



# The Archaeological Society of Southern Florida



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## THE RAILROAD BETWEEN FLORIDA CITY AND KEY LARGO



Bob Naumann has worked and lived in the area between Florida City and Key Largo for the past thirty years. Bob previously owned businesses at MM 112.5 and MM115, and he has developed his fledgling interest in the area into a slide presentation entitled, "The 18 Mile Stretch of Railroad Between Florida City and Key Largo: Its History and the Effect on the Ecology of Florida Bay."

Bob will discuss everything from the initial reason for building the railroad, to present day issues, including the ecological impact. His enlightening talk will include informative handouts.

Please mark you calendars to hear Bob Naumann speak next Thursday, February 13, at 7:30 p.m. Location address: Atlantic Radio & Telephone office building  
 2495 N.W. 35th Avenue

Please contact Barbara Tansey at (305) 633-9636 for directions.  
 Hope to see you there!

The **Florida Museum of Natural History** has opened a new collection showcasing Florida's Ice Age fossils called, "Tusks: Ice Age Florida's Mammoths and Mastodons."

This is a traveling exhibit which includes: the most ancient Florida elephant relatives (Proboscideans), ancestral Shovel-tuskers, the largest fossil Proboscidean found in Florida, a full-sized mastodon skeleton, a baby Dima replica, infant Florida mastodon, Ice-age neighbors, paleontological research at UF, artifacts made by ice age humans, cypress past and present.



You can locate show sites on their website, [www.flmnh.ufl.edu/tusks](http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/tusks), and the museum is asking that people contact Charlene Smith at 352-840-2000, x-213, with suggestions for possible locations to share this exhibit. Any location needs to be secure and climate controlled.

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## 2003 Archaeology Fair

March is Archaeology Month, and once again we will be holding our annual Archaeology Fair. This year's fair will be held at the newly opened **Pioneer Museum** in Florida City (826 N. Krome Ave). Volunteers are always needed. Call Barbara at 305-633-9636 if you can lend a hand. Mark the date on your calendar, Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup> and we hope to see you there.

### F.A.S. NEWS

Carter Burrus, ASSF board member and F.A.S. (Florida Anthropological Society) Representative, attended the F.A.S. quarterly meeting in Orlando on January 18<sup>th</sup>. The 2003 F.A.S. Conference will be held May 9 -12 in Tallahassee. Look for information regarding registration and hotel accommodations in upcoming newsletters.

### JUST A REMINDER...

**Have you paid your dues for 2003?** Membership fees are due in January. Please mail you're your payment to ASSF (address on the back page, Attn: Barbara Tansey), or bring your payment to the next meeting and deliver to our Treasurer, Brian Conesa.

**ASSF monthly meetings** are held the second Thursday of each month. Location: Atlantic Radio & Telephone, 2495 NW 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 7:30 pm. Call Barbara at 305-633-9636 for directions.

### Upcoming speakers:

*March* - Mario Ferrante

*April* - Dr. Harry Iceland

*May* - Dr. Traci Ardren I

If you know a potential speaker you'd like to refer to ASSF, please contact Beth Read at [W4YIH@earthlink.net](mailto:W4YIH@earthlink.net) or Pat Cervi at [pcerv@msn.com](mailto:pcerv@msn.com) to submit suggestions.

## PIONEER MUSEUM OPENS

The Pioneer Museum, located 826 N. Krome Ave., in Florida City is now open Friday nights from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. It's a "Work in Progress." Displays are being completed and the hours/days that they are open will be gradually be expanded. The museum is still in need of someone to take charge of the Veterinary cabinet, the Business Machine display case, the Ladies' Accessories display case, and a Black History display. To volunteers please call Terry or Bob Naumann at 305-242-0144.

### FLORIDA PIONEER MUSEUM ASSOCIATION

#### ≧LECTURE SERIES≦

Lectures will be held in Homestead's Historic District, at the Old Town Hall Museum, 41 N. Krome Avenue. Scheduled Dates:

Feb. 12 - Fort Mose: Free Black Town in the Spanish Frontier by Darcie MacMahon

Mar. 12 - Historic Churches of the Area by Mar Anne Munz, Terry Naumann, and Libby Neale

Apr. 9 - The Seminole Wars: America's First Vietnam by Joe Crankshaw

Lectures are **free**, open to the public, and preceded by a short business meeting which begins at 7:00 p.m.



### ASSF Member Honored

The City of Ft. Lauderdale honored longtime ASSF member Ann Murray by naming a greenway after her, located at the northern end of SW 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, on the south side of the New River.

The dedication ceremony was held on Sat., Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm, - just 5 days before her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday!

Ann was honored for her many contributions and years of involvement within the community. She serves on many boards, and has been instrumental in much behind the scene conservation work over the years that has impacted south Florida.

**Florida Anthropological Society**  
**FAS membership application/renewal form**

YES, I want to join **FAS**. I enclose \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- INDIVIDUAL, \$25    FAMILY, \$30    INSTITUTIONAL, \$25  
 SUSTAINING, \$40 OR MORE    PATRON, \$100    LIFE, \$500

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Mail to: Stacy Hopper  
 1603 Watrous Drive  
 Titusville, Florida 32780

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA**

**ASSF membership application/renewal form**

I have read and will abide by the Objectives and Code of Ethics of ASSF listed below, and I wish to apply for membership.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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- CHECK ONE:**    New Member    Renewal  
**CHECK ONE:**    Individual (\$20)    Family (\$25)

Mail to: Barbara Tansey  
 2495 N.W. 35<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
 Miami, Fl 33142

**ASSF CODE OF ETHICS:**

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 the property of the Society.

**ASSF 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 benefit.

**RETURN ADDRESS:**

The Archaeological Society of Southern Florida  
 Barbara Tansey, President  
 2495 NW 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
 Miami, Florida 33142

**FIRST CLASS**



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**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm,  
 at 2495 N.W. 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue

**SPEAKER:** Bob Naumann

Railroad Between Florida City and Key Largo

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