



The River City Caver

Newsletter of the *River City
Grotto* – Jacksonville, FL
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Updates from the latest Grotto Meeting and Events –
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Cavers and Craft Brews: We are having another brewery meetup at Aardwolf Brewery on 1/29/20 at 6:30p.m. The address is 1461 Hendricks Ave, Jacksonville, FL 3220. I hope everyone can make it.

2020 Caves Trips: We are working on planning multiple cave trips for the first half of the year. Potential trips include Jennings Cave cleanup, Warren's Cave, and Blowing Hole/Crumbling Rock. Check your email and the RCG Facebook page for trip announcements.

2020 Florida Cave Crawl: TBAG is hosting the 2020 Florida Cave Crawl at Blue Springs Recreational Park in Marianna, FL from 3/6/20-3/8/20. If you haven't purchased tickets, you can do so [here](#).

TRIP/EVENT REPORTS

Boy Scout Cave Trip: On 12/7/19, Phil, Carrie and Jeffery led a group of Boy Scouts through Hitchhiker Cave. The cave was clean and the boy scouts and their leaders had a great time exploring the cave.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

We are solid financially.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We have one new member.

NSS CORNER

The Virtual Cave-Sea Caves: Sea caves are formed by the power of the ocean (or in some cases, lakes) attacking zones of weakness in coastal cliffs. The weak zone is usually a fault, or fractured zone formed during slippage. Another type of weak zone is formed where dissimilar types of rocks are interbedded and one is weaker than the other. Typically this is a dike, or intrusive vein of more easily eroded rock found within a stronger host rock. Yet a third instance is in sedimentary rocks where a layer of softer rock is interbedded between harder layers. The cave may begin as a very narrow crack into which waves can penetrate and exert tremendous force, cracking the rock from within by both the weight of the water and by compression of air. Sand and rock carried by waves produce additional erosive power on the cave's walls. Learn more information [here](#).



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CAVING IN THE NEWS

Cave Discovered Near Glenwood Springs – in the Path of the Expanding Quarry: A previously unknown cave in the proposed footprint of the Mid-Continent limestone quarry was discovered by cave experts and opponents of RMR Industrial's quarry expansion near Glenwood Springs. ([article](#))

Caver Dies While Diving in Lancaster Hole, Near Kirkby Lonsdale: Clapham Cave Rescue Organization was called by Cumbria Police at on January 4th due to reports of an overdue cave diver at Lancaster Hole. The missing diver was discovered deceased 60 meters into the sump. ([article](#))

SCCi CORNER

Fatality at Valhalla Preserve: In November on 2019, a student from Purdue University fell while repelling from Valhalla Cave. ([article](#))