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**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** April 1st 2021, Kickbacks Gastropub

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuck's Cave: We are taking a trip to Tuck's Cave on March 27th. Details for this will be given as we get closer to the trip. Please email board@rivercitygrotto.com if you'd like to join.

New Meeting Location: Bold City Brewery is now hosting music Bingo on our meeting nights, so we are now meeting at Kickbacks Gastropub.

Briar Cave: We are hoping to schedule a trip to Briar Cave in April.

Panhandle Cave Trip: We may take a weekend trip to the Florida panhandle in May to visit a couple of caves in that area.

MEMBERSHIP

We have a new member!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

We are solid financially.

EVENT/TRIP REPORTS

Ocala Caverns: A small group of us visited Ocala Caverns on February 6th. The water level was low, so we were able to explore the New Section and the New New Section. We also saw a few bats in the Uranium Mine.



NSS CORNER

2021 NSS Convention: NSS's annual convention is scheduled for June 28th-July 2nd in Weed, California. There is a possibility that the date could be moved to July 24th-31st. You can find more information on the convention's [website](#).

NSS Webinar-Talking stones: Cherokee Syllabary in Manitou Cave, AL: Beau Carroll, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and Lead Archaeologist for the Tribal Historic Preservation Office, gives a presentation on the Manitou Cave. Nineteenth-century Cherokees carried out sacred ceremonies and recorded their activities on the cave walls using "The Cherokee Syllabary." Through collaboration between modern Cherokee scholars and Euro-American archaeologists, the authors report and interpret the inscriptions in Manitou Cave for the first time. You can view the webinar [here](#).

Cave Preservation Network: The Cave Preservation Network is a collaboration of NSS, the National Caves Association, private cave owners, cave explorers, and all those who are fascinated by the caving world. Their goal is to generate educational materials to be used at caves across the country and to raise funds for protecting wild cave and karst lands for today and the future. You can visit the website [here](#).