



The River City Caver

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

February, 2020

www.rivercitygrotto.com/

Updates from the latest Grotto Meeting and Events –

NEXT MEETING: **WEDNESDAY** March 18th 2020, at R.E.I. in the St. John's Town Center

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Warren's Cave: We will join FSS for their trip to Warren's Cave on 3/15/20. Check your email and the RCG Facebook page for upcoming details regarding this trip.

2020 Caves Trips: We are working on planning multiple cave trips for the spring. Potential trips include Bat Cave, Catacombs's Cave, Blowing Hole, and Crumbling Rock. Check your email and the RCG Facebook page for trip announcements.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

We are solid financially.

TRIP/EVENT REPORTS

Cavers and Craft Brews: A group of us met up at Aardwolf Brewery in January. We had a great time drinking good beer and enjoying each other's company. Even David Obi got to join us, which was a nice surprise.



Jenning Cave Cleanup: On 2/16/20, Phil, Carrie, and Jeffery joined FSS to help clean-up Jennings Cave. Some volunteers, picked-up trash outside of the cave; while others, picked up trash during their exploration of the cave. It was difficult to get into the cave because a dryer and boulder were dropped into the pit, but we were able to get some pieces of the dryer out, along with a chair. Unfortunately, we were not able to get the boulder out, but we are planning to attempt to get it out at a later date.





The

River City Caver

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

February, 2020

www.rivercitygrotto.com/

Updates from the latest Grotto Meeting and Events –

*NEXT MEETING: **WEDNESDAY** March 18th 2020, at R.E.I. in the St. John's Town Center*

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We have no new members.

NSS CORNER

2020 NSS Convention: This year's NSS convention will take place from July 27th to July 31st in Elkins, West Virginia. You can register and find more information [here](#); early bird discounts are currently available.

Caving Safety and Techniques-Safety: Caving is a lot of fun, but it is important to follow proper guidelines to ensure the safety of yourself and your fellow cavers. Most caving accidents are attributed to poor judgment, little or no caving experience, and falls. The NSS has provided several safety guidelines to follow. You can read the guidelines [here](#).

CAVING IN THE NEWS

The World's Oldest Cave Art Is Under Threat from Cement Mining in Indonesia: Scientists warn that the oldest known figurative paintings in the world, located near a cement mine in Indonesia, are under threat from the mining industry. The paintings are dated to be at least 40,000 years old. Regional officials and scientists are now racing to funnel more protection to the cave. [\(article\)](#)

Powys Man Receives Knighthood for Thai Cave Rescue: Gary Mitchell, who played pivotal role in the rescue of 12 boys from the 2018 Thai cave rescue, was presented with a Royal Decoration of the Kingdom of Thailand by the Thai Ambassador His Excellence Mr. Pisanu Suvanajata at a ceremony held in the Royal Thai Embassy, London on February 3rd, 2020. [\(article\)](#)

Historic Photos that Show the Beauty of Timpanogos Cave Across the Decades: Timpanogos Cave is located in Utah. It was discovered by two teenage boys in 1914 or 1915 and it became a national monument in 1922. You can view pictures showing the history of the cave [here](#).