



Tarrant County Archeological Society

President's Message

Thanks to all you TCAS members who contributed your time and money to make the 2018 TAS Field School another success. It always amazes me how 300+ individuals from differing backgrounds, interests, ages and experience levels can show up bright and early on a Saturday morning, head out to the field and form a cohesive, productive work-force that accomplishes so much in a week's time. It really is such a unique experience and I leave each Field School with new archeological knowledge, new friendships and renewed bonds with long-time associates from across the state. This year's field school had a sense of urgency for the excavation crews as they uncovered interesting artifacts and data each day, but knowing that this would be their last chance to resolve many of the unanswered questions about Mission San Lorenzo de la Cruz. We had two survey crews in addition to Art Tawater's metal detecting crew that surveyed several private ranches in the Camp Wood area. As always, TCAS had a large contingent of folks at Field School, somewhere near 42 members, many of whom served as crew chiefs. If you have not attended a TAS



Chris Meis, President

Field School, you definitely should add it to your bucket list!

By the time you get this newsletter, TCAS will have held a mock-dig at the Fort Worth Nature Center on June 28th. The center holds a four-day Geology Camp for kids and we participated by setting up a mock dig, where the kids learned basic archeological excavation and lab procedures. Marvin Glasgow demonstrated flint-knapping. The kids then took turns grinding corn with manos and metates, and finished up by painting pebbles. It was 100 degrees outside but the twelve first and second graders had a great time. They really enjoyed the excavation of their

units and got very excited when they uncovered an artifact, running to their friends to show the treasure. The topic of archeologists and Indiana Jones came up and the kids had surprisingly never heard that name. We educated them on the merits of watching one of the Indian Jones adventure movies and they promised they would ask their parents! Photos are on Page 7.

The Texas Archeological Society Annual Meeting is scheduled for October 26-28, 2018 in San Antonio. The meeting will be held at the historic Menger Hotel, which is in a wonderful location next to the Alamo and very near the Riverwalk. 2018 is the 300th anniversary of the founding of San Antonio so the city has many events planned which you hopefully can take advantage of. Allocate an extra day or two to attend some of these events when you head to San Antonio. The on-line registration will be active on July 5th but there is a mail-in form in the Summer edition of the *Texas Archeology* newsletter. Remember to start collecting items to donate to the silent auction. The annual meeting is a great venue to learn what the archeological community is doing across this vast and varied state.

Daniel Davenport, a TCAS member and former TCAS scholarship

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Connect with TCAS!

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/TCAS-Tarrant-County-ArcheologicalSociety>



Website: www.tarrantarch.org

Email: info@tarrantarch.org

TCAS meetings are open to the public! Visitors are always welcome!

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recipient is this month's speaker. An archeologist and a historian, Daniel received his M.A. in History from UT Arlington and lectures at Richland and Weatherford Colleges as an Adjunct Professor of History. It has been a pleasure to watch Daniel mature from being a student helping at our TCAS activities and Field Schools to being a professional. Please make plans to be at this month's meeting to hear his presentation titled "From Cowboys to Doughboys."

Hope to see you at our meeting on July 12th.

Thanks for being a TCAS member and supporter!

TCAS Discussion: Position TCAS for growth by adopting new name to recognize expanding geo base of membership

By Glynn Osburn

Then: Sometime in the mid to late 1990s, while serving as TCAS Newsletter editor, I noticed that over one-third of the Society membership lived outside of Tarrant County. I thought that renaming our society would more accurately reflect the membership and identify us as a regional society. So I proposed a name change to "North Texas Archeological Society."

The proposal went nowhere. For one thing, the Dallas society was still around although its demise was looming. We could hardly claim North Texas for a name with Dallas still in the picture. I also did not count on the TCAS traditionalists being so opposed to change. Their argument for keeping things as they were just did not seem worth debating. The matter was dropped.

Now: So why change now? Start with the fact that just under one-half of members reside outside the county. There is no longer a Dallas society and the only other society in our region is Collin County with some ten members. It is a long way off to Lamar county with the Valley of the Caddo society and it is struggling and oriented towards the east. There is a Southern Texas society (STAA) so why not a North Texas counterpart? Did you know that your TCAS Board of Directors has seven out of ten members who live in surrounding counties? Sometimes our TCAS acronym is even confused with that TCAS to the south in Travis county.

Most importantly, the name change would indicate to all that we are a truly **REGIONAL SOCIETY**, providing opportunities for archeological experiences to **all North Texans**.

TCAS or NTAS? Let's talk! Plan to attend the July 12th meeting to discuss this proposal.

Update your calendar: TCAS Monthly Meeting Speakers



August 9th: Amanda Edwards
September 13th: Brad Jones
October 11th: Jeff Durst
November 8th: Dr. Ashley Lemke



July Speaker: Daniel Davenport

The **TARRANT COUNTY ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY (TCAS)** will welcome TCAS member Daniel Davenport as the featured speaker for the July 12th meeting. TCAS meetings are free and visitors are always welcome.

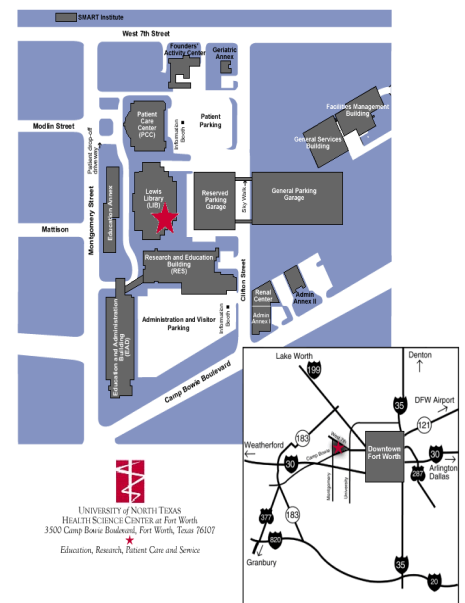
Bio: Daniel Davenport is a former soldier who now plies a trade as an archaeologist and historian. He received his M.A. in History from the University of Texas at Arlington in 2016 with a Certificate in Public History. Currently he lectures at Richland and Weatherford Colleges as an Adjunct Professor of History. He is a contributing author in the upcoming 8th edition of *U.S. A Narrative History Special Texas Edition Volume 2: Since 1865* where his ongoing research on Fort Worth's World War I military bases will be featured.

Topic: From Cowboys to Doughboys

Abstract: One hundred years ago our nation was called upon to fight a modern war with an underprepared army. The United States needed new military bases to create and assemble new US Army units to fight in and over France. To meet this need for bases a group of Fort Worth civic leaders actively lobbied both the US Army and the Canadian Royal Flying Corps to locate four military bases in and around Fort Worth. These men secured a major division training camp for the US Army in the Arlington Heights area of the city as well as three air fields located in proximity to Fort Worth that were shared by the Canadian Royal Flying Corps and the US Army. By meeting the needs of the military and working closely with them, Fort Worth's civic leaders were able to secure the economic growth that came with military bases as well as ensure that Fort Worth did its part for victory during World War I.



TCAS meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month (except June and December) at the University of North Texas Health Science Center (UNTHSC), 3500 Camp Bowie Boulevard, Fort Worth, in the Lewis Library Building, Room 110, near the intersection of Camp Bowie and Montgomery Street. Traveling west on I30 from downtown, take the Montgomery Street exit. Turn right on Montgomery and continue to the five-way intersection at Camp Bowie. Turn right onto Camp Bowie, followed by an immediate left onto Clifton Street. Continue on Clifton to Parking Lot "1" on your left (past the Parking Garage and Sky bridge). Park in the patient spaces (after 5:00 p.m.) and go past the information booth into the underground parking garage. Turn left down the corridor at the double doors in the center. Proceed down the hallway until you come to Room 110 in the Lewis Library building.



TAS 2018 Field School: Goodbye to Mission San Lorenzo

Thanks to the Texas Archeological Society, PI Dr. Tamra Walter, the Texas Tech student crew, and the kind folks in Camp Wood and Barksdale for creating a memorable FS!

TCAS Excavators



Linda Ott Lang



Mark Cohen & Bryan Jameson



Gen Freix



Nolen Grubis & James Everett

Kudos to Nolen! He celebrated his 16th birthday during FS and worked the entire week with James Everett's adult crew! Jerry and Deana are the proud grandparents of Nolen and Paden, who are both FS veterans.



Paden Grubis & Deana Grubis



Gun flint

Mission Site Treasures



Embossed seal



44 Caliber Pistol Ball

Photos by C. Erwin

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TCAS Lab Crew



Shirley Green & Teddy Lou Stickney (while not officially a TCAS member, she's a TAS legend and friend).

Bone, square nails, pottery, ceramic pieces, gun flints, buttons - all with stories to tell, came through the lab daily. Texas Tech students will continue the lab work this fall.



Stephen Lowe & Baylor student Bianca Hill



Ona B. Reed



Teddy Lou & Lloyd Erwin

Photos by C. Erwin

Margarita Party



It's a TAS Field School tradition!

Photos courtesy of Paula Vastine



TAS President Paula Vastine



Carol Macaulay-Jameson

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Metal Detector Class

Becky Shelton, THC Regional Archeologist, and Robin Matthews teamed up this year to offer a class in the art of using the metal detector in archeological survey work. The class was free and just one of the learning opportunities at FS 2018. TCAS members who participated included Lloyd Erwin, Lori Gouge, and Sonny Wheeler.



*Photo by
Lloyd Erwin*



Lori & Sonny

Survey Crew



Bret Williamson and Art Tawater

Survey on Military Mountain

Military Mountain is four miles west of Barksdale and twenty-four miles south of Rocksprings in southeast Edwards County (at 29°43' N, 100°06' W). The peak is 2,025 feet above sea level and 485 feet above nearby Spring Creek. The mountain was named for its use as a lookout for soldiers stationed at Camp Wood. The surrounding flat terrain has local deep and dense dissection and is surfaced by shallow, stony soils that support oak, juniper, and mesquite.



More photos from FS 2018 are on the TCAS website and Facebook Page.

Photos courtesy of Bret and Art

Outreach: TCAS at Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge

June 28, 2018: Archeology Day at FWNCR Summer Camp

Tasks for TCAS: Introduce archeology to twelve 1st and 2nd grade FWNCR campers by making a mock dig a **fun** experience, plus teach them site principles, screening techniques, proper trowel handling, artifact identification, and recordation rules. After lunch, continue the **fun** with a flint knapping demo, show the campers how to grind corn, using a mano and metate, and instruct them in painting pebbles. And, if time remains, James will tell the campers a special story that includes painted pebbles!

Congratulations and thanks to our terrific TCAS volunteers: Lloyd Erwin, James Everett, Gen Freix, Dina Glasgow, Marvin Glasgow, Chris Meis, and Glynn Osburn for sharing your expertise and knowledge with the FWNCR Campers! Thanks also to Chris, Glynn, James and Dana Parker for working on site prep with the FWNCR staff on June 27th. All tasks, including a flint knapping demo by Marvin and original story-telling by James, were accomplished!



Chris

Glynn



Gen

Photos by
Lloyd Erwin



James



Marvin

Photo courtesy of
Gen Freix

TCAS: Preserving the Past for the Future

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Three easy and quick ways to pay your 2018 TCAS dues!

By PayPal: Complete the Application Form and pay online using your PayPal account at the TCAS website, www.tarrantarch.org

By mail: Complete the application below and mail it with your check to:
Tarrant County Arch Society, PO Box 24679, Fort Worth, TX 76124

In person: Give your dues and completed application to Lloyd Erwin at the monthly meetings.

July 2018

TARRANT COUNTY ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY (TCAS) MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name(s) _____

Type of Membership and Fee

New _____ Renewal _____

Address _____

_____ Individual \$20 _____ \$10 USPS Mail Fee

City\State\Zip _____

_____ Family \$25 _____ \$10 USPS Mail Fee

Preferred Phone _____

_____ Student \$10 (**enrolled in grade school through college/university whose coursework is considered to be half time or more**)

Email Address _____

I want my newsletter delivered by _____ email or _____

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by USPS mail. Thank you for choosing delivery by email.

_____ Optional Memorial Fund Contribution

Membership Term: January to December

Code of Ethics (signature required): I PLEDGE THAT I WILL NOT INTENTIONALLY VIOLATE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ANY FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL ANTIQUITIES STATUTES CONCERNING CULTURAL RESOURCES OR ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICES OF BUYING OR SELLING ARTIFACTS FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES OR ENGAGE IN THE WILLFUL DESTRUCTION OR DISTORTION OF ARCHEOLOGICAL DATA OR DISREGARD PROPER ARCHEOLOGICAL FIELD TECHNIQUES. I UNDERSTAND THAT FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES WILL PROVIDE GROUNDS FOR EXPULSION FROM THE SOCIETY.

Signature _____

Date _____