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Giving and Remembering STAA's Memorial Endowment & Scholarship Funds

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2006 Elected Board

Chairman - Clint McKenzie
Vice-chair - Bruce Moses
Secretary – Lynn Yakubik
Treasurer – Cathy McCool

STAA had the benefit for many years of the time and talent of numerous, now deceased, individuals who helped create, sustain, and enrich our organization. As a token of our respect for their contributions, and at the request of family and friends, a number of Memorial Funds and Scholarship funds were created to honor their memory. These funds give STAA members an opportunity to remember them by supporting the organization's activities and undertakings through donations to those funds

The funds fall into two categories, **Memorial Endowment Funds** and **Memorial Scholarship Funds**.

The Memorial Endowment is a fund created as a perpetual source of interest income to support the general activities of STAA. Donations to the Memorial Endowment will never be spent – they form the corpus of the fund and only interest income derived from its investments are returned to the General Fund for use by the organization. Funds not utilized are returned to the Memorial Endowment and capitalized. The Memorial Endowment is comprised of funds donated in the memory of the following individuals:

**// What a man does
for himself dies
with him. What he
does for his
community lives
long after he is
gone. -Theodore
Roosevelt- ... //**

Ray Blackburn Memorial Endowment
Frances Meskill Memorial Endowment
Norman Flaigg Memorial Endowment
Skip Kennedy Memorial Endowment

The Memorial Scholarship Fund was created as a perpetual source of interest income to support STAA's Field School Scholarships for deserving students participating in Texas-based field school course work. Like the Memorial Endowment, only interest income generated from the endowment is spent to support scholarships. The Memorial Scholarship Fund is comprised of funds donated in the memory of the following individuals:

Jimmy Mitchell Scholarship Fund
Tom Kelley Scholarship Fund
I. Wayne Cox Scholarship Fund

The STAA Board feels that with the number of new members, many may not be aware of the purpose and origin of these two important funds, but more importantly, they do not know of the history and life of the incredible and laudable deceased members these funds memorialize.

To accomplish that end, another difference that you will see on the new Dues Notice will be a reduction in the number of "Memorial Endowment" & "Memorial Scholarship" fund choices. The two choices now available will be listed as "Memorial Endowment" & "Memorial Scholarship". Beneath these two choices will be a printed link to our web site for more information on the purpose and history of the funds and the individuals they memorialize. Each individual will have their biography and contributions posted so that both members and visitors to our web site will have the opportunity to learn and more fully appreciate their lives and accomplishments.

Archaeology Day at Mission San Jose

On Saturday, October 7, STAA partnered with the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park and the UTSA Center for Archaeological Research to present "Archaeology Day at Mission San Jose". Over 1300 people attended this free family event!



2007 Annual Texas Archaeological Society Annual Meeting

Mark **October 26-28, 2007** on your calendars now! That's when the Texas Archaeological Society meets in San Antonio for the **Texas Archaeological Society Annual Meeting!** The historic Menger Hotel will once again be the location for the meeting and the STAA has arranged for a very special room rate of \$109.00 per night.

The STAA and the Center for Archaeological Research, UTSA will serve as the local sponsors along with the TAS Annual Meeting Committee. The Friday night Public Forum promises to be a terrific night for both prehistorians and historians. Dr. Kathleen Deagan, Florida Museum of Natural History, University of Florida and Dr. Mike Collins, Texas Archaeological Research Laboratory, UT, Austin will be our speakers. We can look forward to talks on Spanish Colonial archaeology and Paleo-Indian/Pre-Clovis archaeology.

Other events already in the planning stages include business meetings, committee meetings, banquet and banquet speaker, favorites such as masquerade ball, book room, workshops, artifact identifications and silent auction. The silent action promises to have something for everyone. TAS and STAA folks have already started collecting donations so clean out those closets, visit those estate sales, purge your library of duplicate copies and put your talent to work to make that special item. The meeting offers the opportunity to socialize with old friends, meet new ones, hear talks on the latest research and investigations, and share our interest in the cultural heritage of Texas with the public.

Volunteers are needed. We'll have lots of jobs to fill so jump in early in order to help make the 2007 Convention one to remember! To volunteer, contact one of the following:

Kay Hindes: 210-207-7306 or 830-570-0138 (mobile)

Clint McKenzie at 210-279-2855

Cathy McCool at 210-533-3177

Thanks!

I would like to thank the following members of STAA for coming out and volunteering their time: **Clint McKenzie, Cathy McCool, John and Desi Carrola, Joe and Susan Beavin, Bruce Moses, Steve and Marybeth Tomka, Beth Hudson, Jim Stengstrom, Harry Johnson, Pat Somach, Ronnie Tiller, Mike Durack, and Rick Pulis.** The day was a success because of people like you!

Texas Archaeological Society Lithics Academy to be held in San Antonio

The Lithics 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 archeological record is formed. Dr. Harry Shafer will lead the workshop with the assistance of Dr. John Dockall and flint knapping specialists. The Lithics Academy will be held at CAR at UTSA.

Fees will be **\$85** for TAS members and **\$125** (includes membership) for non-members. Fees include a manual and lunch during the class sessions. Professional development credit will be given to teachers attending classes. TAS is a provider of continuing professional education (CPE) accredited through SBEC.

You may register online for this academy at <http://www.txarch.org/activities/academy/2007.html>.

STAA members who have questions or would like to volunteer in the planning of this event can contact Lynn Yakubik at 458-4462.

**Lithics: Reading Stone
Artifacts
San Antonio – February 3-4, 2007
UTSA Center for Archaeological
Research**



Documentation Report - STAA Members survey private ranch near San Angelo, Texas

During the last week of October, STAA members David & Debbie Calame, Roy & Cindy Smyers and their son, Seth Smyers, were invited to a private ranch north of San Angelo, Texas to survey and record prehistoric sites.



An intact hearth eroding from the fields

During the survey of a 320 acre parcel of land, the participants recorded three prehistoric sites, two of which had previously been found to have burials. The group took site location readings and photographs of artifacts found on those sites. The burials documented were associated with Late Prehistoric and Middle Archaic artifacts.

The amount of cultural debris encountered on all the recorded sites proved extensive use by the prehistoric peoples of that area, for long periods of time. Eroding hearth fields were common, and it was always quite a site to walk up on an intact hearth that was used at least 500 years ago!

The property owner was very pleased with STAA member's efforts and invited these members back for further investigations, including possible excavations if needed. Trinomials are in the process of being applied for on the three sites recorded that weekend.

Proposed Increase in STAA Dues

STAA has maintained the current dues structure for nearly a decade. Rising print and mailing costs associated with both the Newsletter & La Tierra require that we increase our dues correspondingly. At the same time, in an effort to streamline the membership categories and impart more fairness, we are instituting three membership categories where previously we had six. The new membership categories are *General*, *Student*, & *Institutional*.

General Membership includes the individual member and their immediate family. General Membership dues are \$35.00 per annum.

Student Membership is only for full time students, up to the age of 23. Student Membership dues are \$25.00 per annum. This discounted amount will just cover the direct costs associated with *La Tierra* and Newsletter expenses.

Institutional Membership includes Universities, Cultural Resource Firms, Corporations, and the like entities. Institutional Membership dues are \$50.00 per annum.

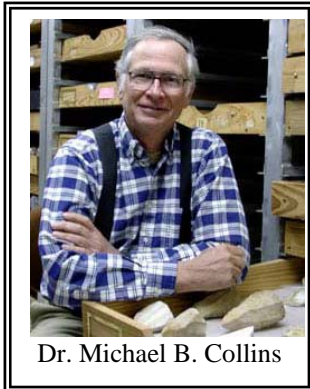
The break down of member dues is as follows:

Newsletter Printing and Mailing for 4 Color Newsletters:	6.00
Printing & Mailing of La Tierra	20.00
Publicity	1.00
Office Expense (Post Box, paper, supplies, etc.)	1.00
Field Supplies	1.00
Web Site Support	1.50
Texas Beyond History Support	2.00
<u>Miscellaneous Expenses</u>	<u>2.50</u>
TOTAL	\$35.00

STAA takes in additional income from the four Quarterly Meetings but the income derived from those meetings is used directly to support that activity without affecting the General Fund. Monies collected pay for meeting locations, advertising, food, and most importantly honoraria for our guest speakers. Because the Quarterly Meetings are self-supporting, they are not included in the dues structure.

SOUTHERN TEXAS ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION Annual Quarterly Meeting

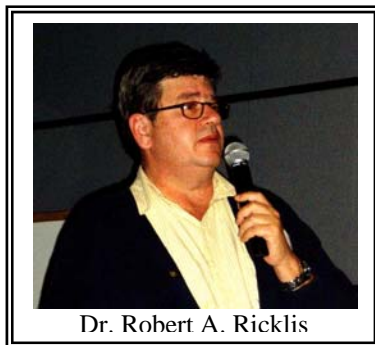
On January 13, 2007 at the **University of the Incarnate Word International Conference Center** The STAA & The University of the Incarnate Word Sociology & Anthropology Department Invite you to the Annual Quarterly meeting focusing on **Research on the Earliest Americans**.



Dr. Michael B. Collins

□ **Dr. Michael B. Collins—“Searching for the First Americans”**

Dr. Collins is Research Associate at the Texas Archaeology Research Laboratory, University of Texas-Austin. His interest, research, and publications in Paleo-Indian sites and culture are deep and extensive. Among his many publications is his book on ***Clovis Blade Technology*** (University of Texas Press). His talk will focus on the growing evidence of a pre-Clovis culture in the Americas that calls for a revision of the older traditional depictions of who were the first Americans and how they arrived here.



Dr. Robert A. Ricklis

□ **Dr. Robert A. Ricklis—“Emergent Cultural Complexity at Buckeye Knoll”**

Dr. Ricklis is Director of the Corpus Christi, Texas office of Coastal Environments, Inc. He is an expert in the archaeology of the Texas coastal zone, as well as the ethnohistory of the Karankawa tribes and other native groups of the Texas coast. His numerous publications include his book, ***The Karankawa Indians of Texas*** (University of Texas Press). His talk examines the evidence linking the Early Archaic life ways along the Texas coast to cultural development in much of the North American continent.

TIME

11:00 – Noon: Registration & Social Hour
 12:00 – Brief STAA Business Meeting
 12:15 – 3:00 Featured Lectures+

REGISTRATION

\$5 Adults & children over 11
 \$2 Children 11 and under
 \$2 College Students with ID

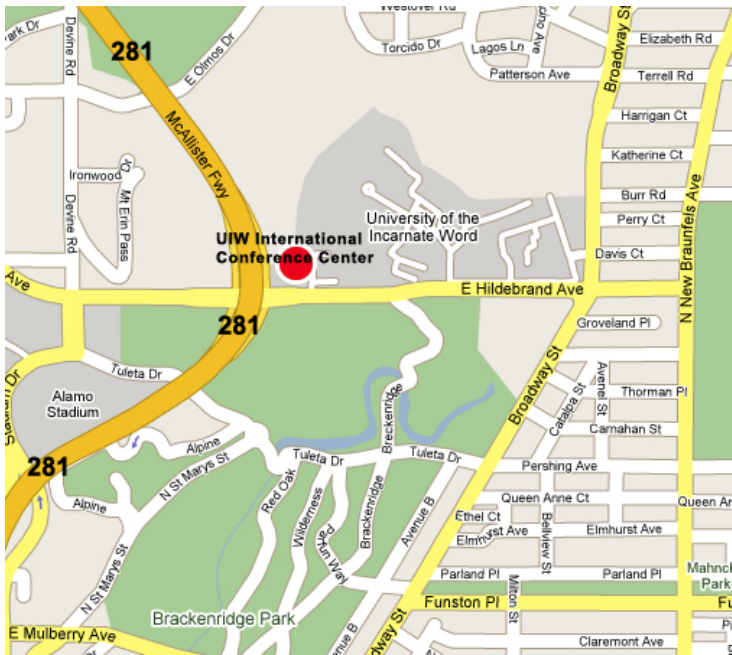
*There will be an intermission between Lectures. **Refreshments and artifact displays** will be available before lectures and during intermission.

Collectors are invited to bring their artifacts for identification and display.

Further more information go to www.staa.org or contact **Grace Keyes** at 431-2280 or gkeyes@stmarytx.edu

The International Conference Center at the University of the Incarnate Word is located **at the corner of U.S. Highway 281 and Hildebrand.**

**Directions to the University of the Incarnate Word
International Conference Center**



Found Something?

David Calame, as Documentation Chair for STAA, has been viewing, commenting and helping folks document their artifacts and record the sites those artifacts came off of for four years now.

This is a great way for you to do your part in helping document Texas' past and have a great time doing it! If you need help with your artifacts or sites, please contact him at:

Phone number:

210-394-3650

Email

davidcalame@sbcglobal.net



**THE SOUTHERN TEXAS ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

Check type of membership: New Renewal, For the calendar year 20____

Active (\$25 per year) Supporting (\$50 per year)

Family (\$30 per year) Corporate (\$100 per year)

Contributing (\$35 per year) Institution (\$50 per year)

Student (\$15 - Full time student up to age 23)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ - _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS - Tax Deductible

\$ _____ STAA Scholarship Fund \$ _____ Ray Blackburn Endowment

\$ _____ Frances Meskill Memorial \$ _____ Tom Kelley Scholarship Fund

\$ _____ Flaigg Archaeological Projects \$ _____ Jimmy Mitchell Scholarship Fund

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Make Checks Payable to STAA, and mail to:

STAA Attn: Membership
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STAA also derives income from the Memorial Scholarship Fund and Memorial Endowment Fund. Interest income from these two sources is used to support Field School Scholarship(s) and to support the General Fund respectively. Because the Memorial Scholarship Fund generates its own interest income for Field School Scholarships, it is not included in the dues structure.

THE PROPOSED DUES INCREASE IS EFFECTIVE ONCE RATIFIED BY THE

STAA Membership Dues--- *Due Now!*

Please be sure to check your label for your membership status! If it says '05, this will be your final newsletter, so be sure to send in your renewal.

Please place the enclosed invoice with your bills to be paid and send your renewal soon to Lynn Yakubik at 9607 Fonthill Dr. San Antonio, TX 78254-5653. You may also mail renewals

MEMBERSHIP ON JANUARY 13, 2007.

ALL 2007 DUES PAID BEFORE JANUARY 13, 2007 WILL BE AT THE OLD RATE!!!!

AN ADDED INCENTIVE TO GET YOUR DUES PAID ASAP!

If you have questions, comments or concerns about the proposed dues, please contact *Clint McKenzie* at mcdmck@yahoo.com or by phone at 210-279-2855.

directly to the STAA P.O. Box.

Call her at 210-458-4462 or email membership@staa.org if you have any membership related questions.

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