



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

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Updates from the latest Grotto Meeting and Events –
NEXT MEETING: **THURSDAY** October 1st 2020, Bold City Brewery

UPCOMING EVENTS/UPDATES

Cave Trip on 9/26: We're trying to set up a trip for September 26th. It will most likely be a beginner cave. Turn to our Facebook page and your email for updates regarding this.

Monthly Meeting Changes: We are moving our meetings to the first Thursday of the month at Bold City Brewery. We'll have a social hour starting at 5:30pm and then the business part of our meetings will start at 6:30pm.

TAG 2020 Cancelled: Due to COVID-19, the Cave-In Advisory Board has decided to cancel this year's TAG Fall Cave-In. You can read the official statement [here](#).

RCG Instagram Account: Now you can follow RCG on Instagram! You can visit our Instagram page here: <https://www.instagram.com/rivercitygrotto/>

EVENT/TRIP REPORTS

Cavers and Craft Brews/September Meeting: We had our latest Cavers and Craft Brews meetup last Thursday at Bold City Brewery. We had a great time meeting new people, drinking good beer, and talking about caving. We also had four new members join our grotto!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

We are solid financially.

MEMBERSHIP

We have four new members!

SCCi CORNER

John Attaway Donates SCCi's 32nd Preserve: On July 26th, John Attaway contacted a 17-acre parcel containing Mayapple and Meander caves to SCCi. These caves are located in Gundy County, TN. You can read more about this donation and the caves [here](#).

CAVING IN THE NEWS

The World's Deepest Freshwater Cave Just Got a Whole Lot Deeper: Researchers have found that the Czech Republic's Hranice Abyss, which stretches farther below ground than any other freshwater cave system is 1 kilometer deep, more than twice as deep as previously thought. It's believed this cave formed from acidic groundwater heated by Earth's mantle burbling up. [\(article\)](#)

World's Oldest Camp Bedding Found in South African Cave: Border Cave is a deep gash in a cliff face, high in the Lebombo Mountains of South Africa. Bones, tools, and preserved plant materials have been found in the cave due to it being sheltered from the elements. This has given us a picture into the lives of human inhabitants from more than 200,000 years ago. New findings indicate that cave's occupants used grass bedding; researchers speculate that the cave's occupants laid their bedding on ash to repel insects. [\(article\)](#)

NSS CORNER

The Virtual Cave-Salt Caves: Most solution caves are formed from carbonate rocks, such as limestone and dolomite, but in some parts of the world, caves are formed from salt. Salt caves are usually found in arid regions. You can read more about salt caves and view pictures [here](#).