



# The River City Grotto Cover

Newsletter of the *River City Grotto* – Jacksonville, FL  
An [NSS](#) Affiliated Grotto

September, 2014

[www.rivercitygrotto.com/](http://www.rivercitygrotto.com/)

Updates from the latest Grotto Meeting and Events – *NEXT MEETING: October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014*

*NOTE: The September Board Meetin was postponed, so some "Usual Business" is lacking*

## UPCOMING TRIPS

**Jerry's Farm Sweat Equity Cleanup:** In preparation for the 2015 Cave Cavort, we are looking at a November weekend to go tidy up beforehand. We will get the other Grottos involved, and check into camping.

**Briar Cave:** There is much interest in a Briar trip, and we will contact the Florida Speleological Society. This will be a limited access trip, mainly to keep the group size workable, and also because it is not a beginner cave.

**Hollow Ridge:** There is interest, especially with the pending gating. The River City Grotto has decided to not donate as a Grotto to save capital for the Cavort. Members can donate "in the name of the Grotto", and substantial sums have been donated thus far.

## 37th Annual TAG Fall Cave-In

October 9-12, 2014 atop Lookout Mountain (Georgia), and registration is open (<http://www.tagfallcavein.org/>). So far RCG members going include David & Katie, Matt, Christian, Tony & Li. Consensus is a Wednesday PM (October 8th) departure, check-in starts Noon on Thursday. Also, Monday, October 13th, is a Company Holiday for some, so there is that to consider.

Caving at TAG will be "friends caving together", and not an official RCG event. Glenn Fell has secured our usual spot already, and built us an RCG Log Bench. The RCG site is accessed by "taking the first right after coming onto the field, then go towards the back". Here are some suggestions tossed out for caves.

Wednesday	Mobe up that evening, camp/hotel near Atlanta
Thursday	Check in, Set up camp. Fern Cave Mystery Falls
Friday	Valhalla Cagles Chasm Run to the Mill Gourdneck
Saturday	Tumbling Rock Andersen's Big Honking Dinner then BFBF
Sunday	Bounce Moses' Tomb, then head home

If you have not been to a TAG Fall Cave-In, GO! It is a goodtime. Check out [last year's RCG trip](#). Here are some Pre-Trip Work Day Pix from Glenn.





# The River City Cover

Newsletter of the *River City  
Grotto* – Jacksonville, FL  
An [NSS](#) Affiliated Grotto

September, 2014

[www.rivercitygrotto.com/](http://www.rivercitygrotto.com/)

There will be a Cavort/Pre-TAG vertical tuneup/Board/Discata munch at Obihaus on Saturday, October 4th.

## GROTTO FINANCIALS

Since no board meeting, nothing to report!

## GROTTO MEMBERSHIP

Since no board meeting, nothing to report!

## 2015 CAVE CAVORT

**Cavort Site** – Still at Jerry's Farm, and still *February 27 through March 1* date we selected. Now we need to book The Band. We also need to put in a "Sweat Equity" work day or two for Jerry's property soon, with an eye on the fall when it is cooler.

The Cavort Website is up, though with some "tentative data" in some spots.

<http://www.cavort.rivercitygrotto.com/>

Check it out, tell your friends!

## TRIP REPORTS

Climax Cave – September 18<sup>th</sup>: David & David and others went, and had an awesome time. Got all over the place, and took many awesome pictures. David O. really experimented with lighting and exposure, and focused on the formations. A nice photo display was given on the overhead. Pictures should be up soon on the website.

David S. posted a goPro video, too.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VMYWwalhQwg&feature=youtu.be>

## CAVING IN THE NEWS

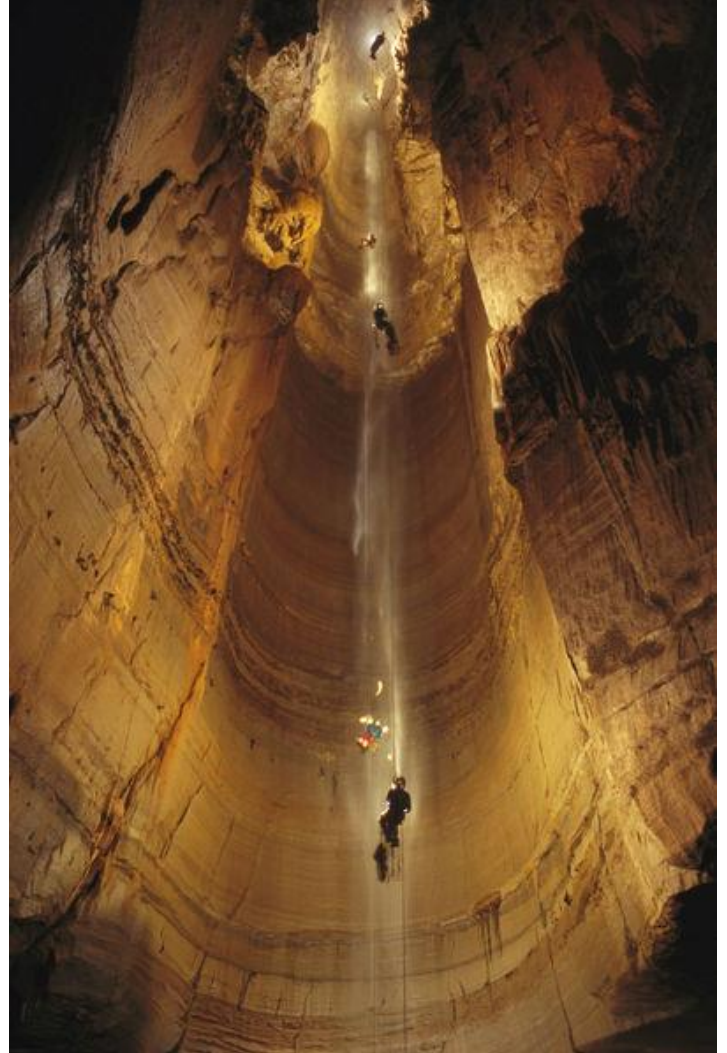
Thirty States get [some WNS study funding](#).

As if WNS weren't enough: [drowning bats!](#)

Party caves [can be dangerous](#).

Have anything to submit? [Send it on!!](#)

Some teasers for TAG!!! Mystery Falls...



(image copyright National Geographic, 2014)

Valhalla...



Alvarez Photography  
Stephen Alvarez