

CONCHO VALLEY ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

May 2009

Newsletter

CVAS Regular Meeting: May 28, 2009 7:00 P.M.

Ft. Concho Commissary Bldg Refreshments served

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Meeting Agenda: An agenda will be available at the meeting.

April Program: **Evans Turpin**

Dorris Ranch Rock Art Shelter 41PC595

A rock shelter with a large talus slope in east central Pecos County, Texas has been found to contain pictographs of hand prints, anthropomorphs, and possible zoomorphs. The rock shelter is located on the Dorris Ranch. This rock art is located on the smoke blackened ceiling of the rock shelter just below the middle caprock of Cretaceous limestone. Middens and mortar holes on a nearby pour-off of this cap rock appear to be associated with this rock shelter. Flint artifacts from the talus slope and the middens have indicated an age of late archaic. The anthropomorphs, however, appear to be younger in age because they are similar in style to the Tall Rockshelter pictographs of prehistoric age in the Davis Mountains as reported by the Center for Big Bend Studies. The negative hand prints and possible zoomorphs from this shelter are similar to late archaic rock art found in other reported sites in eastern Pecos County.

 President's note:

Hope all are survived the heat wave. Now it's cool again. We had a great time at Fort Chadbourne in May. Thanks to all of you who helped make this day a great success. Thanks to Garland and Lana Richards for having us ...feeding us and entertaining us. Sue Meacham

From Hill Country Archeological Association, Kerville, TX.

Guest speaker Dr. Raymond Mauldin, Asst Director of the Center for Archeological Research at UT @ San Antonio, discussed then ongoing research on burned rock features at the Cannon Ranch in Pecos County.

Surveys conducted since the late 1970's have recorded several hundred burned rock features, including more than 100 burned rock middens. Archeologist from CAR have conducted limited work at the ranch.

This Newsletter will be available at the meeting.

Calan Clark is graduating from Bronte High School May 29th and wishes everyone that can attend to please come and see him walk across the stage and receive his diploma. Then he is on to Howard College in the fall of 2009. He will be getting some of his basic courses done at Howard to be able to go on to the University.

A Reminder: All artifacts found on a landowner's property is the property of that landowner. CVAS members keep no artifacts.

If an archeological site is identified on private property the location is to remain confidential.
WE visit private property ONLY with the landowner's express permission, and as an organized group, not individually
We encourage and enjoy the participation of the landowner in our activities..

2009 Membership Application

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Family Members: _____
Individual: \$15.00 _____ **Family:** \$20.00 _____ **Student/Military:** N/C _____
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