

SOUTHERN TEXAS ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

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STAA Quarterly Meeting

Saturday, September 17, 2005

Trinity University Chapman Center

E. Hildebrande Rd, San Antonio, TX

(See directions below)

Agenda

\$5.00 Adults and children over 11

\$2.00 for students with College IDs or for children under 11

Guests are welcome.

- 11:00 Registration and Artifact Identification**
- 12:00 Business Meeting**
- 12:15 Dr. Harry J. Shafer. "People of the Prairie: A Possible Connection to the Davis Site Caddo."**
- 1:00 Break and Refreshments**
- 1:20 Clint McKenzie and Bruce Moses, "Preliminary Results of the STAA 2005 Field School, Excavations at the Chandler Site, 41BX708."**

Directions to the Meeting Place: Traveling on US 281, exit Hildebrande Ave and go West. Trinity is located at Shook and E. Hildebrande. To best access Chapman Center, take a left on to Shook Ave. and then a left on East Rosewood. Parking will be to the right on the front of the building.

About our first speaker: Dr. Harry J. Shafer is a native Texan, who grew up in Temple. As a kid, he was an avid arrowhead collector, he joined the Central Texas Archeological Society in 1956, and the Texas Archeological Society in 1958. Serendipitous good fortune led him to work at the Texas Archeological Salvage Project in Austin in 1962 for Ed Jelks and Dee Ann Story as a field

technician, and eventually as an archaeologist. He received his BA degree from The University of Texas in 1970, and a PhD in 1973. In the fall of 1972 he joined the faculty at Texas A&M University where he established their archaeology program. Retiring from TAMU in 2002, Harry and his wife Molly, now reside in San Antonio. Research projects included co-director of the Colha Project in Belize with Tom Hester, NAN Ranch Project in the Mimbres Valley of New Mexico, the Hinds Cave (www.texasbeyondhistory.net), and most recently, the Gault Site with Michael Waters and Michael Collins. Dr. Shafer has conducted research in all regions of Texas and through all time periods. He authored and co-authored over 150 publications, including *Ancient Texans: Rock Art and Lifeways of the Lower Pecos*, and *Mimbres Archaeology at the NAN Ranch Ruin*.

Notes from Your Chairman

The dog days of August are upon us and fortunately we do not have any field work scheduled! I trust all of you had a safe and productive summer.

STAA completed a very successful 2005 Field School during July. The site, 41BX708, in northwest Bexar County, produced cultural materials ranging from the historic period through to the Late Paleoindian period. The site was named the C.K. Chandler site in memory of our late STAA member of the same name who recorded the site in the mid 1980s. As most of you know, C.K. was instrumental in recording and documenting sites and collections throughout South Texas.

We had over 40 participants during the field school and gained many new members.

Bruce Moses and I plan to present the preliminary findings from the field school at the upcoming quarterly meeting on September 17th and we encourage you to attend to learn about the investigations.

STAA continues to grow and we continue to have new opportunities for work and service. STAA will be participating in the Archaeology Fair to be held at Mission San Jose y San Miguel de Aguayo here in San Antonio on October 1, 2005. We have also started a survey school and will be looking for opportunities to survey both public and private lands to record and document archaeological sites in South Texas.

As Chair, I would like to encourage each of you to participate in the activities of your organization to the degree that you are able to do so. Whether you have been a member for thirty years or just 30 days, STAA is a great place to meet new friends who share your interests in archaeology and prehistory. Please make time to come to the quarterly meetings and our other events – you will not be disappointed!

Feel free to contact me directly at my e-mail address listed on our website at STAA.org.

Your Input Desired:

Through your newsletter, we are working to share more insight about STAA and the people who have stepped up to lead this organization. If you have any specific topics or questions for any of our leaders, feel free to send them to your newsletter Editor, Karen Fulghum at 966 Blue Bill Cove Drive, Lakehills, TX 78063, telephone 210-422-5699 or email kfulghum@remax.net.

Our current officers are Chairman: Clint McKenzie, Vicechair: Cathy McCool, Secretary: Bruce Moses and Treasurer: Ruth Mathews.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sept 17 **STAA Quarterly Meeting. Trinity University.**
- Oct 1 **Archaeology Day at Mission San Jose. STAA volunteers needed. See News and Notes section.**
- Nov 5 **Monthly STAA Lab at UTSA CAR 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Call Rick Young 210-458-7823 for more information.**

News and Notes

Volunteers needed! STAA is partnering with the National Park Service and the CAR/Legacy Program to hold an Archaeology Day at Mission San Jose on Saturday, **October 1**, 2005 from 10am to 4pm. We need folks to help out with the atlatl and flintknapping demonstrations, the mock dig, and other areas around the Mission. Please contact Lynn Yakubik at 458-4462 or lynn.yakubik@utsa.edu to sign up.

To see when your **membership** expires, look at the mailing label affixed to the front of your newsletter. The numbers in the upper right corner reflect the year your membership is paid through! Memberships expire in December of that year.

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT OUR WESITE AT WWW.STAA.ORG

IN SYMPATHY

Glenn "Skip" Wallace Kennedy, Jr. Glenn "Skip" Wallace Kennedy, Jr., 61, passed away in his home on August 18, 2005. Skip was born and raised in Austin, Texas. He attended the University of Texas and was a member of the Longhorn Marching Band, Showband of the Southwest. A history and archaeology enthusiast, he has been a member of the Sons of the Republic of Texas, The San Antonio Living History Association, The Nueces County Historical Commission, The Southern Texas Archaeological Association and The Texas Archaeological Society, where he served as president. Before relocating to San Antonio, Skip was a member of Grace Presbyterian Church in Corpus Christi.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly Kennedy of San Antonio; daughter, Tricia Kennedy of Corpus Christi and father, Glenn W. Kennedy, Sr., of Creedmoor. STAA and south Texas has lost a mighty force for the cause of archaeology. Skip gave tirelessly to STAA and TAS. He recently served as camp director and chief cook/bottle washer for our 2004 Field School at Quihi. Skip was a friend to many and will be greatly missed. Our sympathies go out to his wife, Beverly and daughter, Tricia. If desired, you may make memorial donations in Skip's name to our Endowment Fund.

Thanks to those folks who continue to make donations to our Scholarship and Memorial Funds. Your donations are building the overall Endowment which allows us to continue to support educational pursuits of students of south Texas Archaeology.

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