



# The River City Caver

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

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Updates from the latest Grotto Meeting and Events –  
NEXT MEETING: **WEDNESDAY** June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at our Richard Street Branch.

## UPCOMING TRIPS

**Bat Cave:** David will be leading a Boy Scout trip on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Hitchhiker Cave:** Joseph is leading a trip to Hitchhiker Cave on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Jennings Cave:** There may be a trip to Jennings' Cave on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Carrie will contact Mike Warden to get permission for the trip.

**Climbing Practice:** David and Katie will host climbing practice at their home on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

## TRIP REPORTS

**Climax Cave:** David Studdard led a group of cavers to Climax Cave. Rains filled the sand crawls, which required digging.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

We are solid financially.

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Annual membership payments are due. To pay your dues, please go to <http://www.rivercitygrotto.com/membership.html>

## GROTTO T-SHIRT

We still need to contact a vendor; we plan to use the company that designed our Florida Cavort shirts. We will have long and short sleeved shirts and they will be tech material. We plan to use the old logo on the back and David will contact Marissa Lasso to create the screen print. We may use the RCG bat logo on the front.

## New Webmaster

Two members are interested in the webmaster position.

## 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 the first weekend of November. We hope to have the training at Bat Cave.

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

## SCCi Corner

**SCCi Celebrates 25 Years!**-SCCi began in 1991 and continues to work on preserving caves throughout the Southeast. ([article](#))

**SCCi Makes Chattanooga Front Page-** On 4/30/16, SCCi made the front page of the Chattanooga Times Free Press; here is the article:

<http://www.timesfreepress.com/news/local/story/2016/apr/30/deep-dedication-25-years-one-local-grohworked/363042/>

## NSS CORNER

### Karst Mapping in the U.S. - Past, Present, and Future-

The history of mapping karst at the national scale in the United States by the U.S. Geological Survey. Modern approaches for mapping karst geomorphology are also discussed, with emphasis on high-res surface topographic mapping through LIDAR. ([webinar](#))

**Caving Safety-**<http://caves.org/safety/safety.shtml>

## CAVING IN THE NEWS

**Sealed for years, Robbers Cave close to reopening-** Owner of Blue Blood Brewing purchased and plans to reopen a cave that has been close for several years. Guided Tours will be offered in order to preserve the cave. ([article](#))

**Precautions taken after deadly bat disease found at Maquoketa Caves State Park-** There are concerns about the spread of White Nose Syndrome being spread in caves in Iowa. ([article](#))

**A New Threat to Ancient Caves-** The Getty Conservation Institute and the Dunhuang Academy work to preserve and restore the Mogao Grottoes in China. ([article](#))