



The River City Caver

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

October, 2014

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Updates from the latest Grotto Meeting and Events – NEXT MEETING: November 19th, 2014

NOTE: The October Meeting was postponed since we just got back from TAG!

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.

2015 CAVE CAVORT

Cavort Site – Jerry's Farm, February 27 through March 1
AND WE HAVE BOOKED The Band!!!

[The Firewater Tent Revival](#)

We are excited about these folks! They bridge the gap between Hank Williams III, Johnny Cash, and Old Crow Medicine Show with some "knee slapping, good times, playing eclectic bluegrass and old country drinking songs." Check them out, they play all over town.

Cavort Web Site – Is up and very operational. There are some details awaiting finalization, but registration is live!!

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

Check it out, sign on up, tell your friends!

Next! 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. And we need some positions filled (well, if you read the last Cavort meeting notes, some folks got volunteered!)

- Sponsors and freebies
- Site Prep Organization
- Organize Cave Access
- Guidebook Preparation

TRIP REPORTS

37th Annual TAG Fall Cave-In – October 9-12, 2014

It was a BLAST!!! David & Katie & Matt & Carrie & Brandon & His Girlfriend & Larry & Larry's Son & Glenn (from DCG) represented the River City Grotto well. We all mobed in Thursday the 9th, set up shop, and milled about.



We met up with the FSS and FRG folks, checking out their digs. The new Hot Tub and Sauna area was bodacious and well utilized. Shower house was awesome, too.



Caving on Thursday was tabled, as by the time we were all settled, it was Beer:30.

Friday saw the RCG splitting into two groups, the Ropers and the Non-Ropers. Glenn led a group of four to War Eagle cave, where they dropped in 137' to explore some



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really neat stream cave. There were some shenanigans, but a great time was had by all. [Pix you say? Enjoy!](#)

The Non-Ropers headed to Tumbling Rock, a favorite with the RCG. They slogged through and saw some amazing formations. And they got the usual shot at Topless Dome. [See their trip.](#)

On Saturday The Ropers went to Gourd Neck to find it already rigged and occupied. So they went horizontal at Bible Springs Cave. This is a very cool (literally) angular and flat drainage cave. Saw many salamanders, got very wet. [Here are those shots.](#)

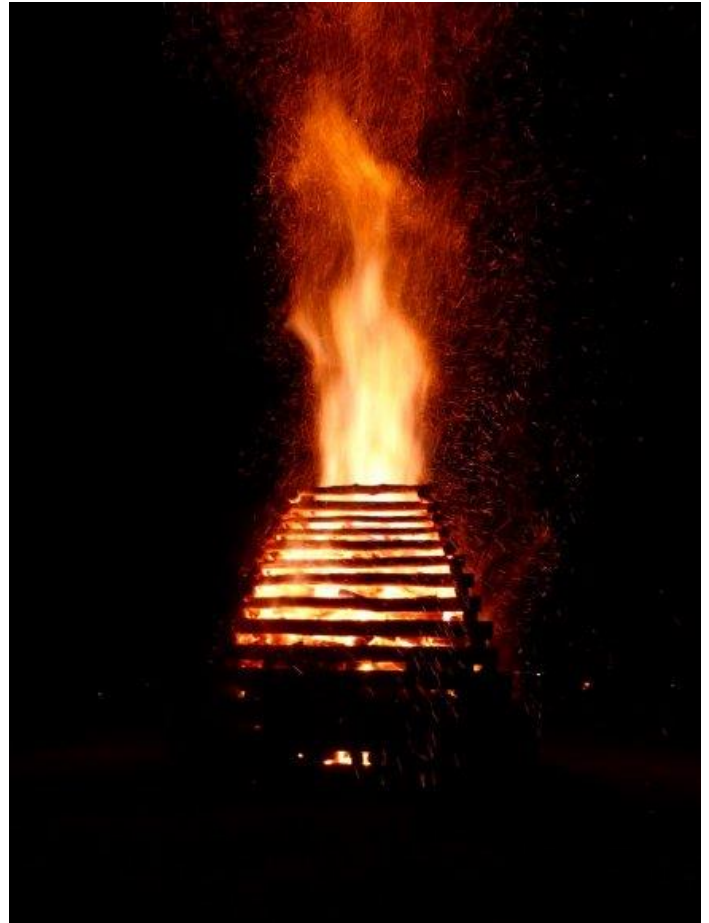


The Non-Ropers went to Anderson Springs Cave, and also had fun. Again, many formations, and it was a great trip for some of neotrogs on the trip. And they took [some pictures!](#)

Aside from caving, there was much shopping to be had. Vendor row was glorious, and much money was spent. Fischer even came into the 21st century with a new Swaygo bag. Now if we can just upgrade that 28-year old Bob & Bob harness...



The BFBF was BIIIIIIIGGG!!
And the band was kickin' it hard!!



Then of course, Sunday rolled around, and all those "I GOT Big Plans for Sunday Caving!" slipped away as we packed up and set to driving home. It was a great time, a safe time, and we'll be back next year!!! If you have never been, GO! See all the pix at our [TAG Gallery](#).

CAVING IN THE NEWS

"[Lint Pickers](#)" Is NOT a band at Carlsbad Caverns
Wind Cave [seeks comments](#), access to Casey Addition
We have [GOT TO DO THIS!!](#)
Ridge-walking in Slovakia [pays off!](#)
Bracken Cave Bats [get some help](#)
World's [oldest cave paintings](#) discovered in Indonesia

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