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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**SRT Class:** The SRT Class will take place from November 30th-December 2nd at Jerry's Farm.

**TAG:** The 2018 TAG Fall Cave-In will take place from October 4th-7th. RCG will have a campsite set up. You can register [here](#).

**2019 Florida Cavort:** Mark your Calendars! RCG is hosting the 2019 cave cavort. The Firewater Tent Revival is the Saturday night band. It will be at Jerry's Farm February 22nd-24th, 2019.

### TRIP REPORTS

**Catacombs Cave/Clean-up:** Phil, Carrie and several members from FSS met at Catacombs Cave and worked together to clean up the property. Phil and Carrie went into the cave, but due to the high water levels, they were not able to explore the cave; despite this, everyone had great time. Thanks to FSS for helping clean-up the property!



**Bat Cave:** David, Joe, Phil, and Corey led a Boy Scout troop into Bat Cave. They reported that the water level was very high. The Boy Scouts as well as the RCG guides had a great time.



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### FINANCIAL UPDATE

We are solid financially.

### MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We have no new members.

### NSS CORNER

#### NSS Webinar Series-World Speleology:

**The International Union of Speleology and the NSS Presented by: Dr. George Veni:** The UIS is the international caving body, in which the NSS represents the US among 54 member nations. George Veni, the current UIS president, explains the history and focus of the UIS in many projects around the world, and how they merge with the goals of the NSS. You can watch the webinar [here](#).

### CAVING IN THE NEWS

**Denisovan Hybrid Cave Yields Four More Hominin Bones:** Last month, a tiny bone fragment belonging to an ancient human hybrid, was found in Denisova Cave. Researchers have now found four more hominin bones from the same cave. [\(article\)](#)

**Traces of the World's First 'Microbrew' Found in a Cave in Israel:** At a graveyard cave in Israel, archaeologists discovered traces of mashed wheat and barley lining pits carved into the bedrock. Researchers believe this residue could be evidence that beer may have been brewed for a funeral 13,000 years ago. [\(article\)](#)

**Spectacular Caves from Around the World that You Need to ut on Your Adventure Bucket List:** Precious Kamei has identified seven beautiful caves that are worth visiting. [\(article\)](#)

**Caving Group who Saved Thai Football Team Come to the Rescue of Sheep Stuck in Brecon Beacons:** The caving group involved in the rescue of a young Thai football team saved a sheep stuck in the Brecon Beacons, after hikers reported hearing desperate bleating sounds from underground. [\(article\)](#)