



Stones & Bones

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Cottonfield Meditations 11

Yesterday afternoon I took my walk through a cottonfield. These cottonfield walks are mostly for exercise. People my age need to walk regularly, and I tend to get bored walking around in circles. Being the kind of person I am, I cannot imagine getting my exercise by walking around in a mall!!

As I walked yesterday I kept my eyes on the ground looking for telltale chips of flint at a place I know where a few fluted points have been found. The site is visible as a thin scatter of flint debris extending over about an acre. As I searched the ground, I thought of another place about 20 miles away that has produced some similar artifacts, and I wondered what, if any, was the relationship between the people who left one site and the people who left the other. What kind of things bound neighboring groups of Paleoindians together? What made them friends?

Kinship is a thing that must have played a part. Brothers and their families must surely have sometimes hunted together, and sometimes camped together. Cousins may also have felt closely aligned. Perhaps, in Paleoindian times, the typical day-to-day community consisted of family. If they were like more recent hunter/gatherers, there were times during the year when they would be split apart in individual family units (father-mother-children) and other times when they would be gathered together in multi-family units (father-mother-brothers-sisters and their families).

Other than kinship, anthropologists recognize another kind of social unit that has a unifying affect that they call a sodality. A sodality is a group of people who come together to accomplish a goal. They do not necessarily live together, may not be related, but come together periodically to conduct their mutual interests. An archaeological society or a local chapter

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**The deadline for submissions for the May/June issue of
Stones & Bones is April 1st.**

might be thought of as a sodality. A garden club might be a sodality. Or a sorority. Since sodalities are outside of families, signs are needed to indicate membership, and to make membership significant. In some societies symbolic tattoos have been used. Perhaps certain kinds of atlatl weights, or certain feather arrangements served that function.

From time to time I have seen fluted points that were of an unusually large size, or were executed with particularly fine workmanship. I have looked at them and thought that surely the makers of these artifacts did not spend such particular care in crafting such a beautiful item, and then throw it away in a day-to-day hunting trip. Where I come from "that just don't make no sense!" I wonder if some of those exceptional artifacts are not some kind of totem or symbol signifying some status or membership in Paleoindian society? *Submitted by Charles Hubbert.*

AAS Winter Meeting

The AAS Winter meeting was held on December 3, 2005 at the Cullman City Auditorium. Several speakers discussed various topics to the attendees. Dan Allen gave a presentation about a large Archaic site that he has been excavating near Nashville TN. Reed Stowe gave two programs, one regarding the excavations and investigations during the 1960's involving the AAS and the University of Alabama; the other regarding the recent destruction of archaeological sites by Hurricane Katrina. Dr. Phil Carr discussed methods and approaches that could be used to better understand early archaic life ways across the southeast. Steven Meredith explained pre-historic lithic selection in southwest Alabama and Jason Gardner spoke about the archaic lithic assemblage at the Spanish Fort site. *Submitted by Howard King.*



Ed Kilborn & Teresa Paglione help fill out Silent Book Auction forms. The Silent Book Auction brought in over \$500.00!
Photo submitted by Van King.

AAS Board Meeting

The AAS Board of Directors held their first meeting of the year on January 23rd at the Shoney's in Clanton. The following resolution was passed:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alabama Archaeological Society recommends to the U.S. Congress the following amendment to existing cultural resource laws:

Licensed collectors that hunt cultural resources on United States controlled lands approved for surface collecting shall be allowed to collect and remove a cultural resource from the surface. "A cultural resource" shall be defined as any portable human made or modified artifact prior to 1950 excluding gold, silver or human bones. "From the surface" shall be defined as a cultural resource visible and partially protruding from the outer crust of the earth where the outer crust meets the atmosphere or water.

Any collector hunting cultural resources on United States property approved for surface collecting shall have a permit. Permits will be issued if the collector pays to attend a class taught by the U.S. government. This class will cover the Federal law, which lands are approved for surface collecting, the importance of labeling and give collectors forms to fill out and submit to a central data bank to identify and locate any finds. Collectors seeking permits will be encouraged to report all finds. Only professional archaeologists and the collector who reported the cultural resource can access the data bank as to that particular cultural resource unless the surface collector waives this provision in writing.

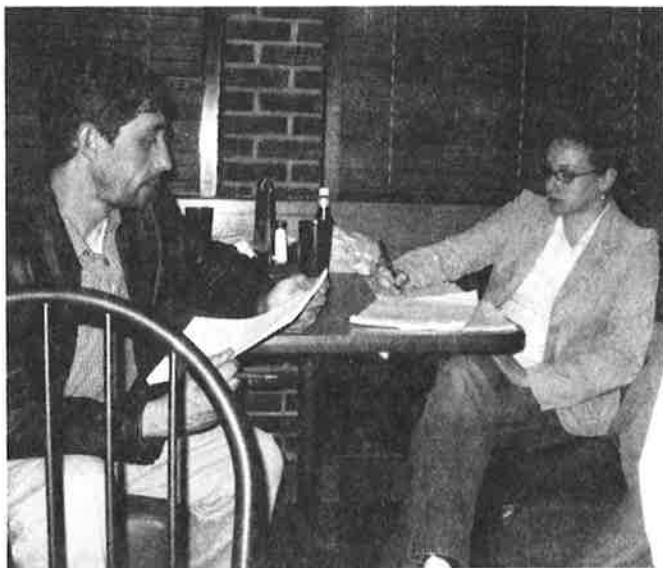
Board Establishes Cambron & Hulse Fund

At the January 23rd Board meeting, the Board voted to immediately pay the Cambron family and the Hulse family \$3,000.00 each (see the President's Message on page 16). This leaves us with a balance of \$2,500.00 owed to both families. In order to pay this debt, the Board of Directors established the Cambron & Hulse Fund. Please mail donations to:

**Cambron & Hulse Fund
Alabama Archaeological Society
13075 Moundville Archaeological Park
Moundville, AL 35474**

Journal of Alabama Archaeology 2005 & 2006

Due to the AAS's dire financial condition at the present time (see the President's Message on page 16) the Board of Directors voted at it's January 23rd meeting to publish only one volume of the *Journal of Alabama Archaeology* for 2005 and 2006. We are hopeful that we can return to publishing two volumes in 2007. The 2005 volume is ready to be mailed and you will be receiving it soon.



Steven Meredith & Ashley Dumas reviewing the resolution. *Photo by Hoyt Price.*



Howard King presiding over the board meeting.
Photo by Hoyt Price.

Visit the AAS website at: www.alabamaarchaeology.org

The information below will now be available on the website instead of in the Stones & Bones.

- Student Paper Awards
- AAS Scholarships
- Public Education Grants
 - Research Grants
- Back issues of the Journal of Alabama Archaeology & the Stones & Bones newsletter

AAS Summer Meeting

The AAS summer meeting will be held this year at Moundville State Park. Dr. John Blitz will be conducting excavations on Mound R and our members are invited to participate. In addition to the excavations, there will be a workshop on lithic raw materials from Alabama. The tentative date for the meeting is June 24, 2006. Be sure to check out the May/June issue of *Stones & Bones* for the exact date as well as further information about the meeting.

AAS Committees 2006

Archaeological Resource Committee

2006 – Teresa Paglione (Chairperson)
2007 – Duke Beasley & Amanda Regnier
2008 – Charles Hubbert & Richard Kilborn

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2007– Linda Derry (Chairperson)
2008– Van King

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Steven Meredith (2nd Vice President)

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Hoyt Price
Louise Scott
John Blitz

Law Review Committee

Gene Hamby (Chairperson)
Phil Carr
Teresa Paglione
Robbie Camp
Charles Moore
Hunter Johnson

Chapter News

Birmingham Chapter

At the January meeting, the Birmingham Chapter held its annual elections. Steven Meredith was elected President, Bob Wise was elected Treasurer, and Larry Bender was re-elected Secretary. Thanks are in order to Bill Fowler, outgoing president, for his work last year, as well as for serving as president in several previous years. Also, thanks to Billie Grey, who served as

treasurer for seven solvent years, who is leaving the role with the chapter in much better financial shape than when she took over.

After the elections, Bill Bomar of the Moundville Archaeological Park gave a summary of the prehistory of Moundville, the history of archaeological investigation there, and ongoing work being done to revitalize the park and museum at this very important site. A few members brought artifacts to the meeting for consideration by other members, including prehistoric bi-face chert performs found in a Birmingham area stream, a Quad projectile point found in Talladega County, and Alexander culture pottery from Marshall and Morgan Counties.

The members of the Birmingham Chapter are also beginning a new project. They will be doing a preliminary analysis of artifacts recovered from four units of Block 2 of the 1961 Stanfield Worley excavations. Only a few made it into the 1962 site report (Journal of Alabama Archaeology Volume 8, number 1 and 2). Over the next few meetings they will be washing, cataloging, and analyzing these artifacts. They hope that by the end of the year this project will be complete and can report on the results of their work. All AAS members are welcome to come by, for this opportunity to work on materials from this very important site.

The Birmingham Chapter meets on the second Thursday of each month at the Emmet O'Neal Library, 50 Oak Street, Mountain Brook at 7:00 p.m. Please call Steven Meredith at 205-566-5376 or email: mered003@bama.ua.edu for information. *Submitted by the Birmingham Chapter.*

Huntsville Chapter

Steve Meredith presented the program to the Huntsville Chapter at their November meeting regarding his work on the lithic material recovered from several important sites throughout the state. The Huntsville Chapter meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month in the Huntsville Public Library at 7:00 p.m. For further information contact chapter president Richard Kilborn.

Muscle Shoals Chapter

Dr. Hoyt Price presented the program at the January meeting of the Muscle Shoals Chapter. He talked to the group about the early beginnings of the AAS and some of the important people involved in the formation of the AAS such as Dr. Frank Sodas, James Cambron, David Hulse & Ed Mahan. The Muscle Shoals Chapter meets in the Mound Museum on the 2nd Monday night of each month at 7:00 p.m. For further information contact chapter president Gerald Hester.

Dr. Hoyt Price gives his presentation to the Muscle Shoals Chapter. *Photo by Howard King.*





Shown on left is Charles Hubbert, talking to the Muscle Shoals Chapter at their November 2005 meeting. Charles talked to the group regarding the "Clovis in the Southeast Conference" held at the University of South Carolina in October, 2005, which he attended. *Photo by Howard King.*

Cullman Chapter

Shown at right is Steve Edge of the American Indian Museum in Huntsville talking to the Cullman Chapter regarding the recovery and care of ancient American artifacts. He spoke to the group at their November 2005 meeting which is held monthly on the 3rd Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. in the Cullman County Library. For further information, contact chapter president Robbie Camp. *Photo by Howard King.*



New Members

Casey Carter, Daphne AL
 Kinga Ferguson, Enterprise AL
 Cameron Gill, Auburn AL
 TJ Harris, Crane Hill AL
 Meghan Henry, Auburn AL
 Ben Hoksbergen, Decatur AL
 Anthony Holloway, Montgomery AL

William Lowe, Jacksons Gap AL
 Jon Marcoux, Charleston SC
 DJ Maxwell & Chris Grant, Cullman AL
 Katherine Reece, Clanton AL
 Tamara Stell, Crane Hill AL
 Joseph Terrell, Autaugaville AL

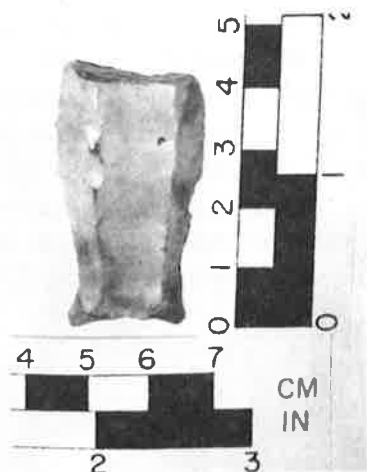
Renewals

University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa AL	Gail Tate King, Sterrett AL
Doris Allegri, Fairhope AL	Margie Klein, Watkinsville GA
Museum of Natural History, New York NY	Kim & Judith Knight, Tuscaloosa AL
Appalachian State University, Boone NC	Steve Lamb, Geneva AL
University of AZ Library, Tucson AZ	Jerome & Joyce Lanning, Birmingham AL
Arizona State University, Tempe AZ	Lewis Larson, Carrollton GA
Serials Dept, Auburn University AL	Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge LA
William Autry Jr., South Bend IN	Jean & Bill Lucas, Freeport FL
Cynthia & Steven Avery, Marion AL	Robert Marley, Geneva AL
Library, Serials Section, Binghamton NY	Mark & Susan McDougal, Lacey's Spring AL
Mervyn Sterne Library, Birmingham AL	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor MI
Kathryn Braund, Dadeville AL	Middle Tenn State Univ., Murfreesboro TN
BYU Library, Provo UT	University of Mississippi, University MS
Richard Cain, Jasper AL	Ellis Library, Columbia MO
Carnegie Museum Natural History, Pittsburg PA	Tim Mistovich, Mary Esther FL
Ben Carpenter Jr., Sheffield AL	Garry Mitchell, Mobile AL
University of Chicago, Chicago IL	Auburn University, Montgomery AL
John Clark, Austin TX	David Morgan, Natchitoches LA
M/M Joe Copeland, Florence AL	New York Public Library, New York NY
Jim Doherty, Hartselle AL	University of New Orleans, New Orleans LA
Ruth & Ernie Dumas, Tequesta FL	Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill NC
Emory University, Atlanta GA	Ohio State University, Columbus OH
Florida State University, Tallahassee FL	Gerald & Susan Ollhoft, Mobile AL
Bill & Anita Fowler, Irondale AL	Bibs Page, Watervliet MI
Linda Frazier, Jacksonville AL	Jim Parris, Adamsville TN
Marjorie Gay, Five Points AL	Leland Patterson, Houston TX
University of Georgia, Athens GA	Penn State University, University Park PA
John Gustafson, Decatur AL	William Pentecost, Glencoe AL
Patsy Hanvey, Gadsden AL	Princeton University, Princeton NJ
Tozzer Library, Cambridge MA	Samford University, Birmingham AL
John Hocutt, Jasper AL	Morris Schroder, Huntsville AL
Kandi Hollenbach, Knoxville TN	Simon Fraser University, Blaine WA
Houston-Love Library, Dothan AL	Univ. of South Florida, Tampa FL
Indiana University, Bloomington IN	SE Missouri State Univ., Cape Girardeau MO
Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville AL	Southern Illinois University, Carbondale IL
Ned Jenkins, Wetumpka AL	Univ of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg MS
Hunter Johnson, Jacksonville AL	Claire & Jim Stallworth, Beatrice AL
Pamela Johnson, Louisville GA	M/M Cecil Stedham Jr., Weaver AL
Richard Kanaski, Savannah GA	William Stepp, Huntsville AL
Gene Kearley, Dothan AL	A Lee & Mary Swetman, Daphne AL
University of Kentucky, Lexington KY	West Regional Branch Library, Mobile AL
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 Tulane University, New Orleans LA
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 University of Vermont, Burlington VT
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 Wayne State University, Detroit MI
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 John Whatley Jr., Thomson GA
 Wheeler Basin Library, Decatur AL
 Nancy White, Tampa FL
 Chris & Katherine Wilkins, Yorktown VA
 College of William & Mary, Williamsburg VA
 UG & Frances Wilson, Muscle Shoals AL

Projectiles from the Alabama Paleo Point Survey



APPS Artifact #591

Type: Cumberland

Found: Colbert County, Alabama

Material: Fort Payne chert

Description: Both sides are fluted with each flute extending beyond the broken distal end; recent break and chippage due to agricultural practices.

Measurements:

43 mm. long (1 11/16 inches)

24 mm. wide (15/16 inches)

7 mm. thick (7/32 inch)

APPS Artifact #498

Type: Clovis

Found: Colbert County, Alabama

Material: Fort Payne chert

Description: Fluted one fourth length on pictured side and one sixth length of reverse side; found in a woman's flower bed near Cherokee, AL.

Measurements:

67.7 mm. long (2 5/8 inches)

25 mm. wide (1 inch)

6.5 mm. thick (1/4 inch)





APPS Artifact #501

Type: Clovis

Found: Lauderdale County, Alabama

Material: Fort Payne chert

Description: Fluted about one fifth of length on both sides. Has beautiful secondary pressure flaking along the edges.

Measurements:

108 mm. long (4 1/4 inches)

31 mm. wide (1 1/4 inches)

7.5 mm. thick (5/16 inch)

APPS Artifact #714

Type: Redstone

Found: Limestone County, Alabama

Material: Fort Payne chert

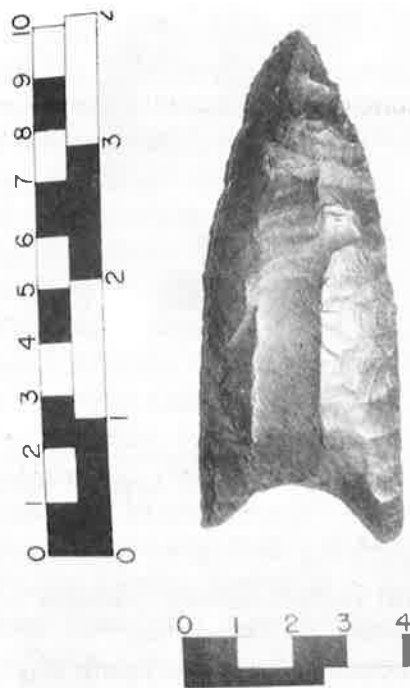
Description: Fluted nearly full length on pictured side and four-fifths length on the reverse side; multiple fluting on both sides; heavily ground on both edges for nearly half the length of the point.

Measurements:

89 mm. long (3 1/2 inches)

34.5 mm. wide (1 3/8 inches)

9 mm. thick (3/8 inch)



To order a color 8x10 glossy photograph of the APPS points featured in this or any issue, send \$5.50 to:

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\$3.00 from each order will go to the AAS Cambron and Hulse Fund.

Public Land=Public Property

Conversations lately among AAS Board members and the general membership regarding artifact collecting on lands managed or owned by federal agencies have been “swirling” for the last year or more. It seems to me my previous articles in the Stones and Bones about the federal preservation laws and the context of archeological materials need to be continued and expounded upon. I will reiterate once again that if anyone has the permission of the landowner to go collect AND keep artifacts, it is a legal activity. On private lands – ask the owners – they might let you collect, but they also might want to see and keep some artifacts. Or they might not care to know what you found and let you keep anything and everything.

On federally managed or owned land – still, all you need to do is ask the owner! The owner- of course - is the federal government -- and the government agencies prefer that the artifact or the artifact collection remain in government care. Well it isn't just preferred – it is required. These collections, however, don't fall into a deep dark hole – or a warehouse – like the one seen in the first Indiana Jones movie! For instance, in a recent email from Moundville's Eugene Futato: “By coincidence, one of the UA faculty members was just here on an appointment made last week to get on loan 8+ boxes of a collection donated by an amateur (in 1986) for use by her students in introductory archaeology and later in archaeological method and theory. The students will divide into three lab sections, each having similar batches of material to analyse and interpret.” The collections or specific artifacts may be loaned out for research or for public display – but they can never be owned by anyone – because they are owned by EVERY CITIZEN of Alabama and the United States.

If you want to collect artifacts on federal owned or managed lands (TVA, Corps of Engineers, National Forests, Fort Benning, AL, Power Reservoirs, etc.) you must apply for an “ARPA” permit (Archaeological Resources Protection Act). ARPA requires professional standards be applied in the methodology (a professional archeologist must supervise) – and a legitimate need for the archaeological investigation – whether it is surface collecting or a full-blown Phase III excavation of a site. The ARPA permit is the government's way of protecting an archaeological resource and ensuring that the materials that are/may be recovered are properly documented.

Professional archeologists - and I would say many amateurs I have talked with - would like to see archeological resources documented (at Moundville) for the good of archaeological research and public knowledge. (By “public knowledge” I do not mean we need to identify the locations of archaeological sites to the public – but only the information gained from them!) Professional archeologists are required to complete Alabama State Site File forms and submit them to Moundville – it is usually stipulated in the archeological contract(s), but I would hope it is their ethics that provide the incentive.

Unfortunately, many collectors don't seem to think recording artifact locations or site locations is important . Or maybe they don't want to share their knowledge. Or maybe they want to keep the “best” artifacts. Or maybe they want to exchange or sell the artifacts they collected. They can legally do any of this with permission of the landowner. BUT - in the case of federally managed or owned lands, nobody can keep what legally belongs to ALL of us.

My next article – I found half of an atlatl weight at a site on TVA property during a survey prior to contracting out Phase III archaeological excavations. Would you believe I found the other half two years later! – where this artifact had recently washed out of the bank? More to come! (NOTE: And lest you infer archeologists aren't sharing the knowledge from excavations – on my NRCS website, I have posted the archeological report generated by these excavations at: <http://www.al.nrcs.usda.gov/about/soilsect/ee/sectul/res/site643.html>)

For copies of this report, download from the website or write to me at USDA NRCS, PO Box 311, Auburn, AL 36830 *Submitted by Teresa Paglione*

Knap-in and Primitive Arts Meet

March 30-April 2, 2005

Stone toolmakers and primitive artists and technologists demonstrate and sell their works at this year's meet, Thursday, March 30 through Sunday, April 2 at Moundville Archaeological Park. Demonstrations include bow and arrow shooting and atlatl, knife and tomahawk throwing. Visitors can enter an atlatl (spear throwing) contest or buy one-of-a-kind items at our annual Saturday auction made up of donated stone points and knives, raw materials, tools, t-shirts and more.

This year's knap-in is held in conjunction with the N.A.T.I.V.E. Powwow sponsored by Native Alliance Teaching Indian Values and Education. Friday, March 30, is **Kid's Day** for both the knap-in and the powwow. Rates for school groups are \$5.00 per person and teachers get in free. Call 205-371-2234 for more information.

Flintknapping is one of man's oldest crafts. All around the earth humans have chipped rocks into tools and weapons for thousands of years. Until Europeans came to the Americas, Native Americans knapped stone arrow and spear points, knife blades, scrapers, drills and many other tools and weapons.

A common misbelief is that Native Americans made arrow points by heating rocks and dropping water on them. In order to make a stone arrow point, several principals are put into practice. First, the proper type of stone is chosen. Only rocks that break like glass can be used. Think of a BB pellet as it hits a pane of glass. Where the BB goes into the pane the hole is small; where it exits the hole is large. The piece of removed glass resembles a cone in shape.

Keeping the above in mind, a knapper reduces a stone's size and shape by systematically removing flakes. The knapper hits the top of a piece of rock; the largest part of the flake falls off the bottom of the rock. Ancient humans mainly used antler and stone for knapping. There are two ways flakes are commonly removed. A flintknapper percussion flakes when he hits the edge the piece of flint with an antler or hammerstone, driving off the flake. Pressure flaking is when flakes are pried off with an antler's small end or metal tipped tool.

Different types of stone flintknappers use include flint, chert and obsidian. Obsidian is a natural glass formed by volcanoes. Very similar in mineral content, flint and chert are commonly found mixed in with limestone deposits. However, you don't have to look high and low for knapping material. Old porcelain sinks and tubs or even the bottom of a soft drink bottle will chip readily. Knappers coming to Moundville sell raw material of all different sorts, shapes and sizes. They also vend raw materials like antler and leather and all sorts of knapping tools.

For more information on flintknapping visit Knapper's Corner at <http://www.eskimo.com/knapper/>.

An atlatl contest is featured on Saturday, April 8. Derived from the Aztec language, the atlatl is a spear throwing device apparently first invented in Europe, where the oldest archaeological evidence suggests they may have first been used 19,000 years ago. Either by word of mouth or by independent invention, the spear thrower found its way to the farthest reaches of the world. In some areas, such as Australia, Mexico, the Arctic, and portions of Asia, its use has continued until the present day, although the bow and arrow eventually replaced it in most locations hundreds or even thousands of years ago. For more information, visit the International Atlatl Society at <http://www.internationalatlatlsociety.org/> or the World Atlatl Association at <http://www.worldatlatl.org/>. *Submitted by Betsy Gilbert.*

Passings



Tom McCaskey helping with USA excavations of the Bayou St. John site in 2004.

The Southwest Chapter of the AAS regrets to inform everyone that one of our charter members, Tom McCaskey, died January 16, 2006. Tom became involved as a volunteer with University of South Alabama's Center for Archaeological Studies in 2001, at which time he was President of the Pensacola Archaeological Society. Over the years he was a dedicated and hard worker, volunteering on shovel test surveys, excavations, and field schools in Alabama and Florida. He helped teach USA students, as well as new volunteers, young and old. He often joined us in the USA lab on our volunteer Tuesdays helping sort and wash artifacts. Tom also gave many talks about archaeology and Native Americans to historical groups in the Mobile area. In 2003 Tom helped spearhead the founding of the Southwest Chapter, and was elected our first President. Under his tenure, our first-year membership reached over 70 individuals. Tom was a very caring and giving man. He served with several organizations where he shared, gave, and participated, making notable contributions. In death, he continued to care and give and share by donating his body to medical science. Tom will be greatly missed, and in memory of him the Southwest Chapter is making a donation to the AAS. *Submitted by Louis Scott and Bonnie Gums.*

Why aren't the pictures I submitted shown in the Stones & Bones?

Due to the high cost of printing, we have had to go with a different type of printing. With this method, digital photographs need to be lightened to provide adequate contrast, then printed out by us and taken to the printer. Some photos are simply too dark or do not lighten well. We are doing everything we can to include submitted photographs but it is not possible to correct every one. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Here are a few tips:

*If possible, submit actual photographs instead of digitals.

*If submitting digitals, try to make them lighter by taking the pictures outside or by using a flash in a brightly lit room.

*Dark backgrounds and "scans" are difficult to correct and may not reproduce at all.

2005 Honor Roll of Donors

The following persons and organizations contributed to the AAS grant programs and other special projects last year. Their separate contributions over the course of the year ranged from one to nine. Some amounts were larger, some were smaller. All are equally appreciated. Each name is followed by the number of consecutive years contributions have been made. Thank you all! *Submitted by Eugene Futato.*

Alabama Association of Professional Archaeologists (1)	Brian Geiger (2)
Mack & Molly Brooms (3)	Eric Gilliland (1)
Christina Brown (1)	Howard King (5)
Ian Brown (1)	Mark & Susan McDougal (1)
Ben Carpenter (2)	Charles Moore (1)
Phil Carr & Amy Young (2)	Roger Nance (3)
Anne Dalton (3)	Teresa Paglione (4)
Blaine Ensor (1)	Margaret Russell (3)
Eugene Futato (1)	Craig & Elisabeth Sheldon (1)
Marjorie Gay (3)	Read & Rebecca Stowe (1)

January Donations & Gifts

The President's Message on page 16 outlines a major special need for AAS this year. We have a significant debt to pay to the heirs of James Cambron and David Hulse for royalties on the Handbook of Alabama Archaeology. Several individuals have already responded to this need: Phil Carr & Amy Young, Howard King, Van King, Charles Moore, Teresa Paglione, Margaret Russell, and Craig & Elisabeth Sheldon. The current AAS fund totals below show that we already have a little over \$1000 raised for this effort. Thanks to all of you for getting us off to such a great start!

Ben Carpenter Jr. and long time AAS member Marjorie Gay both sent contributions to all three AAS grant funds. Ben has made six contributions to each grant fund over the past five years and Marjorie has supported AAS grants for three consecutive years. Howard King, ever reliable, sent his third contribution this year to the Mahan Research fund, making a total of NINE gifts to AAS special funds in 2005. And we've already received Howard's first donation for 2006, noted above.

The Steve & Christine Wimberly Scholarship fund received two contributions. Mark & Susan McDougal started off 2006 with their second annual gift to AAS. Teresa Paglione, another regular donor, also contributed to the Wimberly fund.

We also had a significant number of gift memberships given.

New gift memberships:

Casey Carter from Lee & Mary Swetman
Cameron Gill, Meghan Henry, and William Lowe from John Cottier
Tamera Still from T.J. Harris
Joseph Terrell from James & Patricia Genest

Gift membership renewals:

Robert D. Marley from Steve Lamb
Bibs Page from Doris Allegri
Chris & Katherine Wilkins from Eugene Futato

This has been an exceptional showing of support for AAS and its programs. We appreciate the effort of all these people and look forward to hearing from others. Every contribution helps. Remember, just \$1.25 from each member is enough to fund one of these grant programs.

FUND BALANCES:

Cambron & Hulse fund: \$1,070.00
Educational Projects fund: \$1,425.00
Mahan Research fund: \$1,218.00
Wimberly Scholarship fund: \$2,075.50

Submitted by Eugene Futato.

President's Message

First I would like to thank Hunter Johnson for the great job he did as President of the society last year. We had some complex and crucial matters that came to the society's attention and Hunter set into motion steps to solve these problems which we hope to bring to fruition this year. Hunter showed outstanding leadership and I only hope that I can do as well.

I first served as President of the AAS back in 1977. Much has changed in those many years and much has remained the same. Those were exciting times in archaeology but I think these days are as exciting or more. With all the new tools of technology, we now have the ability to learn in more detail the life and ways of ancient Americans: the Paleolithic Culture. It seems that daily there are new discoveries of early humans being broadcast over the internet. Just think of the new discoveries waiting for us in the next twenty-five years and the methods employed to broadcast those discoveries.

As I served my term of presidency in 1977, there were many members who were responsible for the existence and formation of the AAS and were available to advise me and others as we tried to carry on the society's business. Now most of these to whom our society owes a tremendous amount of gratitude have passed away. Two of the "giants" of our society, Jack Cambron and David Hulse, were still alive at that time. They made tremendous strides in archaeology on the amateur side by publishing many articles and books on the subject. Their most well known was the ground-breaking, "first" ever book to set up definitions and standards for the identification of projectile points in Alabama. This was a major effort by two very talented amateurs who pushed the AAS into the national spotlight of archaeology. This was my first book to study when I first started collecting artifacts back in the 60's. My first Point Type Book is now nearly worn out and falling apart; but I still cherish it as much as I did when I first bought it. This "Handbook of Alabama Archaeology" has been a constant source of pride and of income from its sale for many years. Yet, what has come to our attention around a year ago, is that through inconsistency from many successions of different officers from year to year, the share of income due to these authors was forgotten. So, we now find ourselves, as a society, owing the Cambron and the Hulse heirs an amount of nearly \$11,000 from these sales of the Point Type Book. This is a very unfortunate circumstance that we have discovered and the AAS Board of Directors has expressed its sincere regret that this oversight has occurred and have fully acknowledged their desire to pay this debt. The Cambron & Hulse Fund has been set up by the board to accept donations for the immediate and complete resolution of this debt.

Our society has always responded to needs that are set before us. In the early 60's, our society, through donations, sponsored two seasons of excavations at the Stanfield-Worley Bluff Shelter. As we "dug" deeper into the earth at this Colbert County bluff shelter, we funded the first good radiocarbon dates for the Dalton culture. This excavation provided, not only the earliest dates of human occupancy in the Southeastern United States, but showed to the world that a group of interested people could raise enough money to make a major impact in the archaeological world. Over the years we have "dug" deep in our pockets to sponsor many excavations, surveys, publications and scholarships to aid in the understandings of ancient peoples here in Alabama.

Now the time has come for each one of us to "dig" deep into our pockets and give what is due to the families of two of the "giants" of our society and help move the society forward.
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The AAS Board of Directors would like to know your opinion to the following question:

Who should own artifacts from public lands retrieved by collectors?

_____ the Federal Agency that oversees the land that the artifact came from.

_____ the collector

In 1976, the AAS conducted a poll to find out how many AAS members were artifact collectors. At that time, less than 50% were. We want to know how our membership has changed in the last 30 years.

Are you an active artifact collector?

_____ yes

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Thank you for completing this poll. Please mail it to:

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