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Our next meeting

The Gold Coast Railroad Museum presented by Dr. Michael Hall

Join us to hear Dr. Michael Hall, Executive Director, present the history of the Gold Coast Railroad Museum. Beginning with a concise geological history of this unique area that the museum now occupies, Dr. Hall will share information about the previous usage of this property, from the Richmond Sawmill to the Richmond Naval station, to its current status as the Gold Coast RR Museum.

Michael Hall obtained his B.A. from Illinois College, a Master of Arts degree from Western Illinois State University, and his Doctorate of Arts degree from Purdue University. His prior career experience included Executive Director of the Montgomery County Historical Society, Curator of both the Henry Lane Governor's Mansion and the Cultural Foundation Art Museum, and Historic Site Manager for a farm & wildlife site.

Please mark your calendar for Thursday, March 11th, 7:30 p.m., at the usual venue.

ASSF monthly meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at Atlantic Radio & Telephone, 2495 NW 35th Ave, 7:30 pm. Call Barbara at 305-633-9636 for directions. If you have a speaker you'd like to suggest for a future meeting please contact Beth Read at W4YIH@earthlink.net or Pat Cervi at pcervi@msn.com.

JOIN FAS - ASSF members are strongly encouraged to join the Florida Anthropological Society, or renew their membership if currently a member. The membership form is on the back of this newsletter. We are required to have a percentage of the ASSF members in the FAS, as required by our bylaws.

2004 Archaeology Fair

- What? This year's Archaeology Fair
- When? On Sunday, March 28th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Where? Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 S.W. 72nd Avenue, Miami
- Why? Because we need you to offer assistance answering questions at our tables and display
- How? Circle the date, or program the event date in your P.D.A., and plan to attend

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From the Lord Family to all of our friends in ASSF:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all so very much for everything you did for our family after Big Jim's passing. Words cannot begin to express how very much it meant to us to have your support and prayers. The beautiful flowers, cards, notes and food were so greatly appreciated during our difficult time.

Many of you may not know this, but Jim was not a "joiner" of clubs or groups, he preferred to remain on the outside. However, when he "discovered" ASSF, he immediately signed up as a member and from then on he relished his newfound friendships and considered them like a close family with a common bond of history and nostalgia (which he enjoyed so much).

We want to especially thank you for the wonderful newsletter you did in memory of Jim. We cannot begin to let you know how much we were comforted as you shared your stories and memories of Jim and to learn of how he touched each of your lives in some way.

Please know that the Lord family will be forever grateful for all you did for us and to please remember Jim with a smile and a warming in your heart.

A life well lived doesn't end anymore than history does – it echoes through time with whispers of remembrance and if we listen closely with our hearts, we can feel the imprint left behind.

**With love,
Joanne, Tammy and Jim Jr.**

News From the Desk of Gary Beiter...

Volunteers are currently needed at the Deering Estate on Wednesdays and Fridays until October 4th for fieldwork. On February 7th a cache of tools was discovered and retrieved for analysis by Gary. Members of our society and the Mayan Institute assisted.

Fieldwork
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Of Special Interest

Centuries of Commerce is a collection of rare and beautifully illustrated books and documents dating back 1000 years, linking Spain and Florida. Also available are lectures and films. To learn more call 954.262.6110 or, on the web, www.nsulaw.nova.edu. Centuries of Commerce is on exhibition at the Nova Law Center, in Davie until April 4, 2004.

THE ICE AGE RETURNS!

FOSSILFEST 2004!

JANUARY 25, 2004, TAMPA - The Ice Age invades the Florida State Fairgrounds on March 13th and 14th, 2004 when the Tampa Bay Fossil Club presents the 17th annual **FossilFest 2004!**

Prehistoric remains of Lions, tigers, bears, and SHARKS.

Lions and tiger and bears, and SHARKS, will be just some of the fossilized remains on display during the annual event. Prehistoric sharks will be the featured fossil at FossilFest. FossilFest will present lectures by Dr. Gordon Hubble from the *Discovery Channel's, Shark Week* and other prominent shark experts. Club members will display museum quality specimens found right here in Florida's abundant fossil record. There will be vendors from all over the world on hand to display and sell fossils as well.

Native American Artifacts on display:

Artifacts from Florida's prehistoric Indians will be on also be on display.

Children's Fossil Mine:

The highlight of FossilFest is always the children's fossil mine where kids get the opportunity to dig for their very own fossils!

Dr. Gordon Hubble from the *Discovery Channel's, Shark Week*:

Dr. Gordon Hubble is considered to be one of the countries leading authorities on prehistoric and modern sharks and will lecture on both Saturday and Sunday. Dr. Hubble has been featured in three editions of the *Discovery Channels, Shark Week*. The children's sand mine and discovery table are always a hit. For a nominal fee, children can dig for their very own fossils. Club members will be on hand to help children identify their treasures and bag them up for the trip home. That's right, the kids get to keep what they find! Displays by club members will feature fossils found right here in Florida. Artifacts from Florida's prehistoric people are always a big hit too. FossilFest hours are: 9 AM until 6 PM on Saturday and 9 AM until 4 PM on Sunday.

There will be free hourly door prizes, raffle prizes, and a silent auction. Florida Blood Services will also be on hand to take donations.

Admission: Adults \$4.00, Children 12 and under FREE with paying adult. FossilFest will be held in the Special Events Center at the Florida State Fairgrounds located at the intersection of US 301 and Interstate 4, just east of Tampa.

Mayan Society News

Mayan Institute: At the general meeting on March 17th, Dr. Chalon Rodriguez will have slides, musical instruments, and music played on actual antique instruments from the Maya and Aztec cultures. Dr. Rodriguez is currently working at the Museum of Natural History in the Department of Anthropology. On Wed., March 24th, the meeting on **Art, Archaeology & Travel** will feature Marta Barber. Her topic is Copan - Athens of the Maya. New discoveries and plans to improve the infrastructure are making this Honduran site one of great interest.

The General meetings are held on the 3rd Wed., and the meetings on Art, Archaeology & travel are on the fourth Wednesdays.

Both are at 8:00 PM at the Museum of Science across from Viscaya. The general meeting includes light refreshments and a \$5 donation is requested of non-members. The AA&T meeting is held in a classroom and a \$2 donation is requested. You can check us out at our website: www.mayastudies.com.

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

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____
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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 _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____
 Zip Code _____
 Phone (w) _____ (h) _____

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

Mail to: Barbara Tansey
 2495 N.W. 35th 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.

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NEXT MEETING: Thursday, March 11, 7:30 pm,
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