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FROM THE EDITOR

For those of you who do not already know, Leesville is gearing up for the LAS 2002 Annual Meeting. Preliminary meeting information, a call for papers, and registration form are included in this newsletter. The minutes of the last Executive Committee meeting and additional information on upcoming meetings in the area are included as well.

Also, just a reminder that the 14th Annual Louisiana Archaeology Week is September 30 - October 6. A schedule of events is listed on the Division of Archaeology's website at www.crt.state.la.us. Click on the "Division of Archaeology" link and then the "Archaeology Week" link to see the schedule.

Let me say, that with the mailing list fiasco, submissions to the newsletter are down. I want to assure all members that we are doing everything in our power to not only correct what has happened in the past, but prevent it from ever happening again. If anyone has articles or information they would like to submit, please send them in. As I've said before, "This is your forum, use it." Your dues pay for this newsletter, so if there is something you want to see in it, please let me know.

Cherie Schwab Newsletter Editor

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

By now you should have received the last Newsletter and Bulletins 23 and 24 for 1996 and 1997. Spe-

cial Publication Number 3, Louisiana's Archaeological Radiometric Database, has also been sent to 2001 LAS members. Additionally, those of you who were inadvertently left off various 2000 mailing lists should have received back issues of the Newsletter. Work is progressing on Bulletins 25 and 26, and it is hoped that one or more of those will be completed by the end of the year. Beginning with Bulletin 25, we will be going to an 8.5 by 11 format which should simplify some of the printing problems, while at the same time provide larger and better quality illustrations.

So many thanks are in order. First to T.R. Kidder for his excellent editing of the Bulletins, and to T.R. and Chip McGimsey for seeing them through the particular difficulties there were with the printing of these last two Bulletins. Cherie Schwab did the final editing of Special Publication No 3 and had it printed. David Jeane, and Cherie especially, spent an inordinate amount of time in updating and correcting the mailing list for the last mailing. Cherie [with Carl's help! - ed] spent untold hours correlating mail lists, and collating, packaging and addressing the various items that had to be sent out to correct last year's de-

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ficiencies, as well as making sure that all who were members in 1996 and 1997 received the Bulletins for those years.

Ellen Ibert, Curations Specialist at Fort Polk has made arrangements for the 2002 Annual Meeting to be held in Leesville, February 1-3, 2002. She is being assisted by Mary Cleveland, Director of the Museum of West Louisiana. The notice for this meeting is included in this Newsletter. Both would welcome any assistance that you would be willing to provide. This is the first time that LAS has had a meeting in Leesville, so make plans now, so we will have a well attended meeting. Also included is a first call for papers for that meeting. Final details regarding the 2002 meeting will be included in the next Newsletter.

Carl Kuttruff June 2001

MINUTES OF THE LOUISIANA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

July 21, 2001 University of Louisiana, Lafayette

> Reported by Maureen Downey LAS Secretary

The Executive Committee of the Louisiana Archaeological Society met Saturday, July 21, 2001 at the University of Louisiana, Lafayette. President Carl Kuttruff called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. Members present were:

Carl Kuttruff - LAS President
Maureen Downey - LAS Secretary
David Jeane - LAS Treasurer
Cherie Schwab - LAS Newsletter Editor
Chip McGimsey - LAS Bulletin Managing Editor
Lucretia McBride - Delta Chapter President

President Carl Kuttruff welcomed everyone.

MINUTES

After the minutes were read, David Jeane made a motion to accept the minutes as read and as published in the LAS Newsletter, Volume 28, No. 1, Spring 2001. Cherie Schwab seconded the motion which was then passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Treasurer's and Membership Report

David Jeane gave the Treasurer's Report. The balance in the checking account on 6/30/01 was \$5,767.76. The amount of LAS Savings Account "A" was \$7,986.25. LAS Savings Account "B" totaled \$5,401.10. He reported that an increase in expenses was likely due to the increase in publishing costs and the number of Bulletins expected to be published in the near future. He noted that Brian Duhe had completed his payments to the LAS in June 2001. Because of the increase in expenses and reduction in future income, the Executive Committee discussed a change in annual dues. A motion to raise dues for the year 2002 was made by Lucretia McBride and seconded by Cherie Schwab. The motion passed. According to the LAS bylaws, changes in annual dues must be published in the LAS Newsletter thirty days prior to the effective date. To ensure compliance, the changes for all classes of membership beginning January 2002 are to be published in the next newsletter. President Kuttruff thanked Treasurer Jeane for his report.

Discussion was held on the decrease in LAS membership and ways to increase membership. Lucretia McBride said that Delta Chapter was making an extensive effort to not only attract new members, but also to regain old members. In order to attract more student members, Cherie Schwab suggested that a packet be prepared to distribute to new students at the universities. She volunteered to prepare such a packet for new LSU students. Chip McGimsey volunteered to do the same at Lafayette.

Bulletin Report

Bulletin Editor T.R. Kidder was unable to attend the meeting. President Kuttruff and Chip McGimsey informed the Committee that Bulletin No. 25 (1998) would soon be completed. Bulletin No. 26 (1999), Robert Connolly's report on the 1982 Goad Excavations at Poverty Point, is expected to be completed soon after. Material for future bulletins is already being discussed. President Kuttruff expressed the hope that both Bulletin 25 and Bulletin 26 will be published this year. He said that despite continued problems with publication and with the mailing lists, the bulletins hopefully will be caught up soon.

Newsletter Report

Newsletter Editor Cherie Schwab asked for contributions for the next newsletter. She reiterated that there have been serious problems with the mailing list. Cherie and Carl Kuttruff have spent a great deal of time working on these problems and they believe that the list has now been corrected. Cherie commented that a LAS member is needed to maintain the database so that such problems will not occur again. After discussion, the Committee decided that Treasurer Jeane will maintain the database and will send the necessary data to Chip McGimsey who will also keep a copy of the database and oversee printing of mailing labels.

Chapter Reports

Lucretia McBride, President, Delta Chapter reported that Delta Chapter has a strong Board which has instituted a new membership program that promises to be very successful. She reported that their web site is well-frequented. She also remarked that Delta Chapter is prepared to fund and participate in archaeological projects if a request is submitted and approved.

Baton Rouge Chapter has an upcoming field trip that promises to be very interesting. Baton Rouge and all chapters report that speakers are somewhat difficult to secure. People wishing to speak should add their name to the LAS Speakers Bureau.

ONGOING BUSINESS

LAS Web Site

President Kuttruff remarked that the LAS web site has still not been updated. He will ask for volunteers for new webmaster from the Society when the present webmaster's contract expires. Cherie Schwab will place a notice in the next newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

President Kuttruff reported that the accounting was nearly finished for the last Annual Meeting. He remarked again upon the outstanding job done by the NSU Cultural Resource Office and the NSU Anthropological Society. He gave his thanks to all who worked so hard to make the Meeting such a success.

The 28th Annual Meeting will be held at the Landmark Hotel in Leesville, LA. The price for the rooms will be \$55.75 including taxes. The date has not been decided yet but will probably be either the last weekend of January or the first weekend of February 2002 [now set for February 1-3. See announcement in Newsletter]. Ellen Ibert, Curation Collection Specialist at Fort Polk has graciously agreed to organize the meeting. She will be assisted by Mary Cleveland, Director, Museum of West Louisiana.

The Division of Archaeology has asked the LAS for their continued support of Louisiana Archaeology Week. The motion was made by Chip McGimsey to again donate \$200.00 to the Division of Archaeology for Louisiana Archaeology Week. The motion was seconded by Carl Kuttruff and was passed unanimously. The Division will again send out LAS brochures for Archaeology Week.

President Kuttruff was pleased to announce that funds for the Greater New Orleans Archaeologist position were approved at the last Louisiana Legislative Session.

There being no further business, Chip McGimsey made a motion to adjourn. David Jeane seconded

the motion. Motion passed unanimously and President Kuttruff adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m.



CHAPTER NEWS

BATON ROUGE CHAPTER

Members of the Baton Rouge Chapter LAS participated in a field trip to the Chenier Plains on Saturday July 28, 2001. The trip, led by Regional Archaeologist for Southwest Louisiana, Dr. Charles (Chip) McGimsey, focused on the geology and cultural adaptation of these interesting geological features.

We began with a stop at Constance Beach, a prime example of the tremendous rate at which coastal erosion is occurring. There a brief lecture on the formation and erosional processes associated with the cheniers was provided. Afterwards, we had a wonderful picnic lunch at Rutherford Beach while enjoying the welcome Gulf Shore breeze.

The group visited sites on Little Chenier (16CM22) and Pecan Island (16VM9, Morgan Mounds and 16VM7/8, Veazey) where we were given information about the cultures and archaeology of the area. Much fun was had by all, and we have decided to continue to make field trips an integral part of our annual program. Many thanks to Chip for his time and efforts.

The Baton Rouge Chapter meets on the last Wednesday of every month at the Bluebonnet Public Library, 7:00pm. Keep an eye out for postings of future field trips and other exciting activities!

> Josetta LeBoeuf Baton Rouge Chapter Treasurer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DUES INCREASE

The Executive Committee voted at its July meeting to increase membership dues because of the higher costs of publication and postage. Dues have not been increased in at least ten years. The following are the membership fees that will go into effect January 1, 2002.

Regular	e grade at Short I	\$20.00
Associate		\$5.00
Student		\$12.00
Life		\$200.00
Sustaining		\$300.00
Institutional		\$20.00

LAS ANNUAL MEETING

Leesville will host LAS Annual Meeting 2002 at the

Landmark Hotel of Leesville 3080 Colony Blvd Highway 171 South Leesville, LA US 71446



A block of 50 rooms has been set aside. Please be aware that additional rooms cannot be guaranteed and that the hotel can book up quickly if the military needs it for their personnel. Make your reservations by January 15th to ensure you have a room. Room rates are \$50.00 a night plus tax — estimated total for rooms will be \$55.75. Call (337) 239-7571 for reservations.

The guest speaker has not been confirmed, however, David Anderson, SEAC, has been requested and will probably come. Door prizes will be given for the business meeting.

A hospitality room will be set up to drink coffee and socialize. On Saturday night, a keg of beer will be set up in this room just prior to the banquet and just after the banquet. A banquet is scheduled for Saturday night at 6:30 — the menu may vary but is expected to be fried chicken, fried catfish and sliced roast beef w/corn on the cob, string beans, hot rolls and peach cobbler —ice tea to drink for \$11.00 a person. The fee will be separate from the conference registration and door prize will be given. We expect to have the guest speaker during this event.

For more information contact: Ellen Ibert, ERC/ Fort Polk Curation Office, (337) 531-0916 or 392-6104; Mary Cleveland, Museum of West Louisiana, (337) 239-0927.

FRENCH COLONIAL CERAMICS CONFERENCE

Conference includes comparative collections day, tour of the Tunica Collection, Walthal and Waselkov presentation of classification system, and papers. There will also be a Cochon de Lait (Pig Roast) Saturday night.

When: September 21-23, 2001

Where: Mari Center

(Tunica-Biloxi Conference Center) Registration at Conference: \$30.00 Accommodations: Paragon Hotel

1-800-946-1946

(Ask for NPS Conference rate, (\$39.00/night)

Contact Pete Gregory (318) 357-4364 gregoryh@nsula.edu or George Avery (318) 357-4341 averyg@nsula.edu

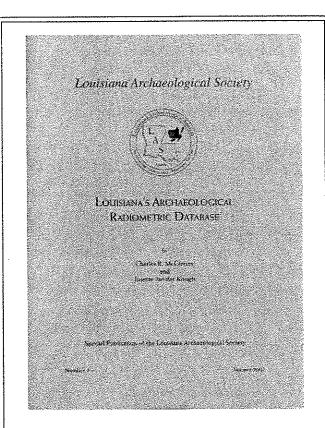
EAST TEXAS ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE

The East Texas Archaeological Conference is scheduled for October 6, 2001 at Kilgore College in Kilgore, Texas. Registration begins at 8AM and papers will be presented from 8:30AM to 4PM.

Registration is \$5. The conference is open to the professional community and the interested public. The focus of the conference will be on topics pertain-

ing to East Texas Archaeology and the surrounding area. Anyone interested in presenting a paper or seeking more information should contact:

Mark Walters 903.983.1765 walters@tyler.net



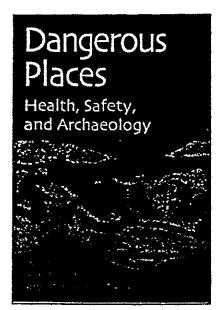
NOW AVAILABLE!

SPECIAL PUBLICATION NO. 3, LOUISIANA'S ARCHAEOLOGICAL RADIOMETRIC DATABASE by Charles R. McGimsey and Josette van der Koogh

ONLY \$4.00 SEE PAGE 15 FOR ORDERING INFORMATION!

Dangerous Places Health, Safety, and Archaeology

Edited by David A. Poirier and Kenneth L. Feder



Archaeological sites often seem to be idyllic, even romantic, places where scientists recover and analyze fascinating data that can inform us of past times and the past lives of our recent historical and ancient prehistoric human forebears. Too often, however, unrecognized dangers lie within: bacterial and viral infections hidden in the soil, concealed in the animals that roam through our sites, or even lying in wait in organic remains we excavate; toxic substances produced by the historical technologies we study and that continue to poison the sites where people once worked; the bodies of people who died of historical scourges that once afflicted humanity and whose excavated mortal remains may still harbor the pathogens that killed them, dormant and lying in wait for an unsuspecting and largely no-longer immune modern population. It's enough to make an archaeologist swear off fieldwork!

The truth is, however, that archaeologists need to be alerted to the dangers present in fieldwork and advised of the reasonable precautions that should be taken to insure the safest possible working environment. Dangerous

Places brings together an enormous body of information regarding the threats that archaeologists face every day, and the best ways of behaving proactively to avoid or mitigate these threats.

DAVID A. POIRIER is Staff Archaeologist, Connecticut Historical Commission.

KENNETH L. FEDER is Professor of Anthropology, Central Connecticut State University.

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The LAS Needs You!

If anyone out there would like to share their webmaster talents, the LAS is looking for someone to help keep the site's page updated. If you think you may be able to help, please contact Carl Kuttruff at (225) 767–6605. The commitment would be small, but your assistance would be a valuable contribution.

CALL FOR PAPERS

28th Annual Louisiana Archaeological Society Meeting February 1-3, 2002 Landmark Hotel Leesville, Louisiana

This is the first call for paper submissions for the 2002 LAS Meeting to be held in Leesville. Presentations will be 15 to 20 minutes. Also, please indicate whether there are any displays that you would like to put in the book room.

(Please pre-register if presenting a paper.) Send titles, typed abstract, and other information to:

Carl Kuttruff 621 Albert Hart Drive Baton Rouge, LA 70808 Phone and Fax 225-767-6605

or you may submit via e-mail at: kutt621@bellsouth.net.

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Deadline for abstracts is January 15, 2002

REGISTRATION FORM

28th Annual Louisiana Archaeological Society Meeting February 1-3, 2002 Landmark Hotel Leesville, Louisiana

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Mail to:	c/o Museum of West Louisiana 803 South Third St. Leesville, LA 71446

Please return registration form no later than January 15, 2002.

For more information contact: Ellen Ibert, ERC/Fort Polk Curation Office, (337) 531-0916 or 392-6104; Mary Cleveland, Museum of West Louisiana, (337) 239-092; Teresa Johnson, Greater Vernon Chamber of Commerce, (337) 238-0349.

The South Central Historical Archeology Conference (SCHAC 4)

Historic Arkansas Museum, Little Rock, Arkansas October 19-21, 2001

Who:

SCHAC 4 will be hosted by the Arkansas Archeological Survey and the Historic Arkansas Museum. For

more information:

Skip Stewart-Abernathy

Phone: 501 968-0381

Arkansas Archeological Survey

Email: Istewart@cswnet.com

ATU P.O. Box 8706 Russellville, AR 72801

What/When: Meeting General Schedule

Friday, October 19 (Lunch and dinner on your own)

12-1:30 pm Registration. Historic Arkansas Museum

1-5:30 pm Papers. Historic Arkansas Museum

7 pm Gathering at the Hospitality Suite, Masters Inn

Saturday, October 20 (Lunch and dinner on your own)

9 am-5pm Papers. Historic Arkansas Museum

5-6 pm General Business Meeting. Historic Arkansas Museum

Sunday, October 21

9 am - 12 Workshop. Cartridge and Firearms Identification by Michael A. "Smoke" Pfeiffer, fur trade

re-enactor and archeologist with the Ozark-St. Francis National Forest, and Bob Heath, a Mississippi blacksmith with an engineering background in materials science and a long

interest in the connections between iron working and historical archeology.

Where: Little Rock, Arkansas

Conference Center: The conference will be held at the Historic Arkansas Museum (formerly Arkansas Territorial Restoration), in Little Rock, Arkansas. This is a block's worth of antebellum houses restored in situ, along with a brand-new center that includes interpretation, education, and curation of a remarkable collection of Arkansas-made decorative and functional arts. Consider seeing the major traveling exhibit on the slave ship Henrietta Marie at HAM, opening September 17 and running through November. Web site for the Henrietta Marie: http://www.melfisher.org/home.html

Conference Hotel: Masters Inn, 501-372-4392. Rate \$37.44 per night double. Ask for Arkansas Archeological Survey group. Confirmation number is 684045 for all rooms. Note: Hotel is renovating for the coming development of the immediate vicinity as the William Jefferson Clinton Presidential Library is built nearby. Ask for non-smoking rooms to best avoid floors being renovated. Directions: In Little Rock, I30, exit 140 (6th and 9th Street), LOOK UP!

Web pages for Little Rock visitors:

Little Rock Convention and Visitors Bureau: http://www.littlerock.com

SMARTpages Guide to Little Rock: http://www.smartpages.com/cityguides/ar/little_rock

DINA guide to Little Rock: http://www.littlerock.org/

The USA City/Link Project, Little Rock: http://usacitylink.com/lit-rock/default.html

The South Central Historical Archeology Conference (SCHAC 4)

Historic Arkansas Museum, Little Rock, Arkansas October 19-21, 2001

Please complete the following forms and return to:

Skip Stewart-Abernathy
Arkansas Archeological Survey
ATU Box 8706;
Russellville, AR 72801.

Registration Form Deadline for registration: October 1, 2001		
Name		
Affiliation (as you wish to appear on name tag)		
Address	<u></u>	
Phone Email		
Please complete this section if you wish to present a paper at SCHAC 4. Deadline for papers: September 10, 2001.		
Title of Paper		
One sentence description/abstract		
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Please indicate length of presentation:10 minute field report20 minute research p	aper	
Projection equipment for slides, overhead transparencies, and Power Point-type programs will be available.		
Dues and Fees		
Registration/annual dues: \$5.00/individual x \$		
Please check the following activities you will attend:		
Gathering on Friday, October 19 at 7:00 pm: yes no	FREE	
Workshop on Sunday, October 21 at 9 am: yes no	FREE	

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND DUES RENEWAL

For year*			
Regular Membership		()	Annually \$15.00
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