



The River City Caver

Newsletter of the *River City
Grotto* – Jacksonville, FL
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Updates from the latest Grotto Meeting and Events –
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Cavers and Craft Brews Meetup: We are having a meetup at Intuition Aleworks on 11/6/19 at 6:30 pm. Please join us for a great time with great friends. The address is 929 E Bay St, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

TRIP/EVENT REPORTS

Cavers and Craft Brews: Last month, RCG members came out to Aardwolf Brewing for good company and good beer. Even David made a trip from across the pond!

TAG: Several RCG members made it to TAG this year and had a great time including seeing the lighting of the annual Saturday night bonfire. Caves visited by RCG included Tumbling Rock, Bible Springs, Horse Skull, and Cedar Ridge Crystal Cave.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

We are solid financially.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We have a new member!

NSS CORNER

NSS Webinars-World Speleology: The International Union of Speleology and the NSS, Presented by: Dr. George Veni: Cavers know about caving opportunities and needs in their area. Many have a pretty good idea of what's happening nationally, but what about caving at the global level? Does it even affect you? Can you get involved, and if so, how? The International Union of Speleology (UIS) is essentially the United Nations of caving. It is composed of 54 member nations, working together to advance cave and karst research, management, and especially exploration, which makes everything else possible. The NSS represents the US to the UIS. This webinar will give you the background and history of the UIS and focus on its many projects around the world, how they merge with the goals of the NSS, and how you can join them -- even without leaving home. For a pre-webinar preview of the UIS, visit www.uis-speleo.org. View the webinar [here](#).



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CAVING IN THE NEWS

Spain Cave Rescue: Four Portuguese Divers Rescued After Tunnels Flood: Four Portuguese divers from a climbing club were rescued after being trapped by a sudden flood in a cave network in Spain. ([article](#))

Mayan Breakthrough: How 'Longest Underwater Cave System in World' was Discovered in Mexico: Mayan archaeologists have discovered two cave systems are linked, creating one huge underwater passage more than 216 miles long, which a historian has claimed is the longest in the world. ([article](#))

Explore a Hidden Cave on a Tiny Monorail Roller Coaster Thrill Ride in Nara: Tenkawa Village in Nara's mountainous Yoshino region is a popular place to visit for those who enjoy outdoor activities. One of the activities that is offered, is touring Goyomatsu limestone cave on a monorail. ([article](#))

SCCi CORNER

4th Annual SCCi Science Awards Program: Call for Proposals: The Southeastern Cave Conservancy, Inc. (SCCi) announces that the Annual Science Awards program to help fund scientific and conservation research projects on SCCi preserves is now soliciting grant proposals for 2019-2020. As the nation's largest and most successful land conservancy solely devoted to acquiring and protecting caves, SCCi understands that scientific research must be part of our mission. We firmly believe that research is essential to conserving cave and karst resources, and it is a foundation upon which good stewardship must depend. SCCi is now accepting grant proposals from non-profit caving groups, scientists, university/college faculty members, and undergraduate-graduate students for conducting research projects at SCCi properties beginning in the Fall of 2019. Funds can only be given to a not-for-profit organization or educational institution. For this year, funding is available to support as many as 3 grants of up to \$1,500-\$2,000 for (1) geology, geochemistry, or hydrology, (2) biology (zoology and botany) and (3) environmental/archaeological projects. If you are interested in submitting a proposal, you can find more information [here](#).