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BOARD MEETING

7:30 p.m., Monday, July 7, 1986

The regular Board of Directors meeting will be held on Monday, July 7, at 7:30 p.m. at Beth Read's office, 1489 South Miami Avenue, Miami. All voting members are welcome to attend.

JULY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

8:00 p.m., Friday, July 18, 1986

Marilyn Masson, a new member of our society, will be giving a talk on the excavations by the University of Texas at San Antonio of the Maya stone tool production site Colha, located in northern Belize. Belize (formerly British Honduras), is a small Central American/Caribbean nation located on the south side of the Yucatecan peninsula, and has been the location for major research in Maya archaeology for the past 10 years. Colha is an industrial-level lithic production site of extreme importance to the theory revolution concerning Maya subsistence and demonstrates craft specialization to capacities never dreamed of for an aboriginal New World culture.

A special highlight will be slides showing confiscated looter's material stored in a vault kept by the Belize authorities. According to Marilyn, THESE OBJECTS HAVE NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY VIEWED IN NORTH AMERICA!

The meeting will be held at the Audubon House, 5530 Sunset Drive, South Miami at 8:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: Ron Phenix  
Travel: Carla Lopez  
Newsletter: Debra Goldman  
Exhibits: Norma Dieppa

Programs: Ruth Gaustad  
Cable TV Group: Ed Bell  
Education:  
Hospitality:

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

We would like to make a list available of people who are willing to give talks on archaeology to adult and children's groups. This service is desperately needed! Please contact Sue Goldman if you are interested.

Jeanie McGuire recently gave a lecture on archaeology for 3rd and 4th graders at Greynolds Elementary School. Using her teaching kit, "My Pre-historic Dade County," she elicited many letters from fledgling archaeologists including the following:

Dear Ms. McGuire,

I'm glad you came because if you didn't come I wouldn't know anything. I think you really know about that stuff. I really liked the slides.

I learned that it wasn't so easy back then. Now if I want to be an archeologist I will know what they do and how to show kids slides.

Yours truly,  
Samantha Murray

A.S.S.F. CABLE COMMITTEE

The A.S.S.F. Board has chosen a name for our Archaeological Educational T.V. Program from a list of suggestions. The program will be called "In Search of Our Past".

President Sue Goldman was taped for the introduction to the program. She will identify our Society and explain what is to be presented in the program. We have transferred some photographic slides to tape to be used in the introduction. These are slides of several archaeological sites we have worked on, featuring many of our members.

Ed Bell has entered an article and photograph to "WLRN Signal", a cable access magazine that goes out to all cable viewers that will see our program. The article will introduce "In Search of Our Past" and let them know that we will be on line in July.

We will be setting a time for our next meeting soon. We hope to begin working in the field. Anyone interested in joining the Cable T.V. crew should contact Ed Bell at 448-6962.

Judi Trimble

"In Search of Our Past" will be aired on Educational Cable Channel #2, which is the following cable channel in your area:

Americable	Channel 36	Harte-Hanks	Channel 7
Dynamic Cable	35	Storer North	12
Miami Cablevision	8	Storer South	32

The first segment will be aired on Wednesday, July 2 at 2:35 p.m.,  
 Thursday, July 3 at 7:35 p.m.,  
 Friday, July 4 at 10:35 a.m., and will have Bob Carr presenting his paper, "Excavation at a Stratified Early Man Site in Southern Florida", to the Florida Anthropological Society last April.

Be sure to watch!

ALASKAN PIPELINE

6/15/86

Finally got out to the field today and found the remains of a historic gold mining operation located in the Kantishna Hills. This area first drew miners in the early 1900's, however, the remains we found today were probably built as late as the 1940's. Still, the site is interesting. It consists of several structures including a house, work shed and outhouse. Another structure appears to have been the original house but is now in complete ruin (i.e. all the walls have collapsed and there is no roof in sight). The artifacts strewn around the collapsed ruin appear to be mostly kitchen items. All date to the mid 1940's. More work will be necessary to determine the exact range of dates for the remains. I'll close with what we plan to do tomorrow.

First, we arrive by helicopter - do a fly over and take aerial photos. Once on the ground we will establish a datum near the house and map in the surrounding structures. We will further describe the landform, alterations to the land and the current vegetation. Then we'll tie our datum into the National Park "Mining Claim Field Site". Once back at the 'lab, we will review our data and determine the significance of the remains. Sounds easy - right? Riiighttt!!! If we find any interesting prehistoric sites I will write again and let you know more about our operations.

My best to all,

Bill

Bill will be at the following address until August: Bill Johnson, Stampede Camp, Denali National Park, Box 9, McKinley, Alaska, 99755.

DECOMPOSITION CAGE

Bill also writes that although his decomposition cage was stolen, it appeared to have been successful. The specimen was not taken and parts of it were found on the bank in a good state of preservation. However, other deteriorating factors such as the sun, insects, etc. could have contributed to the decomposition and therefore, more experimentation is necessary.

Bill has written an article about his experiments for publication in The Florida Anthropologist.

HONORARIUM

It was decided at the June Board Meeting to offer an honorarium for our guest speakers at our monthly meetings. \$25.00 plus a one-year society membership was agreed upon.

SITE REPORTS

## CUTLER FOSSIL SITE:

The excavation at the Cutler Fossil Site will be continuing until October, thanks to an extension provided by the Danielson family. Recent discoveries include human cranial and jaw fragments. One jaw fragment, that of a child, is of particular interest because it has been intensely burned. It is the second burned human bone to be recovered. The significance of the charred bone is not yet certain.

The human bones will be analyzed by Dr. Geroge Armelagos at the University of Colorado. Jim Dunbar, with the Division of Archives and History in Tallahassee, will be analyzing the chert artifacts.

Approximately 60% of the site has been excavated so far. In 3 pits, the excavations have gone below the water table. A new pump system is currently being reviewed.

Anyone interested in volunteering at the lab should contact Ruth Gaustad at 252-0069, M-F, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

## CHEETUM SITE:

Work has begun again at the Cheetum Site. The burial area has been sectioned into 1 meter squares and mapping and photographing is in progress. The rest of the site, separated into 4 quadrants, is down to concretion thanks to bulldozers.

Most of us wouldn't recognize it now - the trees are gone and the site will be gone soon. Since we cannot save the site, we need your help in saving the artifacts. Come out Tuesday - Saturday, 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. to collect, map and measure. Truckloads of soil will eventually need your screening and cleaning attention.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to new members DIANNE THILMONT, RUTH GAUSTAD, CHRISTINE NEWMAN, PHYLIS TANNEN, TIM MURPHY and MARCIA PORTELA. See you on July 18th!!

NEWS FROM NAPLES

The Southwest Florida Archeological Society has some interesting items planned for July and has invited us to join them.

July 12 - Walking Survey of Bonita Bay - meet at Charlie Strader's house at 1:00 p.m.  
Call Charlie at (813)992-6133 for directions.

July 20 - Chokoloskee Reconnaissance - meet at Carnes Town Welcome Station, US 29 & 41  
at 9:45 a.m.

We need to let John Beriault know to expect us for either outing. Let's go!

HEALTH

Taken from The Florida Market Bulletin,  
April 15, 1986, Vol. 29, No.8.

The illness is rare, and a fatal result is uncommon, but the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitave Services is warning garders and others who handle soil, decaying vegetation and plants of a fungus that can cause considerable trouble. It is associated with sphagnum moss.

The fungus is present worldwide in soils and on plants, and is called Sporotrrix schenkii, which produces sporotrichosis. The disease is usually of the skin and often begins on hands or feet as a nodule, which spreads and may soften to form an ulcer. Arthritis, inflammation of the lung or abdominal infections also may follow but are rare.

Sporotrichosis may be introduced through the skin by pricks of thorns or barbs, by handling sphagnum moss or by slivers of wood. Farmers, gardeners, forestry workers and horticulturists appear to be at most risk.

Many physicians are not familiar with this disease and some cases may go undiagnoses, so prevention is the best policy. Workers handling sphagnum moss should wear gloves. Indoor storage of all sphagnum moss is recommended, with storage and packing areas scrubbed monthly with a disinfectant. All lumber used in industries where the disease occurs should be treated with a fungicide.

ANOTHER PROJECTILE POINT/KNIFE REPORTED

In the December issue of The Florida Anthropologist, Paul M. Lien describes an atypical projectile point/knife found in the Withlacoochee River (Citrus County) and he asks for information on similar specimens found in Florida.

I have written him about two very similar knives found in the St. John's River flood plain near Welaka, Florida. Although the specimens were found in my presence, I no longer have access to them for measurements. However, I remember them as a similar size and style but of a chert which was a uniform russet-brown in color, unlike that found in the Withlacoochee.

We have duplicated Paul Lien's sketch of the Withlacoochee point/knife hoping that our readers may report other finds.

Sue Goldman



ANSWERS: ARCHEOLOGY I

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RABOTAGE E

COMING SOON: ARCHEOLOGY II

The Florida Anthropological Society (FAS) is a state-wide organization made up of professionals and non-professionals interested in Florida archeology and anthropology. The FAS has yearly meetings that provide a forum for scientific papers in these fields. The FAS publishes a quarterly journal, The Florida Anthropologist.

I've made a copy of the FAS membership application for those interested.

JOIN/REJOIN THE FLORIDA ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY

For those of you who are not yet members of our Society, I have included a copy of our membership application form which may be photocopied and sent to our Membership Secretary along with a check or money order made payable to the Florida Anthropological Society. You do not have to be a resident of Florida to belong to our Society. Your membership serves as your subscription to this journal.

Please remember to renew your membership in January to be sure that you receive your March issue on time. Also, please remember to notify us promptly if you have changed or will be changing your address in February-March, May-June, August-September or November-December to avoid a delay in receiving your issues of The Florida Anthropologist as they will be returned postage due to us and then must be forwarded to your new address. Also, please notify us if you will be placing a temporary hold on your mail during that time as issues sent to members with temporary mail holds have been returned to us as undeliverable, and must be re-mailed at a later date. Your cooperation and support is appreciated.

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- Donation or Gift
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  - Patron (\$100.00)
  - Institutional (\$15.00)
  - Life (\$150.00)
- Mail Application to:  
Membership Secretary  
Florida Anthropological Society  
P.O. Box 1013  
Tallahassee, FL 32302

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Louis D. Tesar, Editor  
The Florida Anthropologist

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- August 4: August Board of Directors meeting
- August 15: August Membership meeting



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