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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** June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021, Kickbacks Gastropub

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**May Cave Trip:** We are planning a cave trip for 5/29/21. We are tentatively planning to go to Warren's Cave. More details will be given as we get closer to the date.

### FINANCIAL UPDATE

We are solid financially.

### EVENT/TRIP REPORTS

**Ocala Caverns:** Phil lead a group of Boy Scouts through Ocala Caverns. Water levels were two feet lower than they had been during our previous trip, so the group got to explore most of the cave.

**Briar Cave:** A group of us visited Briar Cave on 4/17 and had a great time. The water levels were low, so we got to explore part of the Southern Section and saw some really great fossils. We also visited the Melody Room and of course, saw some beautiful formations.



### NSS CORNER

**2021 NSS Convention:** The NSS has canceled the in-person convention; they will have a virtual convention again this year. The dates are to be determined. You can read the press release [here](#).

**2021 NSS Director Election:** It's time to elect a new NSS Director. You can read the candidate platforms [here](#); ballots will be sent to you via email/mail.

### CAVING IN THE NEWS

**Evidence of Nine Neanderthals Found in Italian Cave:** The fossil remains of nine Neanderthal men have been found in Guattari Cave in San Felice Circeo, Italy. Eight of the fossils date between 50,000 and 68,000 years old and the ninth fossil could be 90,000 to 100,000 years old. [\(article\)](#)

**Injured French Caver Rescued After 48 hours Underground:** A 55 year old caver fell off a ledge and plunged 16 feet before landing on his back. He was part of a group exploring the Vauvoucier chasm near Besançon. He was trapped underground for 48 hours before being rescued on 5/10/21.