



Concho Valley Archeological Society Newsletter

February 2016

The STATE OF THE CVAS Address

The CVAS had a very productive past year. We participated in many projects and events: Frontier Day and the summer events for youngsters 'FUN AT THE FORT' at Fort Concho, West Texas Heritage Days at Fort McKavett, Living History Days at Fort Chadbourne, the Genealogy Fair, the Southwest Federation of Archeological Societies Annual Symposium, and had a very successful Archeology Fair.

As we enter a new year, I would like to take this time and say, 'thank you.'

Thank you to our Officers who served in 2015. We appreciate CA Maedgen for serving as President, 2015. CA graciously filled the position for another year after having already served three in the past five years.

To our member, Bill Yeates, thank you for taking on the responsibility of bringing the projector and screen to every meeting, and thank you to everyone who helped with the refreshments - all the little things CVAS take for granted.

In addition, Fort Concho NSL deserves thanks for allowing CVAS the privilege of having our events at one of the best-preserved frontier forts in Texas.

The CVAS will continue to look for ways to reach the public in 2016. If you hear of an event that could help our cause, we want to know about it. The one of many ways to preserve and protect archeological sites is educating the public.

I want to mention we still need to fill some committee positions. I will be heading up the Program Committee and if anyone has any ideas for a speaker please let me know.

Looking forward to a great year.

Callan Clark,
CVAS President

Thanks for being a CVAS member and supporter! See you at the next meeting.

**May 14th - Archeological survey scheduled at the Bella Oaks Ranch,
Tom Green County. More information to follow.**

February Speaker

Steven Schooler will be our speaker at the February 25th CVAS meeting. Steven will speak about his experiences as a field archaeologist. We meet in the old Fort Concho Living History stables classroom, 236 Henry O. Flipper St. (enter through the side door) at 7 PM.

Larry and Jo Riemenschneider jointly presented the story of "The Battle of Dove Creek"

Wednesday February 3, 2016 Larry and Jo Riemenschneider jointly presented the story of "The Battle of Dove Creek". There was a large crowd of well over 100 people in the C J Davidson Auditorium on the ASU campus. The public attending were very interested in knowing the facts and history of the battle. Larry and Jo gave a good historical aspect of the Kickapoo Indians and enlightened people to the history of the Kickapoo and their trail from Kansas to northern Mexico. Larry presented the facts that he believed to be true and accurate and invited those present to make up their own mind on the controversy of whether or not the battle was a mistake. We congratulate Larry and Jo on a job well done and we salute them for their dedication to the story and the facts.

Thank you Jo and Larry. We are proud of you.

C.A. Maedgen



Iraan Archeological Society Annual Banquet

Saturday night Jan 30th members of CVAS traveled to visit the Iraan Archeological Society at their annual banquet. Fred, Bill, Ginger, Claude, Callan, Juneva, Tee, and C.A. attended the meeting. The speaker for the banquet was Andy Cloud, Director of the Center For Big Bend Studies. Andy's Power Point presentation entitled "Prehistoric Nomads of the Northern Chihuahuan Desert" was outstanding as he shared information on many varied archeological excavations in the region. For more information log onto

<https://cbbs.sulross.edu>.

For those of you interested in attending Sul Ross's annual conference watch their web site for the next one coming in November of 2016.

C.A. Maedgen

Horsehead Crossing

Tom Ashmore

I've been asked to write a second article for the Southern Chapter of the Oregon Trails Association journal. This one would be for the spring edition. I had already written a few pieces on Horsehead Crossing for the CVAS newsletter back in 2010 with my satellite imagery findings. I plan on some additional historical background and another trip out there the next time I am heading to Independence Creek. At that time I'll do some drone video work on the area.

As it turns out I was also asked by Evans Turpin if we could put together a presentation for the annual SWFAS symposium coming up in April. I will use this same work to provide both a symposium presentation and a CVAS/IAS paper for their annual journal.

Volunteers Needed

We need to take some of the load off our current volunteers and are looking to spread some of the duties around. Here are volunteer opportunities.

Mailing list. Currently being done by C.A. Maedgen. This consists of taking the mailed newsletter to a printer, making copies and mailing to members that are not on the email listing.

Refreshments: Currently being done by Ginger. This is bringing CVAS refreshments to the meetings. We have two containers of essentials.

Please email us at tomashmore@wcc.net, clarkc74@gmail.com or see one of us at the meeting.

FRIENDS OF THE ASU LIBRARY AND WEST TEXAS COLLECTION LECTURE SERIES

By Larry Riemenschneider, Regional Steward, Division of Archeology, Texas Historical Commission

By Ginger Hudspeth

JANUARY 28, 2016 DAVIDSON CENTER 7:00PM

LECTURE: BURT SMALLEY'S PETROGLYPHS IN IRION COUNTY (41IR76)

In 1989, a field crew from the Texas Archeological Research Laboratory of the University of Texas at Austin conducted a pipe line survey through Irion County. On a limestone hill near Teepee draw, they came across petroglyphs they thought to be pre-historic. After further investigation, it was determined that they were historic carvings, Anglo American in origin. The site is an extensive collection of petroglyphs carved in the limestone bedrock by a lone cowboy, Burt Smalley. This collection of historic petroglyphs carved by Smalley stands among the best in the world. During this presentation, we will trace the life of Smalley and show many examples of his works.

Larry was introduced by ASU faculty member Dr. Holland and lauded for his many years of avocational archeology. Larry was appointed a Regional Steward in 1990. He worked on many projects with archeologist Solveig Turpin both inside and outside the United States. Larry was presented the CJ Chandler Award for 2014 by the Texas Historical Commission. He has received numerous other awards over his long career. His passion for archeology has taken him many places and touched a lot of lives. Larry's wife, Jo, and his children were mentioned for all their understanding through the years as he was away for many holidays, birthdays, vacations and other times when they would otherwise have been together.

The Burt Smalley site is located west of Barnhart in Irion County on the Richard and Betty Mayer ranch. The Mayers realize the importance of the site and have protected it over the years. Larry and his crew documented the site in 2012. This site is made up of flat limestone rocks and limestone outcrops. The site has deteriorated over time due to weather, grazing and oilfield traffic but the petroglyphs are still well visible and the crew took extensive pictures which were shown during the presentation. This is a multi-component site consisting of many time periods. The crew found artifacts such as tools and cupules as well as the petroglyphs. The 194 documented petroglyphs depict deeply incised cattle brands (143) as well as snakes, animals, tools, etc. and other items used on a working ranch. The time it took creating these petroglyphs is impossible to calculate.

We learned about the solitary, conservative cowboy Burt Smalley, as Larry introduced his background. Burt was born Aug. 30 1888 in Davy, Texas and died April 1, 1974 in Ft. Worth. He was ranch foreman on the "Honey" Henderson ranch for many years in the 1930s and 40s. During that time Burt lived on the ranch alone and created the "legacy in stone". He never married and said he never had a cat on the ranch. Burt never collected his wages and instead asked Mr. Henderson to hold them until the time he asked for them. When he finally did so the wages amounted to +or- \$30,000. Mr. Henderson had to sell the ranch in order to pay Burt who then purchased a ranch of his own in 1940. In 1995 Dan Utley and Solveig Turpin published an article about Mr. Smalley in The National Cowboy Hall of Fame Magazine, Persimmon Hill. Burt Smalley was a cowboy and well respected cattleman who loved the land and ranching way of life and loved the history surrounding the land.

Throughout Larry's presentation his wife Jo assisted him in reading much of the history of the ranch and Burt Smalley. She has shared in Larry's many endeavors throughout the years. Members of CVAS have enjoyed Larry's expertise which he has so generously shared with us with his many presentations and field trips and excavations etc.

Thank you Larry

Texas Archeological Society quarterly board of director's meeting

On Saturday January 16th, 2016 the Texas Archeological Society held their quarterly board of directors meeting at the South Shore of Lake Bastrop in the Osprey Hall. The meeting was a two day event with the Saturday meeting being devoted to the education and training for all board members. There was a very good turn out for the meeting with many representatives present from many regions of Texas. Karen Fustes, 2016 TAS President was actively involved with the session. Small groups formed with each group focusing on specific subjects and then all came to together and shared their thoughts and ideas. We departed with some substantive ideas to implement. Photo attached below.

The announcement was made that the up coming TAS annual meeting will be in Nacogdoches in late October of 2016. This year's field school will be held again in Columbus, Texas in June. More info to follow.

A Geoarcheology Academy was announced for March 19th and 20th at the Nightengale Archaeological Center in Kingsland, Texas. Dr. Charles Frederick, President elect for TAS 2017, along with Karl Kibler will conduct the meeting. All the details are being worked out and TAS is expecting a sold out event. I plan to attend and probably will stay at the Inks Lake State Park. We sponsored one of these academies about 2 years ago. Very good learning event.

Also, announced for April 30th will be a Lithics Academy to be held at the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum on the 30th and at the Gilvin Education and Learning Center in Palo Duro Canyon on May1st. Harry Shafer, a very highly esteemed lithics authority will be conducting the event for TAS. It will be a 2 day educational event. For me this will be a great opportunity to learn as much as possible about recognizing the various stages of lithics. This event is also expected to be sold out.

If any of our CVAS members are interested in the above events you will need to go to the TAS web site and fill out your intent form or contact me and I will assist. I am planning to make both of the academies and will have to get my registration in to assure a slot for attendance. These events are the best I have seen and their educational impact is well worth the time and money.

After the next quarterly meeting of TAS Board members in April I will share with you the details. Watch for the stories in our newsletter.....c.a.

C.A. Maedgen
Region 10 Director
1/25/2016
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Oldest Monument Gets Multi-Million Dollar Funding

(Gobekli Tepe—Follow Up)

news.discovery.com, by Rossella Lorenzi , Jan 21, 2016

Gobekli Tepe, an archaeological site in Turkey home to the world's oldest monument, will receive an investment of over \$15 million over the next 20 years, it was announced Wednesday at The World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. Promoted by the Sahenk Initiative, the main sponsor, and the Turkish Ministry of Culture and Tourism, the project will support new excavations, build a world-class visitor center, and encourage tourists to visit a unique site which is believed to predate Stonehenge by 7,000 years and Egypt's pyramids by 7,500 years.

Ancient Southwest Texas Project – Texas State University

A Look Ahead at the 2015 ENC Season

aswtproject.wordpress.com, By Charles Koenig and Steve Black, January 18, 2016

The 2016 season is planned as the penultimate major field season in Eagle Nest Canyon. We have a larger field crew, 10 of us full time joined periodically by returning veteran collaborators (e.g., Ken Lawrence), new collaborators (e.g., Karl Reinhard and Isabel Teixeira-Santos), and volunteers, most of whom are also ENC veterans. We will be working at two main locations within Eagle Nest Canyon: Eagle Cave and Sayles Adobe, a new locality.

The 2016 Eagle Cave work will continue exposing, documenting, and sampling the south wall of the main trench (see 2015 Investigations of Eagle Cave). We are off to a running start because several profile sections were exposed at the end of the 2015 season that we documented but did not sample.

We will finish exposing the south wall of the main trench down to the large spall layer, and towards the mouth of the site take a large unit down to test the Collins' Hypothesis that Paleoindian occupation layers may be deeply buried closer towards the dripline than UT or the Witte Museum excavated. We will continue to use SfM as our primary documentation method, and will maintain our sampling strategy of collecting 100% of the matrix from sampling columns.

We will follow our 2014-2015 excavation strategy focused on a vertical approach, but as we get deeper into the deposits we will be able to open up a horizontal block several meters across. Taking a horizontal approach to sampling the lower deposits will allow us to look at artifact and feature distribution across the earliest site deposits within the confines of the main trench, something that we could not do with the upper deposits. The methods we will use for the lower deposits will likely be a modification to our vertical methods, but still rely primarily on TDS and SfM mapping of artifacts and samples.

After excavations are complete near the end of 2016 season we will begin the process of stabilizing and backfilling the trench wall to protect it from collapse. This will likely not be the "final" backfill event (this will occur during the concluding winter/spring 2017 field season), but we will cover the deposits enough to protect them from damage. We have not yet solidified a plan, but we anticipate using some combination of gravel from the canyon bottom, clean fill brought in from elsewhere, large plastic bins, and backdirt from our Eagle Cave excavations. We want to be sure whatever we use to backfill can be removed without damaging the intact deposits.

Toward this end, during the 2016 season we will consult engineers and archaeologists who have rockshelter stabilization experience to help us design a plan to carefully stabilize and fully backfill both Eagle Cave and Bonfire Shelter in 2017.



SOUTHWESTERN FEDERATION OF ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETIES

52ND SYMPOSIUM

APRIL 9, 2016

HOSTED BY

CANYONLANDS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY & COMANCHERO CANYONS MUSEUM
THE HOPE CENTER, QUITAQUE, TEXAS

Registration and details will be on the CVAS website

2016 Membership Renewals

It's time to renew our memberships for the year. We have made no changes to the yearly fees. Military (active duty) will be renewed automatically and honorary members are always covered and need not renew. You can find the membership forms on the back of this newsletter with the address.

WE'RE ON THE WEB AT
CVASSANANGELO.ORG

Meeting Location

Please remember that our meetings are now in the classroom at the Fort Concho Living History Stables, **236 Henry O. Flipper St.** We enter through the side door.

2016 Membership Application

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

Cell _____

Family members _____

Email _____

I pledge I will not intentionally violate the terms or conditions of any current or future state or local statute concerning cultural resources or engage in the practice of buying or selling artifacts for commercial purposes, or engage in the willful destruction of archeological data, or disregard proper archeological field techniques

Signature _____ Date _____

Mail to: CVAS, 132 Kilt Road, San Angelo, TX 76901

Individual	\$15	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family	\$20	<input type="checkbox"/>
Student or military N/C		<input type="checkbox"/>

(active military only)