

News in Review

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1. Public Input Needed

The South Carolina Department of Transportation is seeking public input and comment on two projects:

The South Carolina Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration are seeking comments on a proposed Programmatic Agreement (PA) with the State Historic Preservation Office. A copy of the PA is available for review at the link below. Comments will be accepted through October 16.

http://www.scdot.org/inside/environmental_planning.shtml

New South Associates is working with the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) to develop a history of the state's historic country stores. Built throughout the rural southeast, country stores sold a staggering array of goods, from molasses and bourbon, to bibles and wedding dresses. They were also social centers, where farmers and their families would gather to discuss religion, politics, and life with their neighbors. In SC, they were even polling stations.

When the automobile became popular, some country stores acquired gas pumps. New gas stations were also built, and became in a sense the new country store after roads improved and settlement patterns changed, and when tourism took off.

New South is collecting information from organizations and the public about the state's country stores and gas stations that date all the way into the 1960s. We have recently established a Facebook page and Flickr photo group for the project as a way to facilitate this outreach:

<http://www.flickr.com/groups/1775148@N23/>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Historic-Country-Stores-Gas-Stations-of-South-Carolina/166450923436473>

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2. Upcoming Events—Mark Your Calendars

The Georgia SHPO, Georgia DOT, and New South Associates are putting together a conference on advanced metal detecting for archaeologists. It will be held October 7-9 in Helen, GA. The papers will be presented at the Unicoi Mountain State Park, and the field work will be at Hardman Farm State Historic Site. This will include hands-on training, presentations, a guest lecture by Doug Scott, and a round table discussion on standards for metal detecting. Please see the webpage at <http://www.newsouthassoc.com/amda/index.html>.

October is Archives Month! To celebrate, the Archives and History Foundation is holding weekly Lunch and Learns. Join us at the Archives and History Center (8301 Parklane Road, Columbia, SC) from 12-1pm and bring your lunch!

October 3: Brent Bergin will speak on the Catawba Indian History

October 11: Rodger Stroup will speak on SC's Railroad History

October 19: Tracy Power will speak on the Slave Revolt on the Sea Islands

October 25: We will have a speaker on The Hunley

October is also Archaeology Month! We have 2011 Archaeology Month posters available for free here at the Archives and History Center. If you want some posters, please contact Jodi Barnes at (803) 896-6181 or jbarnes@scdah.state.sc.us

The Archaeological Society of South Carolina will be holding their annual Fall Field Day on October 29 at Lynches River County Park in Florence County from 10am to 4pm. This event will focus on various aspects of archaeological research being conducted in South Carolina, particularly the Johannes Kolb site located on the Great Pee Dee River in Darlington County. There will be an array of living history demonstrations, exhibits, educational activities, and poster presentations and lectures. For more information, please see <http://www.assc.net/events/fall-field-day>.