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**SOUTHERN TEXAS
ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
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STAA Quarterly Meeting

Saturday, July 31, 2004
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
3901 FM 2676
Quihi, TX

Agenda

- 12:00 Registration and Socializing
 - \$5.00 Adults and children over 11
 - \$2.00 for students with College IDs or for children under 11
 - Guests are welcome.
- 1:00 Business Meeting.
- 1:15 Dr. Bruce Albert, "Early Climates in Northeastern Mexico and Adjacent Areas: Results of Pollen Research"
- 2:15 Break and Refreshments - Sales of books from the library of C.K. Chandler that was donated to STAA by his family.
- 3:00 Dr. Thomas R. Hester "An Overview of Archaeology in the Quihi Area: The 2004 STAA Field School"
- 3:45 Adjourn.

About our Special Guest Speaker:
Dr. Bruce Albert received his BA in Anthropology with Honors from UT-

Austin in 1990, his MA (1992) and his Ph.D. (2002) from the University of Durham, in England. He has done extensive pollen research in Europe and North America. Recent projects include the reconstruction of climates at 41VT98 (Buckeye Knoll) with Dr. Bob Ricklis, and the study, through palynology, of ancient climate change in SW Coahuila, with Dr. Karl Butzer.

It is quite an honor to have Dr. Albert as a speaker. You will not want to miss his talk.

Directions to Quihi- Travel out US HWY 90 West into Castroville and turn right on HWY 471 (at the Shell Station). Once in Rio Medina turn left onto FM 2676 and follow this into Quihi.

NEWS AND NOTES

Don't forget about the best research reference available.
It is the STAA LaTierra index that is on this website!

Another great resource on-line is www.texasbeyondhistory.net. This is great for children and adults who want to learn more about archaeology. Check it out.

The website for the Texas Archaeological Society is www.tas.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 24 STAA Field School, Quihi, TX. See enclosed info and registration forms.

July 24-25 THC Steward's Workshop in Austin.

July 31 STAA Quarterly Meeting held in conjunction with the Field School. Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 3901 FM 2676, Quihi, TX.

Aug 7 Monthly STAA LAB- UTSA CAR 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Call Rick Young 210-458-7823 for more information.

Sept 4 Monthly STAA LAB- UTSA CAR 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Oct 2 Monthly STAA LAB- UTSA CAR 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Oct 23 Tentative date for next STAA Quarterly Meeting.

Jan 15, 05 Tentative date for the STAA Annual Meeting.

IN SYMPATHY

Charter member, Virginia Chandler, passed away May 19,2004 in San

Antonio at the age of 78. Together with her late husband, C.K. Chandler, Virginia and C.K. served STAA in many ways over the years that they were active with our organization. As many of you know Virginia was a sweet, sweet lady who always greeted everyone with a warm and loving smile. Our sympathies are extended to her family.

SUMMER FIELD SCHOOL AT QUIHI, TEXAS July 24-August 1, 2004

The Southern Texas Archaeological Association (STAA) announces a summer field school in Medina County, Texas, near the historic settlement of Quihi. The STAA has an excellent opportunity to conduct test excavations, site survey and collection documentation in a region in which very little archaeological research has ever been done. Dates for the field school are July 24-August 1, 2004.

Applications for field school are enclosed. All participants must be current, 2004 paid members of the STAA.

Fieldwork will be focused at two prehistoric sites, 41ME132 and 41ME133. Both sites have important data related to the chronology of prehistoric occupation in the Quihi Creek drainage. Artifacts from one site go back to at least 10,000 years ago, with recurring occupation continuing up to early Historic times. The STAA project area also offers opportunities to survey and record new sites and to document some local artifact collections. Thus, the field school can provide the participant with experience in several aspects of archaeological research.

Located north of US Highway 90, between Hondo and Castroville, the Quihi locale is easily accessible. Camping areas will be assigned at the field school headquarters, located in a renovated historic home with necessary facilities. Participants may purchase meals through a catering arrangement made by the STAA. Motels are available in Hondo and Castroville, as are numerous restaurants and stores.

Dr. Thomas R. Hester will direct the field school. David Calame will oversee the site survey program (830-665-9758). Skip Kennedy is providing logistical and operations oversight. Sue Turner will direct the laboratory work.

STAA Quarterly Meeting- May 1, 2004

St. Mary's University was the site of our Quarterly meeting where Vice-Chairman, Clint McKenzie called the program to order, promptly at 1:00p.m.

Clint greeted the membership and began by announcing that there will be a STAA Field School to begin on July 24th. Our Quarterly meeting will in conjunction with Field School and is set for Saturday, July 31 at Quihi, Texas. Dr. Tom Hester is serving as PI for the field school.

Herb Uecker was our primary speaker for the meeting. He shared "The Archaeology of the Alamo." Herb's extensive archaeological experience in south and central Texas and at the Alamo has allowed him to publish his first book entitled, The Archeology of the Alamo; a Self-guided Walking Tour and Personal Account.

Since our second speaker was unable to be at the meeting, Clint McKenzie discussed the presumed whereabouts of the remains of the Alamo defenders.

Treasurer's Report as of April 6, 2004 by Ruth Matthews.

Cash Position:	Balance
Checking account	\$9,897.00
Savings Account	\$4,874.33
Money Mkt-General fund	\$9,221.09
Money Mkt-Scholarship-Mem	\$9,738.69
Total Accumulated Funds	\$33,731.11
STAA Memorial Endowment	-9,738.69
Designated funds	-10,297.44
Funds for Operation	\$13,694.98

Board Meeting Notes:

April 6:

- Discussion on Field School possibilities. After heading up a feasibility study of having a Field School, Skip Kennedy made the motion for the board to approve having a field school. This was seconded and passed. Dr. Tom Hester has agreed to PI.
- Lab work continues the 1st Saturday of most months out at CAR. We are having good attendance and progress continues.
- Scholarship time is here and Bruce Moses agreed to notify the various Universities.
- Public Outreach effort held in Uvalde recently had 90 people in attendance and served as good exposure for STAA.

May 4:

- Tom Hester is investigating STAA Bylaw documents in the hopes of determining the most current set of bylaws and then working with a committee to suggest changes as may be needed.
- The 2004 Budget was revised by the board. One change of note is an increase in meeting registration fee from \$2 to \$5 for adults, Children and students with College IDs will be \$2. This increase was needed as current cost to produce and mail Newsletters and LaTierra are not completely covered by the annual membership dues and other operating costs.

June 1:

- Budget that was revised at the last board meeting was approved by the Board.

- Discussed and voted to include \$1.50 service charge on all electronic PayPal payments and memberships received. This covers the present service charge assessed for this service.
- Scholarship committee is meeting soon to decide on the scholarships.

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Comments and suggestions are *always* welcome.