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# PANHANDLE ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

## Minutes of March 3, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Erin Frigo at 7:00 p.m. virtually via ZOOM.

There were 15 persons in attendance.

**PROGRAM:** The program for the evening was The 15,000 year history of humans and dogs in North American given by Matthew E. Hill, Jr, University of Iowa, Department of Anthropology. He spoke on the history of the North American dogs.

**MINUTES:** Veronica moved for the March meeting minutes to be approved. Scott seconded it and they were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** It was reported that the total in the checking account is \$7,809.03.

**PUBLICATIONS REPORT:** Andy reported that the Publications Money Market (checking) account had a beginning March balance of \$2325.11, earned \$0.21 interest in March, and had a month end balance of \$2325.32. The Publications 180 Day CD had an April 1 balance of \$5344.47. The balance will remain at this amount until the CD matures again on August 9.

**MARKETING:** Facebook has nearly 400 likes. The Instagram and Twitter accounts have stayed about the same.

The PAS will have a booth at Wildcat Bluff for Earth Day on 4/24 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. The Stone Age Fair in Perryton will be the same day. Let Erin know if you have any other suggestions for outreach opportunities.

**OLD BUSINESS:** In regards to the three "in-memory donations" to the TAS for Dick Carter, Alvin Lynn, and Rolla Shaller, Veronica contacted Pam Wheat-Stranahand and reported that she has guaranteed that the total amount (\$450) will be used for the Greenbelt project. Pam will put this in the TAS newsletter. The TAS has already raised \$15,000 for processing and analysis. Our donation would then go toward the report publication. Veronica said that she will pass on the information to Pam once we vote in favor of this. She also reported that according to Brad Jones Greenbelt is one of the key field schools. Paul motioned, and Chris seconded this. The motion was passed to send the donations to TAS in this manner.

The membership forms were discussed further. Some members had issues with the bullet points copied and pasted from the PAS constitution. Chris said one of the bullet points was a double negative and that we can do better. Scott said it was too technical. Chris made a suggestion in new verbiage and will send it to Erin to update. Paul said it looks very good.

Erin has been in contact with Bob Wishoff on the website. He said he is good to go on updating the website. Erin asked for suggestions on updates and how to make it look fresher.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Scott mentioned that maybe we should plan a field trip. Paul suggested that we look into the survey around Palo Duro Canyon that Andy had set up for the Southwest Federation meeting that was cancelled. The suggested time frame was around August or September. Andy said he will get with Karen and see if he can set something up.

Veronica asked Erin about a message they both received from Jimmy Barrera about a site in Briscoe County near Quitique. It is a large ranch with lots of sites. He was sending out feelers to see if the local societies would be interested in helping. North Texas Archaeological Society is taking the lead on this as a field student knows the landowner. Canyonlands also does a lot of field trips.

Crossbar will have a public day in September.

Chris mentioned some other sites in and around Briscoe.

Andy motioned that the meeting adjourn and Veronica seconded it. The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Miranda Bible, Secretary

## **White Thunder, Cheyenne Holy Man**

**Dee Cordy**

### **Abstract**

George Bent was the son of William Bent and his Cheyenne wife Owl Woman. George grew up surrounded by Cheyenne culture and history. In 1910, he wrote the following about his maternal grandfather, White Thunder: “He was not chief, he was the Keeper of the great Sacred Medicine Arrows and was looked up on by Cheyenne tribe as Holy Man. All the Keepers of the Arrows are looked up on same. No-pi-no-no-Mie (White Thunder) was killed by Kiowas in battle in 1838 on Wolf Creek 20 miles above Fort Supply.” This brief description by George is the basis for this program. We will take a detailed look at the life of White Thunder from about 1830 through 1838 when he died in combat in northwestern Oklahoma. We will also take a quick look at White Thunder’s connection to his descendant, Southern Cheyenne peace chief and fellow posse member, Harvey Pratt.



### **Biography**

Dee Cordy served as a Law enforcement special agent for the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation for 25 years. He has a B.A. in Law Enforcement from Oklahoma City University. He is also a public speaker, author, and subject matter expert (1985 – present), as well as an expert on the history of Oklahoma law enforcement. He has authored many books including “Alive If Possible, Dead If Necessary” 2005 (Tate Publishing); “Deadly Business” 1985 (Chronicles of Oklahoma); “Outlaw and Lawman Map of Oklahoma” 1989 (Oklahoma Heritage Association). Editor of the Oklahombres Journal, 1989 – 2000. Webmaster, Oklahombres.org 2000-2020. Facebook group administrator, Cheyenne Trails and Tales, 2019 – present (1,600 subscribers).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

May 13 NTAS monthly meeting, 7:00pm, held via Zoom

May 19 Regular PAS meeting, 7:00 pm, held via Zoom





## Payment of Dues and Social Media Resources

For payment of membership dues and any donations, please mail your payment as a check made out to the Panhandle Archaeological Society at **P.O. Box 814, Amarillo, Texas, 79105.**

The membership dues are as follows:

Individual Membership: \$15 per year

Family membership: \$20 per year

Student membership: \$10 per year

Institution: \$20 per year

Also, please remember that the Panhandle Archaeological Society currently has the following social media pages:

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/PanhandleArchaeologicalSociety>

**Instagram:** [https://www.instagram.com/pan\\_arch\\_soc/](https://www.instagram.com/pan_arch_soc/)

**Twitter:** [https://twitter.com/pan\\_arch\\_soc](https://twitter.com/pan_arch_soc)

Please help our society grow by liking, following, and sharing the pages and the posts!



## **2022 TAS Geoarcheology 201 Academy (Please Consider a Donation!)**

Ken Lawrence

The most common feedback from every Texas Archeological Society (TAS) Geoarcheology Academy that we have held is a request for more hands-on instruction and more up close field exposure. Dr. Charles Frederick and Karl Kibler have wanted to do this in the past, but there has always been some obstacle to prevent it with one of them being a location that is available and warrants the attention. We now have such a location at the McNeill Ranch on the Guadalupe River near Victoria, which is where the last Geoarcheology Academy in Feb. 2020 was held in partnership with the Museum of the Coastal Bend at Victoria College, the Coastal Bend Archeological Logistics Team (CoBALT), and the McNeill family. The McNeill Ranch contains site 41VT141 that CoBALT has been working on for decades and was the subject of Michael Aiuvalasit's thesis. This site and location contains an excellent mix of archeology from Late Paleoindian up to the present and geomorphic processes that are excellent for a more hands-on academy.

This academy will be ambitious and will have many "firsts" for the TAS. We are in the beginning stages of putting this course together and are attempting to determine our possibilities and limitations. Briefly, some of the goals include having chronometric data (both OSL and 14c) completed by the time of the course to discuss with the academy participants. As you may know, the results of the OSL samples will take many months to obtain and we are attempting to hold the academy in the Spring of 2022. So we will need to collect and submit the samples by early summer to achieve this schedule.

With all of that preamble here is what we currently envision. There will likely be a classroom and field component to the course with the field component being the priority. In the field, we would have at least 6 open trench profiles across the site that will have been previously analyzed, documented, and interpreted by the geoarcheologists. For the fieldwork, the academy participants would be broken down into groups of 5-6 people who would go from trench profile to trench profile for a specified amount of time at which a geoarcheologist would instruct and discuss that profile with the group. The participants would record each profile and compose an interpretation. At the end of the course, the results of the geoarcheologist analyses and interpretations will be provided. Obviously, the specifics of the academy will adjust as we get further along in the process and development.

We have six geoarcheologists confirmed (Dr. Charles Frederick, Karl Kibler, Jim Abbott, Brittney Gregory, Dr. Gus Costa, and myself) who will be taking part in the instruction of the academy. We have planned two separate academies of 25 participants held over a four day weekend in the Spring of 2022. The first group would be Friday-Saturday and the second group would be Sunday-Monday. We intend to hold a social event on Saturday night for both groups to participate if they want.

The course is intended to provide opportunities to analyze and describe soils in the field and compare with the geoarcheological descriptions and analyses. Get a better knowledge of soils-geomorphology approach to interpret a landscape and a comprehension of geoarcheological reports and how best to work with them. Discuss dating profiles using radiocarbon and optically stimulated luminescence (OSL) and their interpretation. Note that the results of the analyses will be provided to all participants in the TAS Geoarcheology 201 Academy Field Guide and then curated with the other archeological investigations (e.g., CoBALT) that have occurred at the site.

We are soliciting funds to help pay for the upfront chronometric dating and limited logistical expenses required to develop this academy. Any amount is accepted but a minimum of \$500 will reserve a spot for one person. We have not yet established a firm cost for this academy, but it will be in the neighborhood of \$250 per participant (who will have to be a TAS member). The TAS is a 501 (c)(3) organization and donations are tax deductible. We intend to have the names of the "sponsors" listed on the Academy Field Guide.

We are directing everyone to donate to the TAS general fund and specify that your donation is for the TAS Geoarcheology 201 Academy Fund (<https://www.txarch.org/donate>). Please contact me if you have any questions at [klawrence@swca.com](mailto:klawrence@swca.com).



## Texas Archeological Society Geoarchaeology 201 Academy

**McNeill Ranch (Victoria County) Spring 2022**

2 separate sessions of approx. 25 participants held over a four-day weekend (Fri-Sat and Sun-Mon)

### Designed to provide participants with:

- Opportunities to describe soil profiles in the field and compare your results with geoarchaeological descriptions of the same profiles;
- Understand how to use a soils-geomorphology approach to dissect a landscape;
- Discuss dating of profiles using radiocarbon and optically stimulated luminescence (OSL)

### Instructors:

- Charles Frederick
- Karl Kibler
- Jim Abbott
- Brittny Gregory
- Gus Costa
- Ken Lawrence

### Seeking Donations to TAS General Fund for Development

- Preparation for this academy requires funding for dating and logistics
- We can't do it without up front support
- Any amount accepted but a minimum \$500 Donation will reserve a spot for one person
- We are happy to accept larger donations (TAS is a 501 (c)(3) organization and donations are tax deductible)

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