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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 Meet-Up: September 5th, Location is TBD

UPCOMING EVENTS

Warren's Cave: We are planning a trip to Warren's Cave on August 24th. This is a vertical cave, so you'll want to have some vertical experience to join this trip. If you plan to come, please email board@rivercitygrotto.com.

Next Business Meeting: Our next business meeting is November 7th.

PAST TRIPS AND EVENTS

Warren's Cave: Our president, Scott, recently joined a few FSS members on a trip to Warren's Cave and reported everyone had a great time. They even accomplished their goal of making it to the second squeeze of the Red Streak!



CAVING IN THE NEWS

We May Have Solved the Missouri Cheese Cave Mystery: In the 1980's, America had a surplus of cheese. To address the overabundance of cheese, President Ronald Regan created a government cheese program to preserve the cheese while keeping much of the cheese in the caves of Missouri. Andrew M. Novaković explains that, "A large variety of foods are stored in these caves because they are so amenable to climate control; the natural underground temperature is in the low 60s with moderate humidity. The vast majority of storage in these facilities is commercial, but the government does use them for some food storage." [\(article\)](#)

NSS CORNER

NSS Virtual Cave-Salt Caves: Most solution caves are formed in carbonate rocks, such as limestone, dolomite, marble, or sandstones cemented by limestone, but there are some caves that are formed in a much more soluble material: salt. Most of the salt caves are in arid regions, such as the Atacama Desert in Chile, Israel, and Iran. You can find more detailed information and see pictures of salt cave [here](#).

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Financial State: We are solid financially.

MEMBER SECTION

We have four new members! If you haven't joined and are also interested in joining RCG, you can find out more information on membership and sign-up [here](#).