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Next Board Meeting

Sunday, September 23, 2018 at 10:00 am
Octagon Barn - Knox, NY

Winter Board Meeting
(Date and location in December TBD)

The Northeastern Cave Conservancy, Inc. (NCC) is a not-for-profit corporation committed to the conservation, study, management, and acquisition of caves and karst areas having significant geological, hydrological, biological, recreational, historical, or aesthetic features.

To these ends, the NCC combines the resources and expertise of affiliated cave explorers, educators, scientists, landowners, and conservation officials.

The NCC programs are focused mainly on the preservation of caves and karst. Outreach includes education in schools and local communities, establishment of park spaces on karstlands, and educational messages about the significance of groundwater pollution on this sensitive underground ecosystem.

NCC members assist in the exploration, survey, and protection of these natural resources, and manage them so you can explore them yourself.



NORTHEASTERN CAVE CONSERVANCY - 40TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Join us on Saturday, October 20, to celebrate 40 years of preserving caves in the Northeast!

Location: SUNY Cobleskill, Upper Champlin Hall

Time: Cocktail hour 6:00 pm, Dinner 7:00 pm

Price: \$32.00 per person

Food Restrictions: Contact the Office Committee (office@necaveconservancy.org)

Menu:

Appetizers: Smoked Salmon and Brie on Croute

Entrees: (Buffet) Chicken Marsala and Seafood (Stuffed Sole) served with Salad, Dinner Rolls, Chef's Choice of Starch, Vegetable Du Jour

Dessert: Baker's Choice Dessert and Coffee

Beer, Wine, and Soft Drinks.

Two tickets per person

Souvenir NCC favors

Special NCC retrospective presentation by Art Palmer

Reservations and payment can be made by PayPal or mail.

Please consider adding extra if you use PayPal, since they charge us 2.2% + \$0.30 per transaction.

(<http://www.necaveconservancy.org/donate/>)

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OLD TIME BARN DANCE

AT

KNOX CAVE

10th
Year!

Knox, N.Y. - Octagon Barn, Middle Rd.

Sat. September 22

Dancing 7 to 10PM, Doors open @ 6:30

Featuring Paul Rosenberg & Tamarack

Live fiddle band playing traditional early American, Celtic,
French-Canadian, Old-time and original fiddle tunes
Easy to learn step-by-step contras, squares and folk dances.

No experience necessary, all dances are taught.

Raffle & Door Prizes!



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\$10 per person (\$5 for students), \$20 per family, children under 12 free
Refreshments and light snacks will be served

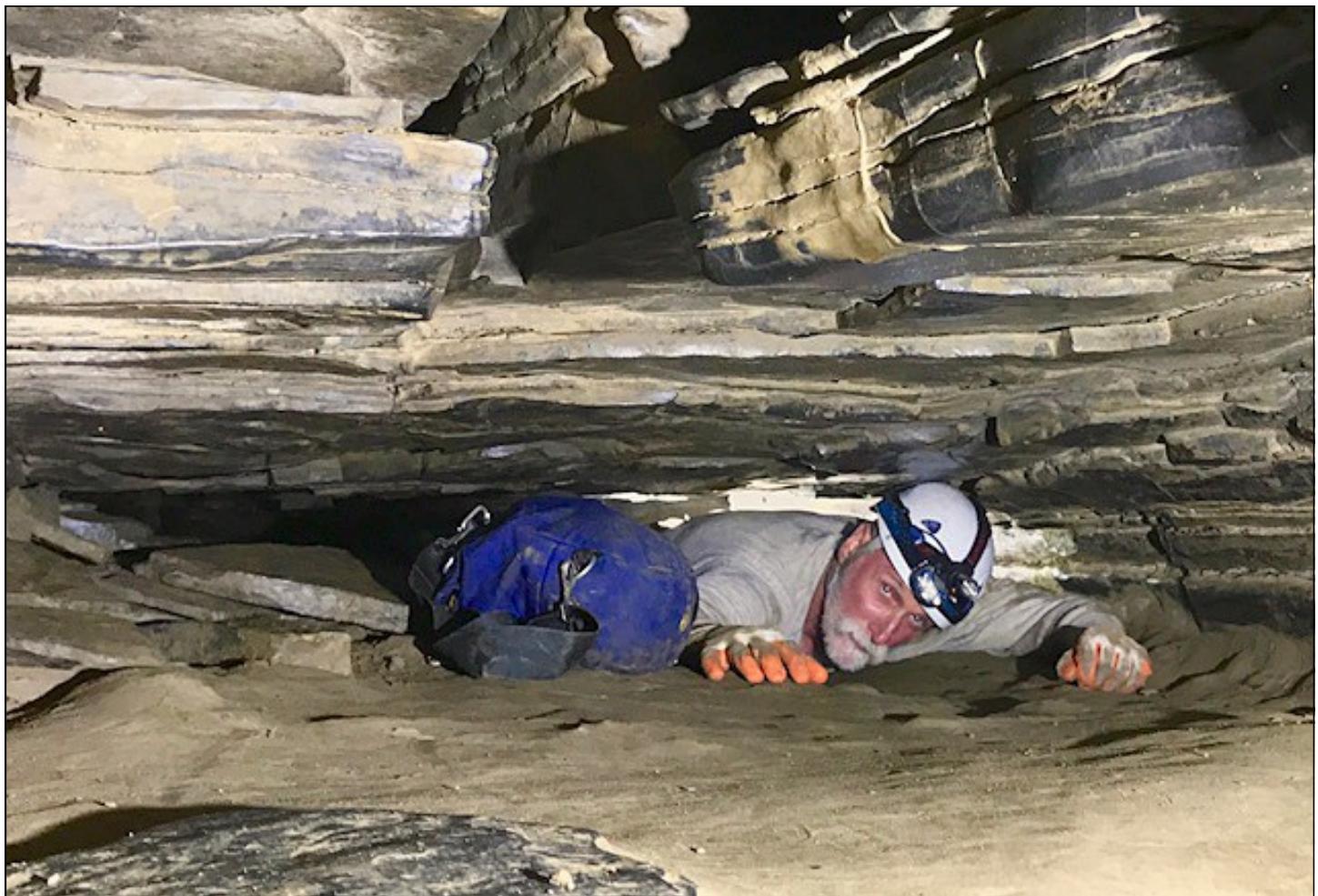


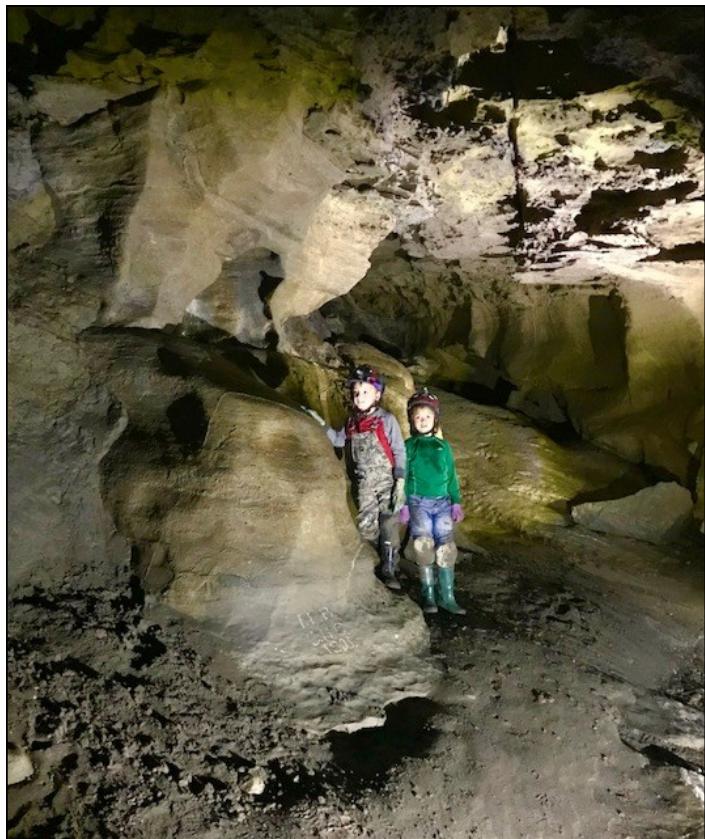
Top left: Annie Mintel at the Gun Sight in Knox Cave (Knox, New York).

Top right: Jack Mintel emerging from the narrow Gunbarrel passage in Knox Cave.

Bottom: Ed Kennedy passing through a tight squeeze in Knox Cave.

All photos on this page by Ed Mintel.





Jack and Annie Mintel exploring Clarksville (top row) and Onesquethaw (bottom row) Caves. All photos on this page by Ed Mintel.





Top left (from left to right): Ed Mintel, Tyler Periera, Jack Mintel, Cassie Wilmot, Annie Mintel, Dan Mondino, and Ed Kennedy in Knox Cave. Photo by Tyler Periera. All other photos on this page of the group exploring Knox and Clarksville Caves by Ed Mintel.



NORTHEASTERN CAVE CONSERVANCY, INC.
Summary of the June 3, 2018 Meeting Notes
Melrose, New York

- Nominating Committee Chair, Norm Berg, reported on the results of the annual Trustee election. Jacob Morris-Siegel, Devon Hedges, and Ramon Armen were elected to three-year terms on the Board, and Alan Traino was elected to fill in the remaining one year of another Trustee seat which became vacant when Mitch Berger became Secretary last year.
- Bob Simmons reported on progress made in planning for our 40th Anniversary Dinner, to be held on October 20th at SUNY Cobleskill.
- Thom Engel notes that he will be giving presentations at the Gloversville and Bethlehem Public Libraries on their summer theme of “Libraries Rock.” Thom also informed us of upcoming Thacher Park work days on June 23, July 14, August 25, and September 15.
- Christa Hay told us that she has ordered a snazzy banner for our 40th anniversary to show off at events, as well as special 40th anniversary T-shirts, which will first be available at the Spring NRO.
- Mike Chu, who has been our webmaster for many, many years, has passed the baton on to Ramon Armen.
- Vince Kappler tells us that so far this year, 531 hours of volunteer work have been recorded for the NCC, along with 4,366 miles travelled by volunteers. The equivalent monetary value of these volunteer efforts is estimated to be \$17,495, and there are probably many more hours that have not yet been reported.
- Devon Hedges agreed to represent the NCC at Clarksville Heritage Day. Mitch Berger, Jacob Morris-Siegel, Thom Engel, Ramon Armen, and Morgan Ingalls will represent the NCC at the NSS Convention. Peter Youngbaer and Mitch Berger will represent the NCC at OTR.
- The NCC was awarded a \$26,000 grant by New York State Conservation Partnership Program (NYSCPP) for a program we applied to that is administered by the Land Trust Alliance. This money will be used for a year-long scientific study on temperature and humidity, bat acoustics, and human visitation at many of our caves. Morgan Ingalls will be the scientist in charge of this project. Mitch Berger and Emily Davis will work on volunteer coordination and project management. Much thanks is due to Christine Young for putting together the grant application.
- The bylaws were amended to ensure that if an Officer position in the NCC becomes vacant and is filled by the Trustees, the terms of the officer positions will remain staggered. An oversight when the officer terms switched from all being annually elected to being two staggered pairs of two-year positions had unintentionally allowed the possibility of undoing that staggering when a vacancy was filled.

