



The River City Cover

Newsletter of the *River City*
Grotto – Jacksonville, FL
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Updates from the latest Grotto Meeting and Events –
NEXT MEETING: **WEDNESDAY** March 16th, 2016, at our Richard Street Branch.

UPCOMING TRIPS

Briar Cave: David will contact Bill Birdsall about getting a trip going. We are looking to go before August of this year.

White-Cliff Day: Set for 2/27/16 contact Jeremy: (352)299-7962, Email: jwatyeo@gmail.com

Florida Cave Crawl Workday, February 20: Need all help they can get, may be able to camp onsite.

Florida Cave Crawl March 18-20, 2016: Flint River Grotto hosting, at Tim's Hide-a-way in Havana, same as the 2012 Cavort. Firewater Tent Revival is booked and stoked. RCG is doing Friday Night Bad Caving Movie(s) and Sunday Fundraiser breakfast.

TRIP REPORTS

Warren's Cave: David and Katie stopped by Warren's Cave with FSS. David reported that the entrance to the cave has been cleaned up. Phil and Joe went on this trip as well. David and Phil shared pictures from the trip.



Figure 1 – David in Warren's Cave

Climbing Practice: David and Katie hosted a climbing practice at their home. Mike, Joe and Carrie attended and practiced repelling and changeovers.

Tuck's and Lundy's: Mike and Connie went with TBAG on 2/13/16.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

We are solid, and will be setting aside "seed money" for the 2019 Florida Cave Cavort in some High-Interest vehicle. Remember to PayPal your membership fees if you have sent in your application.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We have 24 paid members thus far.

Get in at <http://www.rivercitygrotto.com/membership.html>
If you have re-applied, but not paid, remember to PAY UP!
If you have not re-applied or paid, GET ON IT!!
Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts...

GROTTO T-SHIRT

We need a new t-shirt design; if you are artistically inclined and have any interest in creating a new design let us know. It has suggested to use current design with a new color and possibly get long-sleeved shirts.

TARGETING NCRC ORIENTATION TO CAVE RESCUE CLASS:

David talked to Tim White about a cave rescue class for horizontal caves to be offered to members of all four Florida grottos. It will be a 2-day class. Possible locations for the class are Gainesville, Ocala Caverns, and Bat Cave. Phil will research the location and David will look into event insurance.

OVER THE EDGE: Tim White coordinates a fundraiser in which people can repel down buildings. There will be an event in Jacksonville in November of this year. We discussed RCG to volunteering to help with vertical support.

SCCI NEWS AND UPDATES

SCCi is pleased to invite it's members and their guests to the Fricks Cave Member Appreciation Day, February 27th from 9am–4pm. <http://www.scci.org/2016-fricks-cave-member-appreciation-day/>

For the past 24 years, SCCi has worked to ensure the preservation of caves throughout the Southeast and currently manages more than 140 caves on 30 preserves.



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If you are interested in learning more about caves, check out the NSS webinar series. Their most recent webinar on Caves and Karst in Young Limestone by Dr. Lee Florida was recently released.

<http://caves.org/webinars/index-5.shtml>

CAVING IN THE NEWS

Cave Rescue in France [\(article\)](#)

Multiple rescue crews worked for more than eight hours to free a 15-year-old girl who became trapped under a boulder inside Tumbling Rock Cave in northern Alabama the evening of January 16th.

Mammoth Cave [\(article\)](#)

Cave diver Mark Wenner is expanding the known reaches of Mammoth Cave, 10 feet at a time.