



Savannah River Archaeological Research Program

May 2004



Safety and Security

Sun exposure is one of the more significant common hazards facing CRM professionals during field work and sun exposure was the safety topic covered in our May meeting. Sun exposure is a year round danger and sunburn can occur under most lighting conditions. Topics of the discussion included the degrees of sunburns, symptoms, and ways to relieve sunburns.

Site Compliance

Per regulatory agreements, the SRARP continued conducting preliminary reviews and archaeological surveys for proposed ground-disturbing activities on the SRS. During the month of May, the SRARP continued or completed compliance activities for the following projects:

- Site Use Review: In May, the SRARP staff reviewed two new Site Use Applications for potential ground-disturbing activities that might impact archaeological resources.
- Site Use 1740: SRARP staff members are currently engaged in the intensive survey of a proposed powerline corridor extension. The extension is approximately five miles in length and covers a total area of 61 acres. To date, four previously unknown prehistoric archaeological sites have been identified; one prehistoric and one historic period artifact occurrence have also been identified and recorded.
- Site Use 1764: In preparation for intensive survey of proposed expansion of the Burma Road Barrow Pit, SRARP staff have relocated and marked the locations of four, previously recorded, prehistoric period archaeological sites.
- Management and Preservation of Cold War Resources: The SRARP participated with other members of the Cold War Resources Core Team to finalize the programmatic agreement for the Cold War Historic Resources on the SRS. At this time, all parties have agreed and the document is in the process of being signed. Attention will now turn toward developing a Cultural Resources Management Plan (CRMP) for the SRS Cold War Resources.

Per regulatory agreements, SRARP staff continued to disseminate information to the general public and to the historic preservation community.

With the school year winding down, SRARP archaeologists visited only one school in May. A special program was given to first graders at Clearwater Elementary School's Science Day. We also participated in a special program on using a Global Positioning System receiver with students from Aiken Christian School at the Silver Bluff Audubon Society near Jackson.

In addition to our visits with students, the SRARP set-up and manned an archaeological display at the Augusta Archaeological Society's Artifact I.D. Day on Saturday, May 8th. The event, which was held at the Harris House on Broad Street in Augusta, drew people from around the CSRA; visitors brought a variety of artifacts they wanted identified. One of the most interesting pieces was a presumed sandstone grave marker with a hand inscribed name and a date of 1771. It was found by a woman working in her flower garden around her home.

We also participated in the 18th Annual Beech Island Heritage Festival at Granville Plantation on May 22nd. The theme this year was the "Sand-Bar Ferry Bridge" which was opened 80 years ago. Despite the historic theme, the SRARP brought along a collection of various prehistoric artifacts and information about various time periods in the CSRA.

Tammy Forehand, the SRARP curator, received an *Award of Merit* from the Confederation of South Carolina Local Historical Societies for archaeological work and other valuable services rendered to the Beech Island Historical Society. The award was presented to Tammy at the Beech Island Heritage Festival.



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