

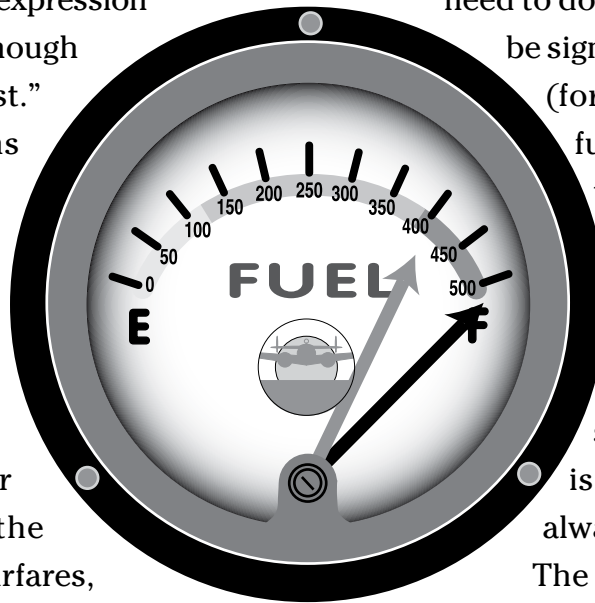
# TIGHAR Tracks



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## ... AS GOOD AS A FEAST

There is an old Gaelic expression that translates, “Enough is as good as a feast.” and that pretty well sums up TIGHAR’s situation as we prepare to depart on the Niku III expedition. We have not yet met our funding goal but, with your help, we’ve been able to raise enough to cover the immediate costs of the expedition—ship charter, airfares, equipment needs, etc. We have what we



need to do the job. There will, however, be significant post-expedition costs (for example, actual food and fuel costs are paid after the trip) and, if we’re lucky, we’ll come home with artifacts that will need to be tested, analysed, and researched—and that all costs money so your continued support is just as important as it has always been.

The preparations are complete. There’s nothing left to do but go and do the work.

Original Budget for Niku III:	\$500,000
Budget Extras:	
Satellite Imagery	\$3,000
Tarawa trip	\$4,000
10 extra days of ship charter	\$50,000
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$557,000</b>
Support Received:	<u>\$407,193</u>
Balance to Raise	<b>\$149,807</b>



Cash in Hand Needed by September 30:	\$500,000
Cash in Hand to Date:	<u>\$407,193</u>
Cash Needed to Raise by September 30:	<b>\$92,807</b>

**W**e wish that we could take along all of the many highly-qualified and dedicated TIGHAR members who would like to be out there to help us but we're limited by practical realities to twelve team members. They are, in alphabetical order:

**Karen R. "Kar" Burns, Ph.D.**

Age: 54

Home: Athens, Georgia

Position: Forensic osteologist;  
Grave Investigation Team leader

Experience: Forensic investigation of criminal and human rights cases in the U.S., Europe, Central America, and the Central Pacific. Participant in 1999 TIGHAR expedition to Nikumaroro.

Profession: Consultant in human skeletal identification; Adjunct Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Georgia



**William M. "Bill" Carter**

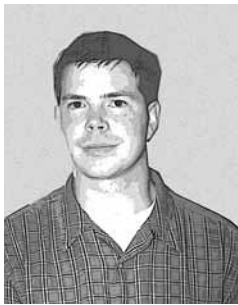
Age 31

Home: Boise, Idaho

Position: Grave Investigation Team

Experience: Logistical Coordinator and participant in TIGHAR's B-23 Dragon survey, Loon Lake, ID 2000

Profession: Litigation Attorney for Albertson's Inc.



**John Clauss**

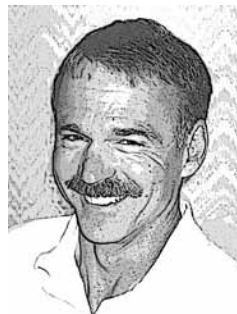
Home: Homewood, California

Age: 51

Position: Small Boat Support and Archaeological Team

Experience: Participant in numerous TIGHAR expeditions including all six previous trips to the Central Pacific (1989, 1991, 1996, 1997, 1998, and 1999).

Profession: Builds and sells hi-tech racing sailboats. Private pilot's license with land and sea ratings.



**Richard B. "Skeet" Gifford**

Home: Aurora, Colorado

Age: 67

Position: Archaeological Team  
Experience: Member of Board of Directors, TIGHAR; participant in 1999 expedition to Nikumaroro. Air Transport Pilot's license.

Profession: Pilot and senior flight instructor, United Airlines (retired); airline safety consultant to NASA employed by Lockheed/Martin.

**Richard E. "Ric" Gillespie**

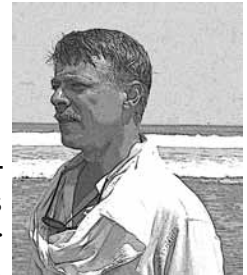
Age: 53

Home: Wilmington, Delaware

Position: Expedition Leader

Experience: Executive Director of TIGHAR since its founding in 1985; leader of more than three dozen aviation archaeological expeditions in the U.S., Canada, Europe, New Guinea and the islands of the Central Pacific; Director of the Earhart Project since its inception in 1988 and leader of all six previous Earhart expeditions; Commercial pilot's license with Single, Multi-engine, and instrument ratings.

Profession: Historian



**Richard Walter "Walt" Holm**

Age: 38

Home: Menlo Park, California

Position: Dive Team

Experience: Participant in TIGHAR's B-23 Dragon survey, Loon Lake, ID 2000; Certified Divemaster with extensive

scuba diving experience. Commercial pilot's license with Single-engine land and sea, and Instrument ratings. Private pilot glider rating.

Profession: Electrical Engineer, develops aerospace electronic systems and consults on electronic instrumentation design.

**Van T. Hunn, Col. USAF (ret.)**

Age: 69

Position: Dive Team leader

Experience: Numerous scuba qualifications and training in underwater search tech-



niques. Diver on two previous TIGHAR expeditions to Nikumaroro. (1997 and 1999) and researcher on 2001 trip to Tarawa, Republic of Kiribati. Air Transport Pilot's license.

Profession: Military and airline pilot (retired)



**Christopher N. "Chris" Kennedy**

Age: 45  
Home: Houston, Texas  
Position: Archeological Team  
Experience: Participant in 1999 expedition to Nikumaroro  
Profession: Attorney specializing in maritime law

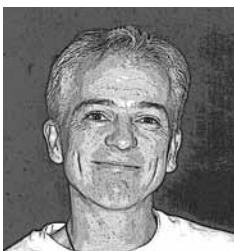
**Thomas F. "Tom" King, Ph.D.**

Age: 58  
Home: Silver Spring, Maryland  
Position: Archaeological Team leader  
Experience: Archaeological investigations in Micronesia and California; former senior archaeologist for the federal Advisory Council on Historic Preservation; author of several textbooks on archaeology and historic preservation as well as many monographs and journal articles. Member of Board of Directors, TIGHAR; Participant in two previous TIGHAR expeditions to Nikumaroro (1989 and 1997), in the Kanton Island survey (1998), and the Fiji Bones Search (1999). Principal author of *Amelia Earhart's Shoes*, a recounting of TIGHAR's Earhart investigation to date, available now from Altamira Press ([www.altamirapress.com](http://www.altamirapress.com)).



Profession: Consultant, writer, mediator and teacher in historic preservation and cultural resource management.

**James "Jim" Morrissey**



(Note: Jim is Amelia Earhart's great nephew. His grandmother was Amelia's sister.)

Age: 42  
Home: Oakland, California  
Position: Medical Officer and Archeological Team  
Experience: Remote location emergency medical services and instruction to foreign and domestic government agencies and military units.

Profession: Founding Member and Head of Faculty for Wilderness Medical Association.

**Andrew M. "Jihad" McKenna**

(Andrew earned his nickname by declaring and leading a highly successful "holy war" to recruit new TIGHAR members via the Earhart Search Forum)



Age: 42  
Home: Boulder, Colorado  
Position: Dive Team  
Experience: Participant in TIGHAR's B-23 Dragon survey, Loon Lake, ID 2000; extensive field experience with the American Museum of Natural History fossil collecting expeditions throughout the Western US, Greenland, and Egypt. Certified Advanced open water scuba diver; Commercial pilot's license with Single, Multi-engine, and Instrument ratings.

Profession: Energy conservation consulting specializing in commercial and industrial cooling systems.

**Gary F. Quigg**



Age 39  
Home: Crawfordsville, Indiana  
Position: Grave Investigation Team  
Experience: Professional historian; Participant in numerous TIGHAR expeditions including two previous TIGHAR expeditions to Nikumaroro (1997 and 1999); Private pilot's license.

Profession: Associate Director for Historic Resources, Conner Prairie Museum, Indiana

Funding; equipment; documentation capability; and a team of bright, tough, dedicated people – enough is as good as a feast. We're ready to go and do the job you have sent us to do.

