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SALVAGE EXCAVATION JULY 21-22, 28-29 Despite a previous statement in the newsletter re: a moratorium on digs until we caught up on sorting previous excavations, we have been authorized to do salvage work on a sand mound located on the Vanderbilt Lakes development in northern Collier County and have scheduled the above two weekends for the work, in which we hope to be assisted again by members of the Archaeological Society of South Florida, as they did on our Chokoloskee dig. Meet at B&B Builders, 3800 N. Tamiami Trail, at 8:00 a.m. or meet at 8:30 p.m. on Vanderbilt Drive at the entrance to Vanderbilt Lakes. We had a very productive and rewarding experience on our last dig, and hope the turn out will be the same this time. We need 10-15 participants each day, with whatever equipment they have available. Naturally, this includes insect repellent and sunscreen! We may also be able to arrange news coverage for the excavation...

THIS MONTH'S MEETING on JULY 19 will feature MARK BENEDICT speaking about "THE ROLE AND FUNCTION OF THE COLLIER COUNTY ENVIRONMENTALIST" Mark has assisted our Society on many occasions in gaining access to various sites for survey and/or excavation. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. at the First Federal Savings & Loan of Ft. Myers on the North Trail.

Membership lists will be available to members at the meeting.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING on June 21 included a short business meeting in which our Treasurer reported total funds of \$972.40 and various committee meetings were scheduled for the coming weeks, including sorting and analysis sessions and a site form committee meeting, all of which have already taken place. Speakers for the evening were your Secretary, who discussed Crystal River State Archaeological Site, and Charlie Strader who discussed the Venice underwater archaeological site and the geology of Southwest Florida. John Beriault, Joe Long, the Waterhouses, and other members of S.W.F.A.S. who were part of the Yucatan "expedition" shared some of their experience with us at the meeting and John plans a slide presentation on the trip in August, at the regular meeting on August 16.

COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER, our speaker will be Ron Jamro, Director of the Collier County Museum.

Remember our drive to recruit more members for S.W.F.A.S.? I have received dues from my mother, who figures the newsletter will compensate for the fact that I never write any letters but use Ma Bell instead. Also ran into one of our founding members several weeks ago and he's back with us, too! So, fellow members, be inventive, and lean on your friends and relatives for donations. If we can get interested persons to dig into their pockets, we can dig into more sites!!! (Our next acquisition will probably be a mechanical sorter like the one we used at Chokoloskee, compliments of the Archaeological Society of South Florida.)



Respectfully submitted,
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