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Newsletter of the *River City
Grotto* – Jacksonville, FL
An [NSS](#) Affiliated Grotto

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Updates from the latest Grotto Meeting and Events –
NEXT MEETING: **WEDNESDAY** August 15th 2018, at R.E.I. in the St. John's Town Center

UPCOMING EVENTS

SRT Class: The SRT Class has been rescheduled for 11/30/18-12/2/18. It will be at Jerry's Farm. We will provide updates for this class in the near future.

Catacombs Cave: We are hoping to have a trip to Catacombs Cave this summer or fall. Check your email and the RCG Facebook page for updates.

2019 Florida Cavort: Mark your Calendars! RCG is hosting next year's cave cavort. It will be at Jerry's Farm February 22nd-24th, 2019.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

We are solid financially.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We have welcomed a new member! Membership dues are due; if you haven't renewed your membership, you can renew it [here](#).

CAVING IN THE NEWS

'Still Can't Believe It Worked': The Story of the Thailand Cave Rescue: On June 23rd, 12 boys and their soccer coach entered Thailand's Tham Luang Cave. When the group did not return from their cave trip, a rescue mission began, involving rescue teams from various nations. This article provides details on the daring rescue. [\(article\)](#)

Viet Activist Fights to Save Huge Cave System: Since 2014, one of the world's largest cave systems, the Son Doong cave, has been under threat from developers planning to construct a cable car that would carry thousands of tourists daily. A movement to stop the cable car reaching the area, is being spearheaded by Vietnamese environmentalist Huong Le. [\(article\)](#)

NSS CORNER

2018 NSS Director Election Results: The results of the 2018 NSS have been posted. Congratulations to all of the winners. You can view the list [here](#).

The Virtual Cave-Karst: Karst is a term used to describe the distinctive surface landscapes of cave country, shaped by dissolution of soluble bedrocks such as limestone, dolomite, or gypsum. The surface character of karst results from both surface dissolution of exposed bedrock and dissolution beneath the surface as caves are formed. Voids forming beneath the surface result in slumping or collapse. Streams sink underground and may not reappear until miles away as springs or birthplaces of rivers. Karst landscapes encompass some 10-15% of the earth's land mass and millions of people live in or among karst. This page will attempt to convey both the diversity and beauty of the world's karst. [\(article\)](#)