



# The River City Caver

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** October, 18<sup>th</sup> 2017, at R.E.I. in the St. John's Town Center

## UPCOMING TRIPS

**TAG:** The TAG Fall Cave-In will have its 40th anniversary 10/5/17-10/8/17. You can register here:  
<https://register.tagfallcavein.org>

**Boy Scout Trips:** We will be leading two Boy Scout trips in the near future. The first is on 1/20/18 with a presentation beforehand; the cave is TBD. The second trip will be at Bat Cave on 2/17/18. Check you email and the RCG Facebook page for updates regarding these trips.

## TRIP REPORTS

**Ocala Caverns Trip and Clean-Up Day:** We had a great time at Ocala Cavern on 8/19/17. Although there wasn't a lot that needed to be cleaned up, everyone enjoyed exploring the cave. Thanks to FSS for joining us.



**Vertical Practice:** Although we had to cancel the Salt Springs trip, David and Katie hosted vertical practice in order to prepare for TAG. Members practiced climbing and changeovers.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

We are solid financially.

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

There are no new members.

## CAVING IN THE NEWS

**Indiana University Spelunking Club Suspended After Student was Locked in Cave for 60 Hours:** Indiana University is investigating a student spelunking club, after a 19 year old student became locked inside a cave during a beginner spelunking trip. ([article](#))

**Scientists Find Evidence For Life In Warm Steamy Caves Beneath Antarctica's Ice:** In Antarctica, there are vast warm ice caves produced from the heat of an active volcano. Scientist believe these caves could host life or have hosted life in the past. ([article](#))

## NSS CORNER

**Dale Pate, an NSS Luminary Talk:** Dale Pate has enjoyed exploring and surveying in Sistema Purificación, and in many of the other fascinating caves of the Ciudad Victoria, Tamaulipas region of Mexico. An expert explorer, Dale Pate is also an advocate of high-quality survey and inventory work in caves. He is skilled with the camera and many American cavers have been enthralled with his captivating photographs of the underground wilderness. You can watch is luminary talk [here](#).