



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** January, 17<sup>th</sup> 2018, at R.E.I. in the St. John's Town Center

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**RCG Karstmas Party:** Mike and Connie are hosting RCG's annual Karstmas Party on December 7th. Come between 6:00 and 7:00 for a cocktail. The party will officially start at 7:00. This is a potluck. If you need the address, contact Mike at [vicepresident@rivercitygrotto.com](mailto:vicepresident@rivercitygrotto.com).

**Boy Scout Trips:** We will be leading a Boy Scout trip in January; the cave is TBD. Check your email and the RCG Facebook page for updates.

### TRIP REPORTS

**Bat Cave:** Phil, Mike, Connie and Joe led a group of Boy Scouts through Bat Cave. Phil reported that the water was very high.



### FINANCIAL UPDATE

We are solid financially.

### MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We have no new members.

### CAVING IN THE NEWS

**St. Paul Firefighters Rescue 2 Teens From Cave:** Firefighters in St. Paul rescued two teens who were stuck in a cave early in the morning on November 18th. ([article](#))

**Emergency Phone Restored Near Ice Caves After Outcry:** A pay phone often used in emergency situations near the Big Four Ice Caves was removed, but due to public outcry, it was reinstated. ([article](#))

**10 of the Most Beautiful Sea Caves in the World:** Photography of multiple caves throughout the world, including the Marble Caves of Chile and Blue Grotto in Italy. ([article](#))

**Rock Art Discovered In Deep Dark Caves Reveal Early Civilization On Puerto Rico's Uninhabited Mona Island:** After three years of exploration, researchers from the UK and Puerto Rico unveiled a collection of rock art that was discovered in a cave system on Puerto Rico's Mona Island. ([article](#))

### NSS CORNER

**Cave Life:** Caves can support a surprisingly diverse fauna, ranging from casual visitors (trogloxenes, which must exit the cave to eat) to those that can live equally well in caves or on the surface (troglophiles), to those that spend their whole lives underground and have special adaptations to the cave environment (troglobites). Here is some information on the critters that live in caves. ([article](#))

**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>