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BOARD MEETING

Monday, August 7, 7:30 p.m.

The regular Board of Directors meeting will be held at Dr. Jackson's office, 190 S.E. 12 Terr., Miami. These meetings are open meetings and all voting members are welcome to attend. Joan Fonte will be the hostess.

MEETING NOTICE

Thursday, August 16, 7:00 p.m.

The regular August membership meeting will be held at the new Historical Museum at 101 West Flagler Street, Miami in the classroom on the lower level.

Bob Carr will present a slide show and discuss his recent work excavating a historic site in the Bahamas.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

A special thanks to Paul Thompson, Executive Director of Dade Heritage Trust for his excellent program at our July regular meeting. We are fortunate to have such a good working relationship with Paul and the Dade Heritage Trust. If you are not a member of Dade Heritage Trust, please call 358-9572 and get involved in the action.

Please plan ahead during this rainy/vacation period when you set aside time for excavating with us. Take a few minutes to call one of the field directors (see excavation schedule) to be sure we are able to excavate on the scheduled day. There are times when rain will be a factor, or the field directors may be out of town or ill. Also, sometimes we have to put together an emergency weekend crew to help Bob Carr with his county work or we may be asked to help on a project in other parts of South Florida. If you keep in touch you can save a trip to the rock pit and maybe be able to join an exciting expedition instead of waiting at the gate. We need all of us at all times so "let your fingers do the walking" before digging.

Jeanie

ARCH CREEK RESTORATION

The restoration project at the Arch Creek mill race was a great success. Thanks to those who gave their physical and emotional support: Ron Pheniz, Emily Perry, Bob Carr, John Beriault, Seth Lefkow, Jo Southard, Dennis Wiedman, Judi Trimble and Jeanie McGuire. Railroad ties, telephone poles, lots of dirt and rocks were positioned at the edge of the sluice wall to prevent further erosion. This unique historic site is the only one of its kind in South Florida. If you've never seen it, visit the park at 135th Street and Biscayne Blvd. It's open seven days a week, 9:00 - 5:00.

Emily Perry

"Digging" the Bahamas
A Personal Report

On June 16th, Debbie and Bob Carr, Cindy Brownfield, Ted Riggs, Sandra Riley, (author; Homeward Bound and Bloody Bay), Sylvia Heller, Joan Haas and I left on Bahamasair for Treasure Cay, Abaco, Bahamas.

We conducted limited test excavations on the site of Carleton's Loyalist settlement. The project was jointly sponsored by the Albert Lowe Museum (Green Turtle Cay), Treasure Cay Resorts, and San Salvador Field Station of the CCFL.

We excavated six units and took them down from surface to a sterile sandy soil. Among some of the artifacts found were: a pewter buckle from a ladies shoe, ceramics, metal pieces, nails, brass candleholder, military button, a copper thimble and straight pins, and glass fragments.

It was my first experience with historic archaeology and it was fascinating! We were able to visit charming New Plymouth on Green Turtle Cay and see the interesting Albert Lowe Museum. It was like stepping into New England in the 1700's! While we were there we searched for other historic and pre-historic sites (Arawaks). We also visited Hope Town and did some survey work there too. There is a working lighthouse there and the view from it is spectacular!

We met super supportive people who housed and fed us royally! The Dodges: Steve (author, Abaco, the History of an Out Island and its Cays), Marjorie, his wife, and sons John and Jeff; Alton Lowe and his sister Iva; Carolyn and Lambert Gates; Stafford Symonette; Vernon and Bobbie Malone; Cande Key; Suzanne Bethel; and Gay Chambers.

I personally feel we crammed six months into eight days! It is a memory to savor.

Jo Southard

FIELD NOTES

Work has progressed more slowly during this last month. While the summer heat and daily rain have made excavations at the Cheatum site more difficult, exciting discoveries continue to be made. The recent clearing of fill from the site has uncovered a deep slough that apparently was the major canoe landing of the site. The excavation in the slough by the bull dozer revealed a layer of wet clay intermixed with a large quantity of artifacts, including large portions of pottery bowls and wooden materials. The excellent preservation of organic remains raised high hopes that wooden artifacts might be uncovered. Work is scheduled for late August and September to begin special excavations in the "clay pit" area. Be there for the discovery of the century!

Bob Carr

EXCAVATION DATES

Sunday, August 12, 12:30 p.m., Saturday, August 18, 9:00 a.m.,
Sunday, August 26, 12:30 p.m., Saturday, September 1, 9:00 a.m., Sunday,
September 9, 12:30 p.m., Saturday, September 15, 9:00 a.m., Sunday,
September 23, 12:30 p.m.

*Please always call a field director before you make plans to go to the site in case there have been any changes in the schedule, especially during this rainy season. Wes Coleman 226-6788; Bob Carr 446-8862; Jeanie McGuire 662-1950

SOUTHEASTERN MUSEUM CONFERENCE

The annual conference is being held in Tampa this year and may be of interest to some of our members and friends. Highlights include a progressive reception through old Downtown Tampa and Ybor City, sessions at Ringling Museum in Sarasota and several museums in the St. Petersburg area, plus a behind the scenes tour of Busch Gardens. Dates are October 16-19 and more detailed information is available from the Museum of Science and Industry, 4801 East Fowler Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33617-2099, telephone (813) 985-5531.

CODE OF ETHICS

The new Code of Ethics was read at the June regular meeting and added to the By-laws of our organization by Board action at the regular Board meeting in July. The Board also voted to include the Code in the membership application. For those of you who may have missed this discussion the Code reads as follows:

1. Members of the society agree to promote archaeological site preservation and conservation, to excavate only endangered sites as part of a qualified research group, to not excavate archaeological sites for the unscientific collecting of artifacts.
2. All artifacts and material recovered from society projects are property of the society.

Any member who would like to have a complete copy of the By-laws may request a copy from our Secretary, Joan Fonte at 858-5975.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Twice a year papers by our membership will be presented at general membership meetings. The first two papers will be presented at the September meeting. Papers are requested for, but are not restricted to, local sites, and can be on large or small projects. If you are working on or have worked on Dal41 or Dal058 and have experiences in one small area or have concentrated on one aspect of these projects, this experience could be the basis for a paper. If you have old field notes on other sites that have never been written up, these also could be the basis for a paper. Don't hesitate to share your knowledge and observations. If you have questions or would like some help or suggestions contact any member of the Board.

REMINDER

Don't forget the class on "American Indian Ethnology" to be taught by Member Dennis Wiedman beginning in late August at the FIU North Campus. For registration information call 940-5863.

LAST CALL FOR LOGOS

Deadline is August 1, 1984. Perfect your design and submit to 101 West Flagler Street or hand it to any board member.

LOCAL MYSTERY PUBLICIZED

The mysterious stranger with the mysterious black rocks who turned up at the University of Miami geology department recently was given good coverage by the Miami Herald on June 18, 1984 in the "Local News" section. Also covered in the same story was member Bob Carr's theory on early trade between South Florida and the islands of the Caribbean.

PLAY DETECTIVE

The mysterious black rocks recently found on Key Biscayne are of a type occurring in the Caribbean islands, but not in South Florida. Anyone who knows the stranger who requested information at the University of Miami or knows similar black rocks, please come forward and help solve our newest mystery.

JULY BOARD MEETING REPORT

Treasurer, Wes Ries reported a bank balance of \$1,043.59, helped out by donations of \$250.00 and a \$50.00 rental fee received for use of our electric screen by another group. Membership Chairman, Jo Southard, reported that this year so far we have 69 paid memberships.

The Board voted on and passed the Code of Ethics which was also made an integral part of the application for membership. The ethical problems surrounding donated artifacts with no provenance were discussed. It was suggested that these artifacts might be incorporated into travelling displays which could be used in various locations for educational and promotional purposes. Dennis Wiedman and Emily Perry agreed to work on this project.

Seth Lefkow was appointed chairman of the Harvest Committee. The possibility of making silk-screened T-shirts to sell at the Harvest was explored.

Travel Chariman Daryl Nagel reported transportation and cost problems related to the proposed Lignumvitae Key trip, but plans for the other trips are progressing on schedule. The Board accepted a proposal to exchange speakers with the Southwest Archaeological Society and Judi Trimble agreed to investigate further a suggestion that distribution of the newsletter be expanded to include some of the local libraries.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM

Objective: To provide a formal means by which individuals and institutions interested in archaeological and anthropological studies in South Florida and related areas may come together for mutual benefits.

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I hereby apply for membership in the Archaeological Society of Southern Florida:

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Renewal___ New Member___ \$12.00 Individual___ \$15.00 Family___

Mail check or money order to: The Archaeological Society of Southern Florida

Due: January 1, 1984 101 West Flagler Street
Miami, Florida 33130

Dates to Remember

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- August 17-19: First International Conference and Workshop on Human vs. Natural Bone Modification, Sponsored by the Ctr. for the Study of Early Man, U of Maine-Orono.
- October 16-19: Southeastern Museum Conference, Museum of Science and Industry, Tampa, Florida.
- October 19-21: Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology, Annual Meeting, SUNY-Binghamton, NY.
- November 2-4: Eastern States Archaeological Federation, 51st. Annual Mtg, Holiday Inn, Annapolis, MD.
- November 8-10: Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Annual Meeting, Pensacola Hilton Hotel, Pensacola, FL.
- November 15-18: American Anthropological Association 83rd. Annual Meeting, Denver Hilton and Holiday Inn Denver Downtown.

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