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↻ A.A.S. Summer Meeting ↻

The Alabama Archaeological Society's summer meeting will be held Saturday, July 9, 1994, at Dust Cave near Florence, Alabama. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the University of Alabama/A.A.S. fieldschool. This is the third year in a row the meeting will be held at Dust Cave.

There is no admission charge to attend the summer meeting. The site of the meeting is not accessible by private car, as it is located inside a locked gate and 1.5 miles off the paved road. If you would like to attend, meet at the south side of the Indian Mound in Florence before 8 a.m. on the day of the meeting. A van will ferry people to and from the site. A second run to the site will be made at 10 a.m. Return trips to the Indian Mound will be at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., or as necessary. A Board of Directors meeting will be held during lunch at the site.

Last Chance to Register for A.A.S. Summer Field School

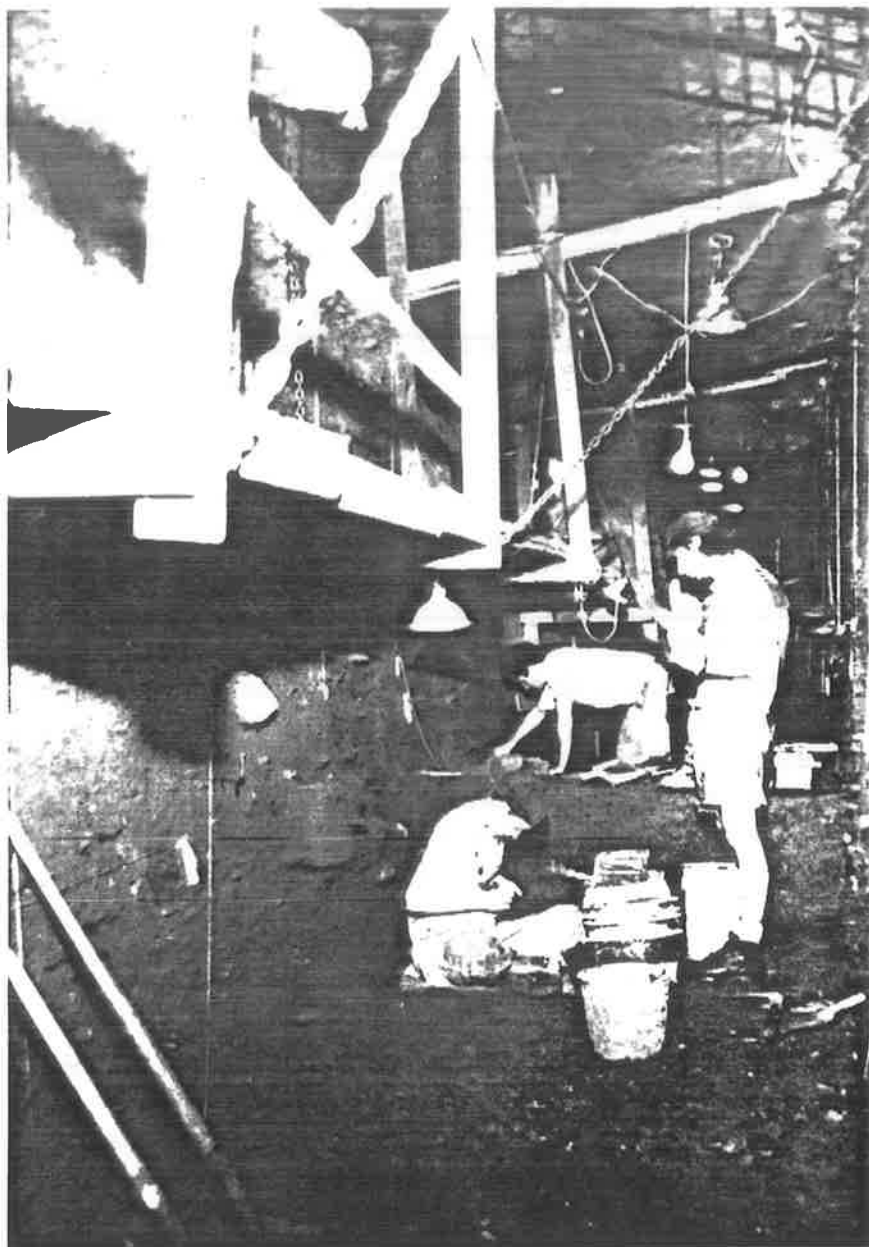
The fieldschool at Dust Cave, near Florence, Alabama will once again be sponsored by the Alabama Museum of Natural History, University of Alabama during the period between June 1 and July 15, 1994. Members of the society will have the opportunity to participate on a weekly basis. This is your last chance to register so anyone interested should contact Eugene Futato at Mound State Park immediately.

Chapter News

Troy State Chapter

The Troy State Chapter held it's regular monthly meeting on April 21, 1994. The members planned for a field trip to visit Old Cahawba near Selma, Alabama and also approved this year's Troy State University Archaeological Society T-shirt. Anyone interested is invited to attend our next meeting on May 19, 1994.

Clay Helms



Students and Society members working at Dust Cave in the summer of 1993.

Dothan Chapter...

The Dothan Chapter met on Sunday, April 24, 1994 at the Landmark Park picnic area. Plans are being made for an artifact identification day planned for June 4th.

Greg Creel

East Alabama Chapter...

April Smith and Natalie Maddox from Troy State University presented the program for our April meeting. Their subject was "Recent Investigations at the Kennedy Sawmill in Baldwin County Alabama." Ms. Smith is a graduate of Troy State who participated as the field supervisor for the Kennedy Sawmill excavations. Ms. Maddox is an undergraduate who served as draftsman for the project. Both work with Professor McDonald (Mac) Brooms of the Troy State University Archaeological Research Center who directed this effort. The Kennedy Mill and Dam Site (1Ba301), located near Stockton, Al was built in 1811 by Joshua Kennedy. The mill was burned by the Creek Indians shortly after the massacre at nearby Fort Mims in 1813. Following its reconstruction, the mill was again destroyed by Union soldiers during the Civil War. Excavations at the site have uncovered parts of the original mill and dam which have enabled the research team to recreate on paper their original structure, providing a glimpse of the operation of early mills in Alabama. A preliminary report on the results of this excavation appeared in the March 1994 issue of the *Stones & Bones* newsletter. Nineteen people were present for this meeting.

This chapter meets on the Second Tuesday of each month in the Alabama Power Company auditorium, 230 N. Gay Street, Auburn at 7:00 P.M. Visitors are welcome. For more information call Gary Mullen at 887-9991.

Caroline R. Dean

Huntsville Chapter...

The Huntsville Chapter met on Tuesday, April 26. The program was a one hour video from the acclaimed Odyssey series: "Myths and Moundbuilders." The video's focus was primarily on the Hopewell and Mississippian cultures; it describes how myths about the past were gradually replaced by real knowledge. The film took viewers on site to look over the archaeologists' shoulders as they excavate the mounds in order to piece together intriguing stories of how mound building may have figured in ancient times. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 24 at 7 P.M. in the Auditorium of the Public Library on St. Clair Avenue. The public is welcome.

Dottie P. Luke

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What's Happening Around the State

Troy State University...

The Troy State University Archaeological Research Center will hold it's fourth annual fieldschool this summer from June 15, 1994 thru August 1, 1994. This fieldschool will give students a unique chance to work on both historic and prehistoric sites. Excavations will be carried out at two Bluff Shelters in Lawrence County as well as at Fort Crawford (Creek War Period) in Escambia County. Visitors and A.A.S. members are encouraged to attend and participate. For more information please contact TSU's archaeology lab at 205-670-3638.

~Attention Chapter Secretaries~

The editors of the *Stones & Bones* would again like to remind all chapters to please send us a current listing of the names and addresses of your chapter officers. This will enable us to keep our records in order and allow us to contact you on issues such as chapter news.

☞Changing Your Address☞

Any member with an address change should contact Eugene Futato at: 13075 Moundville Archaeological Park, Moundville, Al 35474.

The Calendar

May 14-15 Native American Days, FDR's Little White House, Warm Springs, Ga. For further information contact Charles Barnes, 706- 655-3511.

May 28 1836 Encampment, Westville, Lumpkin, Ga. Re-enactors in period clothing will demonstrate an encampment of soldiers who have been dispatched to protect local citizens against Indian attacks. In Indian Camp will also be demonstrated. Admission charge. Contact Westville at 912-838-6310.

New Publications

Florida Archaeology, 1992 Number 6. Contains Archaeology at San Luis, Part 1: The Aralachee Council House, by Gary Shapiro and Bonnie G. McEwan, and part 2: The Church Complex, by Gary Shapiro and Richard Vernon. 277 pages. Contact Museum of Florida history Shop, 500 S. Bronough St., Tallahassee, Fl 32399-0250, for price and ordering information.

Uncommon Ground: Archaeology and Early African America, 1650-1800. 1992 Ferguson, Leland. Washington, D.C.: Smithsonian Institution Press. 186 pages. Price \$ 14.95 (pb) and \$35.00 (hb), plus \$2.25 postage and handling for the first book and \$1.00 for each additional book. Order from Smithsonian Institution Press, Dept. 900, Blue Ridge Summit, Pa 17294.

The Sioux and Other Native American Cultures of the Dakotas: An Annotated Bibliography. Herbert T. Hoover and Karen P. Zimmerman. Biographies and Indexes in Anthropology. Westport: Greenwood Press, 1993. 288 pp. \$65.00 (cloth).

People of the Stone Age: Hunter-Gatherers and Early Farmers. Goran Burenhult, ed. Landmark Series from the American Museum of Natural History, vol 2. New York: Rentsch Associates, 1993. 240 pp. \$40.00 (cloth).

East Tennessee Cantilever Barns. Marian Moffett and Lawrence Wodehouse. Knoxville: The University of Tennessee Press, 1993. 142pp. \$29.95 (cloth).

Gender, Culture, and Power: Toward a Feminist Postmodern Critical Theory. Ben Agger. Westport: Greenwood Press, 1993. 192 pp. \$49.95 (cloth).

In the Alabama Archaeological Society's Past

Colbert County Selected for Summer Dig 1982. The Archaeological Resources Committee recommended to the Board of Directors of the A.A.S. that the Society conduct a summer excavation in Colbert County. This project will be jointly sponsored by the Alabama Archaeological Society and the Office of Archaeological Research at The University of Alabama.

The purpose of this project is twofold: 1) to provide the serious avocational archaeologists with hands-on experience in participating in a professional archaeological research problem, and 2) to derive information about Alabama's earliest inhabitants. This project affords an excellent opportunity to accomplish both tasks.

The genesis of this project began when amateur archaeologists began providing professional archaeologists locational information about the occurrence of fluted projectile points in association with springs and old ponds which occur in abundance in certain portions of the Tennessee Valley. Several sites were discussed, and two were evaluated in March 1982, by the Archaeological Research Committee. The extinct ponds near Leighton were selected because of the numerous early artifacts collected from this area. A preliminary examination of the area indicated several areas of human activity predominately restricted to the clay knolls associated with the pond complex.

(Taken from the May 1982 Stones and Bones)

A.A.S. Receives Funding for Paleo Point Survey

The above article from the Society's past is appropriate this month. The Alabama Archaeological Society, in conjunction with the University of Alabama recently received funding for the Paleo Point Survey from the Alabama Historical Commission. Pull out your old Paleo Points and those old field notes associated with your finds. Look for further information about how to record your Paleo Points in future newsletters. Contact Eugene Futato at 205-371-2266 for further information.

As a member of the AAS, you are cordially invited to join the University of Alabama's ongoing summer dig at Dust Cave. The summer of 1994 will be very exciting as staff, students, and volunteers excavate the lower deposits (Early Archaic and Paleoindian) in the long trench begun in 1992. We plan to finish removal of these deposits during the upcoming season. We will also place small test excavations at several nearby sites.

Although the staff begins work at the site a week earlier and stays on-site later into the summer, students are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, June 7, 1994. The work week is Tuesday through Saturday with Sundays and Mondays off. The last day of the student and AAS fieldschool is Saturday, July 9, 1994. The staff includes Boyce Driskell, two or three field assistants, and the camp manager/cook. Students, staff, and volunteers reside in a tent camp about 100 meters from the cave. Electricity is provided by a portable generator; water is pumped from a nearby spring. A large screened canopy houses the kitchen and dining area. A shower enclosure and latrine complete the camp ensemble.

Tents and cots are furnished. Each participant should bring bed clothes (sleeping bag, or sheets and blanket) as well as personal items. Remember a flashlight and sturdy work shoes. Also, while the environs are generally hot and humid, the cave is quite cool. Bring a jacket or coveralls, etc. Radios, tape players, or musical instruments are permitted.

Five one week sessions have been scheduled for society members. A fee of \$100.00 per person per week covers costs of instruction, food, and lodging. If you are unable to attend a week-long session, you may wish to volunteer for a day. Remember, the Dust Cave crew works on Saturday! For Society members, the University has waived the daily tuition fee, but please bring a lunch.

We can also make arrangements to park tent campers and R.V.'s in an open field within walking distance of the camp. No hookups are available and this area is off the paved/improved roadway.

We hope to see you at Dust Cave!

AAS SUMMER DIG APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

FIVE WEEKLY SESSIONS ARE OFFERED TO MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY.

Please indicate session*-desired:

June 7 - 11 _____ June 28 - 02 _____

June 14-18 _____ July 05-09 _____

June 21-25 _____

My Check for \$_____ (\$100.00/participant/week) is enclosed. **MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.**

***Limited to 5 participants each session; selection based on first applicants received.**

Return Application to:

Eugene Futato
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Investigations in Russell Cave, published by the National Park Service..\$10.00pp
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