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CALENDAR

General Meeting

Saturday
March 19, 2011

12:30 p.m. at
Riverside NC

TAS Field School

June 11-18, 2011
Medina County
See txarch.org

Save the Date

HCAA's
Archeological
Celebration in
2011 is set for
October 8 at
Riverside Nature
Center



Avocational Archeologist TAS, STAA Leader and THC Steward Cindy Smyers Headlines March Meeting

See what she found
in a bison ribcage....



Cindy Smyers will be preaching to the choir when she shares her experiences as an avocational archeologist with the HCAA membership on Saturday, March 19 at the Riverside Nature Center.

"Most of my time is spent in the field," says Cindy, but her record of service to organizations in Texas shows that she also recognizes the importance of maintaining our archeological societies, publishing and presenting.

Southern Texas Archeological Association (STAA) named Cindy the Avocational Archeologist of the Year in 2004. She has been a THC Steward for about 7 years, finding a large number

of sites, recording them and documenting artifacts. She has served on the Donor's Fund Committee for TAS for the last 4 years.

Ms. Smyers has a lot of experience with regional societies like HCAA, having been a member of the Midland, Iraan and Concho Archeological Societies, STAA, TAS and the Center for Big Bend Studies at Sul Ross State University. She has written several articles for La Tierra.

HCAA JUNIOR ARCHEOLOGISTS MEET, MAKE PLANS FOR FIELD EXCURSION

Twelve eager young "Junior Archeologists" had their first hands-on experience in HCAA on February 12, 2011 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the lab at Riverside Nature Center. Many of their parents were in attendance too.

Bob Ogle, Kay and Woody Woodward and Jan Winzinger

presented an overview of archeology and displayed artifacts provided by Steve Stoutamire, Ogle and the Woodwards.

Ogle observed that "it was obvious these folks knew their stuff. Their questions and comments all reflected a pretty good

understanding of and interest in archeology." Plans for either late April or early May include a field trip to a site where the junior members will conduct a site survey, and possibly do some digging.

By Bob Ogle

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STOUTAMIRE TO LEAD HCAA BOARD FOR SECOND TERM IN 2011

President Steve Stoutamire was nominated and elected to serve a second year as head of the HCAA Board by HCAA members at the January 15, 2011

General Meeting. Vice President John Benedict was also elected to a second term. Secretary Terry Farley and Treasurer Rudi Winzinger were tapped for a third year of service in their

respective Board positions.

Two new faces join Director Bob Ogle to complete the Board as At-Large Members: Ivan Oak and Penny Bryant.

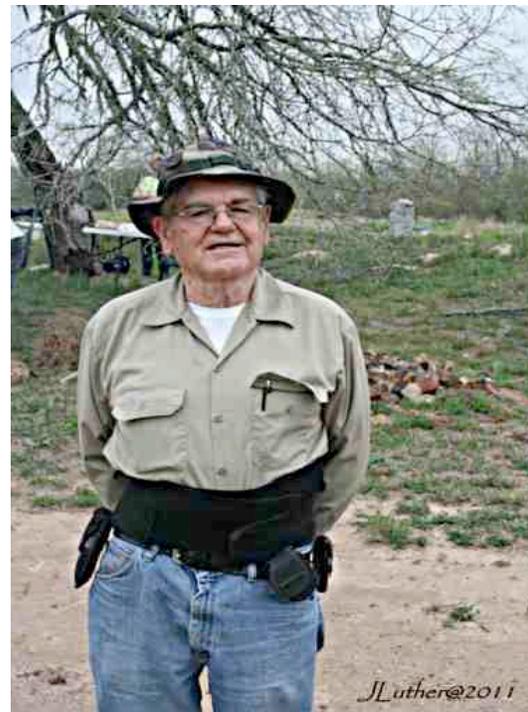
TAS OFFERS ACADEMIES, FIELD SCHOOL

HCAA members Joe Luther and Ivan Oak spent last weekend, March 12-13 at the TAS Archeology 101 Academy in San Antonio. The Field Work portion of the class involved excavating at Rancho de Las Cabras near San Antonio. TAS organizes a "101" Academy every year, moving to different venues to give students instruction and interesting hands-on experiences.

HCAA members are fortunate that the 2011 TAS Field School returns to Medina County June 11-18. According to the organizers, the 2011 Field School promises

to be even better than last year. The archeology will be much more focused, for about 6 hours

per day with time for other activities in camp or nearby. *Hint: Bring your swimsuit.*



IVAN OAK
TAS 101-11 DIG
LAS CABRERAS

FIELD WORK COMMITTEE ADDS MEMBERS

TRAINING, FIELD TRIPS TOP COMMITTEE AGENDA

Terry Farley, John Benedict and Steve Stoutamire have accepted the HCAA Field Work Committee's invitation to become members of the Committee. As members, they will lead field work and assist with the Field Work Training Class set to start in April. At the current time, HCAA has nine field projects that are either underway, pending investigation and/or being written up in reports.

The Field Work Committee is planning three field trips suitable for all HCAA members: the Gault Site, the Paint Rock Site near San Angelo, and the Witte Museum and Institute of Texan Cultures in San Antonio. These trips will not involve outdoor work.

HCAA Members are encouraged to participate in field work. The Field Work Training Class helps one become more proficient in field work activities, and may result in the ability to lead crews on projects. HCAA Members interested in the April Training class are encouraged to contact Kay Woodward at twoodward1@stx.rr.com or to call 830-896-8049 as soon as possible.

By Kay Woodward

What Lured You to Archeology?

A request for personal biographies led to some interesting insights into the lure of archeology. Cindy Smyers (our speaker at the next HCAA meeting) says "my husband got me interested...he is a production foreman for a major oil company and was constantly running across sites as the company was putting in new wells."

New Board member Ivan Oak of Hondo reveals that his interest in history led to genealogy, trying to find some of his "elusive ancestors". A natural segue to archeology, together with his wife, Marilyn's interest, "made me even more

curious to find out about past cultures." He is especially interested in archeology as it applies to Texas with its fascinating early peoples.

John Benedict, Vice President of the HCAA Board, went from research and training in

insect pest management to "sleuthing out the mysteries of the people who came before us—the older the better." He says his passion is "surveying new archeological sites and writing the stories about what was discovered."

REVIEW: *LINKING TO THE PAST* BY FEDER

By John Benedict

Linking to the Past, by Kenneth L. Feder, PhD, is a great book for learning what archeologists do and how they do it. It is written in a conversational style, with a Q & A format. Feder enlivens the book with entertaining personal experiences about himself and his students sleuthing out the past. The accompanying interactive CD contains lots of color photos of sites, methods and information. It is about as much fun as learning can get!

Dr. Feder tells us that archeology is the search for trash from the past, the archeologist's treasure. This book was written for the thousands of amateur, avocational and wannabe archeologists in the world.

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EAST CAMP VERDE ROAD CONTROVERSY

Community interest in preventing the closure of the East Camp Verde Road forced the Kerr County Commissioners to move their meeting on February 28 to a larger room. Steve Stoutamire, President of HCAA, made a presentation informing the Commissioners about the historical significance of the area and current HCAA action with the National Parks Service that could lead to designation of Camp Verde as a National Historic Landmark. Seventeen other speakers also objected to closure. Felipe Jiminez, representing the Mexican companies that own the Camp Verde Store, bowed to community pressure and withdrew the request to close the road, leading the Commissioners to dismiss the matter.

HCAA BOARD WILL
MEET SATURDAY
MORNING, MAR. 19
AT 10:30 A.M. AT
RIVERSIDE NATURE
CENTER.
MEMBERS ARE
WELCOME TO
ATTEND.

A REMINDER

The HCAA is thankful that many landowners allow us to survey their property for archeological sites. We should constantly remind ourselves:

All artifacts found on their property belong to the landowner. HCAA members keep no artifacts.

If an archeological site is identified on the landowner's property, the location of the ranch should remain confidential.

We visit a property only with the owner's permission.

We do not hold a land-owner liable for injuries which occur while on their property.

We encourage and enjoy the participation of the landowner in our activities.

The HCAA offers its archeological activities as a community service.

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