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Pursuing Opportunity to Preserve the Past Meet Laurie Moseley, New TAS President

I am often asked how I got into archeology. As a student at Woodrow Wilson HS in Dallas, I was required to check out possible career paths. I had already read many of the traditional books about archeology; especially *Gods, Graves and Scholars* by Ceram. As part of my assignment, I wrote the Archeology Institute of America and other organizations asking about jobs and how to prepare for them. Their unanimous reply was to forget the idea because there were no jobs and if I got a job, I would starve to death. A couple of my friends ignored their advice and ended up with jobs in the Near East and on the river basin surveys.

Upon graduating from TCU, back when it was not expensive to attend there, I tried to get a job, but, outside of sales jobs, there were no jobs for someone with a double major in History and in English. Despite only having one course in education (the History of Education), I got a job as a missionary teacher in the U.S. Virgin Islands. I was there during the Cuban Missile Crisis and returned home the next year. I interviewed for jobs as a teacher, but got little response. Just as I was on the point of going back to college to work on an advanced degree, I got a call from the Superintendent of Glen Rose ISD. He needed a mathematics teacher fast; the previous one had quit saying that he would not teach the "New Math."

So I became a combination mathematics and English teacher. After a couple of years, the Texas Education Agency insisted that I go back to college and get a teacher's certificate. I worked on the certificate and also began work on my Masters degree. That October, 1963, I was in Dallas and read about the TAS Annual meeting at SMU. I went and signed up and have been a member ever since. As an avocational member, I have been able to go places that I would never have ever seen; I have met wonderful people such as Dr. Mott Davis and Norman Flaigg. Because I was spending my



Julia and Laurie Moseley enjoy a twirl around the dance floor at the 2007 Field School. (Photo A Matthews)

summers working on my certification and Masters, I could not attend Field School for several years.

However, I attended the Annual Meeting almost every year. After Julia and I married, I took her to the next Annual Meeting, which was in Waco. She had to sit through many boring papers with, to her, incomprehensible language. Finally the last paper of the day was presented; it was on digs at pioneer farmsteads in East Texas. She got excited about the Confederate buttons, broken bottles, and broken dishes they showed; she was hooked also. The next year, we made arrangements to go the field school at McKinney Falls. Boy, were we green. The first night we almost froze to death. Who

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Calendar

- January 26-27—**Lithics Academy**, Houston
February 8-10—**Archeology 101 Academy**, Houston
February 16—**2008 East Texas Archeology Conference**, Tyler
February 29-March 2—**Rock Art Academy**, Van Horn
March 6-8—**50th Annual Caddo Conference**, Natchitoches, LA
March 6-8—**TX State Historical Association Mtg.** Corpus Christi
March 15-22—**Rock Art Recording Session**, possibly Big Bend
April 5—**Southwestern Federation of Archeological Societies**, TBA
May 1-3 **THC Annual Preservation Conference**, Corpus Christi
June 14-21—**TAS Field School**, near Perryton

TAS Board Meetings, 2008

- April 12th, Weatherford
June 15th near Perryton
September 13th, San Antonio
October 24 & 26, Lubbock



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Meet Laurie Moseley

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would have thought that you needed a blanket during the middle of a Texas summer! Thanks to Teddy Lou Stickney, who loaned us a spare blanket, we survived.

McKinney Falls was the first dig for Norman Flaig also and we became friends with him and his new bride. Unfortunately, Julia hurt her back clearing brush at the grist mill excavation, so she was not able to do much. I took our three year old son and sat him on the screen so Julia could spend time with our one year old daughter. A couple of highlights of the dig were laying in the creek above the falls and letting the water just run over us and filling the cistern with objects for future excavators to find. Get someone to tell you about that sometime. Ron Ralph was one of the two PI's and he and Mike McEachern were hippies; I think he still is at heart. They wore t-shirts with "Forward into the Past" and "I dig dirt" written on them. After a few days, the shirts were very dirty and smelled badly. One day, when they went swimming, some ladies stole the shirts and washed them. On the last evening, the shirts were auctioned off. A lady sitting just in front of us was a high bidder. When the shirt was delivered to her, people said, "put it on." So she turned her back on the crowd and took off her shirt and put on the new shirt. Unfortunately, we were sitting behind her and I had to quickly shield my son's eyes, because she had nothing on under her shirt.

I was a crew chief at the Galveston Island FS the next year. There are many stories I could tell about the experience. One, that was funny and somewhat embarrassing to me, was the day we were to be taken on an afternoon tour of the Strand. I put on clean khaki work clothes and started to go; Julia said, "You are not going like that are you?" Meaning you *better* not go like that. She made me shave in cold water using the side view mirror on my old blue pickup. We went with Dr. Davis and a couple of other professionals. Since I was wearing a pith helmet, a news photographer stopped us and asked me to pretend to look at some old bricks because I looked like an archeologist; Dr. Davis sure had a big laugh over that.

As I got more and more experienced, I began leading surveys and small excavation testing sites. With the assistance and guidance of Pat Mercado-Allinger and Dan Potter, I published some papers on unusual artifacts that local collectors had found. Now, after more than forty years of doing archeology, reading about archeology, and speaking about archeology to groups ranging from children to senior citizens, I realize that most people care about the past and want to preserve it; all they ask for is to be given an opportunity to help. That is why I organized the Parker

County Archeological Society (PCAS). Due to development and also due to gas well drilling, Parker County is losing sites at an extremely high rate. The PCAS will help to document sites and steer development around them if at all possible, or get as much information recorded before sites are destroyed or damaged. I have worked with ranchers and developers for many years in locating and protecting sites. The Tarrant County Archeological Society (TCAS) is furnishing support and guidance to the PCAS. Depending on permission from the County Commissioners, the first project for the PCAS will be to document the Parker County Poor Farm. The plan is to document the existing buildings, get oral histories of the Poor Farm, and to investigate the prehistoric sites that are there. As TAS President, I am going to try to get new societies formed in as many different places as we can get them started. People want to experience the past; we need to give them the opportunity.

Preliminary Notice for the 50th Annual Caddo Conference, March 7-9, 2008 Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, Louisiana

2008 will mark the golden anniversary of the Caddo Conference. To commemorate this milestone, we are compiling a 50th anniversary program and are looking for digital copies of photographs from prior conferences. If you have some good ones, or if you have stories or memories of past conferences, participants, etc., that you would like to share, please send those along as well.

A first call for papers will be sent out in December. We encourage submissions that reflect upon the past 50 years of Caddo research, as well as new research directions. Of course, we also invite research papers that examine other aspects of Caddo archaeology, ethnography, and history.

This year, as a public component of the conference, we will also sponsor a poster session. Posters should relate information on some aspect of Caddo culture in a manner that will be useful for presentation to the general public. The posters will be available after the conference for use by the Caddo and others involved in public education. Electronic files with the poster designs may be submitted for printing here.

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TAS Archeology Academies for 2008

A **Lithics Academy**, hosted by the Houston Archeological Society, will be presented in Houston at St. Thomas University, Scanlon Hall, on January 26 and 27, 2008. This Academy is designed to provide hands-on experience for recognizing and analyzing stone artifacts. You will learn the different ways in which stone tools were made, how to recognize their different use-wear patterns and the interpretation of stone artifacts found in the archeological record. Flint knapping demonstrations will focus understanding how the archaeological record is formed. Dr. Harry Shafer will lead the workshop with the assistance of Dr. John Dockall and flint knapping specialist Dr. Cary Voss.

The **Archeology 101** academy will introduce basic archeological procedures, techniques for recovery of data, and methods for preserving valuable archeological resources. The focus of this academy is "What do Archeologist do and why do they do it?" Instruction will include identifying archeological sites, mapping visible remains, analyzing evidence, reporting finds, and protecting our heritage from destruction. Dr. Harry Shafer will teach the academy with assistance from local experts.

Classes will be held at the T. B. Harris Community Center, 401 North Alexander St., Belton. Classes will begin on Friday evening February 8, at 7:00–9:30 PM. Classes will continue on Saturday February 9, (9AM until 5PM). On Sunday we will meet at 7:30AM at a designated location and caravan to the Gault site for field survey and limited testing. We will work until lunchtime and have a catered lunch together to discuss and wrap-up our experience. Participants should be in good physical health and able to walk over rough terrain.

A **Rock Art Academy** in Van Horn, will begin Friday evening, February 29, and continuing through the weekend on Saturday and Sunday, March 1-2. A combination of classroom discussions and field tours led by the Center for Big Bend Studies, Sul Ross State University, will introduce participants to the amazing variety and extent of rock art in far West Texas. Working with presenters Melissa Williams (CBBS Archeologist) and Reeda Peel (CBBS Director of Rock Art Documentation and Research), participants will explore the rock art of Texas within a global framework, view the rock art of Trans Pecos Texas, and consider current theories on the interpretation of rock art.

A Saturday morning field tour will explore the petroglyphs of Lobo Valley, a site nominated to the National Register of Historic Places in 1983. Saturday afternoon's tour will visit the rock art and dynamic Precambrian stone formations of nearby Red Rock Ranch. Participants should be in good physical health and able to walk over very rough terrain.

The **Registration Fee** for each academy is \$95 for members of the Texas Archeological Society and \$135 for non-members, which include a \$40 membership in the Texas Archeological Society. No previous experience is necessary. TAS is a professional development provider through SBEC. See <http://www.txarch.org/Activities/academy/> or call 1-800-377-7240 for more details.

Two Student Scholarships will be given for each Academy, each year. If not already a Texas Archeological Society member, the scholarship recipient will be registered as a TAS student member for the current year, and will receive the Bulletin of the Texas Archeological Society and Texas Archeology newsletter. Academy registration will be covered; this includes a CD version of the manual, lunches and snacks during Academy sessions, and any materials needed. The scholarship recipient will also receive an allowance of \$100 to assist with transportation and lodging costs. **The deadline to apply for Student Scholarships** is one month before each Academy.

Two additional scholarships will be awarded each year by the Diversity Committee. The deadline to apply is one month before each Academy.

Volunteer at the Gault Site

We are once again working at the Gault Site! The Gault School of Archaeological Research has volunteer opportunities available. Currently a small volunteer contingent is excavating at Gault on many Saturdays and there are opportunities in the lab Monday-Friday. As there is limited space available for volunteer excavators, GSAR members take preference. For information on volunteer opportunities and GSAR membership contact our volunteer coordinator, Cinda Timperley, at ctimperley@austin.rr.com or call the Gault Project Laboratory at 512-471-5982 (M-F).

Texas Archeology Academy 2008

More information and online registration is available at www.txarch.org

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CIRCLE THE ACADEMY SESSION THAT YOU WISH TO ATTEND

Location	Topic	Dates	Deadline
HOUSTON	Lithics	Jan.26-27	Jan. 16
BELTON	Archeology 101	Feb. 8, 9, 10	Jan. 30
VAN HORN	Rock Art	Feb 29, Mar.1, 2	Feb 19

Lithics will be Saturday and Sunday 9 AM - 4 PM.

101 and Rock Art will begin Friday PM 7:30 and end after lunch on Sunday.

FEES

TAS member 2006 \$ 95
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(Includes membership fee) total fee enclosed _____

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Archaeology in the Top of Texas: The 2008 and 2009 TAS Field Schools

By Scott Brosowski

Introduction

After a twenty year absence the Texas Archaeological Society (TAS) will once again return to the upper Texas panhandle for their 2008 and 2009 summer field schools. For those not familiar with the archaeology of this vast and somewhat remote region, it is apparent that the panhandle has lagged behind many other parts of the state in terms of the amount of information known about its past peoples. This has largely been a result of the absence of a major university that actively conducts archaeological research in the area and limited amounts of projects, such as reservoir and construction projects, which have required extensive archaeological field work by cultural resource management companies. To help fill these gaps in knowledge the upcoming field schools will examine a number of research issues that currently remain unknown or poorly understood. Accordingly, participants in the upcoming 2008 and 2009 TAS field schools will have the opportunity to conduct important field research that will undoubtedly leave a lasting impression on future generations of archaeologists working in this region.

In contrast to typical TAS field schools, the upcoming field schools in 2008 and 2009 will investigate a variety of different archaeological sites. These sites include localities repeatedly occupied over several hundred years by mobile hunter-gatherers, 700 year old villages inhabited by sedentary horticulturalists, and historic Indian and U.S. military encampments established during the 1860s. While at first glance this may seem like a lot of work to accomplish in two short field seasons, the reader should bear in mind that the scale of investigations planned for most of these sites is really quite limited and should be completed by small crews in a matter of a few days. Even so, since there are many unknown variables, such as weather conditions during the field school or the number of people actually involved in each field school, the proposed research strategies are very flexible and can be adjusted as is necessary.

The fieldwork planned for the field school includes: 1) open block excavations at three sites, 2) limited test excavations at several sites, 3) pedestrian survey, and 4) the recording of previously identified sites. Two archaeological field laboratories will be established to process the cultural materials collected during fieldwork. The following provides a brief introduction to some of the sites that will be studied and

the types of the research questions we wish to address through these investigations.

Chill Hill (41RB132)

One of the primary sites that will be investigated is a large Antelope Creek phase horticultural village called Chill Hill. This site, which was not discovered until the summer of 2005, aptly demonstrates that there are still many areas of the Texas panhandle that have yet to be explored by archaeologists. In this case it is nothing short of amazing that this site was only recently found since it covers an area approximately 600,000 m², has dense concentrations of artifacts littering the ground surface, and is only about 600 meters from a major highway. This site is situated on a low, dividing ridge between two tributary streams to the Canadian River. Historically, neither of these streams has contained running water, however, judging from the size and apparent length of occupation represented at Chill Hill indicates that this has not always been the case.

Shortly after its discovery, a shallow subsurface geophysical survey was conducted by Archaeo-Physics LLC of Minneapolis, Minnesota. These surveys employed a gradiometer and a soil resistance meter and examined nearly 19,000 m² or about 3% of the site. These surveys were very successful in identifying numerous cultural features, such as residential structures, storage facilities, middens, and hearths, throughout



The Upper End of a Tributary Canyon to the Canadian River.



Select artifacts from the Chill Hill Site.

the area examined. The quantity and concentration of features identified suggests that this may have been one of the most intensively occupied portions of the settlement.

Test excavations carried out at the site suggest that most of the cultural features are shallowly buried and were likely backfilled with trash after they were abandoned. The two, one-by-one meter test units excavated encountered a subterranean storage pit and the interior of a residential structure. The excavation of these test units resulted in the recovery of just over 13,000 artifacts, including chipped stone tools and debitage, faunal remains, ceramics, marine shell ornaments, and various other items. To give the reader some idea as to the density of artifacts recovered from each of these test units, about 1000 items were collected per 10 cm level! This site is also somewhat unusual compared to most other Antelope Creek phase settlements in that relatively high frequencies of trade items obtained through exchange with the eastern Pueblos of New Mexico were recovered during survey and excavation.

At Chill Hill we hope to excavate large residential areas at the site through open block excavation. Once features, such as houses, storage facilities, hearths and activity areas, are uncovered we can begin to understand the layout and organization of these villages. Since it is unlikely that we will be able to completely excavate all of the features that are found, we will judiciously select a sample of these for further work. In addition, Chill Hill has areas containing exten-

sive midden deposits containing plentiful quantities of artifacts and debris that is sure to provide an exciting setting for the children's excavation program.

Because test excavations at Chill Hill indicate that it is likely that we will recover large quantities of artifacts during our field work we have decided to set up a field laboratory at this site. A large, cement floored building with electricity and water is already present at the site. From this location we should be able to effectively process all of the artifacts and flotation samples collected from the site.

The Evolution of Antelope Creek Phase Settlements

The Chill Hill site is located near the confluence of two tributary streams and the Canadian River floodplain. Although this large Antelope Creek village clearly dominates the landscape, there are nine additional Antelope Creek phase sites scattered up one of the tributary streams from Chill Hill. We are interested in understanding the social, economic, and political relationship that existed between Chill Hill and these other sites. Did these sites represent satellite communities that were established as the population at Chill Hill increased through time? Did they represent populations of people that were attracted from elsewhere to settle near Chill Hill? Was there some form of an economic or political hierarchy that linked these sites or was each of these sites completely autonomous? Is it possible that when this valley was originally settled that clusters of families were dispersed up and down the valley only to aggregate into a single large settlement at Chill Hill at a later date?

In conjunction with our excavations at Chill Hill we would like to conduct limited test excavations at as many of these smaller Antelope Creek phase settlements as is possible. Our previous work on these types of sites suggest that it should be possible to recover the adequate samples needed for accurately determining the composition of material assemblages, the orientation of subsistence economies, and dating individual sites through limited testing. This information will allow us to address many of the topics noted above.

Halston (41OC100)

The second primary site that we plan to work on is called the Halston site. Halston represents a large historic Indian encampment located near the Buried City locality on Wolf Creek. Diagnostic Euro-American artifacts recovered during preliminary investigations suggest that this locality was repeatedly occupied between 1825 and 1875. Artifacts recov-



Metal arrowpoints from the Halston Site.

ered include metal arrowpoints, horse related gear, German silver ornaments, brass wire bracelets, tin and brass cone tinklers, bison hide fleshers, fragments of brass cooking kettles, glass beads, clothing buttons, butcher knives, iron awls, parts of flintlock and percussion guns, and debris associated with the production of arrowpoints, tools, and ornaments.

Despite abundant historical and anthropological research on post-contact Indians of the Southern Plains, these societies have been virtually ignored by archaeologists. Our work at the Halston site will help to amend this situation. We are planning to expose large areas of this site through open block excavation. Shovel tests excavated during a metal detecting survey conducted at Halston indicate that the historic Indian component is contained in the upper 30 cm of the site. As a result, it should be possible to expose a large area of the site in a relatively short period of time.

Investigations at Halston will attempt to address a number of different research issues. First of all, we are hoping to determine how many different times this site was occupied. The recovery of additional diagnostic trade items will be crucial for examining this topic. On a related note, it was mentioned above that the recovery of diagnostic trade items suggest that the site was occupied after 1825. However, if earlier related components are present at this site, but are characterized by cultural assemblages consisting of bone, stone, wood, and few metal trade items, these occupations would not have been identified during our metal detector survey. Currently, historical accounts suggest that Euro-American goods may not have become commonplace among tribes of the Southern High Plains until a relatively late date (ca. 1820 to 1840). Excavations at Halston may allow us to better understand the precise timing of this pivotal cultural transition. Lastly, our work at Halston will serve as an important

check of the general lifeways of these societies as they have been portrayed in the historical record.

Evan's 1868 Military Supply Depot (41RB111)

The last site that will see substantial work during the TAS field schools is a military supply depot established by Brevet Lieutenant Colonel A. E. Evans. This encampment was inhabited by 525 men and represented one of three major military detachments employed as a part of General Philip H. Sheridan's 1868 winter campaign. This campaign sought to punish bands of Indians who were raiding in retaliation against the ever increasing tide of white men that were encroaching on their lands and rapidly depleting their resources.

Besides Evans' group from Fort Bascom, New Mexico, military detachments were also sent into the field from Fort Lyon, Colorado under the direction of Brevet Brigadier General Eugene A. Carr and Brevet Brigadier General W. H. Penrose and another from Kansas under Colonel George A. Custer. Of these three detachments, the latter is best known for their attack and burning of a peaceful village of Cheyenne led by the noted peace chief Black Kettle on the Washita River in Indian Territory.

The remains of Evans' supply depot were found in 2004 by THC Stewards Alvin Lynn and Rolla Shaller and Mike Gilger at the confluence of a south flowing tributary stream and the Canadian River floodplain. Metal detector surveys conducted at this time identified two main areas occupied by Evans and his men. Artifacts recovered included .50-70 shell casings, lead bullets, horseshoes, canteens, military eagle buttons, tin can food containers, picket pins, and a wide variety of other items and equipment typical of the Civil War era. Features identified at the site include numerous military dugout depressions and an area occupied by the expedition blacksmith. A third separate area has also been found that contained a mixture of historic Indian artifacts and sparse quantities of military artifacts. This area may represent a later occupation by Kiowa and/or Comanche Indians who scavenged items that littered the nearby abandoned military camp.

Previous excavations have examined one of the dugout depressions along the western border of the site. This work exposed a dugout roughly five-by-five meters in size and excavated to a depth of nearly two meters below ground surface. The recovery of numerous tools, equipment, and trash debris on or near the floor of this short-term habitation



A Defensive Mesa Top Site on the Courson Family Ranch.

structure indicates that it was abandoned before the expedition returned to Fort Bascom.

Our investigations at Evans' Supply Depot during the TAS field schools seek to provide an archaeological perspective of this understudied component of Sheridan's 1868 winter campaign. Excavation of residential and activity areas using open block units should provide valuable insights into the reality of Indian military campaigns on the Plains seldom described in formal records and journals. For example, is it possible to differentiate between areas of the site occupied by officers, enlisted men, civilian teamsters, and guides? What types of food were consumed by the expedition? Did the living quarters and diet of officers, enlisted men, civilian teamsters, and guides differ in any appreciable way? A geophysical survey was conducted at this site in 2005 that identified numerous concentrations of cultural features and metal artifacts. As such, our work will also provide important feedback needed for interpreting the results provided by these surveys.



Early arrowpoint forms from the Courson Family Ranch.

The Late Archaic/Woodland Transition

The last group of sites to be investigated in the upcoming field schools is a series of camps repeatedly occupied by mobile foraging societies between about 1000 B.C. and A.D. 1000. These sites are indicative of a time period which, although represented by literally thousands of sites in the region, has received almost no attention from archaeologists. While several important technological developments occurred during this period, their timing remains poorly understood. First, there was a shift from the use of the atlatl to the adoption of the bow-and-arrow. Later in time witnessed the earliest production of ceramics in the region, and in at least some areas, the introduction of limited horticulture. While the overall importance of these developments and their role in culture change is far from clear, sites containing dart points are attributed to the Late Archaic period and sites with early arrowpoint types and ceramics are attributed to the Woodland period.

A group of five stratified sites has been documented in a single tributary valley of the Canadian River that contain the entire archaeological sequence from the use of dart points, the adoption of the bow-and-arrow, and finally the production of ceramics. The continued use of these individual localities over long periods of time may indicate that relatively little culture change occurred during this period. These sites are unusual in that they are situated in settings that are not typical of camps repeatedly occupied over several hundred years. Instead of being situated near streams or springs, these camps are usually located far from sources of water in settings apparently chosen for defensive reasons. These sites are found atop or at the base of steep sided mesas. These do not appear to be special activity sites since they are characterized by dense concentrations of cultural debris reflecting the full range of tasks typical of hunter-gatherer base camps.

Test excavations at one of these sites, called Bee Jay (41RB133), encountered thick buried middens zones separated by levels nearly devoid of cultural debris. This work resulted in the recovery of sizeable samples of all classes of artifacts including carbonized plant remains. Given that the other Archaic-Woodland sites in this valley contain similar types and quantities of artifacts, are located in comparable settings, and appear to be similar in all other respects, it is anticipated that limited testing at these sites should also yield comparable results to that observed at the Bee Jay site. It is hoped that this work will yield substantial information regarding a time period for which very little is known at present. Whatever the case, this work should provide an important baseline of information that will fill a significant gap in our knowledge of the culture history of this period and can be used to guide future research.

Pedestrian Surveys

In addition to the excavations discussed above, two small crews will conduct pedestrian surveys on one of the large Courson Family ranches on the Canadian River. The first of these crews will concentrate on the recording and documentation of a large number of prehistoric sites identified several years ago in a single tributary stream valley to the Canadian River. These sites include localities occupied by mobile foragers as well as homesteads and hamlets inhabited by sedentary horticulturalists. Altogether, these sites represent a broad range of the site types found in the Canadian River valley and will provide an excellent introduction to archaeological sites and cultural assemblages of the region.

Lastly, our work over the last few years has indicated that the methods typically employed by archaeologists during pedestrian surveys are generally quite successful in identifying most prehistoric sites and early historic homesteads. However, many ephemeral historic period sites, such as historic Indian, military, and buffalo hunter encampments are rarely documented. This is a result of the fact that archaeologists seldom incorporate metal detectors during pedestrian survey. As such, the second surveying crew will be trained in the use of metal detectors. Following this training the crew will examine areas previously surveyed for the presence of historic sites.

Summary

Overall, we are very thrilled to be hosting the two upcoming TAS field schools. After working in most every part of Texas, I would argue that it is difficult to find another area of the state that offers the extraordinary variety of sites that are found in the Texas panhandle. This coupled with the paucity of previous archaeological work and a climate which has resulted in the excellent preservation of sites and artifacts is sure to provide a setting for two very exciting TAS field schools. We believe that the diversity of sites we have selected for investigation will ensure that participants, no matter what their area of interest may be, will be sure to find something that is right up their alley!

While we recognize that the TAS summer field school is an occasion for old friends to get together and socialize, we are also extremely excited to address a number of significant archaeological issues that without the help of the TAS might not be resolved for several decades. In all, we have no doubt that the two upcoming field schools will be memorable for the sites investigated, the live bands that played into the

night, the barbeques, the new friends that were made, and the artifacts that were found, but perhaps most importantly, we are excited about the vital role that we will have played in advancing our knowledge of the peoples that once inhabited this remarkable and strikingly beautiful part of Texas.



The use of metal detectors during Pedestrian Survey.

2008 East Texas Archeological Conference

The 2008 East Texas Archeological Conference will be held on Saturday, February 16, 2008 from 8:30AM to 4:00PM at the Robert M. Muntz Library (Room 401) at the University of Texas at Tyler. This is the 15th meeting of this conference sponsored by the Texas Archeological Society—Region 4, the Friends of Northeast Texas Archeology, the Deep East Texas Archeological Society and other regional organizations. The conference brings together avocational and professional archeologists as well as the general public to discuss recent archeological discoveries and research in East Texas. If you are interested in presenting a paper or poster, or for more information contact Tom Middlebrook, TMdlbrk@aol.com, cell 936-556-0854.

ATTENDANCE AGREEMENT

(Required for registration)

Individually and on behalf of any family members and sponsored minors attending the TAS Field School with me, I hereby pledge and agree:

- To pay for all meals I/we eat that are provided by TAS.
- To respect the rights of other participants, keep the camping area clean, and avoid disturbing other campers.
- To abide by the rules and codes of conduct of the TAS Field School, to obey the instructions of directors and other officials of the Field school, and to perform such archeological work and camp chores as may be assigned to me/us by Field School Directors and officials.
- To care for and turn in all equipment, records, and supplies that do not belong to me/us; to collect and excavate archeological materials only when and where instructed by Field School officials; to properly record and turn in all artifacts and to keep records and controls in all archeological work.
- To abide by the terms and conditions of the Texas Antiquities Statutes.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE AND AGREE TO ALL ITEMS:

Signed _____ Date _____

LEGAL RELEASE

(Required for registration)

- I hereby release the Texas Archeological Society and the property owners from any and all liability for the safety and well being of me or members of my family while attending the 20____ TAS Field School. I/We will respect the rights and property of landowners and will not damage or destroy public or private property.
- I approve the use by TAS and other sponsoring organizations of any photographs of me or members of my family taken by the official Field School photographers during scheduled Field School activities for use in publications or publicity and promotional projects.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE AND AGREE TO ALL ITEMS:

Signed _____ Date _____

AIDE TO YOUTH PROGRAM

(Required for parents or sponsors of Youth Group participants)

Indicate below your first and second choices for the day you will help with the Youth Group. List any crafts, skills, or other activities you could direct that day.

Name _____ First Choice Day _____

Craft or Activity _____ Second Choice Day _____

SPONSOR AGREEMENT

(Required for persons under 18 years of age unaccompanied by parent or guardian; must be completed, notarized, and included with registration form)

TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN:

I _____, parent or guardian of _____, a minor, residing at _____ in the city and state of _____ hereby release the Texas Archeological Society and the property owners from any and all liability for the safety and well being of said minor while he/she is attending the 20____ TAS Field School. I hereby appoint _____ adult sponsor for this minor, and the sponsor has agreed to assume this responsibility.

Parent or Guardian (_____) Phone _____

Subscribed and sworn before me this _____ day of _____, 20____

Notary Public In and For the State of _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY SPONSOR:

I, _____, having been appointed adult sponsor of _____, a minor, by his/her parent or guardian, _____, hereby agree to this appointment and further agree to assume the responsibility of said minor at the 20____ TAS Field School.

Sponsor (_____) Phone _____

Subscribed and sworn before me this _____ day of _____, 20____

Notary Public In and For the State of _____

A Visit to Ochiltree County

By Glynn Osburn

After an absence of 20 years, the TAS Field School will return to the upper Panhandle near Perryton for 2008. Mr. Harold Courson and his family have invited TAS back to the Courson ranch to help conduct some important archeological investigations to be directed by Dr. Scott Brosowske.

Thanks to the hospitality of Mr. Courson, attendees will be treated to two catered dinners with live entertainment. The first will be on Saturday, June 14, and then we will climax the Field School on Friday, June 20th, with dinner and entertainment by the well-know band, **Asleep at the Wheel**. Please plan on staying through Friday night for this memorable dinner with special entertainment. For the other days in camp, our outstanding Field School cooks will again be with us, serving up their excellent breakfasts and dinners.

Bob Smith and Dempsey Malaney will serve as Co-Camp bosses. Our campground will be at picturesque Wolf Creek Park and Lake Fryer, in Ochiltree County about 15 miles from Perryton. Large elm and cottonwood trees at the campsite on the south side of the lake promise an enjoyable tenting experience. Bathhouses with restrooms will be available nearby. There are also 54 RV hookups with water and electricity on the south side of the park where TAS will be located. Besides the camping, the park and lake also offer fishing, swimming, boating, and there are playgrounds as well as hiking and jogging trails. Camping fees will be waived at the campground for us. Please note that the park does not allow glass containers, so leave them at home. We are also cautioned to bring a light jacket as it sometimes can get cool at night (makes for great sleeping). There is also a restaurant



Another view of Lake Fryer.

at Lake Fryer which will be convenient to participants.

Perryton is only seven miles south of the Oklahoma state line and it is the northernmost county seat in Texas. There are several motels in the city as well as some fine restaurants. Motels are, Best Western, ph: 806-834-2850, and Ambassador Inn, 806-435-9611. A new motel, the Baymont Inn and Suites, will be completed in March. The Perryton Chamber of Commerce may be contacted at 806-435-6575, <http://perryton.org/>. The chamber will mail out information packets upon request.

Additional details and directions to the campground will be in the Spring TAS newsletter.



Campsite in Wolf Creek Park on Lake Fryer.

Jicarilla Apaches Reprinted

This is to let everyone know that Dolores Gunnerson's book on the *Jicarilla Apaches* has been reprinted—in paperback—after being out of print for years. It also has a new title—*Apache History and Jicarilla Origins, 1525-1801*. (The original title was *Jicarilla Apaches: A Study in Survival*. Dee decided the new title was more reflective of the contents, but it's exactly and precisely the same book.) You can order if from Lee Booksellers, P.O. Box 5575, Lincoln, NE 68505. It costs \$24.95 including shipping. There is a 20% discount for libraries. Carol J. Condie, Quivira Research Associates, 1809 Notre Dame NE, Albuquerque, NM 87106, (505) 255-9264, cjc1540@qwest.net

TAS Annual Meeting in Review

The 78th Annual Meeting of the Texas Archeological Society, held at the historic Menger Hotel in San Antonio, Texas, October 26th -28th, was an unqualified success. There were a total of 354 registered participants. The program of activities included over 100 individual papers and posters with nearly every aspect of Texas archaeology represented. The Friday night Public Forum, sponsored by Humanities Texas, and featuring Dr. Mike Collins of the Texas Archaeological Research Laboratory and Dr. Kathleen Deagan of the Florida Museum of Natural History, was a big draw with



Dynamic Doug Owsley holds the TAS audience spellbound during his Annual Meeting Presentation. (Photo C. Harrell)

over 425 in attendance. The banquet speaker was Dr. Doug Owsley of the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History. Over 200 people attended the banquet and enjoyed an exhaustive and informative speech. Dr. Owsley's presentation focused on the skeletal material of the early English Colonies and kept the audience mesmerized for nearly two hours.

Silent Auction co-chair Candy Smith hopes the recipients of the loot appreciate all of the time spent pacing the floor and looking to see if they had the last bid was as much fun as it was to watch. We had some really nice items that were donated and as always, a good selection of books.

“Wrap up of 2007 Annual Meeting Events Chaired/Organized by Maureen “Mo” Brown”

Silent Auction Results:

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to all who donated and volunteered towards this year's Silent Auction Event. We had **478** items donated by **77** individuals, agencies, societies, and businesses and made a whopping **\$5,416.75** at the outcome of the auction. The funds generated go to help fund



Dr. Mike Collins and Dr. Kathleen Deagan smile for the camera just before their presentations at the Friday Night Public Forum.

TAS current and future programs. Please see the names of individuals who generously donated their time (and many their stuff as well) to make it a successful fundraiser! I apologize in advance if I've forgotten to mention anyone. **Thank you, thank you, thank you!**

CTA-TAS 3rd Annual Careers in Archeology Social

Thanks to everyone who participated and attended the social. Once again because of you, we had a great turn out in the foyer of the Menger Hotel. Fourteen CRM firms, state agencies, and/or educational outreach programs set up table displays for students, registered TAS & CTA members, and the general public to find out about careers and what's happening in archeology around Texas. We met with many students who were busily making contacts/networking at the social. Thanks to all who made it happen, including CTA for sponsoring the refreshments third year in a row! Please mark your calendars to participate and/or attend next year's 4th Annual social at the 2008 Annual Meeting in Lubbock!

Banquet Costume Contest:

This year's costume contest at our Saturday night banquet has to take the cake for being the funniest! If you were there you know what/who I'm talking about, and if you weren't please see the pictures below...but in person you

had to be there to get the “full” effect! I’m still LOL! Our theme this year was “Best of Saturday Night Live/SNL” and folks were encouraged to come as one of their favorite characters in the 32 years of SNL’s existence on NBC. The few individuals that had the nerve to dress up not only did a great job with their costumes but also really acted out the part! We had four prize categories:

- 1) Best “Saturday Night Live” Costume: Went to **Doug Boyd**, as “Church Lady” (“isn’t that special”).... all I can say is “Oh my G...!” Hope someone filmed him/her on video coming through the audience to receive his prize!
- 2) Best “Partner” Costumes: Went to the couple that traveled from France with furry rings on their coneheads: **Walt Allinger and Pat-Mercado-Allinger** as the “Coneheads!” And then to boot, Pat received the newest TAS Fellow Award and had to have her photo taken again as a conehead! Don’t kill me Pat!
- 3) Best “Archeology” related costume went to **Ruth Marie** as the “Masai Warrior Woman” (Wow!). Have to say that Ron Ralph got a lot of votes as going as himself dressed in his red Hawaiian shirt!
- 4) Best “Disguised” costume (most different from self or unrecognizable): Went to **Ona B. Reed** as one of the “Cone Heads” offering folks a bite of toilet paper! Too too funny! Ona should be everyone’s role model for knowing how to have fun and actually doing it!

Other costumes included to name a few: “Mary Catherine Gallager,” “The Hand,” “Happy Feet,” a pirate and wench, and “Blues Sisters and brother.” Thanks to everyone who participated in the contests and others who put up with us for a good laugh!



Doug Boyd amazed everyone with his portrayal of the “Church Lady.” (Photo C. Harrell)



Ruth Marie as a stunning Masai warrior. (Photo C. Harrell)



Ona B. Reed charmed the crowd as a Conehead. (Photo C. Harrell)



The Coneheads have arrived! Walt Allinger and Pat Mercado-Allinger. (Photo C. Harrell)

“Historic Riverwalk Pub Crawl & Scavenger Hunt”

When most folks were snug in their hotel beds after the great presentation by Dr. Doug Owsley during the Saturday night banquet (which let out about 11:30pm), about 40 TAS “night owls” wearing “glow sticks” were scavenging around the San Antonio Riverwalk in the dark looking for answers to clues provided in their contest packets. Examples of questions included: 1) “What is the archeological feature (enclosed in glass) that is located across from the Alamo (Alamo Square on S. Alamo Street sidewalk) at the entrance to the Riverwalk & what it is made of? 2) What restaurant has table canopies designed like the Texas Flag? Bonus – what famous San Antonio architect’s name is on the building and what is he known as the “father” of? and 3) What “matters” to Nelly? Folks had the choice of working in pairs or as a team and at this hour we actually had 10 teams of contestants, with five teams winning prizes for completing all the contest questions correctly! Two gals even had the nerve to dance at the bar at “Coyote Ugly” for triple bonus points and had a cell phone image to prove it! We wrapped everything up and had a blast all hanging out together at Zincs! Thanks to everyone for participating even if it was to join us for a drink at Nelly’s! For me this was a great way to hang out with friends and “chill out” after a successful meeting/auction! Hmmm. . . scavenger hunt in Lubbock! Volunteers?

I’d like to extend a big thank you and appreciation to the following volunteers, committee members, and participants who generously assisted with the following TAS Annual Meeting events:

1) Silent Auction

Candy Smith
Mark Kohnitz
May Schmidt
Jim Schmidt
Jenny McWilliams
Kay Hindes
Kathleen Hughes
Sharon Menengas
Dave Martin
JoAnne Carpenter
Jonelle Miller-Chapman
Pat Mercado-Allinger
Barbara Meissner
Laura Beavers

Robin Mathews
Polly
Dave Calame
Carole Leezer

2) 3rd Annual TAS-CTA “Careers in Archeology” Social

Tiffany Osburn
Kathleen Hughes
Kay Hindes

Participants:

Prewitt & Associates, Inc.

(Jenny McWilliams and Doug Boyd)

Ecological Communications Corporation-ECC

(Rachel Feit)

PBS&J (Meg Cruse with assistance from Brett Cruse-THC)

Geo-Marine, Inc. (Tiffany Osburn and Missi Green)

Texas Department of Transportation (Tx DOT)

(Waldo Troell)

Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD)

(Dawn Ramsey and Tony Lyle)

Center for Archeological Research-UTSA

(Marybeth & Steve Tomka)

Legacy: Hands on the Past (UTSA-CAR)

(Lynn Yakubik)

Half & Associates (Carole Leezer)

SWCA (Mindy Bonine and MaryJo Galindo)

CTA (Mindy Bonine and Marie Ashbault)

Shumla School

Texas Historical Commission (THC)

(Pat Mercado-Allinger, Mark Denton, Jeff Durst)

TAS (Kathleen Hughes, Mark Kohnitz, Mo Brown)

3) Costume Contest:

Miriam de la Maza
Kathleen Hughes
Mark Kohnitz

4) Historic Riverwalk Pub Crawl Scavenger Hunt

Michael Strutt
Lain Ellis
Miriam de La Maza
Jeff Durst

TAS Awards Presentation Honors Six

Over the past almost 40 years we have had, and continue to have great TAS mentors. **Jay Blaine** is one of those who received a long overdue **Golden Pen Award** at the Annual Meeting Banquet, held at the Menger Hotel in San Antonio.



Jay Blaine, escorted by Clute sister "May," on his way to receive the Golden Pen Award. (Photo by C. Harrell)

Over the decades, Jay has generated and contributed to numerous publications. He has written on topics as varied as Early Man sites in west Texas to the preservation and study of metal artifacts. He is the foremost authority on Spanish and French colonial period metal artifacts recovered from Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana sites. To the benefit of the discipline, he has authored and co-authored a large number of articles, reports and book reviews on these varied subjects. He continues to undertake research and is currently assisting the Texas Historical Commission's La Salle projects, responsible for the identification and analysis of small arms from the Belle shipwreck and the metal artifacts from the ill-fated Fort St. Louis site. The results of these analyses will be incorporated into forthcoming technical reports on the Belle and Fort St. Louis.

Jay Blaine is also a TAS Fellow, former TAS president and this year's recipient of the Society for American Archaeology's Crabtree Award for the 2007 Golden Pen Award. As an aside it was noted that he and his wife were married in San Antonio 64 years ago and their honeymoon trip consisted of a ride in a canoe on the San Antonio River after having given a pint of blood in order to get the day off.

Joe Hudgens is a major contributor to the archeology of Southeast Texas. He has recorded well over 100 prehistoric sites in Fort Bend and Wharton Counties, and some

prehistoric sites in Fayette, Colorado, Austin, and Waller Counties. He has served as the Houston Archeological Society (HAS) Field Director for many years, and has arranged property access for many HAS excavation projects.

Joe is a Past President of the HAS, and is a member of the HAS, the Fort Bend Archeological Society, and the Texas Archeological Society. He has received the Southeast Texas Archeological Research Award and the Merit Award of the HAS, and the Golden Pen Award of the TAS.

He has authored or co-authored 71 publications on prehistoric sites. He is the senior author of two reports on the archeology of the Mexican Army retreat route in 1836, and has published an article on the archeology of Post West Bernard of the Texas Army. Hudgens has published two articles on an important historic Karankawa Indian site in Wharton County. We congratulate Joe Hudgens on his Distinguished Service to TAS and to the archeological community.

The Francis Stickney Field School Award Goes to Two Outstanding Recipients

Having worked closely with the TAS Youth Group for many years now, all of us agree that the Neal Stilley has gone above-and-beyond the call of duty and deserves recognition for his many contributions to the annual field school. He has been co-director of the Youth Group for the last seven field schools since 2001. To complement the experi-



Neal Stilley giving instruction on atlatl throwing at Field School.

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ence that the kids get in hands-on archeology, Neal directs the educational activities and uses many different hands-on activities that he has created over many years. While the kids are thrilled because of that and have a lot of fun, they are also learning. Neal teaches them material culture, artifacts, and archeology, primitive technologies, adapting to different environments, and natural history. He is particularly successful as a teacher because he relates well to the kids and makes learning fun.

A total of 380 kids have participated in the last seven field schools, and many are repeat offenders who love the Youth Group activities. He has made an impact on almost all of them! Neal has been, and hopefully will continue to be, an important player in the success of the TAS field school.

When we think of this person we often find ourselves smiling really big smiles! We *know* Field School has started when we see this crew-member arrive to set up camp. **Gladys Swanson Franssen** shows up yearly for TAS- rain or shine!



*Stunned and speechless,
Gladys Swanson Franssen
lovingly admires her
Francis Stickney Field
School Award.
(Photo C. Harrell)*

She arrives, sets up her camping spot, and prepares for a week of work *and* fun. To the passerby she might seem on the quiet, well-behaved side, as she tends to stay close to the campsite while visiting with friends and family and working on projects. Gladys also goes about the TAS work willingly as assigned- no problem. She never really draws much attention to herself *until*. . . there is a skit or the awards night! Then this quiet unassuming person comes alive!

A favorite memory of Gladys is the time she narrated the “*Evolution of an Archeologist*” for the TAS Field School at the Gault Site. She did a *wonderful* job of taking us from

the first Cave Man Archeologists (played by Nick Morgan with the gorilla suit on *BACKWARDS!*) to the modern day Archeologist (portraying Elton Prewitt and who knows about *his* outfits!). Her description of how an Archeologist evolved was worthy of an Oscar! That’s right- an Oscar Hotdog!

She also was the narrator for the TAS Beauty Contest held down in Menard a few years back when Michael McCauley won the much sought after title of Ms. TAS. There was a lot of “stiff” competition that year for this coveted title. If you will remember- ALL answers to the really “tough” questions ended with, all together now—“and WORLD PEACE!”

When not out on site for TAS, or enjoying time with family, or working on a skit, Gladys can usually be found working hard on her favorite past time-making jewelry! You will often see her set up under a big shady tree working away at a little table making necklaces and bracelets and if you insist, selling them.

Yes, just the thought of Gladys Swanson Franssen brings a smile to many of us! Thank YOU Gladys for sharing your humor with all of us at TAS for so many years. We all look forward to your fun additions next year!

C. K. Chandler Award

The newest TAS award is given to the avocational archeologist who records the most sites during the course of a year. The award is named in honor of C.K. Chandler, a prodigious site recorder. The award recognizes members’ efforts to document our irreplaceable and often endangered archeological sites. The recipient must be a TAS member in good standing. Site documentation must be submitted to the Texas Archeological Research Laboratory for an official tri-nomial. Documentation should minimally include a completed electronic **TexSite** form (an electronic program developed by the Texas Historical Commission for site data recording) and a site location plotting on a 1:24,000 USGS topographic quadrangle base map. Don’t forget to include the landowner information! The sites recorded cannot be part of a funded project. The award will cover the period from 1 September through 31 August of the following year.

For the second consecutive year, **David Calame**, of Devine, Texas, has earned the C. K. Chandler Award. Thank you David!

TAS FELLOW:

Pat Mercado-Allinger has made major contributions to the Texas Archeological Society and to Texas Archeology. Currently, she holds the demanding job of State



A very surprised, hyperventilating Pat Mercado-Allinger receives her TAS Fellow Award from Alan Skinner. (Photo C, Harrell)

Archeologist, Archeology Division, Texas Historical Commission. She is responsible for directing legislatively mandated statewide archeological programs involving original research, landowner assistance, historic preservation planning, coordination with allied historic preservation and archeological organizations, public outreach (including coordination of Texas Archeology Month annual observances, popular publications and public presentations) and the Texas Archeological Stewardship Network volunteer program. She serves as the principal investigator for major archeological investigations initiated in-house. Pat has worked as an archeologist in the State Archeologist's Office directing archeological field, lab and scientific research related to the state's archeological programs since 1984. She became State Archeologist in 1996.

Prior to her duties with the Texas Historical Commission, Pat worked as a Staff Archeologist with Prewitt and Associates, Inc. (Austin, TX) and as a Project Archeologist with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). She has written and co-authored numerous published works, documents and special reports on a statewide spectrum of sites and subjects.

Pat received her B.A. and M.A. in Anthropology at the University of Arizona, Tucson. She is a member of the Society for American Archaeology, The Society for Historical Archaeology, the Council of Texas Archeologists, the Texas Archeological Society, the Travis County Archeological Society and the Oklahoma Anthropological Society.

Elected offices she has held are: Vice-Chairman, Council of Affiliated Societies, Society for American Archaeology (1992-1998); President of the Texas Archeological Society (1990) and Director (1988); and offices in the Travis County Archeological Society and the Council of Texas Archeologists. She has also served in various appointed positions within the Texas

Archeological Society, a number of them for multiple terms (Co-Chairman, Texas Archeology Awareness Week Committee, TASN and TAM Liaison, Bylaws Committee chair and member...).

Pat (along with the Executive Director) has represented the TAS at the Council of Affiliated Societies in the Society for American Archaeology. She and the Executive Director served as co-chairs of the SAA's 2007 local (Austin) arrangements committee.

For the past several years, she has developed and given the Field School newcomers' orientation program for TAS, providing those new to our group and the Field School a very professional, yet easily understood introduction to both archeology and the Society. Her efforts to reach out to these individuals, from the time they register, through orientation and beyond, not only gives them useful archeological background but other information to make their first days at Field School less confusing—and that in turn should lead them toward a positive view of the Society and its members.

She has traveled to various corners of the state to meet with local societies and to teach archeological techniques to their members and she fills out a mean site form herself!

She is a competent, responsible leader and colleague who is liked and admired by all who know her. She steps up to bat whenever she is asked and is easy to work with, knowledgeable (and clever) and can negotiate through bureaucratic tangles that would trip up the rest of us. She is an excellent spokesperson for TAS. We are proud to have Pat Mercado-Allinger as our newest TAS Fellow.



Sharing the spotlight in a calmer, more dignified atmosphere, Pat poses with her surprise TAS Fellow Award along with Alan Skinner and Carolyn Spock.

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Membership Awards

Certificates were presented to 20 to 55 years at the Annual Meeting.

Years of membership

55

Frank A. Weir

50

Ruth Ann Ericson
Kathleen Gilmore
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45

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B. D. Skiles
J. Byron Sudbury

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Texas Anderson
G. M. "Mickey" Canon
John Guntharp
Brenda Jackson
Ron Jackson
Tommy Johns
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Lori Lyon

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Duane E. Peter
May Schmidt
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Patricia Mercado Allinger
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Scholarship Fund Needs Your Dollars

TAS has three scholarship funds that merit your contributions. Each year the funds must be replenished by donations. Scholarships are awarded based on the money in the funds.

The **Native American Scholarship Fund** provides money for Native Americans to attend the Field School. It offers membership, registration, food, dig kit and partial travel reimbursement. Since 2003 the number of Native Americans at field school has grown significantly due to the efforts of the original Multicultural Relations Committee and the availability of funding with 18 recipients attending in 2007.

The **Student Scholarship Fund** supports college students' attendance at Field School, Annual Meeting and Academies as well as membership. Field school scholarship recipients receive registration, food, supplies and travel. For Annual Meeting they get registration and a travel stipend. Academy participants will receive registration and partial travel reimbursement. This program began in 2006 with four

students attending field school and two attending annual meeting. In 2007 there were more applicants than money to fund their participation in these TAS events.

The **Diversity Program Scholarships** will encourage participation in TAS events—Field School, Annual Meeting and Academies for groups other than Native Americans who are not well represented in our membership. Recipients will receive membership, registration and partial travel reimbursement. This will be the first year for the Diversity Program committee to recruit participants and award scholarships.

Each event scholarship has its own deadline and application form. Information may be found online at www.txarch.org under "Scholarships and Grants."

Please send a donation to these scholarship funds to encourage more active participation in archeology by faces new to TAS!

Membership Awards Continued. . .

Panhandle Archeological Society

Jim Schmidt
H. Ray Smith
Lorna Smith
Ellen Sue Turner
Janet Watts
Brenda Whorton
Barbara J. Williams
George E. Wolf

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Louis F. Aulbach
T. Lindsay Baker
Laura T. Beavers
Leland Bement
Jerrylee Blaine
C. Britt Bousman
James Collett
Adriana Comini
Harold D. Courson
Craig Darnell
Dee Dee (Ernestene) Green
Bettyanne Hall
Debra Hanus
Curt Harrell
Helen Harrell
Agnes Herschbach
Richard Herschbach
Max Keele
Carol Macaulay
Dennis Magill
Sylvia Ann Marcus
Carol Nicklaus
J. Michael Quigg
Larry Riemenschneider
Larry Shaver

Hugh D. (Doug) Shaw

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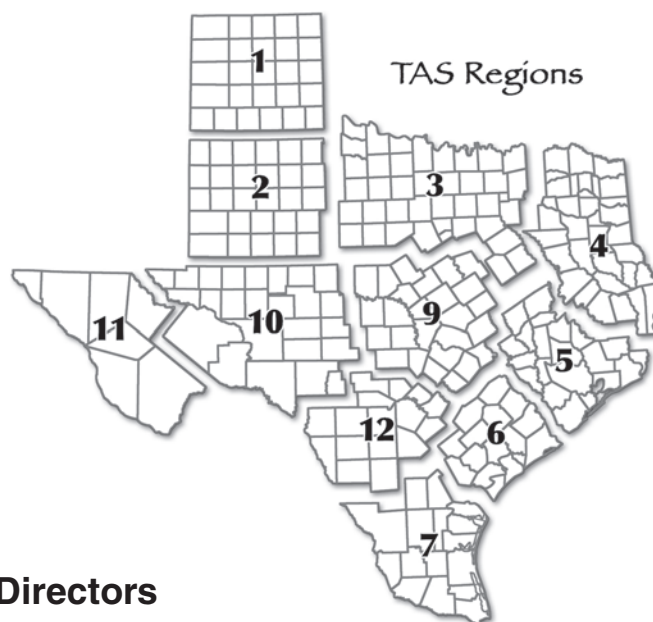
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Charles Eugene Mear

By A. Darryl James, Midland, Texas

Charles Eugene “Gene” Mear died Sept. 18, 2007, at the age of 80 years after battling Parkinson’s disease for the last few years. A productive, successful by any measure, petroleum and minerals geologist and geosciences manager, Gene had a lifetime full of accomplishments, honors, friends and a rich family life.

Gene went far in life coming from a modest background. He had to live much of his early life in a tent with his mother and stepfather as they followed work around during the depression. Later his parents settled in the country hollows of Leakey, Texas where he learned to hunt and fish in the beautiful forested hills and valleys. He attended school in Leakey and Sabinal. An excellent student, he graduated valedictorian in his high school class.

One day hunting in the hollows of Leakey the dark-haired high school boy came across a group of Texas A & M students mapping with a plane table. As they shared conversation and food, Gene learned they were geology students mapping for their field geology class. Intrigued, this chance moment made a strong impression on the youngster. He had never met college students before, nor heard of geology and knew little of college. World War II was grinding down when he finished high school; college would have to wait. He was drafted into the Army and served as a paratrooper in the 11th Airborne Division in the Philippines and Japan.

Returning from Japan, Gene received an honorable discharge and attended Southwest Texas State Teachers College (now Texas State University). Deciding that teaching was perhaps not his calling, Gene transferred to The University of Texas where he earned bachelors and masters’ degrees in Geology in 1951 and 1953, respectively. His master’s thesis: *Quaternary Geology of the Upper Sabinal River Valley, Uvalde and Bandera Counties, Texas* was reprinted during 1989 Summer Archaeological Field course, University of Texas, Austin and partly reproduced by the Southern Texas Archaeological Society in 1990. Prior to finishing his master’s degree, he was hired as a geologist by Stanolind Oil and Gas Company and began what was to be a long, distinguished geoscientist career.

A certified petroleum geologist and certified professional geoscientist, Mear’s extensive professional career includes 46 years as geologist and manager (35 years in petroleum, and 5 years hard minerals, 3 years Texas Archeological Research Fellow, and 3 years as consulting geologist. His resume includes these imposing job assignments:

- 1952-1956—Exploration Geologist (Stanolind Oil and Gas Company (Amoco Production Co.), Midland, TX.
 - 1956-1964—Exploration Geologist, U.S. Smelting Refining and Mining Company, Midland, TX.
 - 1965-1967—Chief Geologist Mallard Petroleum Company, Midland, TX.
 - 1967-1971—Exploration Geologist Louisiana Land and Exploration Company, Midland, TX.
 - 1971-1976—Exploration Supervisor, Hard Minerals Division Louisiana Land and Exploration Company, Denver, Colorado.
 - 1976-1977—District Geologist Southland Royalty Company, Midland, TX.
 - 1977-1982—District Exploration Manager Southland Royalty Company, Midland, TX.
 - 1982-1986—Vice President Geology and Geophysics Southland Royalty Company, Fort Worth, TX.
 - 1986-1991—Vice President Exploration Cross Timbers Oil Co., L.P., Fort Worth, TX
 - 1991-1993—Senior Vice President Geologic Development Cross Timbers Oil Co., L.P., Fort Worth, TX.
 - 1993-1996—Research Fellow, Texas Archeological Laboratory, The University of Texas Austin.
 - 1996—Consultant, Petroleum Geology, Geoarchaeology
- I worked with Gene Mear at Southland Royalty Company where he was my immediate supervisor. He became a life-long friend. The proverbial “geologist’s geologist,” teacher, thinker, field trip leader and author, Gene was well liked and respected throughout the oil community. Gene was a great oil finder, manager and scholar. He drilled many successful wells for the companies he worked for, supervised the work of many professional people, published more than 33 professional papers, and remained active in his many professional societies. Although a supervisor for much of his career, he liked to keep “hands-on” in geology. One of his favorite tasks was contouring geologic maps. When I would drop into his office, he would frequently be contouring a map. He would often look up and say with his warm electric eraser in his hands, “Oh how I love the smell of burning rubber.” He was known to use many witty, colorful phrases and metaphors to make a professional point. To answer a yes or no question, Gene would often say, “Does a frog have a water-proof ear” or “Does James Brown get down?”
- He minored in Archeology during his studies at The University of Texas. As a scholarly avocation, Gene main-

tained a keen interest in archeology throughout his life. When he retired in 1993 as Senior Exploration Vice President of Cross Timbers Oil Company, he accepted a research fellowship in Archeology at The University of Texas and worked there until 1996.

All his life, he loved sports and remained a rabid, albeit somewhat of a "closet" Longhorn fan. He treasured The University of Texas and was proud that several of his children graduated from that institution. He enjoyed watching college football and attending high school football, basketball and baseball games. Gene also loved to fish, hunt birds and the outdoors. One of his passions was attending and often leading geology and archeology field trips. He was fond of telling stories and told many and sometimes was chided for telling the same story more than once. Gene had an uncanny memory. As someone would show him a prospect or drilling deal, he would invariably pick out some dry hole on their map and say, "Now when this well was drilled..." Frequently an interesting story would develop from what was seemingly an uninteresting dry hole.

Mear received the Monroe G. Cheney Science Award, from the Southwest Section of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists in 1991 and the Dedicated Service Award of the West Texas Geological Society in 1982. He was awarded an honorary life membership Permian Basin Section of the SEPM in 1982.

Memberships in professional societies are comprised of the following:

- SEPM (Society for Sedimentary Geology)
- Permian Basin Section SEPM (Honorary Life Member)
- Geological Society of America (and Archeological Geology Section)(GSA)
- American Association Petroleum Geologists (AAPG)
- West Texas Geological Society (WTGS)
- Fort Worth Geological Society (Past President)
- Austin Geological Society
- Texas Archeological Society
- Certified Petroleum Geologist (AAPG) No. 3963
- Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists (SIPES) No. 2463
- He remained a highly active member throughout his life in many professional societies.

Gene Mear married his high school sweetheart, Tonie, who like Gene was valedictorian of her Sabinal high school class. They had eight children and eight grandchildren. A consummate family man, he was proud of his children and their accomplishments.

A scholar, teacher, author, major industry contributor and a friend to all, he leaves a vacuum in the oil community.

Charles Mear has published 33 professional articles including:

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Regional Reports

Region 5 **W. Sue Gross**

The Fort Bend Society has been busy recently with searching for a historic cemetery, assisting Boy Scouts with achieving their Archeology Merit Badge, and working with the Fort Bend Museum and Houston Museum of Natural Science on various activities. Outreach activity participation include Texian Market Days at the George Ranch Historical Park and the city of Sugar Land's Memorial Park opening, with a booth and mock dig box with 150+ kids, right next to the various moonwalk balloons!

The Houston Society has been busy with a "Time Travelers" project in conjunction with the AIA, and did a pilot program at Houston Askew Elementary School for 3rd-grade students. The program consisted of classroom units on ancient cultures with workbooks to be completed by visiting hands-on study areas covering different aspects of each culture (language, religion, material culture and customs, etc.). This was followed by a mock dig, where students excavated, screened, washed, weighed, measured, and documented the "artifacts" they found. Houston will also be hosting the TAS Lithics Academy on January 26-27.

The Brazosport Society is continuing their 5-year plan for documentation of 50+ historical plantation sites in Brazoria County, under the guidance of Jeff Durst, THC. Many Region 5 TAS members are looking forward to the continued plans to document the Stephen F. Austin Historic Site with the THC in 2008. This task involves locating the properties of early prominent citizens of San Felipe, under the guidance of Marianne Marek.

Region 7 **Jennie Galvan**

Our First International Rio Grande Delta Archeology Fair was a milestone with about 500 in attendance that day. It was held at Palo Alto Battlefield, Saturday, October 13th. Museums from Brownsville, Port Isabel, and Matamoros, MX. participated in the events. We received recognition in the news media, being on page two of the first section of the Sunday edition of the *Brownsville Herald*, the day after the Fair. This was a first for the Brownsville area, and we are proud of the outcome. It was the first time all the local museums had ever grouped together in one place.

The Annual Meeting in San Antonio was very informative. What an opportunity to be able to get in on such a variety of topics and discussions from around the state and to meet new

folks and see those once again that make being involved in TAS so worthwhile. The winter season is a great time to prepare for the coming year's activities, and to take advantage of available workshops and seminars. I will be visiting the Corpus Christi Archeological Society in December and look forward to expanding awareness and preservation across my Region.

As always, I can be reached most anytime to talk to those interested in upcoming events, or how to get involved. Phone: Cell 956-266-8225 or 866-279-1775 out of town. E-Mail: riograndeltarch@aol.com

Region 11 **Tim Roberts**

As the winter season approaches, and the activities associated with Archeology Month and fall conferences is behind us, things are perhaps slowing to a slightly less than crazed pace. Nonetheless, much of my own time has been and continues to be spent working on various archeological survey projects at Big Bend Ranch State Park and other state parks in far west Texas. Also, with the help of staff at Seminole Canyon State Park and Historic Site, Joe Labadie, Amistad National Recreation Area, and Elton Prewitt, Shumla School, we were able to excavate a series of mechanical auger tests on an upland burned rock midden site that was recently discovered in a buried upland setting, a rarity in this part of the country. Although no diagnostic projectile points have yet been recovered from this site, the frequency of endscrapers found on the site suggests that it may date to the Late Prehistoric period. We are looking forward to conducting additional excavations on this site in the future.

Though a few months away, preparations are underway for the upcoming TAS Rock Art Academy, to be held in Van Horn February 28th through March 2nd. Melissa Williams and Reeda Peel, both from the Center for Big Bend Studies (CBBS), Sul Ross State University, Alpine, are coordinating this Academy.

The CBBS continues to conduct archeological investigations on some private ranches in the Big Bend region, and is in the final couple of years of archeological survey work at Big Bend National Park. Archeological sites in the La Junta de los Ríos area were the focus of recent remote sensing activities, the results of which are still pending. Much of the information gleaned by the CBBS as a result of their research activities will soon be available to read and view on the 'Texas Beyond History' website; the Trans-Pecos exhibit will include several contributions by the CBBS on the

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TAS Education Committee at Science Teachers Convention

The TAS booth at the Conference for the Advancement of Science Teaching was a huge success in terms of person-to-person contact with teachers interested in using archeology in their classroom. About a thousand brochures, posters, TAS-Texas Beyond History bookmarks, Academy notices, and other information were distributed to the teachers that visited the booth.

TARL contributed a 3-D display and artifacts, THC contributed posters by the hundreds, and TAS contributed bookmarks, newsletters, and Field School & Academy registration forms. Many thanks to the Travis Co. Archeological Society volunteers who worked in the booth for two and a half days; Karen Fustes, Ed Crosby, David Parkhill, Jim Schmidt, JoAnn & Kelly Carpenter, Elliott Richmond, Ann & Robin Matthews, Alice Stultz, and Kathleen Hughes, Education Committee member from Aldine.

As an incentive to visit the booth, TAS had a drawing for two free registrations to attend any Academy. This generated a list of 225 email addresses. The TAS Education Committee will keep these on file for a time with plans to send archeological information to these teachers, including information about Field School and the Academies and a reminder that TAS is approved by the state to be a provider of continuing professional development credit for teachers.

“We had some great conversations with many teachers and received several requests to “come out to my ranch” to check out possible archeological sites,” said Robin Matthews, TAS Education Chairman. “We also put a code on the Academy applications so we can trace how many teachers from the convention actually attend any academies,” Robin stated.

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archeology of the region.

The El Paso Museum of Archaeology celebrated its 30th anniversary in October, and is presently exhibiting 'Watercolor Paintings of Rock Art at Hueco Tanks.' The exhibit will continue until February 16th, 2008. In conjunction with the present exhibit, the Museum also hosted a mini-conference on the archeology and rock imagery of Hueco Tanks on December 7th, followed by guided tours to related pictograph sites on December 8th.

Bob Gillespie

Self-proclaimed "Desert Rat" **Bob Gillespie**, 15 year TAS member, passed away while in hospice care at home in Burnet on October 27, 2007. Bob always had a kind word for everyone and a positive outlook on life as well. Bob was a LUAS stalwart for many years, helping with excavations, field trips and student tours. More recently he had become very involved in rock art recording, and we saw less of him as he pursued his passion. Bob was a joy to be with, infinitely polite, always interested in your life, and just an all around great guy. Bob had been in declining health in recent months. He leaves behind his wife Laurah, several children and grandchildren.

GIS for Archaeology

For anyone interested, the Baylor University Center for Spatial Research (CSR) is sponsoring the following workshops aimed at professional education and development for archaeologists. Dr. Shane J. Prochnow will instruct both workshops in the Baylor Sciences Building at Waco, Texas.

Introduction to Archaeological Geology

Date: January 26, 2008

Hours: 8

Max Enrollment: 15

Cost: \$250/person or \$1,000 for 5 seats

GIS for Archaeology

Dates: February 23-24, 2008

Hours: 16

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