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**River City  
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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** September 20<sup>th</sup> 2017, at R.E.I. in the St. John's Town Center

### UPCOMING TRIPS

**Spring Hop/BBQ:** We will have a trip to Salt Springs on 9/23/17. It will be a potluck and we'll meet at 10:00 am.

### TRIP REPORTS

**Tucks and Lundy's:** There was a trip to Tuck's and Lundy's on 7/22/17; David S. and his family went. David reported he and his family had a great time. Although they didn't do any vertical work, they did visit the pit and saw flowstone and chert.

### T-SHIRTS

We have t-shirts available! You can purchase them here:  
<http://rivercitygrotto.com/product/t-shirt2016/>

### FINANCIAL UPDATE

We are solid financially.

### MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Membership dues are due; you can pay your dues here:  
<http://rivercitygrotto.com/become-a-member/>

### NSS CORNER

**Bat Ball #2:** Bat Ball is the NSS's member appreciation party and HQ fundraiser! Dinner & dancing, souvenir cup, craft libations, and t-shirt! Camping Friday thru Tuesday! Led cave trips and climbing course!  
<https://caves.org/BAT%20BALL.pdf>

### The Virtual Cave-Erosional and Glacier Caves:

Erosional caves are those formed by the action of water and wind, carrying abrasive particles capable of carving rock. [\(article\)](#)

### CAVING IN THE NEWS

#### State's 'Most Vandalized' Cave Gets Cleaned Up:

Members of Upper Cumberland Grotto hosted a cleanup of Grassy Cove Saltpeter Cave within Cumberland Trail State Park. Although the cave has been closed to the public since 2009, it has not stopped trespassers from vandalizing or trashing the cave. According to the lead organizer, the cave is considered Tennessee's most vandalized cave. [\(article\)](#)

#### Ancient Giant Sloth Fossil Found in Underwater Cave:

While cave diving in Mexico, explorers uncovered 10,000-year-old remains of a new sloth species. [\(article\)](#)

#### There's a Restaurant in a Cave in Arizona 210 Feet

**Underground:** Cavern Grotto is a new restaurant located underground within Grand Canyon Caverns. Meal prices include a guided tour of the cave. [\(article\)](#)

**Trading caves: Bluegrass Underground moving from McMinnville to Monteagle:** Bluegrass Underground is a concert series that has taken place within Cumberland Caverns in McMinnville, Tennessee; it will soon be moving beneath Monteagle Mountain. [\(article\)](#)

#### Sea Lion Caves Still Wild, After 85 Years on the

**Oregon Coast:** Sea Lion Caves opened to the public in 1932. There have been many changes to the cave since then, but the main attraction has always stayed the same. The sea lions still come back inside to mate in the winter, and still go outside to get sun in the summer.