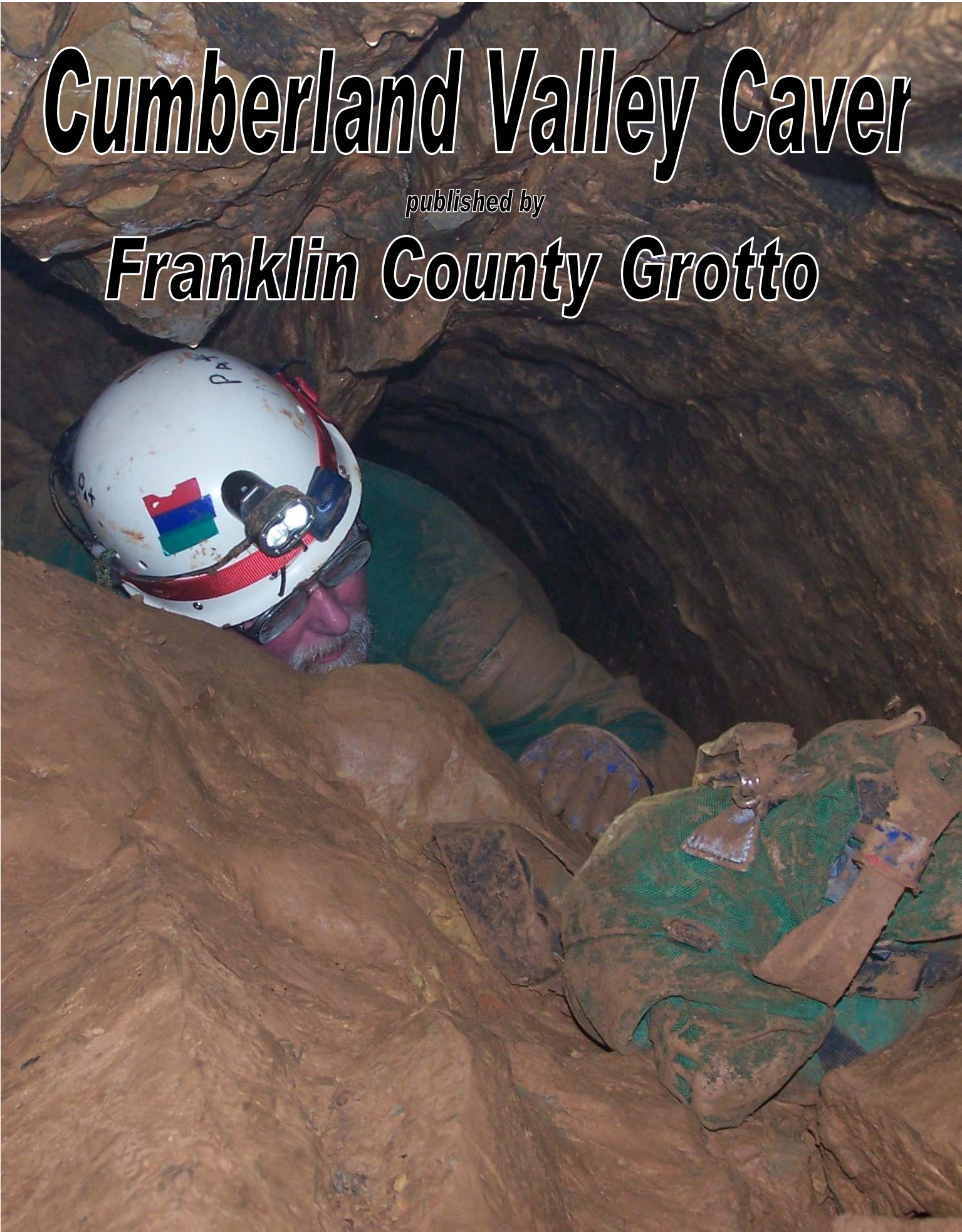


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**Cover:** Pat Minnick in long, tight crawl in Corker Hill Cave

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*Well here it is the end of another year. We actually completed a few of our projects this year. We got the new ladder built and placed in Cleversburg Sink, updated the kiosk with a new map and current management and contact information, and got the Carnegie Cave user project into motion. Howard was a major contributor to these projects. We also got the ball rolling on the Corker Hill / Frustration Pit project. If things go the way they usually do, we should have that project nailed down solid by 2015.*

*We voted to raise the grotto membership dues for first time in about 15 years. The new rates are effective January 1, 2009. The regular membership has gone up to \$10 and the associate membership is now \$12. We needed to raise the dues in order for us to continue various projects and continue to publish and mail out the newsletter. Just this year we spent over \$200 on the Cleversburg ladder and kiosk. We also supported the effort save Sharp's Cave.*

*This newsletter makes eight consecutive quarters that that it has been published. Thanks to Terry, Mark, Edwin, Kerry, Allison, Gordy, Doug and Jim for contributing articles and/or photos to this issue. Let's keep sending in stuff so we can have a good variety.*

*For 2009, I plan to make an effort to schedule a few cave trips, new to most of FCG cavers, and also get back into a few favorites. Don't forget the Lightner's trip (vertical) on January 24-25, 2009. It is the backside of McClungs, and has a lot of stuff including three foot high rimstone dams we will have to wade through. I am looking forward to it.*

*Ken Tayman, Editor*