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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** July 1st 2021, Kickbacks Gastropub

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bat Cave: We are hoping to have a trip to Bat Cave in August; it is tentatively planned for the 14th. Please check your email and the RCG Facebook page for details regarding this tentative trip.

TAG Fall Cave-In: Mark your calendars; the 2021 TAG Fall Cave-In is officially set to take place October 7th-10th! Online registration will be available at a later date. If you want to help the science, exploration, and buying of caves, you can purchase the 2020 TAG Fall Cave-In shirt, "The One That Didn't Go." They are available for purchase [here](#).

FINANCIAL UPDATE

We are solid financially.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Dues: It is time to pay membership dues for 2021. There are three ways to pay: in person with a check/cash, mailing a check to Phil, or through pay via Paypal [here](#). If you became a new member in 2021, you do not need to pay dues at this time.

NSS CORNER

2021 NSS Convention: The NSS has canceled the in-person convention; they will have a virtual convention again this year from July 24th-30th. You can view the website [here](#).

2021 NSS Director Election Results: Congratulations to Jean Krejca, Carol Tideman, Nick Anderson, Sharon Weaver, and Doug Warner; these new directors will join the NSS Board at the convention meeting in July. You can read more about the new directors [here](#).

CAVING IN THE NEWS

Teen Builds His Own Underground Cave in Backyard After Dispute With Parents: Six years ago a teen from Alicante, Spain began to dig a hole in his backyard after an argument with his parents. He continued to dig and overtime, his hole has turned into an underground cave with a living room and bedroom. [\(article\)](#)

15 French Volunteers Leave Cave After 40 Days Without Daylight or Clocks: A group of fifteen people spent forty days living in and exploring Lombrives cave as part of a project called Deep Time. During their time in the cave, there was no natural light, the temperature was 50 degrees Fahrenheit and the relative humidity was 100%. They had no access to clocks, no contact with the outside world, no updates on the pandemic nor any communications with friends or family. In partnership with laboratories in France and Switzerland, scientists monitored the 15 team members' sleep patterns, social interactions and behavioural reactions via sensors. [\(article\)](#)

SCCi CORNER

Current Conservation Projects-Balcony Sink aka Falling Cave (Alabama): Southeastern Cave Conservancy, Inc.'s 33rd preserve, is the iconic Balcony Sink, also known as Falling Cave. Balcony Sink is one of the top pits in the TAG area. You can read more about the acquisition and watch a video on Balcony Sink [here](#).