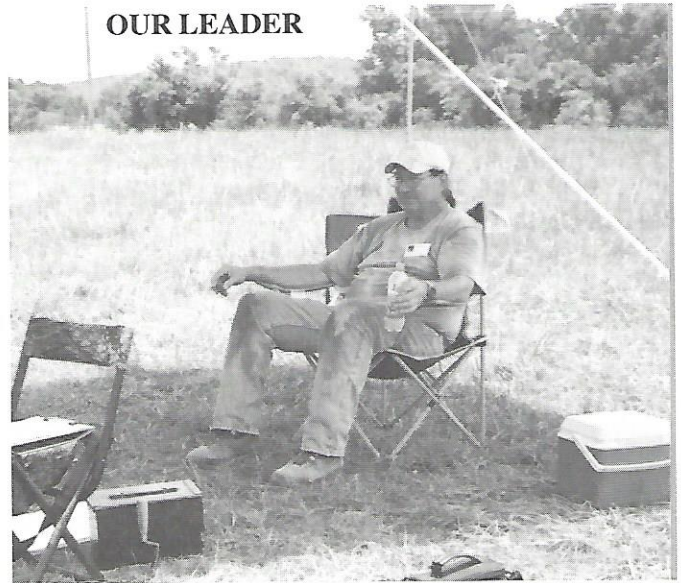


KNOW YOUR OFFICERS

OUR LEADER

[It has been a very long time since we have asked the Society's officers to tell a little about themselves--what their background is, how they became interested in archeology, what their day job is or was when they aren't having fun doing archeology. The President, four Vice-Presidents, and the Secretary were asked this time to send me a simplified autobiography and the results of that request appear below.

There are other officers on the Executive Committee, some in the middle of their term, some appointed by the President, and then there are all those who serve on the Board of Advisors. The Executive Committee is listed on the back/address page of every issue of Field Notes. Perhaps the next editor can let us hear from all these folks. HAD Editor]



THE LIFE AND TIMES OF DANNY CRUMBLISS, President.

Born March 1, 1943 in Macon, Ga., I found my first "arrowhead" when I was 8 years old. We lived on the edge of the country and I was walking down the side of a road when I spotted it. Thus began my interest in archeology. Throughout my school years I roamed the surrounding countryside looking for arrowheads. The Ocmulgee National Monument was located in Macon, and I often went there fascinated by the mounds and displays.

After high school I attended a number of Institutions of Higher Learning throughout the Southeast and the interest in archeology faded somewhat, being replaced with an interest in aviation. After attaining two years of college credits, the minimum to be considered for an airline pilot position at the time, I entered Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Institute, Daytona Beach, Fl. I earned my commercial, instrument, and flight instructor ratings at Embry-Riddle, and in 1966 took a position as chief flight instructor and airport manager at Griffin, Georgia. After flight instructing for 2 1/2 years, I was hired by Southern Airways, a small regional airline headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia.

I started with Southern Airways flying the last of the piston driven, prop airplanes in airline service, the Martin 404, and over the years flew as captain on the Martin 404, DC-9, Boeing 727, Airbus A-320, the Douglas DC-10, and finished my career, after all the acquisitions and mergers, at Northwest Airlines, the last 5 years flying international routes on the Boeing 747-400.

In 1996 I was in an airline training session with a fellow pilot and he began talking about his archeological ventures. I told him of my long interest in archeology and my desire to find a new interest to pursue after retirement. He suggested I contact the Arkansas Archeological Society. That I did, and I attended my first training program in 1997.

After being in the pit with the basic excavation class for a few days, with Dr. Jeter as the instructor, I was hooked. I couldn't believe as a raw novice I was doing real archeology and what's more, being instructed by one of the top archeologists in the country. Since that time I have had the pleasure and opportunity to work for most all of the Survey Staff archeologists in Arkansas and I have never seen a more professional and devoted group of folks.

I look forward to serving the organization that has given me so many opportunities to pursue my interest in archeology.