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Newsletter of the *River City
Grotto* – Jacksonville, FL
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UPCOMING TRIPS

Ocala Caverns Trip and Clean-Up Day: There will be a cave trip and clean up day at Ocala Caverns on 8/19/17; we will explore the cave as well as trim foliage and clean up trash. Lunch, water and clean-up tools will be provided. We are meeting at 10:00.

Spring Hop/BBQ: We are planning a trip to a spring, possibly Rainbow River or Devil's Den. The tentative date is 9/23/17. Check your email and the RCG Facebook page for updates.

TRIP REPORTS

Bat Cave: We had a Bat Cave trip on 6/24/17. The water was low and we were able to go through Awful Earful



FINANCIAL UPDATE

We are solid financially.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Membership dues are due; you can pay your dues here:
<http://rivercitygrotto.com/become-a-member/>

CAVING IN THE NEWS

'I was buried alive': Diver Survives 60 Hours Trapped in an Underwater Cave: After the guide rope breaks, Xisco Garcia remains trapped in an underwater cave while his diving partner seek help. ([article](#))



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Local Eagle Scout Explores World's Longest Cave, Helps Set World Record: Joey Frye is one of four Eagle Scouts who was selected for the National Eagle Scout Association's World Explorer Program. He explored Mammoth Cave, the world's longest cave with more than 400 miles explored. While he was there, Frye helped set a world record extending the cave's record by exploring virgin territory.

'Hundreds' of Undiscovered Caves Found Underneath Nottingham: Hundreds of man-made caves dating back as far as the 9th Century lie waiting to be discovered underneath Nottingham.

Caves Home to Oldest Known Art Given UNESCO Heritage Status: Six caves containing some of the oldest known art have been awarded World Heritage status by the UN's cultural agency, UNESCO.

NSS CORNER

NSS Salon Winners: The NSS Art & Music Salons promote and recognize excellent cave-related art, artists, and musicians. NSS Salons are open to everyone; those who enter need not be members of the NSS. The best of the entries for each Salon are exhibited at the NSS Convention. The top award for each Salon is presented during the convention's Thursday evening Salon program. [Here are the winners.](#)

SCCi CORNER

Science Awards Announced: The Southeastern Cave Conservancy has announced the inception of the Annual Science Awards program to help fund scientific and conservation research projects on SCCi preserves. [\(article\)](#)

2017 Annual Report Available: SCCi has recently released their fiscal year report, which contains SCCi's accomplishments over the 2017 fiscal year. You can read it [here.](#)



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