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Newsletter of the *River City
Grotto* – Jacksonville, FL
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UPCOMING EVENTS

SRT Class: RCG is hosting a Single Rope Techniques class at Jerry's Farm from June 8th-10th. This class will be taught by Tim White. Currently, the class is only open to RCG members. Starting May 1st, registration will be open to non-RCG members. Check your email and the RCG Facebook page for updates and details regarding registration.

TRIP REPORTS

Rock Climbing Night: David, Katie, Joe and Carrie participated in RCG's rock climbing night on 2/23/18 at The Edge Rock Climbing Gym.

Florida Cave Cavort: Mike, Connie, Bill and David Studdard attended this year's cavort. Bill reported that Holder Mine Campground was a good venue for the cavort. Mike reported that he and Connie visited Holy Oak, Big Mouth, Warner, and Rattlesnake.

Spring TAG Trip: David and Katie visited the TAG area in March. They did Cagle's Chasm and then Stephen's Gap with Matt.

Briar Cave: Phil, David O., David S., Joe, Ben, Justin, Kitty, Aaron, and Carrie went to Briar Cave on 4/15/18. It was a fun trip and everyone had a great time exploring Briar Cave.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

We are solid financially.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We have one new member.

RCG BOARD MEMBERS

David Obi will continue to be the RCG treasurer and Joe Fretwell is the new RCG Vice-President.



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Virtual Caving-Rootsicles: When cave passages are shallow, roots may extend into them in a quest for water. These may then become coated with calcite, essentially fossilizing them. [\(article\)](#)

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](#).

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](#).

CAVING IN THE NEWS

The Hidden Secrets of India's World Record-Breaking 'Fairy Cave': The world's longest cave in sandstone was recently discovered in India's north-eastern state of Meghalaya. Soutik Biswas joined a group of speleologists for a glimpse of this unique cave. [\(article\)](#)

Deep Italian Cave Provides Clues for How to Detect Life on Mars: According to new research by Penn State scientists, gypsum found in the Frasassi Caves can be used to detect the presence of microbes there. This blueprint for identifying life can be applied to other planets. [\(article\)](#)