



THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA

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REGULAR JULY BOARD MEETING

Saturday, July 6, 4:00 p.m.

The regular Board of Directors meeting will be held following the July 4th week-end party at Wes Coleman's, 10 N.W. 124th Avenue, Miami. All voting members are welcome to attend.

REGULAR JULY MEETING

Friday, July 19, 8:00 p.m.

The regular meeting will be held at the Audubon House, 5530 Sunset Drive, South Miami. John Beriault from the Southwest Archaeological Society will discuss the archaeology of the Myan Indians and present slides.

REGULAR AUGUST BOARD MEETING

Monday, August 5, 7:30 p.m.

The regular Board of Directors meeting will be held at the home of Ron Phenix, 1935 Lincoln Street, Hollywood. The vote on the institutional membership will be taken at this meeting. All voting members are welcome to attend.

REGULAR AUGUST MEETING

Friday, August 16, 8:00 p.m.

The regular meeting will be held at the Audubon House, 5530 Sunset Drive, South Miami. The speaker for the evening will be Laymond Hardy, discussing the former diets of the Seminole and Miccosoukee Indians and Indian place names.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

I have to thank each one of our members for the turn out at the Jet Port Site, Pit 4, June 6. If what we have found out those among the deer flies 100 F+ proves out, we may have just added a new life form to the site. Sue Goldman is to check this out with the paleontologist. One of the finds was found by the sharp eyes of Dennis Kennelly and Jim Lord. Other materials were picked up and given to Sue Goldman for study by John Carruthers, Joe Davis, Jr. and Joe Davis, Sr. and Mary and Stan Kiem, Seth Lefkow, Jim Lord, Jr., Jim McHellan, Wes and Daryl Ries, Jo Southard, Bill Lyons, Dee Coleman.

As you all know the 'Glades have been burning this summer. A site which was burned three weeks ago needed to be checked out by Bob Carr's Historic Division, Metro Dade. This site is only accessible by boat. The weather in the last few weeks has been hot, but again the Society came through with volunteers on short notice. From 5:00 p.m. to sundown the discoveries on this expedition, were so impressive that the next day we had cable TV out to document our findings. Wood artifacts and bowls dating from 1,000 years to 700 years ago were found just where they had been dropped and were still in place. We will be going out to a few more sites which have been burned during the week, after 4:00 p.m. and weekends about the same time. This may change, so call

Bob, or myself (Bob 446-8862, home and Wes 226-6788) to see what is happening before the saw grass grows back, and hides the artifacts for another few hundred years. Thanks goes out to the members and non-members for their time during these last two weeks. Most were tired from putting in an 8 to 10 hour dayson their job and still found time to come out from work to do the Society and the Community a service, Bill Lyons, Joe Davis, Jim Lord and co-worker John, James McLellan, Debbie Carr, Dee Coleman and Jack Erne.

Ninety percent of all materials found at the Cheetum/Coleman site are now at the Historic Musuem and all human bone is now under study. We still have ten percent to catalog. We are finalizing information for the written reports on the excavations of these sites.

Wes Coleman, President

#### REPORT ON TEQUESTA B-B-Q

As the end of the on-site work on the Cheetum Mound faced all of us we said our farewell with a Tequesta B-B-Q. Some were able to get in a good mornings work.

In the trees I hung a collection of my Watercolors I have completed in the last couple of years. I painted a special artifact still life which was raffeled, with money going to ASSF. The winning ticket # 16 belonged to President, Wes Coleman.

Seth Lefkow grilled hamburgers and hot dogs for everyone and afterward he served champagne with a toast to Dal058 and Dal41. Wes Coleman talked about what work has been completed on the site. We reflected on all the old and new friends that have gathered on the site to exchange archaeological ideas and technologies--some old and revised and some new adapted to certain situations.

We also touched on the idea of future sites and happily look forward to working with everyone again.

Judi Trimble

#### A.S.S.F. 4th OF JULY PARTY

A "work and play day" is scheduled for Saturday, July 6th at Wes Coleman's house from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Most of the artifact washing has been completed, but accessioning work still needs to be done. Come work for a few hours in the morning and then enjoy lunch with othe A.S.S.F. members. Bring hotdogs or hamburgers for the grill and a salad or desert to share. Following the picnic there will be a short board meeting which all members are welcome to attend.

Ron Phenix, Travel Chairman

P.S. half gallon and gallon ziplock bags would be appreciated.

#### EDITOR'S NOTE

Please note this issue of the Newsletter is a combined July-August issue. Included are all important dates and happenings between now and September 1, 1985. So don't throw it away too soon; you may need this issue for future reference throughout the summer.

#### HISTORIC SURVEYS NEED VOLUNTEERS

The City of Miami Shores and the Archaeological and Historical Conservancy have received grants from the state to do an archaeological and historical survey of Miami Shores and Key Largo. Volunteers are needed for both projects. If you are interested contact Bob Carr at 446-8862.

THANK YOU

James Dean of the Ft. Lauderdale-based Broward County Marine Archaeological Advisory Council presented a most interesting program on Friday, June 21, 1985 complete with many graphic displays, artifacts, and real pieces-of-eight which could be compared to very authentic looking replicas. We appreciated his time and effort in preparing a fascinating evening.

The Board has voted to send official thank-yous to Joe Long and Clyde Hazel for their work on the Cheetum Site, to reimburse them for their expenses and to send them a one year complimentary subscription to the newsletter.

WOODEN ARTIFACT DISCOVERY

During a recent expedition to the Everglades in the aftermath of the brush fires, Bob Carr and Wes Coleman discovered several preserved wooden artifacts including a double-ended pestle and 2 wooden handles. Also found were 15-20 pottery bowls which were broken. This is a very significant find in Dade County as wooden artifacts are rarely recovered. Bob and Wes will be doing some more work in the area and asked for volunteers to help.

JET PORT REPORT

Eighteen members of the Archaeological Society of Southern Florida went on a field trip Sunday, June 9th, to the Miami Jet Port Site, pit # 4. This site has been studied by Curtis McKinney, Lewis Cher, and W. G. Weaver but only an unpublished thesis by Curtis McKinney reports the contents of the site.

Curtis McKinney, using uranium-thorium dating on teeth found in the site, gave 20,000-35,000 B.P. as the age of some mammals. Several extinct species found in the site included an early horse, camel, mammoth and a land tortoise.

Our group did surface collecting on the immense spoil mounds. Dennis Kennelly found what is believed to be our first fossil fish part from the site, the mouth piece from a parrotfish (Scaridae) or the teeth of a ray or skate. Dennis while cleaning specimens, also found what appears to be a very small crab claw.

Sue Goldman

SHIPWRECK SYMPOSIUM

The Second Annual Greater Fort Lauderdale Shipwreck Symposium will be held July 31 through Sunday, August 4, 1985 at Pier 66 Hotel and Marina, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. This will be a four-day International Symposium combining films, lectures and instruction. Four wreck dives on historic and modern shipwrecks will be conducted during this time. Participants will have an opportunity to meet the men and women who made the legends in marine archaeology, treasure hunting and undersea research and see archaeological and treasure exhibits, state of the art technical exhibits, preservation and equipment workshops. Dives on the newly sunk freighter MERCEDES I and a lobster luau under a full moon will highlight the event. If you are interested contact the Marine Archaeological Advisory Council, Broward Historical Commission, 100 South New River Drive, Department 3-A, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301 Telephone: (305) 765-5872.

BROWARD ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER "The Voice of the Turtle"  
May, 1985

On Bones - The body of every organization is structured from four kinds of bones. There are the wishbones, who spend all their time wishing someone would do the work. Then there are the jawbones, who do all the talking, but little else. The knucklebones knock everything anybody else tries to do. Fortunately, in every organization there are also the backbones, who get under the load and do most of the work.

Thanks to Emily Dieterich for this fossil find. E.D.

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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.

Code of Ethics:

1. Members of the society agree to promote archaeological site preservation and conservation, to excavate only undamaged 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.

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

on January 1, 1984

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

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Broward Historical Commission, 10  
South New River Dr., Dept. 3-A,  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301

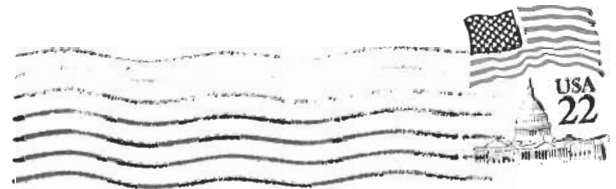
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Sept. 9: regular September Board  
Meeting (no details)

Sept. 20: regular September Meeting  
(no details)

Nov. 15-16: The Harvest



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