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A.A.S. SUMMER MEETING

As a late reminder, plan to attend the summer meeting of the Alabama Archaeological Society. The meeting will be held at the excavation site of Smith Bottom Cave on Saturday, June 17, and Sunday, June 18. Smith Bottom Cave is located approximately eight miles west of Florence. This multi-component cave site seems to get more interesting each summer, so come participate (or watch) in what may prove to be a very outstanding excavation.

Groups will depart from the entrance of the Best Western Executive Inn on South Court Street, Florence, at 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. on June 17.

If you would like to stay at the Best Western Executive Inn, their number for reservations is 205/766-2331. Their rates are \$31.95 plus tax for one and \$36.95 for a room for two. There is a nice restaurant there, as well as a large swimming pool. You may, however, want to camp at the site, as a number of the crew will camp there from June 6 until August 12.

The agenda for the weekend is as follows:

- 9:00 a.m. - excavation begins
- 12:00 noon - one-hour lunch break (bring your own lunch; drinks will be provided)
- 1:00 p.m. - Board of Directors meeting
- 4:15 p.m. - excavation ends
- 5:30 p.m. - fish fry hosted by the Muscle Shoals Chapter
- 7:30 p.m. - talk and slide show on the site by Dr. Boyce Driskell

Sunday, June 18

- 10:00 a.m. - tour of the Indian Mound and Museum by Charles Moore
- 11:00 a.m. - excavation resumes (optional)

Charles Moore

June 1989

CHAPTER NEWS

Cullman County

Our program for April was given by Howard King concerning the 1959-60 digs at the Stanfield Worley Bluff Shelter by the Alabama Archaeological Society and The University of Alabama. There were several displays shown by Dewitt Coleman and Ron Morrow. Eulis King and Howard King showed some recently found artifacts. We had a good meeting, enjoyed by all present; it was a pleasant change to be meeting in Hartselle.

The May program was given by Mr. Houston Wright of Huntsville. He has spoken to us several times in the past, and each time has had an outstanding program presentation. He spoke on the Wells Creek Crater, located in Tennessee along the Cumberland River.

Howard King

East Alabama

Dr. Robert Cook of the Department of Geology, Auburn University, was the speaker at our April 12 meeting. He presented a program on the early history of gold mining in North Georgia and the physical evidence from that period that can still be seen today. Our speaker for May was Dr. James Dobie, Department of Zoology and Wildlife Science, Auburn University, who discussed the interpretation of animal remains and bone artifacts recovered at archaeological sites.

Members of our chapter recently made a trip to the Etowah Mounds at Cartersville, Georgia; visited a soapstone site at Carrolton, Georgia; and attended the special lectures and other activities at Horseshoe Bend National Military Park commemorating the 175th anniversary of the Battle of Horseshoe Bend. The East Alabama Chapter meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the Alabama Power Company in Auburn.

Gary R. Mullen

Huntsville Chapter

The Huntsville Chapter meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Huntsville Public Library. The public is welcome.

The May chapter program was a presentation by Ms. Lori Fanning of the Madison County Tourism Board. Ms. Fanning showed slides of old buildings in Huntsville and discussed the Huntsville Pilgrimage, held the second week in April each year. Dr. Boyce Driskell is scheduled to be the speaker at the June chapter meeting.

Dorothy Luke

Fayette Chapter

The Fayette Chapter sponsored a display of Indian art and artifacts at the Fayette Civic Center April 16. Joe Sanford, President of the Fayette Chapter, said about 20 exhibitors displayed their private artifact collections.

Arrowheads, beads, pottery, tools and flints, many discovered in the Fayette area, were included in the displays.

Joe Sanford

Muscle Shoals Chapter

The Muscle Shoals Chapter held its March meeting on the 13th at the Indian Mound Museum in Florence. Twenty-four members and guests attended. Dr. Joe and Nancy Copeland presented a slide narration of the Poverty Point site in Louisiana. They had visited there last winter and reported this interesting site.

The April 10 meeting was a lecture by Col. William L. McDonald. Col. McDonald is the Chairman of the Florence Historical Board. This Board oversees the three museums in Florence, promotes buildings, sites and districts for listing on the National Register, places historic markers and keeps the city archives. Col. McDonald summarized local Indian history, then discussed outstanding Indians from the area, including Doublehead, a Cherokee Chief; Big Foot, a Creek leader; and George Colbert, a Chickasaw chief. Eighteen members and guests attended.

On May 8 Charles Moore presented a program on point identification. The nomenclature of points and chipping techniques were discussed. Then slides of 80 point types were shown, identified and discussed. Twenty-one members and guests attended.

The June meeting will be the Summer Meeting of the State Society. Members will bring covered dishes, etc., and assist in the fish fry on June 17.

Charles Moore

U.A.B. ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD SCHOOL

Summer 1989 - eight weeks, 5 days a week - June 5 to July 28. Will take place on the Mulberry Fork of the Black Warrior River in southern Cullman County. For further information, contact the instructor, Dr. Roger Nance; Department of Anthropology; 338 Ullman Building, U.A.B. Station; Birmingham, Alabama 35294 (205/934-3508).

THE EXPEDITION IN SEARCH OF FOSSIL WHALES

Help the State Museum collect whales and other unique fossils from one of the most important fossil localities in North America - the "Zeuglodon Beds" of Washington, Choctaw and Clarke counties. Help excavate portions of the state fossil, 60-foot-long *Basilosaurus*, and his 20-foot cousin, *Zygorhiza*. Search for extinct manatees or sea cows and mastodons and other Ice Age mammals.

Museum Expedition No. 11, for high school students, teachers and parents, will take place in Choctaw County, Alabama from June 18 to July 15. For more information contact the State Museum of Natural History; Box 870340; The University of Alabama; Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35487-0340; 205/348-7550.

FIELD TRIP TO BLUE HOLE SITE AT HOLLY FARM

On Saturday, June 10, the Anniston Museum of Natural History will sponsor a trip to the recently discovered Blue Hole Site at Holly Farm near Anniston, Alabama. The site tentatively appears to have been a Woodland village, over 1,000 years old.

This special program will begin in the Museum auditorium at 8:30 a.m. with a slide presentation by Museum Registrar Deb Slaney. Ms. Slaney will discuss the prehistory of Alabama and show slides of artifacts from the Museum's permanent collection. Following the lecture, participants will travel in vans to the Blue Hole Site for an interpretive tour by Dr. Harry Holstein of JSU and JSU graduate assistant Chris Hill. The group will return to the Museum by 12:00 noon. A participatory fee of \$3.00 for Museum League Members and \$5.00 for nonmembers will be charged. Please call 237-6766 for reservations as soon as possible.

This program is also intended to be a source of information for those who wish to participate in the Archaeology Field School at Blue Hole, which will be offered through the Museum between June 12 and July 11. For more information, please call Deb Slaney at 237-6766.

SOUTHEASTERN ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE MEETING

The 51st annual meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference will be held in Tampa, Florida from November 8 to 11, 1989, at the Harbour Island Hotel (Phone 813/229-5000). Hotel rooms are all \$75/night. Abstracts for symposia and papers are due August 31, 1989. For abstract forms and further information, contact Nancy White; Department of Anthropology; University of South Florida; Tampa, Florida 33620; 813/974-2209 or 974-3231.

HERNANDO DE SOTO NATIONAL TRAIL STUDY
SUMMARY OF PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD BY THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 1988

Approximately 330 people attended public meetings held at 15 locations throughout the 10-state De Soto National Trail Study area. In addition to comments of meeting attendees, the National Park Service received written statements or requests for information from 60 people. All comments, both written and oral, supported designation of the De Soto expedition route as a national historic trail or other similar form of national recognition.

Although there was agreement regarding the national significance of the expedition, lively discussions occurred at numerous meetings with respect to the identification of De Soto's actual route. The discussions focused on two theorized routes: that route recommended by the De Soto Expedition in its final report of 1939, and the more recent route reconstructed by Dr. Charles Hudson et al.

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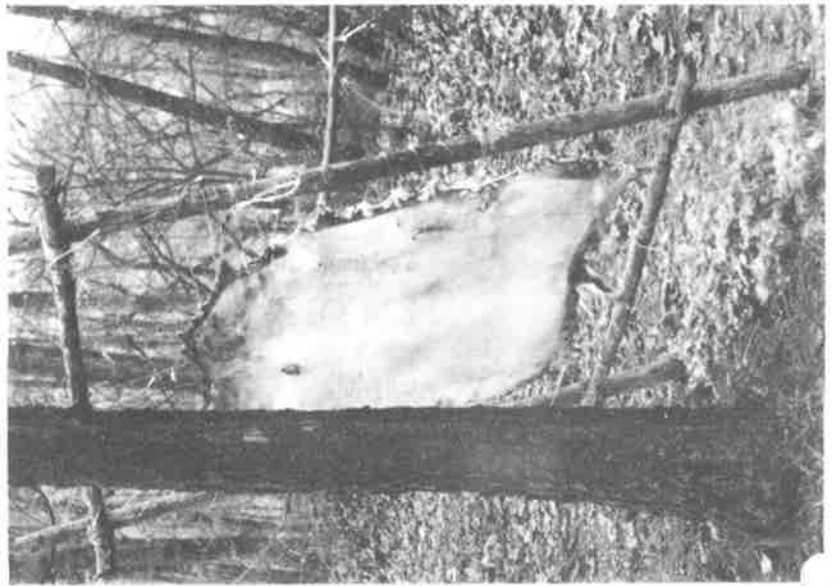
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Amos Wright
Chairman, Archives



INDIAN DAY - RUSSELL CAVE - April 15, 1989
 Clockwise from upper left: Tamara Beane of
 Bridgeport demonstrates Native American cooking,
 using pots of her own making; Van King gives a
 demonstration of flintknapping; buckskin tanning.



ALABAMA INDIAN REUNION - Burritt Museum, Huntsville,
April 22, 1989

Clockwise from upper left: Patsy Hanvey of Gadsden demonstrates Native American pottery making; some of Patsy's pottery on display (some are Southwestern in style); Larry Beane, a Park Ranger at Russell Cave, demonstrates flintknapping.

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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<i>Handbook of Alabama Archaeology Part 1, Point Types</i>	\$10.00 pp
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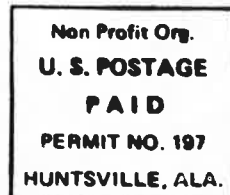
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