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MEETING NOTICE

Friday, February 17, 8:00 p.m.

The regular February membership meeting will be held at Arch Creek Memorial Park Museum, Biscayne Boulevard and N.E. 135th Street, 944-6111.

Robert Taylor, Field Director for the Southeastern Archaeological Research Center of the National Park Service, will be the guest speaker. His topic is the "Ongoing Archaeological Survey of the Everglades National Park." If you are not already familiar with Arch Creek Park and Museum we suggest you plan to come early enough to explore both.

MEETING NOTICE

Monday, February 6, 7:30 p.m.

Regular February Board Meeting. Please note the change of day from Tuesday to Monday evening. The location will be the same, Dr. Jackson's office, 190 S.E. 12 Terr. Please bring a covered dish and share a feast, fellowship and further discussion of our plans and problems.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

January has been a fantastic month. First, we unearthed the prehistoric burial below the concretion on Da 141. Second, Casey Frank wrote a great cover story about Archaeology in Dade County for the Miami Herald's "Neighbors" section. Finally, our January meeting was "SRO" with many new faces who became new members.

It is exciting to be part of such interest and energy. We do need some serious financial help at this time; please read the newsletter and see if you can help in some way.

Jeanie McGuire

SPECIAL THANKS

Dr. Dennis Weidman was our January speaker. His program on "The Development of Seminole Patchwork" was excellent and the main reason for such a large turn out at the January meeting. We are proud to have Dennis as an active member of our society, who also serves on the Board of Directors.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

GORDON BURKE, LENORE HOFFNER, the W. R. LYONS FAMILY, and PEGGY ANN and DOROTHY DOLAN: We are pleased to welcome you to ASSF and hope you will join us often at our meetings and will "dig" with us when you are free and able.

FIELD NOTES

Da 141 has been an interesting and productive site. The recent excavation of a ceremonial burial beneath the concretion is an important contribution to the prehistory of the Miami area. The burial included two lovely shell celts.

Carbon dating of some of the materials has begun. The skull

will be sent to Tampa for further research by a physical anthropologist.
Final excavating and screening remains to be done on Da 141.
Following that we will open Da 1058 some time in the next few weeks.

EXCAVATION DATES:

Saturday, February 4, 9:00 a.m., Sunday, February 12, 12:30 p.m.,
Sunday, February 19, 12:30 p.m., Saturday, February 25, 9:00 a.m., Sat-
urday, March 3, 9:00 a.m., and Sunday March 11, 12:30 p.m.

HELP

WE NEED MONEY!

Carbon dating samples for Da 141 will cost \$200.00 each.
To get proper dates for publication, we may have to run up to 8 samples.
Our treasury has about \$800.00! If you would like to make a contri-
bution, or you know of a private firm or foundation that would like to
make a tax write-off donation or supply a grant, please let Jeanie
McGuire or Tom Lux know immediately. (662-1950)

PRESERVATION DAY AT THE RACES

Saturday, February 18, 1984

Hialeah Park

This is the Widener Handicap Race Day and a special day for
preservation groups sponsored by Dade Heritage Trust. For the
purchase of one ticket at \$30.00 you will receive: valet parking,
admission to the Clubhouse, a program and a reserved-seat luncheon
in the Citation Room (sirloin tips of beef, fancy rice, salad,
desert and beverage).

Now the best part! Not only will you have a great time, but
our society makes \$14.00 on every \$30.00 ticket we sell. Please join
me, have fun and help ASSF all at the same time. If we sell 14 or
more tickets, that will pay for another carbon dating.

I must have your money to DHT by Wednesday, February 15 which
is before our next meeting. So please call me now! This is a once-
in-a-life time chance.

Jeanie McGuire, 662-1950

A.S.S.F. EXPLORES FLORIDA!

"SEE IT THEN" with members and friends

Still in the planning stages is a late March canoe trip to
Mound Key in Estero Bay. Keep your arms limber and plan to join us.
All details will be in the March newsletter.

TRAVEL TO THE YUCATAN PENINSULA

The Southwest Archaeology Society (Naples, Florida) is plan-
ning an archaeological trip to the Yucatan Peninsula to visit Mayan
ruins off the "beaten path".

The trip is scheduled for 10 days, from May 25 - June 3, 1984.
The cost is estimated at \$700.00 which includes airfare, ground trans-
portation and accomodations.

If you would like to go on this unique adventure, please call
Jeanie (662-1950) or John Beriault (1-318-0295).

JUST A MATTER OF ECONOMICS

Mid year 1983 we raised our dues. This has been effective in enabling us to maintain operations.

Tenative Budget for 1984

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| Number of Members | 51 |
| Average dues * | \$ 13.00 |
| Max. Income ** | \$ 663.00 |
| Average cost of Monthly newsletter | \$ 51.00 |
| Estimated annual cost | \$ 612.00 |
| Projected annual surplus | \$ 51.00 |

* Average $12+15=\$27\div 2=\13.5

** Assumes 100% collection

We are survivors; we will make it, but we can't afford to do all the many functions related to our primary purpose as an organization.

Carbon dating alone will cost more than our projected maximum income of \$663.00 for 1984.

Maximizing our dollar income will no doubt be a major objective of future board members.

We've got a lot to be thankful for, but let's all try to work together to fund all of our ambitious projects planned for the coming year.

Tom Lux,
Treasurer.

HORR'S ISLAND EXCAVATION

Several members of ASSF joined the Southwest Florida Archaeological Society and a team of archaeologists from the University of Florida headed by Jerry Milanich in an expedition-exploratory dig on Horr's Island off the Southwest Florida coast in December.

Captian John Horr established a pineapple plantation on the island in the 19th century. Portions of the plantation house remain along with evidence of early Indian occupation.

Excavation of this site will be ^{an} on-going project. We were pleased to note that the Horr's Island project received good news coverage in the Miami Herald on December 11, 1983.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM

Mail check or money order to: The Archaeological Society of
Southern Florida
3280 South Miami Avenue
Miami, Florida 33129

Please check: Renewal New Member
\$12.00: Individual \$15.00: Family

Due: January 1, 1984

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Dates to Remember

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190 S.E. 12 Terr., Miami.
- February 17: Regular February meeting, 8:00 p.m., Arch Creek Memorial
Park Museum, Biscayne Boulevard and N.E. 135 Street,
944-6111.
- February 18: Preservation Day at the Races, Hialeah Park, 105 E. 21 Street
- Mid-March: Field trip to Estero Bay
- May 25-June 3: Southwest Archaeological Society trip to the Yucatan.

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