SPECIAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL OUTING OFFERED    May 1981

For years the Delta Chapter’s outing schedule has shown lots of canoe trips, hikes, birding excursions, bicycle rides, an occasional caving expedition, and some sailboat cruises. For the first time in the history of the Chapter, an archaeological jaunt examining the petroglyphs of South Louisiana will be offered this summer. The Delta Sierran is pleased to announce that Professor Lazlo Toth, professor of ancient and modern art at the Florida Parishes Institute of Fine Arts and Phrenology, located in beautiful Tickfaw, Louisiana, will lead the trip. The trip is strenuous – and dangerous. Professor Toth will lead the group on foot into New Orleans’s Fisher Housing Project to observe the cultic marking on the concrete walls of the buildings, inside and out. The professor, author of a learned tome entitled Mystical Interpretations of Subway Car Markings, will explain the anthropological significance of such petroglyphs as “J.J. loves Wanda” and “Go to hell, L.S.U.” If time permits, the group will examine phone booths and public restrooms for the cabalistic inscription “For a good time call Ramona (504) 887-8846,” thought to be of deep religious significance to the aborigines of Slidell, Gonzales, and Cutoff. Professor Toth plans to devote a good bit of time to Orleans Parish’s most impressive petroglyphs. On the L & N viaduct over I-10 a plethora of inscriptions appears. One of the professor’s graduate students, who has written a thesis on the subject, will discuss the interrelation of “Yea, Tulane Sailing Team,” “Do the Raffey!” and “Seniors 78.” A tour into the rural area will conclude the trip in order to study “Get Right With God” and “Jesus Saves” as they appear in sylvan glades.

The trip fee is $1 – which does not include marking pencils and spray paint cans.

– Earl Higgins