



The River City Caver

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UPCOMING EVENTS

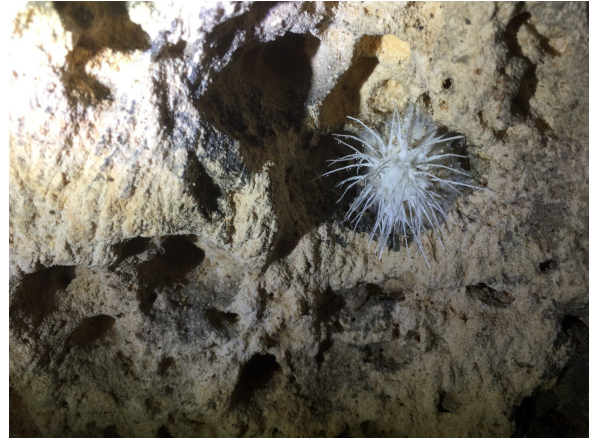
Cavers and Craft Brews Meetup: We are having a meetup at Aardwolf Brewing on 9/4/19 at 6:30 pm. Please join us for a great time with great friends. The address is 1461 Hendricks Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32207.

TRIP/EVENT REPORTS

Cavers and Craft Brews: Last month, several RCG members came out to Fishwier Brewing for good company and good beer. We all had a wonderful time talking about caving and other adventures.



Bat Cave: We visited Bat Cave on 8/3/19; the water was high; despite this, we were able to go through much of the cave. Everyone had a blast!



Warren's Cave: Phil went to Warren's Cave with TBAG and had a great time.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

We are solid financially.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

If you have not already paid your membership dues, you must do so by our next meeting on 9/18/19 in order to maintain your RCG membership. You can pay in person at our September meeting or online [here](#).



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The Virtual Cave-Lava Tubes: Lava tube caves are found throughout the world in places where fluid lava has flown over the surface. Most tubes form when fluid lava flows down the sides of volcanoes, the upper layer begins to cool, and the lava beneath continues to flow in tubular conduits beneath the surface. Learn more about the formation and different types of lava tubes [here](#).

CAVING IN THE NEWS

Europe's Space Agency Wants People to Live Inside

Moon Caves: The Moon's surface is hosting an increasing number of experiments, robots, and most recently tardigrades, but the many underground tunnels that lie beneath the Moon's surface remain virtually unexplored. The European Space Agency wants input on how to send robots to the Moon to explore the virtually unseen caves, which could one day shelter humans. [\(article\)](#)

Cave Diver Risks All To Explore Places 'Where

Nobody Has Ever Been': Diver and photographer Jill Heinerth recently did an interview on NPR's Fresh Air program. She has explored unmapped, underwater caves deep in the earth, as well as the submerged crevices of an iceberg. Heinerth writes about her experiences and the challenges she has faced as a woman in the cave diving community in a new memoir, *Into the Planet*. You can listen to her NPR interview or read the interview highlights [here](#).

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4th Annual Bats, Beer, and Bluegrass: Combining great bluegrass music, locally crafted brews and amazing Southern cuisine in a gorgeous outdoor setting, Bats, Beer & Bluegrass is one of the most unique concert events in the Southeast. Enjoy great Southern fare from Parkway Pourhouse and the best of local brews from Chattanooga Brewing. Dinner is included with your ticket. Beer is available for purchase (over 21 years old of course) or complementary with a VIP ticket. This year we have two amazing bluegrass bands, No Time Flatt and The Tin Cup Rattlers. No Time Flatt is the 2017 and 2018 winner of the Tennessee Music Awards, "Bluegrass Band of the Year." The Tin Cup Rattlers are a husband and wife duo from Chattanooga who feature a rich bluegrass tradition. Best of all will be the opportunity to experience all of this on a gorgeous nature preserve with the stunning entrance to Frick's Cave as the backdrop. The evening ends with a chance to witness the spectacular flight of the endangered gray bats from the cave. Find more information [here](#).