



The River City Cover

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

April, 2016

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Updates from the latest Grotto Meeting and Events –
NEXT MEETING: **WEDNESDAY** May 18th, 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.

TRIP REPORTS

Florida Cave Crawl: Bill Chesley, David and Katie Obi, Mike Thomas, Connie Delfosse, Steve Tennyson, Emilie Magon, David Studdard, Joe Fretwell, Tony Flaris, Carrie Brown, and Phil Walker attend the Florida Cave Crawl. Everyone had a great time. RCG members visited various caves including Biscuits and Gravy, Glory Hole, Hollow Ridge, and the Florida Caverns.

Ocala Caverns Cleanup: Phil Walker attended the Ocala Caverns cleanup. Those who attended concreted the gate that was chipped away and cleaned up-trash.

Bat Cave: Phil and Mike guided three high school students and some entomologists through Bat Cave. Phi reported that the water level was high and they found new crab fossils.

White Cliff Cave: David, Carrie and Brandon Johnson led a group of 25 boy scouts and their parents through White Cliff Cave.



The RCB campsite at the 2016 Florida Cave Crawl

FINANCIAL UPDATE

We are solid financially.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We have 24 paid members thus far.

GROTTO T-SHIRT

David will design the new t-shirt. He will play on the old design and we discuss offering long and short sleeved shirts.

New Webmaster

Two members are interested in the webmaster position. Carrie will contact Matt Fisher to get the website password.

Donation in Memory of Alex Shaw

The grotto agreed to donate \$100 to the Howard T Odum Florida Springs Institute in memory of Alex.

TARGETING NCRC ORIENTATION TO CAVE RESCUE CLASS:

The grotto has started raising the money for the cave rescue class and we will reach out to other Florida grottos soon. It will take place at the end of October or early November. Mike will look into hotel locations in High Springs, FL and Gainesville, FL.

OVER THE EDGE: David will reach out to Tim White to further discuss helping with an event in Jacksonville.





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La Pasiega Cave-Feeling the Heartbeat of Paleolithic
Artists in Spain-By Charles Schwalbe
<http://caves.org/webinars/index-6.shtml#Pasiega>

CAVING IN THE NEWS

**Cave diving: Your greatest fears rolled into one
extreme hobby**-When Grant Pearce speaks of the things
that excite a cave diver, he is also listing what for many
people are their darkest fears and phobias. [\(article\)](#)

Caving and the right to roam, above and below ground.
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