

TIME CAPSULE

Newsletter of the **FORT BEND ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

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General Meeting, February 15, 2022. 7:00 p.m.

Discoveries and Treasures from Sutton Hoo, Suffolk, England

Speaker: Bob Moore

You've seen the 2021 movie "The Dig", now learn about what was found. Bob and his wife, Nancy Engelhardt-Moore, visited Sutton Hoo in 2009 and then visited the British Museum to see the actual artifacts. Bob will show personal photos taken by Nancy. He will speak about the 1939 archaeological excavation of Mound #1 and discovery of the 7th century Anglo-Saxon ship burial along with the amazing treasures found within the inner burial chamber. Come see and learn more about

who was probably buried there and the associated resplendent artifacts. Bob's talk will cover the pre-Anglo-Saxon through medieval history of the site and talk about



Great Gold Buckle

the 17 other burial mounds including the execution burials. The talk will conclude with the latest ongoing discoveries. So, don't miss this lecture on Sutton Hoo and the people who became the English!

Robert 'Bob' Moore is an avocational archaeologist who loves travel, history and paleontology. He graduated from Michigan Technological Institute with degrees in geology and computer science. Later, he earned a Certified Financial Planner certification through the University of Houston and started his own financial business called "Moore Money Management." On January 1, 2022, Bob retired to pursue a variety of personal interests. In February 2021, he and his wife Nancy co-founded the Engelhardt-Moore Lecture Series, which features monthly quest speakers. Bob is a Mentor Docent at the Houston Museum of Natural Science (HMNS) and volunteers for Special Exhibits, and the Paleontology Hall and Lab. He participates in both paleontological and archaeological digs for the HMNS, the Burpee Museum of Natural History, and other organizations around the world. Bob has been featured in a National Geographic Special.



King's Helmet

Location: Fort Bend Museum, 410 S. Fifth Street in Richmond, Texas. The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome - the program is free and open to the public.

Field Notes – Archeology along the Brazos

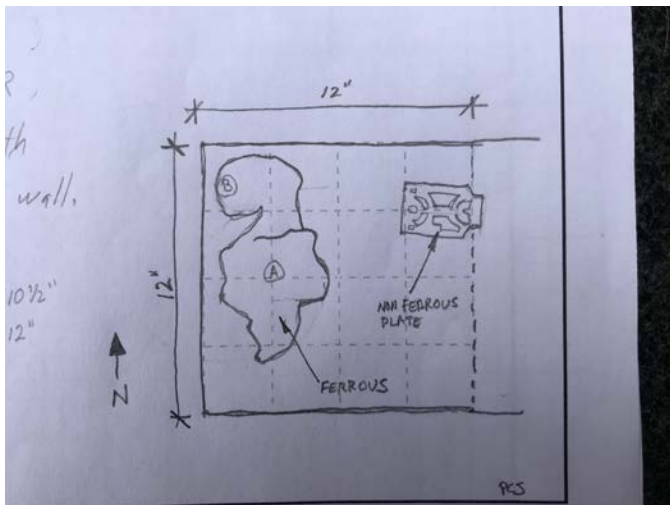
Recently, in between excavation pits, we took the opportunity to go over a particular spot of interest again with the ground penetrating radar. We didn't learn any more about the soil as we had hoped from the procedure, but it did turn up a couple of other anomalies. To investigate these, we dug shovel tests to see what they were. The shovel tests were 12 inches square. In both cases, the items turned out to be large masses of rusted metal. In one of the shovel tests, a very interesting small plate was discovered.



A couple of shovel tests were dug to investigate anomalies found from the recent ground penetrating radar survey. In one pit, a small metal plate was found.



The metal plate was made of copper. It measured approximately 2.5 inches wide by 3 inches long.



A quick sketch was made on the level form. Drawings are done to help with note taking. They are useful when looking at written notes and photographs at a later date.



After comparing the plate to images online, it looks like it may have been part of a clock. The clock photo shown here is an example of a clock with similar plates.



Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2022

The Fort Bend Archeological Society met at the Fort Bend Museum, Richmond, TX.

In attendance were 8 members and no guests.

President Paul Spana called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes from December 21, 2021 - No objections, minutes stand as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of January 1, 2021 is \$5,157.58 - No objections, Treasurer's Report stands accepted.

Old Business:

- Paul Spana gave an update about the current excavation work at the Lamar home site. Excavation of Pit L55 with the vertical soil interface was completed and it was filled in. Society members are now investigating anomalies with shovel tests.

New Business:

- No new business.

Announcements:

- Spana announced the February 15 speaker will be avocational archaeologist Robert 'Bob' Moore who will present about Discoveries and Treasures from Sutton Hoo, Suffolk, England.

Meeting adjourned 8:05 p.m.

Minutes submitted by,

Paul Spana

Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance as of December 31, 2021				\$5,157.58
Deposit	2/7/2022	Gary Hudson	membership dues	20.00
Deposit	2/7/2022	John Rich	membership dues	20.00
Deposit	2/8/2022	Gary Ryman	membership dues	20.00
Balance as of February 8, 2021				\$5,217.58

Submitted by,
Claire Rogers, Treasurer