Greetings Everyone,

I’d like to thank everyone that attended this year’s Conference on South Carolina Archaeology. For those that did not attend, we had a slightly different format this year. We held a member meeting to discuss changes to the organization of the society and viewed a document on the life of the noted potter David Drake. Everyone seemed like they enjoyed the new format and we owe Sarah and Carl a hearty thanks for the program they brought together. Several board positions have recently changed and I would also recognize Don Rosick, our outgoing board member, for his years of dedicated service our organization.

We had a number of helpful comments offered during the member meeting. If anyone missed the meeting, would like to reiterate their comments, or would like to contribute to the discussion regarding the certification plan or the reorganization of the Society charter, please email me your thoughts. In addition to topics to cover in the certification program, it has also been suggested that we begin setting aside some money from our accounts to fund archaeological excavations and research by members. This money could be used to fund a small field project and ensure that any artifacts we collect will receive proper analysis and curation. We’ll discuss the possibility of setting up this fund during the next Board Meeting on May 9th. We will hold the meeting during the Knap-in at Lynches River County Park. All members are entitled to sit in on the meeting, so come by and help the Board work through the meeting agenda.

We’ve begun planning for the 2015 Fall Field Day. The location has not been determined but we are pursuing some venues in the Columbia area. The newly completed Coble Plaza, next to the Edventure and State Museums, is a likely candidate. We’ll announce the location in a society-wide email once we’ve determined the location and date for the event.

“It’s not what you find; it’s what you find out.” – David Hurst Thomas

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Knap-in on May 9th!

Best Regards,
James Stewart
Chapter Update

Hilton Head

The last several months have been very active for the Hilton Head Chapter. In February, Dr. Kim Cavanagh spoke on her experiences as an excavator and photographer at the excavations of the Roman port city of Aila, in the modern city of Aqaba, Jordan. In March, our speaker was our long-time friend Dr. Eric Poplin of Brockington and Associates, who spoke on the excavations at Gadsden's Wharf in Charleston.

The chapter had a table at the Savannah National Wildlife Refuge’s Natural Resource Discovery Day on Saturday, March 21st. Rita and Joe Kernan, Richard Smith, and Jean Gilleaux set up and operated the table under the banner of the Chapter. Jean also had a table for the Arkhaios festival. Thanks to Rita for finding this event and getting us involved, and to Joe, Richard, and Jean for making it happen. Chapter members also participated in the annual excavation at the Johannes Kolb site near Darlington, and at a dig at the Heyward House in Bluffton, which was conducted by Katie Epps, the manager of the House.

In April, we welcomed Dr. Chris Moore, with his presentation on early hunter-gatherer tool use in the Southeast. His descriptions of the analysis of proteins found on stone tools and the information gathered about the fauna hunted with these tools was very interesting.
ASSC Grant-in-Aid

The Grant-in-Aid Program was established to assist graduate students in their thesis or dissertation research. Funds raised during the course of the year are available on a competitive basis to graduate students, both at USC and out-of-state universities, who are working on theses or dissertations that pertain to the archaeology of South Carolina. This includes both the historic and prehistoric time periods for terrestrial and underwater archaeology.

No contribution is too small, and all are tax deductible. We have a variety of methods to receive fund contributions. You may use the PayPal button on the Society’s website (http://www.assc.net) or send a check or money order to:

ASSC Grant-in-Aid
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Merchandise for Sale!

We have a great selection of merchandise available for purchase on our website. Long sleeve, short sleeve, and women’s t-shirts are available in all sizes starting at just $10. We also still have some of our must-have hats, get them while they last!

Please visit our website http://www.assc.net/about-the-society/merchandise for more information.

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Knap-in at Lynches River County Park

May 8-9, 2015
Friday 11:00 - 5:00
Saturday 10:00 - 5:00

Watch how to make arrowheads and knives from stone!

Free Admission

Vendors will offer reproduction stone tools, flint, knapping tools and unique crafts. Enjoy hiking, canoeing and the canopy and river walk among towering cypress trees. Vendor fee $15 & camping $8 per night.

Events:
- Flintknapping (stone tool making)
- Spear throwing with the Atlatl and Dart
- Artifact Identification Table
- Auction & Archaeology Talk on Saturday

Visit our website for more information, maps and knapper registration.
http://www.assc.net/events/knapin | Find us on Facebook!

From Florence: Take US 52 south for 12 miles, take the first right past the Lynches River Bridge onto Old Number 4. Go 2 miles and turn right onto County Park Road.
GPS: 5094 County Park Rd. Coward, SC 29530 | 34.038436,-79.789238

Contact Michael Miller for more info: 330-224-0016 or michael@flintknappers.com

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The directors of the Johannes Kolb Archaeological and Education Project are pleased to announce the completion of a documentary DVD of the 2013 Field Season at the Kolb site.

Directed and produced by William C. Judge, (cousin of Chris Judge) a film maker with Bodhi Leaf Productions in Apex, North Carolina our film was funded by Duke Energy, USC Lancaster’s Native American Studies Center, Dr. Walter F. Judge and Bodhi Leaf Productions. Bill Judge, with multiple cameras, spent the 2013 field season embedded with the archaeology team—living, eating and breathing archaeology first hand from start to finish.

The DVD project was designed as a fund raising tool and for a donation of $20 we will mail a copy of the DVD to anyone, anywhere.

Send a tax deductible check or money order for $20 to:

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Photographs courtesy of Bach Pham
Michael Miller

I grew up in Ohio and got my start in archaeology when I was 6 years old. My grandfather would often take me on short hikes in the woods. One day, he took me in a plowed farm field where I found my first arrowhead. After that discovery, I became very interested in archaeology. Growing up I was fortunate to have parents who supported my interest and took me to lectures and meetings of the Archaeological Society of Ohio. I made numerous friends at my local chapter, and I'm still close with many of them. I began flintknapping at age 12 and never stopped chipping; making stone tools and understanding the technology and techniques fascinates me. I worked on my first dig at age 15 and attended the NSF - Young Scholars Program at The Center for American Archeology in Kampsville, Illinois for two summers while in high school. I attended The College of Wooster in Ohio and wrote my senior thesis on the MacCorkle Bifurcate Tradition, focusing on reduction technique and microwear analysis. I went on to study at The University of Exeter in England under Dr. Bruce Bradley. My master’s research looked at perverse fracturing among lithic bifaces; data from the Solutrean and Clovis assemblages buttressed my conclusions on its occurrence, prevention, and possible use in a flintknappers repertoire. I started flintknappers.com in 2001; it has grown to be the largest collection of highly skilled flintknappers selling modern lithic replicas online. I've worked in CRM archaeology as a field archaeologist, lithic analyst, and laboratory manager for several years around the country. I currently live in Columbia with my wonderful wife, Tracy, and work as an archaeologist for Edwards-Pitman Environmental, Inc. It's great to be back in an active archaeological society, and I look forward to being your Treasurer.

J. Christopher (Chris) Gillam

Growing up in the low country of SC, I developed an early interest in archaeology collecting artifacts along the North Fork Edisto River. Stone tools were my thing in those days, because prehistoric cord-marked and check-stamped pottery just didn’t seem very exciting as a child and I would receive great living history lessons regularly from my elders. Once I was old enough to drive, I nearly destroyed the rear suspension of my mother’s Oldsmobile hauling chert nodules for flintknapping back home from across the border in Screven County, Georgia (really, Deputy, the trunk is full of rocks!). I received an award at the High School Science Fair that year and advanced to state-level competition, so all was forgiven in the end. I went on to study Anthropology and Geographic Information Science at USC and the University of Arkansas, where I developed my research interests in Pleistocene and Holocene hunter-gatherers, early horticulturists/agriculturists, prehistoric migrations, and the cartographic modeling of cultural landscapes. I first joined the Savannah River Archaeological Research Program (SRARP) of SCIAA-USC in 1992, where I have remained an archaeologist and geographer, except for periods of graduate study at Arkansas and USC. I am a Southeastern archaeologist and geographer, first and foremost, but also have extensive expertise with ancient cultures of the Southern Cone of South America and East Asia. I have previously served the ASSC as Newsletter Editor, Journal Editor, and Midlands Chapter President, and am proud to be serving once again!
South Carolina Antiquities: Call for Submissions

South Carolina Antiquities is published annually by the Archaeological Society of South Carolina (ASSC). Society members and non-members alike are invited to contribute articles to all of the Society publications. We are particularly in need of additional articles, book reviews, and "Notes from the Field" submissions for South Carolina Antiquities in 2015. "Notes from the Field" is a short (1-3 page) summary of current or recent fieldwork or research in South Carolina archaeology and/or history. A number of books are also available for review upon request. Please let me know if there are particular books that are of interest to ASSC members and I will try to get a copy from the publisher. One very good reason to contribute book reviews, beyond getting a publication in a regional journal, is that you get to a free copy of the book to keep! A list of currently available books can be found on the ASSC website at http://www.assc.net/publications/sc-antiquities.

Please submit research articles directly to the Journal Editor. Submissions to the journal are subject to peer review and to the discretion of the editor. Manuscripts submitted for review should conform to the style guide published in American Antiquities (April 1983, vol. 48, no. 2). Figures should be submitted as individual JPEG files with a minimum of 300 dpi. The journal is now accepting figures in full color. I look forward to receiving journal submissions for 2015 and beyond.

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South Carolina Pottery Website Updated

We are excited to announce the new home of Carl Steen’s South Carolina pottery website http://www.scpottery.com/. We want the site to be a go-to reference for South Carolina researchers but also a virtual meeting place for those who ponder issues of typology and classification. So, comments and contributions, and even civil debates!, are strongly encouraged.

Pottery images can be emailed to smithky2@mailbox.sc.edu. Please include the site, period, and type affiliation with any image submissions.
Foothill Chapter Digs the Green River Site

By Lamar Nelson

The Foothills Chapter conducted a volunteer dig at the Green River site in Polk County, North Carolina on March 20th and 21st. About twelve volunteers came each day to help excavate a 2x2 meter unit at the request of the property owners.

The site was heavily occupied during the prehistoric period and is located besides the Green River in a large bottom that has been plowed for many years. The two day event proved very successful, with small Mississippian points and several ceramic types recovered. Several people conducted a surface collection and found a variety of artifacts including points, pottery, hammer stones, and a game stone. The unit beside the points and pottery also gave us a nice game stone. The unit was taken down at 10cm levels, which all contained artifacts. The northeast corner of the unit contained a large amount of charcoal, starting at the 40cm level. Charcoal and soil samples were taken for later analysis. Ridge and Valley chert types, which are grey and black in color, were found in all levels. The unit was stopped at 40cm, lined with plastic, backfilled, and marked. Land owners have instructed farmers not to plow the area and it was roped off to show them clearly where it is.

Visits from the owners during the day and seeing the artifacts found had great excitement from all. The material recovered is of great interest and very important to the archaeological world. The artifacts are currently being cleaned and analysis will be completed in the next few weeks. All of the material will be returned to the land owners. The owners have requested we do additional work and plans are being made for additional work later in the year. Of great interest is a possible archaic site on a hill nearby that we have access to if time allows. The biggest question is if a mound was on the bottom land site. Earlier work done by Lamar Nelson and Bob Hanselman showed a rise in the middle of the field of over a meter. The property owners have owned the land for many years and say no excavations has ever been done on the property, giving great promise to future work. We are thankful for the opportunity to work on this site and for the hard work and time that was given by the Foothills members and others that volunteered their time. We hope to see others that have interest in the site on our future excavations and will announce our upcoming work dates.
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