



The River City Caver

Newsletter of the *River City
Grotto* – Jacksonville, FL
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Possible Panhandle Trip: We are trying to plan a weekend trip to the panhandle to do some caving this autumn.

Karstmas Party: Stay tuned for information on the RCG Annual Karstmas Party! We will discuss a date and location at our upcoming meeting.

PAST TRIPS AND EVENTS

Warren's Cave: Scott and Phil led a trip to Warren's Cave in which they went all the way to the pit and the Tomb Room! It was a long and grueling trip, but they saw a lot of beautiful chert formations. On the way out, they visited the Virgin Room.



Briar Cave: A few of us visited Briar Cave in July. As usual, it was a great trip and we saw a lot of beautiful formations.



Bat Cave: We visited Bat Cave on August, 30th and brought some new cavers along. Everyone had a great time. We saw a lot of fossils and we even saw a bat. The water level was low, so we got to do a lot of exploring. Thanks to Nicole and Meina for the pictures!





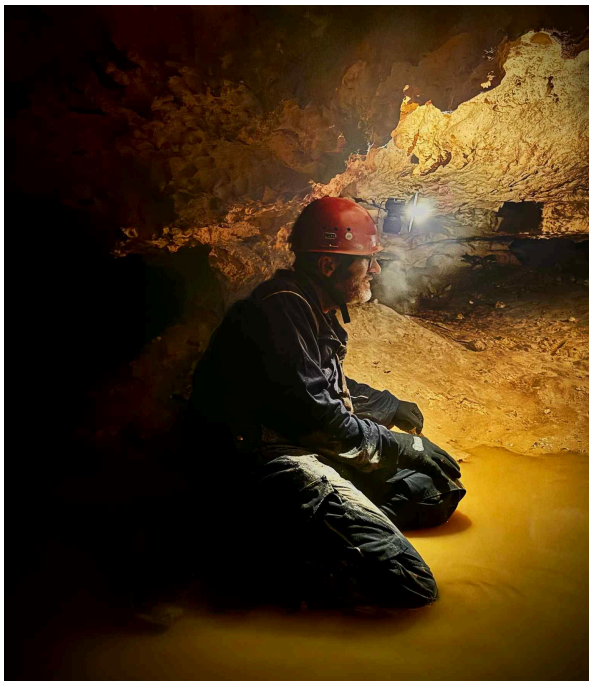
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Waterfall Cave: On September 13th, Scott and Sticker Thopson drove north of Tallahassee with Philip Walker to visit Waterfall Cave. This cave had not been visited in years, and it was rumored that it suffered a partial collapse. A few folks had been collected from multiple grottos to investigate. The entrance was dug open and it was found that a collapse had occurred inside. A second entrance was discovered, but not entered. - Phil Walker

Warren's Cave: On September 20th A small group went to Warren Cave to play in the entrance drop and the crossroads. This happened to also be a surprise birthday party for FSS member Maggie Brosky, underhandedly masterminded by Adam White A small room was dug open and entered which Sticker named the Beer can room due to beer cans and glass being in the ceiling. The old lake room was also dug open exposing about 20 feet of old passage. Also, more to come. - Phil Walker

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Financial State: We are solid financially.

CAVING IN THE NEWS

Trapped Caver Saved After Rescuers Use Explosives: A 63 year-old caver was rescued from the Abisso Paperino cave system in Northern Italy. He suffered from a head injury after rocks struck him about 131 feet below the surface ([article](#)).

You Can Explore Nutty Putty Cave Again — but Only in Virtual Reality: Nutty Putty cave was a popular caving destination for 60 years, but after the death of John Jones it was closed for safety reasons. Many protested this decision, but it has remained closed for the past 16 years. Now, with the help of virtual reality, the cave can once again be explored. ([article](#))

NSS CORNER

Inside the 2025 NSS Convention: Highlights from Cobleskill: The NSS had their annual convention over the summer in Cobleskill, New York. If you'd like to see highlights from the convention, you can view them [here](#).