



The River City Caver

Newsletter of the **River City
Grotto** – Jacksonville, FL
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March, 2016

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Updates from the latest Grotto Meeting and Events –
NEXT MEETING: **WEDNESDAY** April 20th, 2016, at our Richard Street Branch.

UPCOMING TRIPS

Briar Cave: David will contact Bill Birdsall about getting a trip going. We are looking to go before August of this year.

Florida Cave Crawl March 18-20, 2016: Flint River Grotto hosting, at Tim's Hide-a-way in Havana. Firewater Tent Revival is booked and stoked. RCG is doing Friday Night Bad Caving Movie(s) and Sunday Fundraiser breakfast.

TRIP REPORTS

Whitecliff Cave Get-Together—On February 27, 2016, with ears still ringing from an extended (and very loud) Zack Wild guitar solo during the Jimi Hendrix tribute concert the previous evening: Joe, Phil, and Bill Chesley went to White-cliff Cave. This was a day set up by the Florida Speleological Society (FSS) for caving, and hanging. Hamburgers and Dogs were cooked as northeast Florida Cavers sat, chatted, ate, played with kids, and (yes) went caving. This was an all day event from 10:00am to 6:00pm. The day also included 3 guided trips into the cave exploring about every inch of the cave. It was nice to have so many people come out. A good time was held by all.

Whitecliff Cave—On March 12, 2016 Phil led Boy Scout Troop 225 through Whitecliff Cave. 11 Scouts explored underground Florida. A very energetic and highly motivated bunch displaying common sense when everyone refused to crawl through the Lemon Squeeze. The entire group made it through the Depantser Passage (including adults), and a brave two traversed through Annie Hall.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

We are solid, and will be setting aside “seed money” for the 2019 Florida Cave Cavort in some High-Interest vehicle. Remember to PayPal your membership fees if you have sent in your application.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We have 24 paid members thus far.

Get in at <http://www.rivercitygrotto.com/membership.html>
If you have re-applied, but not paid, remember to PAY UP!
If you have not re-applied or paid, GET ON IT!!
Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts...

GROTTO T-SHIRT

We need a new t-shirt design; if you are artistically inclined and have any interest in creating a new design let us know. It has suggested to use current design with a new color and possibly get long-sleeved shirts.

TARGETING NCRC ORIENTATION TO CAVE

RESCUE CLASS: David talked to Tim White about a cave rescue class for horizontal caves to be offered to members of all four Florida grottos. It will be a 2-day class. Possible locations for the class are Gainesville, Ocala Caverns, and Bat Cave. Phil will research the location and David will look into event insurance.

OVER THE EDGE: Tim White coordinates a fundraiser in which people can repel down buildings. There will be an event in Jacksonville in November of this year. We discussed RCG to volunteering to help with vertical support.





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NSS CORNER

Registration for the 2016 NSS Convention is now open. It will take place in Ely, Nevada July 16-23, 2016.

<http://nss2016.caves.org>

If you are interested in learning more about caves, check out the NSS webinar series. Their most recent webinar was on Exploration of Sistema Huautla Deepest Cave in the Western Hemisphere By Bill Steele

<http://caves.org/webinars/index-5.shtml>

CAVING IN THE NEWS

Caves Can Now Help Scientists Trace Ancient Wildfires

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On March, 26th a 22 year old man was rescued from a cave in Walker County, GA [\(article\)](#)

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