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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 MEETING: **WEDNESDAY** April 18th 2018, at R.E.I. in the St. John's Town Center

UPCOMING EVENTS

Florida Cave Cavort: TBAG is hosting the Florida Cave Cavort from 3/16-3/18 at Holder Mine Campground.

Briar Cave: RCG is taking a trip to Briar Cave on 4/15/18.

Bat Cave: We will be leading Boy Scouts through Bat Cave on 4/21/18.

SRT Class: RCG is planning to host a Single Rope Techniques class. This class will be taught by Tim White, who conducted the NCRC Orientation to Cave Rescue Class in November of 2016. The class will take place from June 8th-10th. Please check your email and the RCG Facebook page for updates.

TRIP REPORTS

Tucks and Lundy's: Phil led a trip to Tuck's and Lundy's for a Boy Scout Troop on 1/20/18. Phil reported that he and the boy scout troop cleaned up the cave and the surrounding area. Phil also stated that Lundy's Cave is collapsing, possibly due to the Hurricane Irma.

FRG Florida Caverns Cleanup: A few RCG members helped FRG members clean algae off the cave walls and formations of Florida Caverns. David and Katie cooked dinner for everyone.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

We are solid financially.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We have no new members.

CAVING IN THE NEWS

Scientists Have Discovered the World's Largest Underwater Cave — and it's Home to a Treasure Trove of Ancient Artifacts: The recently mapped Sac Aktun cave system on Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula was recently discovered to be 216 miles long, making it the largest underwater cave in the world.

China's Caves are Hiding Plants That Exist Nowhere Else in the World: China's caves are home to a variety of plant life. Researcher visited more than 60 caves in the southern Guangxi, Guizhou and Yunnan regions of China and uncovered 418 types of flora and fauna in the caves.

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Tumbling Rock Rescue: On February 10th, Huntsville Cave Rescue Unit was called out to help a visitor who hurt his knee. ([article](#))

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Virtual Caving: Try your hand at **CAVER QUEST**, the 3D simulation of the Snowy River section of Ft. Stanton Cave, NM. ([article](#))

Call for Candidates for the Board of Governor

Elections: The NSS is searching for candidates for the Spring 2018 Election of Directors. Find more information [here](#).

NSS Webinars: The Secret Life of Ropes, Presented by Tom Wood: In this webinar, Tom Wood explores how ropes are made, addresses the difference between static, low stretch and dynamic rope, and discusses how to choose the right rope for the right application. ([article](#))

2018 NSS Convention: The 2018 NSS Convention will take place in Helena, Montana from 7/26-8/3. You can register and find more information [here](#).