



The River City Caver

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

June, 2016

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Updates from the latest Grotto Meeting and Events –
NEXT MEETING: **WEDNESDAY** July, 20th 2016, at our Richard Street Branch.

UPCOMING TRIPS

Jennings Cave: There will be a trip to Jennings's Cave on June 18th.

Climbing Practice: David and Katie will host climbing practice at their home on June 25th at 12:00 p.m. There will also be a pool party and potluck.

Glory Hole: There may be a trip in July.

TRIP REPORTS

Hitchhiker Cave: Venkata and Joe went to Hitchhiker Cave on 5/21/16. Venkata reported that they cleaned up garbage and candles from the cave.

Bat Cave: David, Phil and Venkata led 8 boy scouts through Bat Cave on 6/4/16.

Valhalla Cave: David and Courtney visited Valhalla Cave in the TAG area. They showed a video from their trip.

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>. We have three new members.

GROTTO T-SHIRT

David has contacted the vendor who did our Florida Cavort shirts. He is waiting to hear from them for a quote on the price of the 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 the RCG bat log on the front.

NEW WEBMASTER

Two members are interested in the webmaster position.

TARGETING NCRC ORIENTATION TO CAVE RESCUE CLASS

The grotto has begun to contact other Florida grottos, and some have expressed an interest in participating. It will take place the first weekend of November. We hope to have the training at Bat Cave.



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

SCCi CORNER

SCCi Announces Bats, Beer, & Bluegrass Anniversary Party: The Southeastern Cave Conservancy, Inc. is planning it's 25th Anniversary celebration and fundraiser titled Bats, Beer, & Bluegrass. It will take place at Fricks cave Preserve on September 24th 2016.

NSS CORNER

A Guide to Responsible Caving: http://caves.org/brochure/Guide_to_Resp_Caving_2016.pdf

NSS 2016 Convention: The NSS 2016 Convention is July 16th-23rd in Ely, Nevada.

2016 NSS Director Election Results: The results are in. http://caves.org/committee/nominating/Results_2016.shtml.

CAVING IN THE NEWS

The Main Types of Caves, According to Science: Mihai Andrei shares information on the main types of caves and how they are formed. ([article](#))

Archaeologists Discover 14,000-Year-Old Paintings Deep Down in Spanish Cave: Archaeologists in northern Spain have discovered deep in a cave a series of cave paintings dating as far back as 14,000 years. ([article](#))

The Lesotho caves: Home to thousands of years of history: Every year, the Basotho people, who live in the southern African country of Lesotho, make a pilgrimage to a network of caves that connect countless generations with their ancestors across thousands of years. ([article](#))