



The River City Caver

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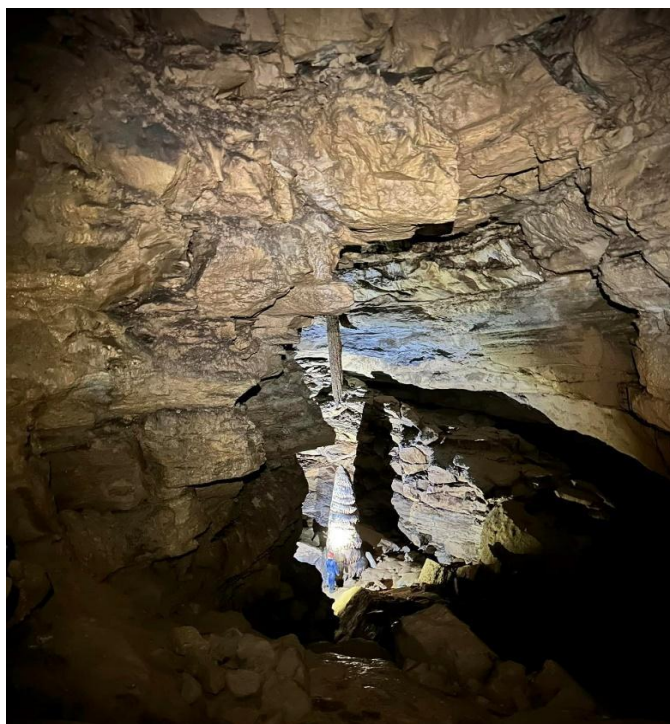
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Ocala Caverns: Cool off from the summer heat in Ocala Caverns when we take a trip there on August 26th. We will meet at 10:00 am at the BP gas station located at 5160 South Pine Avenue, Ocala, FL 34480. You have to be at least 18 years old to go to this cave. Please email board@rivercitygrotto.com if you plan to come.

September Meeting: We will have our quarterly business meeting along with a social get together at Mike and Connie's home. You can arrive at their home as early as 6:00; the business meeting will start around 7:00, followed by a cookout and pool party. The grotto board will provide burgers and hotdogs, but we will ask everyone else to bring a side. If you need directions, please contact Mike or Connie.

TAG Fall Cave-In: Mark your calendars and register for the 2023 Cave-in [HERE](#). October 5-8th, info is at the link. There are plenty of cavers from all the Florida Grottoes going so get in touch to see what everyone is going to be up to.



CAVING!

Warren's Cave: A group of RCG members met up with a couple cavers new to the fun of Florida's longest dry cave for a last summer weekday trip. Phil, Scott and Striker were joined by Andrew and Dallas for a tour of the cave beyond the Cashew Squeeze to just shy of the Second Squeeze. Read about it [HERE](#).



TAG Mini Trip: Scott, Holly and Striker took the show on the road for a bit of cool (ish) weather in Alabama and NE Georgia for some camping, caving and sightseeing. The centerpieces being visiting a couple SCCI preserves. Read about that [HERE](#). And don't forget to support the VERY good work of the SCCI to maintain access to some of the finest caves in the southeast: [Save Your Caves!](#)



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WHAT ELSE HAVE WE BEEN DOING?

Phil, Striker and Scott of the RCG trundled over to San Felasco Preserve to meet up with Grand Poobah of the FSS Fletcher for a stroll in the glorious humidity of Florida summer to try to get him to reveal all the FSS's secrets including best Mexican food locations. We later put this information to use after the recent Warren's Cave trip.



Over on Facebook be sure to check out some of the other things we've been doing. Scott continues playing with [obsolete caving equipment](#) and even *more* [obsolete caving equipment](#).

MEMBER SECTION

Membership Dues: It's time to pay membership dues; membership dues are \$15.00 (plus \$5.00 for each additional family member). Not only does this support the lavish lifestyle of the club officers, but it ensures there will be portalets at the next Cavort, pay up or bring a shovel. You can pay online here:
<https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/RiverCityGrotto>.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Financial State: We are solid financially.

CAVING IN THE NEWS

[Article](#) on the recent cloudiness at Gilchrist Blue Springs, likely caused by some manner of internal collapse.

NSS CORNER

Coming out of this summer's NSS convention a list of the recipients of [awards and honorees](#)..

And the best place to catch up in the day to day happenings, the [NSS Community Facebook Group](#)