

TIME CAPSULE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FORT BEND ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

An affiliate of the Fort Bend History Association

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April 2019



General Meeting: April 16, 2019. 7PM

Speaker: Dr. Gregg Dimmick

Topic: The Almonte Surrender Site at San Jacinto

Dr. Gregg J. Dimmick will address "The Surrender of Almonte at the Battle of San Jacinto." He will discuss the discovery of a Mexican army site 1 1/2 miles southeast of the San Jacinto Battleground. He will show the artifacts and the facts that eventually led the archeological team to conclude that it was likely the site of the surrender of approximately 300 Mexican soldiers who had fled the battleground. Dimmick will explain how, as in this case, the archeological and the historical accounts seem to fit together smoothly.



Dr. Gregg Dimmick is a pediatrician, a published author, and an avocational archaeologist who has also co-authored two archaeological reports on excavations of the retreating Mexican army of 1836. He has participated in archaeological digs at the Fannin battle site as well as the San Jacinto battlefield.

Dimmick is the author of: "Sea of Mud, The Retreat of the Mexican Army after San Jacinto, An Archaeological Investigation." Dr. Dimmick has appeared on the History Channel and the Discovery Channel in relation to his work on the archaeology of the Mexican army. He has spoken at various conferences on Texas History including the San Jacinto Conference, the DRT's conference at the Alamo and the Texas Philosophical Society. Dimmick has served for several years on the board of directors and as chairman of the archeology committee for the San Jacinto Battleground Conservancy.

Location: **Gus George Law Enforcement Academy** - 1521 Eugene Heimann Circle, Richmond, Texas.
Everyone is welcome - the program is free and open to the public.

FIELD NOTES: Current Field Site

By the time of our next meeting, we will be able to provide an update on the first anomaly. You won't want to miss it. Or, if you prefer, get active on the site. Several factors make it a great site for people interested in learning from experienced professional and avocational archeologists. An update will be provided at our next meeting.



Minutes from March 19, 2019 Meeting

The Fort Bend Archeological Society met at the Gus George Academy in Richmond, TX. The meeting was called to order by President Jay Roussel at 7:00pm.

Minutes:

Minutes from the February 19, 2019 were circulated in the monthly newsletter sent by email and mail to all members. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was circulated in the newsletter. There were no additions or corrections. Treasurer's report accepted.

New Business:

- Bob Crosser reported on the Lamar Homestead site.
- Bruce Grethen was recognized for receiving the Bert E. Bleil Heritage Award for 2019.
- Jay Roussel introduced guests and new members Claudia Mena from Oaxaca, Mexico and John Dikeman studying Mayan Linguistics at UT.
- Jay Roussel spoke about the new sound system (which was in use during the meeting).
- Jay Roussel mentioned that volunteers are needed for the March 31st Brazos Heritage Festival which will be held at the Ft. Bend Museum from 1-5PM.

Old Business:

- No Old Business

Program:

David Rose introduced our guest speaker Dirk Van Tuerenhout: *How I spent my summers – Fieldwork in Belize and Guatemala*

Meeting adjourned: 8:30pm

Treasurer's Report

April 1, 2019

Balance as of March 1, 2019				\$3,870.15
1932	3/26/2019	VOID		
1933	3/26/2019	Brody Gussert	carved trowel for speaker	40.00
1934	3/26/2019	FBHA	postage for April	5.50
Balance as of April 1, 2019				\$3,824.65

Submitted by
Claire Rogers, Treasurer

Events

FBAS & HAS Meetings:

April 16: FBAS General Meeting: Dr. Gregg Dimmick - Matching the Archeology and History of the Almonte Surrender Site

April 18: HAS General Meeting: Jeffrey Girard, Discovery and Recovery of a 14th Century Dugout Canoe on Red River

May 16: HAS General Meeting Dr. Jason Barrett, Trade Trails and Meeting Locations in SE Texas Prehistory

May 21: FBAS General Meeting: Ron Ralph – Are you ready for the 2019 Field School in Palo Duro Canyon State Park??

JUNE – No meetings... See you at Field School!!!

HAS meets at the Trini Mendenhall Community Center, 1414 Wirt Road, Houston

FBAS meets at the Gus George Law Enforcement Academy.

The FBAS meetings will be in Class Room 3 (SECOND FLOOR) of the Gus George Academy, 1521 Eugene Heimann Circle, Richmond, Texas



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