

DAVID WASHBURN, President of the Palm Beach Archaeological Society, will discuss "The Caves of Yucatan" at our monthly meeting this Thursday evening, May 19. Mr. Washburn has explored the Yucatan for the last fourteen years and recently visited and recorded artwork found in a sealed cave that dated back to the 14th century!

This month's meeting is terribly important and should be attended by all members who can come. We are being asked to participate in two very comprehensive excavation projects, one on Pine Island and the other in the Chokoloskee area. John Beriault will be discussing the particulars of these two projects, and possibly Bob Carr as well. Bob is going to conduct a miniseminar on field survey methods, and may combine this with the projects above. There's just an awful lot of things happening that anyone who "digs" Florida shouldn't want to miss! Hope to see you all...

7:30 P.M., First Federal Savings & Loan of Ft. Myers, North Trail

SWFAS MEETING MINUTES: 4/21/83: Field Survey Committee will conduct survey of site near I-75/Site Committee expressed appreciation for excellent support from Collier County Environmentalist/A mandible which washed ashore on Naples Beach is being dated; believed to be a human female, it suggests offshore burials./ More local members of SWFAS should join FAS so we can qualify for continued chaptership of FAS/ SWFAS has been invited by Dr. Jerry Melanitch of Florida State university to participate in a 4 week survey and excavation at Josslyn Key, with Dr. Michael Hansinger, John Beriault and George Luer assisting. It was voted to authorize John B. to arrange that any funds coming to SWFAS be donated to The Florida Anthropologist. Members will be able to participate as available, beginning after July 4, and will receive professional guidance and training./ Down to last 4 inches of Addison Key material, on to Horse Creek material after that. Addison Key story appeared in current issue of Naples Now./ Our field trip to Turner River was well attended, as we hope the next field trip will be: May 21, Mound Key by canoe down Estero River. Call John Beriault to sign up.

DR. MICHAEL HANSINGER spoke at our last meeting on our prehistoric and historic heritage in Southwest Florida, describing this areas's possible relationship to Meso-America and discussing the various methods of trying to protect this valuable natural resource. The Lee County Comprehensive Plan is used to protect sites by limiting densities and types of buildings. Dr. Hansinger's presentation included slides of various pyramid complexes all over the Americas as well as unique architecture from the pioneer period of Florida to the 20's. This secretary regrets being unable to see the presentation due to illness.

MEMBERS WILL VOTE ON CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE TO REPRESENT SWFAS AT THE NEXT REGIONAL MEETING THIS SUMMER. THE ELECTION WILL TAKE PLACE AT OUR REGULAR MEETING ON MAY 19.

\$\$\$ DUES FOR 1983 ARE OVER-DUE \$\$\$
If your dues are not current, please get them up to date before the June newsletter, so we can continue to mail you the newsletter.

Respectfully submitted,
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