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A TRIP TO THE TALLAPOOSA RIVER COUNTRY: SUMMER MEETING 1985

PROGRAM: To assist anthropologists from Auburn University (both Auburn and Montgomery) and the University of Alabama in the investigation of a multi-component archaeological site in Elmore County.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 1985

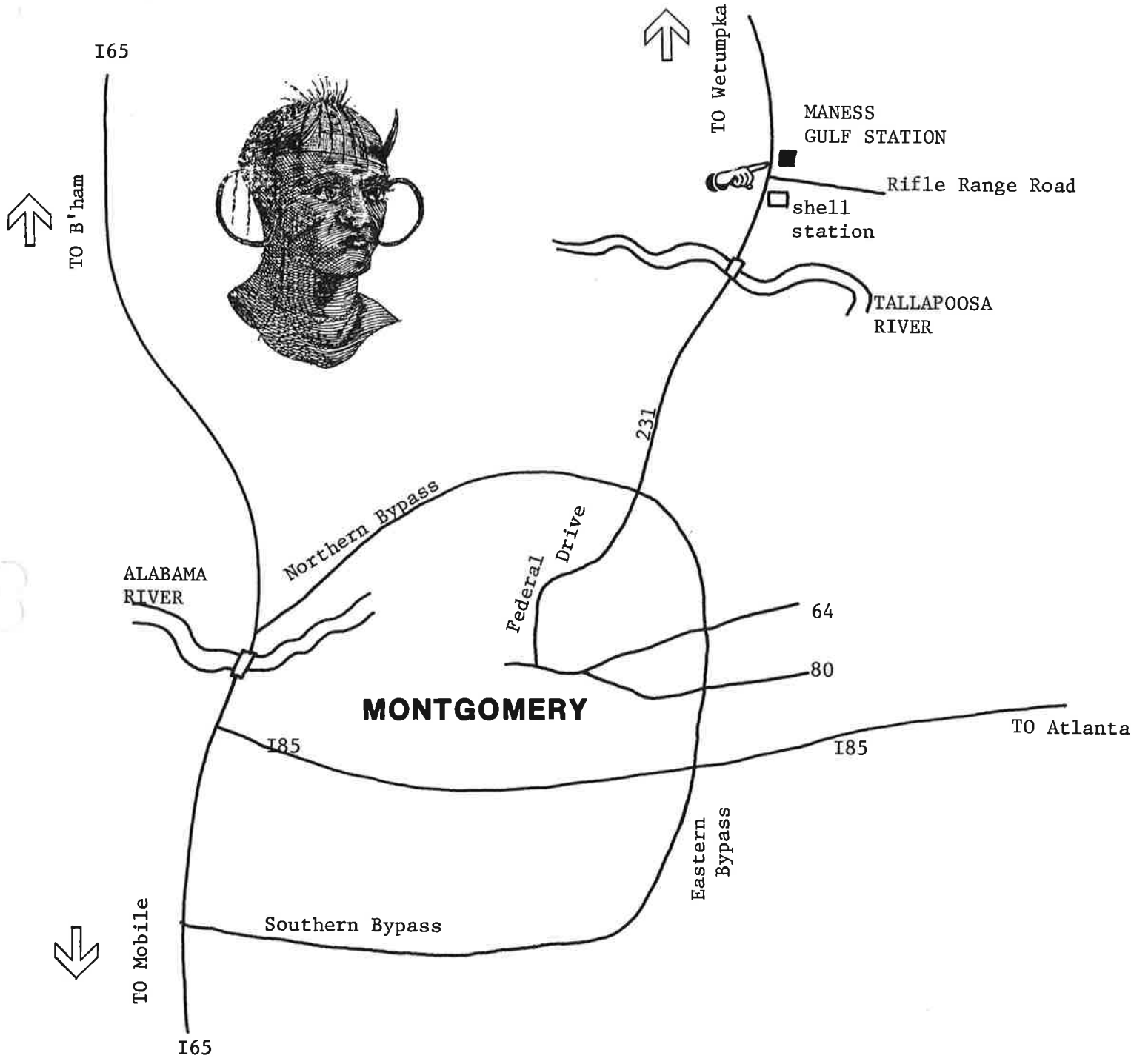
- 7:30-12:00 Meet at Maness Gulf Station, Highway 231, for directions to site.
- 8:00-12:00 Investigations at Site 1EE191.
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch (Bring your own).
- 1:00-2:00 Program on the archaeology of the Tallapoosa River Valley and Fusihatchee. (2:00-3:00 Board of Directors Meeting).
- 2:00-4:30 Continued investigations of site.
- 4:30-5:30 Summary of day's activities.
- 6:30 Supper at the Hotel Talisi, Tallasee, Alabama.

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 1985

- 7:30-8:30 Meet at Maness Gulf Station, Highway 231, for directions to site.
- 8:00-12:00 Continued investigations of site.

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS AND COMMENTS:

1. We will meet at the Maness Gulf Station at the junction of Rifle Range Road and Highway 231 (see map). This station is about 3 miles north of the Montgomery Northern Bypass. The site is about 5 miles away, but this is the most convenient meeting place. Someone will be at this station from about 7:30 to 12:00 on Saturday and from about 7:30 to 8:30 on Sunday with directions to the site.
2. To make your visit an enjoyable experience, and also of assistance to archaeology, you will need to consider the following points:
 - A. Bring food for lunch and snacks as its a long way to any store.
 - B. Don't forget something to drink. Some water will be available, but we don't want to run out.
 - C. The site is open so dress as you wish, but don't forget you have come to work. Work shoes, a hat and gloves are often necessary items. Likewise, long pants and a long sleeved shirt provides protection from the sun.
 - D. Please bring your own trowel and any other small tools you may wish to use. Shovels and screens will be provided.
 - E. Other suggested personal items you may wish to bring include: camera, film, sun-glasses, notebook, pencils, aspirins, suntan lotion, band-aids, handkerchief, and insect repellent.
3. Saturday night we will have an informal buffet supper of home cooked food, all you can eat, at the Hotel Talisi in Tallassee, Alabama. Cost of the buffet is \$6.00 per adult. Some of you may wish to stay overnight at this hotel, and accomodations are nice and run: single for \$16 and double for \$20.50. Reservations may be made by calling 205-283-2769. The other motel in town is the Tallassee Motor Inn (205-283-5752) with a single for \$18 and double for \$20. Tallasee is about 20 miles from the archaeological site, and maps to the hotel will be available at the dig. Those who wish less quaint lodging may want to stay in the eastern bypass area of Montgomery. No formal program will be presented at the buffet, but we will have a room available for our group meal.
4. Individuals directing the research at 1EE191 include Dr. Greg Waselkov (Auburn University and Auburn University, Montgomery), Dr. Craig Sheldon, Jr. (Auburn University, Montgomery), Dr. Ken Turner (University of Alabama), and Dr. John Cottier (Auburn University). Please feel free to ask them questions about any aspects of work at this important site. Likewise, remember your efforts can make an important contribution to a better understanding of the archaeology of Alabama. YOUR HELP WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.
5. IF POSSIBLE, please let Baker Dean (Box 508, Opelika, AL 36801) or John Cottier (Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Auburn University, Alabama 36849) know if you plan to attend. This will help provide the best allocations of resources.



TVA FORUM ON ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

A forum is tentatively scheduled for May 21 to review TVA plans for protection of archaeological resources. Mr. J. Bennett Graham, Chief Archaeologist, Cultural Resources Program, will be the principal spokesman for TVA. The meeting will be at 7 p.m. Arrangements are presently being made for a meeting location at one of the public schools in Huntsville.

This meeting will be of major interest to A. A. S. members in the North Alabama region; however, all interested parties are invited to attend. As soon as arrangements are firm, a news release will be issued and information will be provided to chapter presidents. Further details can also be obtained from Jim Lee - evenings - at 881-0527.

Jim Lee
Huntsville

REACTIVATION OF MONTGOMERY CHAPTER

"I'm seriously considering an attempt to rejuvenate the Montgomery Chapter of the A. A. S. Could you please run a notice in the next 'Stones & Bones' asking anyone in this area to contact me by letter, or by phone, if they are interested in an active chapter here in and around Montgomery. I would like to hear from people and receive input as to how often the local chapter should meet (every month, every other month - ?), what night (or day), and where - probably we can get a place at Auburn University at Montgomery."

Arthur E. Page, Jr.
Montgomery

Editor's Note:

The above extract of a letter received from Arthur indicates he is willing to take the lead in reactivating the Montgomery Chapter. This is what it takes - for someone willing to make the effort and follow through. All you good folks in the Montgomery area get in touch with Arthur and get the chapter going again. Contact him at: 2821 Marti Lane; Montgomery, Alabama 36116 (Phone 288-5221).

CHAPTER NEWS

Birmingham Chapter

The April meeting was an open house at the UAB Archaeology Laboratory. Dr. Brian Hesse and Dr. Roger Nance led the discussion.

Annette Otts

Cullman Chapter

The program this month was given by Mr. Houston Wright of Huntsville, who talked on "New Evidence of Paleo Indian Man". Houston had numerous slides on the latest finds in South America and Alaska on Paleo man. He has also given this talk to the Muscle Shoals Chapter and to the Huntsville Chapter.

Howard King

Huntsville Chapter

The Huntsville Chapter held a dinner meeting on April 16 at Twickenham Station restaurant. Charles and Mary-Eliza Moore from Florence were the speakers; their topic was "Four Corners Sites". The Four Corners area covers parts of New Mexico, Utah, Arizona and Colorado. Charles and Mary-Eliza have made several trips to this area over the past few years.

The Huntsville Chapter meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. The May chapter meeting will be the TVA Forum on Archaeological Resources mentioned elsewhere in this issue of Stones & Bones.

Dorothy Luke

Muscle Shoals Chapter

The Muscle Shoals Chapter held its April meeting on the 8th at the Indian Mound Museum in Florence. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ditto of Muscle Shoals brought a slide presentation of archaeological sites in Sicily. The main feature was cave paintings, probably by Cro-Magnon man, about 14,000 years ago. These interesting paintings were recently discovered in a small cave in Northern Sicily.

The next meeting will be held on May 13 at 7:15 p.m. at the Indian Mound Museum in Florence.

Charles Moore

COUNCIL ON ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGY

The Council on Alabama Archaeology will hold its next meeting in conjunction with the Alabama Historical Commission's Annual Preservation Conference on Friday, June 7, at 4:15 p.m. in the State Capitol in Montgomery. This will be the Council's annual open meeting, and everyone interested in archaeology is invited to attend. The meeting will be followed by a barbecue at Lucas Tavern in the Old North Hull Street Historic District at 7 p.m. The barbecue costs \$15 per person and includes all the barbecue you can eat, draft beer, and a dixieland band. Those interested

in attending the barbecue should submit \$15 no later than May 31 to McDonald Brooms at the Alabama Historical Commission; 725 Monroe Street; Montgomery, Alabama 36130. Checks should be made out to Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery.

McDonald Brooms
Montgomery

Good News from the Archaeological Resources Committee

At the regular board meeting of the Alabama Archaeological Society it was passed that depending upon availability of funding, up to two research grants not to exceed \$1,000.00 each be allotted to any qualified professional or amateur archaeologist who presents the Alabama Archaeological Society with a worthy project proposal.

At this same board meeting one grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 was given to John Cottier at Auburn University to assist in the emergency excavation of the former Historic Creek Town of Fusihatchee. Further plans are underway for a field school and an AAS summer meeting to be held at this important site.

For the benefit of the AAS Membership I am presenting information about the grants. I am hopeful that this will be a beginning for the society to again participate in "hands on" archaeology both in volunteer activities and through your contributions.

Criteria for Alabama Archaeological Society Research Grant

1. Research should be significant to Alabama history or prehistory.
2. Members of the Alabama Archaeological Society should be involved in some predetermined fashion.
3. The project should involve matching funds from some other source.
4. The project should have low administrative costs (i.e. little or no overhead or indirect costs).

Please note that the last two criteria are not necessary for the project's approval, but are preferable.

Areas of Research Interest

The following list has been provided to indicate areas suitable for funding through these grants:

1. Accredited field schools (this type project would receive the highest funding preference).

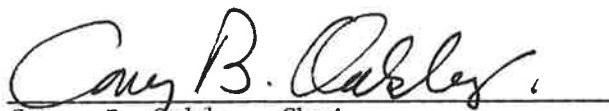
2. Research on prior Alabama Archaeological Society sponsored projects (i.e. Stanfield-Worley Bluff Shelter).
3. Specific surveys performed by amateur archaeologists in cooperation with a professional sponsor.
4. Research on endangered sites not normally covered by other funding means (i.e. a site being destroyed by cultivation).
5. Other projects not covered above will be considered.

All proposals will be evaluated by the Archaeological Resources Committee and recommendations will be made to the President of the Alabama Archaeological Society and then for board approval. Each proposal will be submitted by a professional archaeologist or by a qualified amateur co-sponsored by a professional. Any committee member interested in applying for this grant will abstain from the review and selection process.

While the end results of these awards will probably vary, it will be necessary for the grant recipient to present his findings at the annual meeting of the Alabama Archaeological Society. Also, where practical a report suitable for publication will be made available to the editor of the Journal for possible publication.

We hope that the grant recipients will assist the Alabama Archaeological Society in publicizing this research in order to increase the interest in and financial support of this program.

PLEASE NOTE:! These grants are presently outside our normal operating budget and in order for us to continue these grants then contributions to the Society will be necessary. Send your check today!


Carey B. Oakley, Chairman
Archaeological Resources Committee,
Alabama Archaeological Society

ARCHEOFEST 1985

ARCHEOFEST 1985 will be held May 18-19, 1985 at the Pinson Mounds State Archaeological Area; Pinson, Tennessee. Museum hours are Monday to Saturday: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday: 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Editors

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Available issues of <i>Journal of Alabama Archaeology</i> Vol. 20-29 each issue	(\$2.50 to Members) \$5.00 pp
<i>Stanfield-Worley Bluff Shelter Excavations</i> (Journal of Alabama Archaeology) Vol. VIII Nos. 1 & 2 - Reprint, each issue	\$5.00 pp
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Lively, Long, Josselyn - <i>Pebble Tool Paper</i>	\$3.00 pp
<i>Investigations in Russell Cave</i> , published by the National Park Service	\$7.50 pp
<i>Exploring Prehistoric Alabama through Archaeology</i> (Juvenile)	\$7.00 pp

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SEND CHECKS TO: **MR. EUGENE FUTATO, Office of Archaeological Research**

1 Mound State Monument, Moundville, Alabama 35474

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