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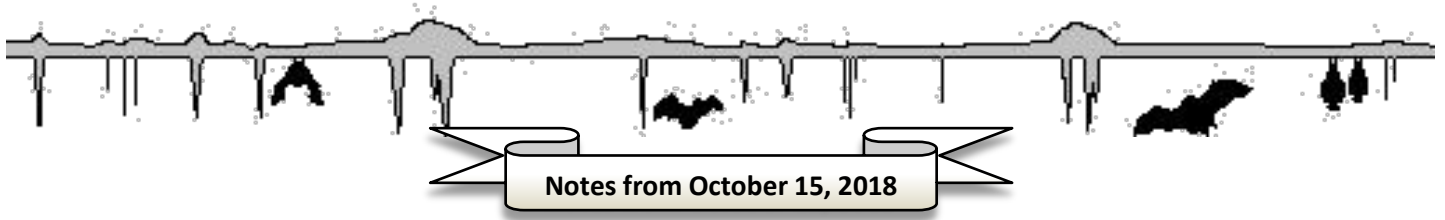
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The Franklin County Grotto Speleo-Schedule is published once per month, after the monthly meeting. It summarizes topics discussed at the monthly meeting and includes a calendar of upcoming events. It may also include articles, pictures and comments 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 third Monday of the month (except December), 7:00 PM at the "Cottage Pub and Restaurant" 572 Wayne Ave, 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: Justin Boswell in the new section of Rupert Cave during Fall MAR 2018.



Treasurer's Report: Balance \$3,691.32 as of 10/15/2018
Cave Bucks collected: \$17

Cleversburg Sink: Gordy checked this week and the cave is very full. Level is -2 (2 feet below the bolt).

Digging on the back door project continues. The trips are usually mid-week, but the retired crew says the project is a real "blast". POC: Gordy

Carnegie Cave: Patrick McCracken, Amber Horner, and Jon Houpt visited the cave. The cave was extremely wet and they didn't get too far. The trench was completely underwater and no airspace at the duckunder.

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

Todd always welcomes any good photos to add to the website!

Newsletter: Please send anything to Pat. Even a paragraph helps. The last trip report received was March 2017! Maybe we need to decide if we want to continue trying to produce a newsletter?

Cumberland Valley Caver: June issue on line at: http://www.karst.org/fcg/CVC_v16_12-Jun2015.pdf

Fieldwork: Don's Dig, Glen's Sinkhole (after corn harvest), Scotland School. Don has a TON of information and leads to chase down and check out. Contact Don or Gordy any time you are available to do some fieldwork, digging, ridgewalking, whatever.

Whitings Neck Day Trip: Anyone interested in doing a trip here or another local cave? Make your desire known on the email listserve or the Facebook page along with dates you want to go and let's get some impromptu day trips happening.

Vertical Practice: Nothing formal planned. Contact Gordy or Pat (or shout out on the email listserve or Facebook) if you want to get on rope.

Peipers Cave: The gate is now padlocked. All arrangements need to be made with the owner. The current method for obtaining access is to contact Ed Kehs. He will give the current combo to the lock. The combo will be changed periodically.

FCG Library: There are several file cabinets full of old newsletters, exchange newsletters, books, maps, and other library and historical information at Gordy's house. We need to get this stuff organized and cataloged. Contact Gordy to see about getting a box of stuff to go through and/or bring some date suggestions for a time you would be available to work on sorting in a group setting.

Onyx Cave: Ed Kehs owns an ex-commercial cave and several other small caves. Day Trip. Coordination TBD.

WISH LIST!! If there is a cave you want to put on the schedule. Let Gordy, John or Pat know and, if doable, we can add it to the schedule. Only need 3 or 4 people to make it viable.

MEETING LOCATION: "The Cottage" Pub and Restaurant, 572 Wayne Ave, in Chambersburg. Meet at 7pm in the rear of the restaurant. For those arriving via I-81, take exit 14, PA 316 west for about a mile. The cottage will be on your left.

Speleo-Calendar

Oct 21	Dig at Long's Quarry, Fulton County. Meet at Dott Store, 4615 Great Cove Rd, Warfordsburg PA at 10am.
Oct 27	Frustration Pit/Corker Hill trip. Meet at the pull-off at 11am. POC John or Gordy
Oct 30	York Grotto Anniversary at Indian Echo Caverns. Free for York members, \$5 for non-members. 6pm
Nov 6	Election Day
Nov 19	Regular Monthly Meeting/Grotto Elections
Dec	NO DECEMBER MEETING - MERRY XMAS
Jan 5-6	FCG Holiday Party, Rouzerville Hunt Club
Jan 21	Regular Monthly Meeting
Feb 18	Regular Monthly Meeting
Mar 18	Regular Monthly Meeting
Apr 15	Regular Monthly Meeting
Summer 2019	NSS Convention, Cookeville TN
Fall 2019	TAG Fall Cave-In. POC: Gordy

Grotto Elections

Nominations for FCG Officers for 2019 were made at the October meeting. We will vote on the nominations at the November meeting. You can also submit additional nominees at the November meeting before we vote if you wish.

Nominations:

Chair: Gordy Ley

Vice-Chair: Glen Sarvis

Don Arrowood

Treasurer: John Boswell

Secretary: Pat Minnick

Member-at-Large: Don Arrowood

Member-at-Large: Bill Geller

Christmas/New Year Party 5-6 January 2019



Rouzerville Hunt Club
4175 Cold Springs Rd Fayetteville

Grotto will provide main entrée

Bring a side dish or dessert to share

Breakfast will be available Sunday

Plenty of bunks, couches, and chairs, or pitch a tent

White Elephant auction – donate a gag gift or a real gift, or just bid

BYOB



New Members:

Jon Houpt, FCG #278

Johanna Neller, FCG #279

Patrick McCracken, FCG #280

Amber Horner, FCG #281

WVACS Project Weekends: The West Virginia Association for Cave Studies Project Weekend is the 2nd full weekend of every month at the WVACS fieldstation in Greenbrier County, WV. For information contact Greg Springer (wvdirtboy@gmail.com) or Vanessa Krabacher (vanessaclimbs@yahoo.com) or visit www.wvacs.org.

Butler Cave Project Weekends: Butler Cave Conservation Society (BCCS) holds a number of project weekends during the year at the Butler Homestead in Bath County, VA. Digging, surveying, exploration, and research projects. Visit www.butlercave.org for more info.

Germany Valley Karst Survey (GVKS) Work Weekends: Germany Valley Karst Survey holds work weekends usually the 2nd weekend of each month for ridgewalking and surveying caves, karst, and karst features in Germany Valley (Pendleton County, WV). Most cave trips require vertical experience. Contact Gordon Brace (braces@cavetel.net) for more information.

Grand Caverns Project Weekends: Help resurvey and locate caves in the Grand Caverns Park, off I-81 south of Harrisonburg, VA. Novice surveyors are welcome and training and survey gear will be provided. Trips are usually the 1st weekend of each month. Contact Carol Tideman (ctider@ymail.com) for more information.