Steve made it around tight bend. Cave has about 100'

ER-NCRC: There will be Orientation to Cave Rescue class at Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA Mar 31-Apr 1. Pat is POC

NSS Convention, 2013, Shippensburg University, PA: Send any questions, suggestions or ideas regarding convention to Russ Kennedy at UAIMH@verizon.net

2012 New Year's Party: The After New Year party came off well. Auction took in \$241, Gordy's carbide Canon blasted the can top onto the roof of the lodge. Nice to see some new faces!!

NSS I/O Annual report: Waiting on NSS? will submit ASAP

Norman Rescue: At recent rescue the FCG Call Out roster was activated for the first time. In preparation for need to possibly have to manually carry out up to three cavers from miles deep in Norman Cave, FCG set up group of 6 very capable cavers for morning roll out if needed. (Pat, Andy, David, Kevin, Steve, Istvan) call out cancelled at 10pm when lost cavers were found alive, well and waiting for rescuers couple of hours from The Bone Entrance

EBWG: Glen attended symposium with Jim Hart, Lots going on with WNS. Taking a slow scientific approach to methodologies. some bats are surviving multiple years. Seeing new symptoms on different parts of bats.

Field Work: Gordy and Don have been running around locating and documenting caves and digs that have slipped onto the backburner (for 20 years in some cases) Using some old trip reports from Mike Houpt to find non-published caves. Should provide some day trip opportunities. If interested touch base with Don or Gordy

Red Bat: Diane spoke of a Red Bat she encountered on hiking trail. Thought it was dead. Turned out to be resting on its migration. Collected it, set it in safe area and it flew away next day. In futer should be just left alone. In this case it could have easily stepped on

Butler Camp Trip: being put off till warmer weather

Mystic: keep eyes open for newspaper article on Mystic Stalagmite project

MAR Business Meeting: Feb 25. FCG have people going (Pat, Ken J, Don, Glen) contact them for more info
see note on page 4

Speleo-Calendar

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| TBD | Duffield Cave -Steve, assisted by Ken Jones , is setting up a trip to Duffield Cave in Duffield. Small, fun cave, kids would enjoy it. If you'd like to participate, POC Steve Isch si9778@ship.edu |
| Jan 20-22 | Winter Trip (4th Annual) Norman (upper level??) Side trips? Greenbrier Poor Farm, Bone Stay at WVACS field house Greenbrier Co, WV POC Ken Tayman |
| Feb 20 | Regular monthly Meeting |
| Feb 25 | MAR Business meeting |
| Mar TBD | My Cave (John) plan B Simmons-Mingo |
| Mar 19 | Regular monthly Meeting |
| MAR 31-Apr 1 | ER-NCRC Orientation to Cave Rescue class-OCR Sponsored by Eastern Mennonite Univ Harrisonburg, VA (see page 4) |
| April 14 | Tentative Kooken Trip POC Pat Minnick patanne@pa.net |
| Apr 16 | Regular monthly Meeting |
| Apr 27-29 | Spring VAR hosted by Tri-State Grotto Northern Greenbrier Co (see page 4) POC Bob Bennett gimpycaver@comast.net |
| May 21 | Regular monthly meeting |
| June TBD?? | LEMON Hole & Coon Cave (vert) Coordinated by Barry Duncan |
| June 25-29 | NSS Convention, Greenbrier Co, WV http://www.nss2012.com/ |
| Aug 5-9, 2013 | NSS Convention, Shippensburg Univ, PA various mapping projects open for participation http://www.varegion.org/var/regEvents.shtml |
| DAY TRIPS | McAllisterville, Fleming Trough, Mystic, Big Ridge |

MAR Business Meeting

Feb 25, 2012

For all of those planning on attending the MAR Annual Business Meeting, the meeting is scheduled for Saturday, **February 25**, 2012 at the Mt. Laurel Park, located on Piketown Road in W. Hanover Township, Dauphin County, near Linglestown, PA. The meeting starts at 1:30 PM. As usual, the PCC meeting will commence after a short food break immediately after the adjournment of the MAR meeting.

For directions and other information, please consult the "Annual Business Meeting" portion of the MAR webpage at:

<http://www.caves.org/region/mar/busnmtg.htm>

*** Just like last year, attendees are being asked to kindly consider bringing a food item to the meeting as well as your favorite beverage. This is a BYOB (Bring-Your-Own-Beverage) event! PLEASE READ the food "Sign-Up" page on the MAR webpage, for more information, at:

http://www.caves.org/region/mar/busnmtg_foodsign_up.htm

Cleversburg Sink

Current water level

As of December 9, 2011, the water level in Cleversburg Sink was:

Up to the old gate

>>>In the entrance room<<<

Top of ladder

Mid-ladder

3rd rung of ladder

Base of ladder

Knee deep

Sand room sump

2nd crawl sump

Dry

Water is about 27 feet deep, slightly up from a few weeks ago. Checked by: Ken T, John, Steve Gordy, Don, Andy & Professor. Feeney & Chad from Shippensburg Univ.

Membership renewals are due as of end of December. A reminder email has been sent to all whose membership has expired and the email will includes membership renewal form. Please complete the form and mail along with check to John Boswell

NSS Membership is not a requirement but is encouraged by Franklin County Grotto. FCG dues are \$2 less for NSS members, and upon on your initial NSS sign up, FCG will give you a additional year membership in the grotto free. If this applies to you, contact the treasurer and have your membership-thru date adjusted.

ER-NCRC Orientation to Cave Rescue Class

Mar 31-Apr 1, 2012

An introductory level program which consists of classroom and field work in all phases of cave rescue including: underground environment, extrication techniques, communication systems, medical management, and organization and management of cave rescue. The basic orientation course material is presented for students who typically include cavers, emergency services personnel, and rescue management personnel.

Hosted by Eastern Mennonite Univ., Harrisonburg, VA <http://www.er-ncrc.org/>

Spring VAR 2012

April 27-29, 2012

Poor Farm Festival Grounds in Williamsburg, WV (NOT VA!) Hosted by Tri-State Grotto
Once again Tri-State Grotto is hosting Spring VAR. The event will be held at the Poor Farm Festival Grounds in Williamsburg, WV. The dates for this event will be 27th, 28th, & 29th of April. We have lots of cave trips planed, including some on site plus lots of non-caving activities such as biking on the Greenbrier River Trail, Canoe or Kayak on the Greenbrier, hiking, geocaching, antiquing, and more.

For registration, directions & events go to website <http://www.varegion.org/var/events/SpringVAR/SpringVAR.shtml>



2012 NSS Convention

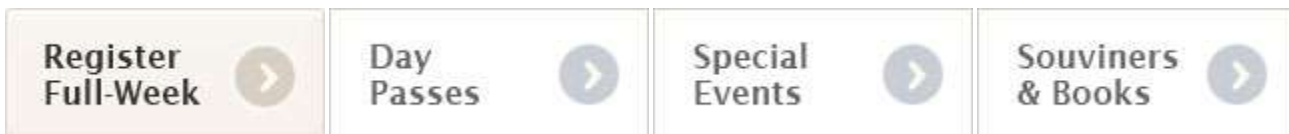
June 25–29, 2012
Lewisburg, West Virginia

<http://www.nss2012.com/>

NSS 2012 Registration

Register online and pay by check/credit card. Credit cards accepted: MasterCard, Visa, and Discover. You can register multiple people by adding another product to your cart. When you're done, simply checkout and pay with one check or credit card.

Pre-registration ends May 1, 2012.



Don't want to register online? Download the [registration form](#).

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