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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Board of Directors for the Society met in Birmingham March 10th. Representatives from all over the state drove through whirling snow storms to attend.

President Koerper held a productive meeting. The first order of business was to call to the general membership the Board's action to give honorary life memberships to A. J. Wright, Bettye Henson and Bart Henson for their years of work on the Society's behalf as they leave behind their duties as Editors of the Stones & Bones and Secretary/Treasurer. Everyone statewide still expects to enjoy their company at all the activities.

Eugene Futato reported that the Journal issues will soon be caught up, and we can all look forward to their arriving in the mail.

Phillip Koerper appointed Jim Lee chairman of a committee to update our bylaws to keep up with the current status and membership.

Local chapters were urged to keep those cards and letters coming in to the newsletter editor about happenings in their area, membership and officers. We all want to know what is happening statewide.

Members with Paleo points should remember that their points can be part of the state-wide survey; call Van King or Charles Hubbert. The film is free.

The Boy Scouts of America are working on an Indian Lore Merit Badge. It's about time to recognize what is already an outstanding part of the Scouting program for boys everywhere.

An exciting idea was discussed to have - as California does - a state artifact. It would be good publicity for the Society too. Send your ideas to the folks at Moundville - what about the Temple Mound, or the Moundville Rattlesnake? Hey, out there - what's your suggestion?

April 1992

Don't forget your dues to the state organization.

Nancy Rohr
Secretary
Huntsville

CHAPTER NEWS

Birmingham Archaeological Society

The Chapter met on Friday, February 14 to hear Dr. Roger Nance talk on the highly publicized Poverty Point near Monroe, Louisiana. This is a late archaic site that has produced a wealth of artifacts.

Ms. Linda Derry from Old Cahaba was the speaker at the March 13th meeting. Ms. Derry brought the chapter up to date on the old town of Cahaba through a talk/slide presentation.

Bobby Hawkins

Cullman County Chapter

At the February meeting there was a discussion on pending legislation that could make the collecting of Indian artifacts or their possession a crime even if they were collected on private property. Van King brought copies of the bills and names of legislators to contact to attempt to stop this.

The February meeting was given by Van King. The program was on flint knapping; those who know Van and have seen his flint knapping know that he is an outstanding artisan.

The March chapter meeting's program was "In Search of Ancient Landmarks."

Dewitt T. Coleman

Huntsville Chapter

Dr. Jim Knight, anthropology professor at The University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, spoke to the Huntsville Chapter on March 24. Dr. Knight brought the chapter up to date on recent field research at Moundville, where 14 structures have been unearthed as well as numerous artifacts and other features.

The April 28 chapter meeting will feature a program presented by archaeologist Dr. C. Roger Nance, Chairman of the Department of Anthropology at The University of Alabama in Birmingham. Dr. Nance will speak on La Calasada, an Early Man site in northeast Mexico.

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

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Tuscaloosa Chapter

The Tuscaloosa Chapter celebrates its ninth year in March of 1992!

Officers for 1992 are:

President: John Wm. (Bill) Adkison
1st Vice President: Robert (Robby) Hall
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Secretary/Treasurer: Paul Clements

J. W. Adkison

NEWS BRIEF

An important discovery regarding the Clovis culture was made in Medina County, Ohio, two years ago by a man who just happened to walk across a field. He found stone tools related to a Clovis occupation which, upon further investigation by the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, produced the remnants of a Clovis-related structure including three post holes and two pits. Charcoal recovered from the site has securely dated the structural remains to 12,250 years ago, making it one of the oldest and best-dated Clovis sites in North America. (The Huntsville Times; Wednesday, March 11, 1992)

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NEW MEMBERS

Anthropology Club - University of Alabama/Tuscaloosa
Tandy K. Bozeman - Thousand Oaks, California
Eugene M. Futato - Moundville, Alabama*
Dr. & Mrs. William W. Hallmon - San Antonio, Texas
Lawrence E. Shirley - Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Ina S. Trout - Chickasaw, Alabama

*Eugene Futato is now a Life Member. Eugene is Editor of the "Journal of Alabama Archaeology" and has long been active in the Alabama Archaeological Society.



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Dear Editor Luke:

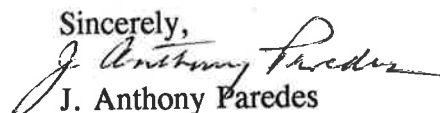
Gregory Waselkov's letter on Hickory Ground, published in vol. 33 no. 8 of Stones and Bones Newsletter, prompts me to write.

In the controversy over the modern Poarch Creek Indian government's development of their tribal lands at the Hickory Ground site near Wetumpka, I have not seen any reference to the historic importance of Hickory Ground as a center of Creek Indian business and commerce. It was here that Lachlan McGillivray established a trading house in the 1730s (see, for example, Angie Debo's A History of the Creek Indians, University of Oklahoma Press, 1941, page 38). This was the base from which McGillivray's mixed-blood son Alexander rose to prominence and emerged preeminent in molding the Creek Confederacy into the powerful military alliance and trading cartel that it came to be in the later 1700s.

From at least McGillivray's time onward the Creeks have a long tradition of involvement in commercial enterprises. For example, Treaty with the Creeks, 1805 granted the United States a "horse path" through Creek country "from the Ocmulgee to the Mobile" passing not far from Hickory Ground, but Article II of the treaty specified that "the Creek chiefs" would operate the ferries and "houses of entertainment" for travellers along the path, albeit with prices controlled by the U.S. Indian agent. For later developments (including some price gouging), see Southerland and Brown's The Federal Road...1806-1836 (University of Alabama Press, 1989), especially pages 58 to 60. In light of all this, proposed partial use of the Hickory Ground site for tourist and recreational development (complete with a "'house of entertainment'") would be one of the most culturally appropriate and historically compatible uses the Poarch Creeks could make of their property at the site.

Unfortunately, it is all too easy for would-be historic preservationists to become misty eyed and mystical about the past, glossing over the practical realities of history, especially when dealing in romantic stereotypes of American Indians. Respect for the past means understanding how what actually happened shapes the present, not enshrining some imagined, static view of what we wish would have been as we look back from the vantage point of the present.

Thank you for bringing these too often ignored facets of Creek Indian political and economic history to the attention of your readers.

Sincerely,

J. Anthony Paredes
Professor

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REMINDER - RUSSELL CAVE INDIAN DAY

The seventh annual Indian Day will be held at Russell Cave National Monument near Bridgeport, Alabama on Saturday, April 18. The theme will be the lifeway of the prehistoric cultures and periods in the Tennessee River Valley and Russell Cave.

Admission is free; the park is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Special programs are scheduled throughout the day. There will be demonstrations of buckskin tanning, flintknapping, blowgun making and use, pottery making, basketmaking, and atlatl use. Other activities include Indian Education programs, weaving, storytelling, herbal use and native plants. Archaeological programs are also scheduled.

For more information call the park at 205/495-2672.

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