



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: June 11th, TBD**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Ocala Caverns:** We are trying to plan a trip to Ocala Caverns for 5/30/26. The water should be low, so there will hopefully be a lot of cave to explore. If you are interested in going, email [board@rivercitygrotto.com](mailto:board@rivercitygrotto.com). Details will be sent out closer to the date of the trip.

### PAST TRIPS AND EVENTS

**Crumbling Rock Cave:** We had an awesome time visiting Crumbling Rock Cave. We saw some formations and cave crustaceans and we got very muddy!



### MEMBERSHIP

It's time to pay membership dues. Dues are \$15.00 for one membership and \$5.00 for each additional family member. You can pay [here](#).

### FINANCIAL UPDATE

**Financial State:** We are solid financially.

### CAVING IN THE NEWS

**Maldives Suspends Search for Bodies of Italian Divers who had been Exploring Underwater Caves:** Five Italian divers died in a scuba diving accident in the Maldives on Thursday. On Saturday, one of the rescuers, Staff Sergeant Mohamed Mahudhee, died as well and the recovery was suspended ([article](#)).

**Caver Uses 'Confined Space Rescue Skills' to Save Pet Dog Stuck in Tight Underground Pit:** A dog fell down a 21 foot deep pit in England. Three organizations worked together to rescue him; it was a difficult rescue, but after 6 hours they succeeded in getting the dog out of the cave! ([article](#))