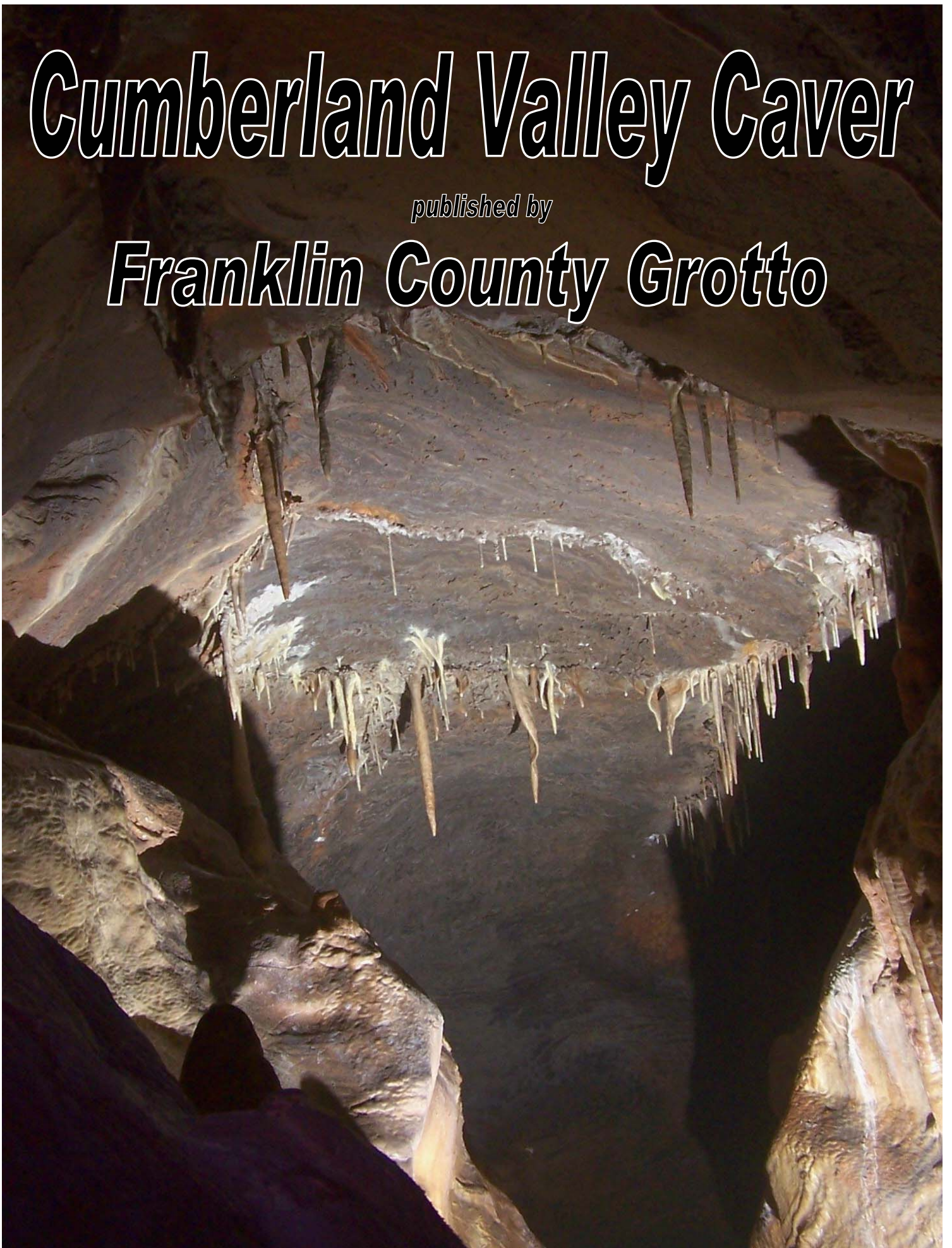


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From the Editor.....

We are rapidly approaching the end of summer and still have lots of caving to squeeze into our schedules before the fall hunting season starts competing for our weekends. As we publish this issue we are making final coordination for the Fall VAR and our SSS – Fuller through trip, trying to coordinate a second trip with WASHCO, this time to Corker Hill, about to start a small survey project in Locke Valley in October (while hoping to squeeze in a McFadden trip), and a Cleversburg Sink Kiosk Party to upgrade the kiosk with current info and a new map.

While doing vertical practice at Shaeffer Rocks on the Saturday of the picnic, we struck up a conversation with ATC Ridge Walker, Dick Marzolf. It turns out he’s a caver who has spent a lot of time in Greenbrier County, WV, and knows a lot of the same cavers we know. He mentioned several caves he was familiar with that would definitely be worth our effort to seek out. He is interested in going down with us to cave and point out some cave locations and introduce us to the land owners. This is another trip we need to squeeze into our calendar this fall. Additionally in mentioned he had a 250’ Blue Water Static rope (still new in the box, never been used) that he didn’t need and would donate to FCG. I stopped buy his house a few weekends ago and picked it up. A very appreciative “Thanks” goes out to Dick, and, I am looking forward to our trip to West Virginia.

Also would like to thank Dane and Terry for their submissions and to Gordy who did most of the photography for this issue.

Sincerely,

Ken Tayman