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May's Program to be on Field Trip to Big Bend National Park

Claude Hudspeth will give a Power Point presentation on the April CVAS field trip to Big Bend National Park.

The presentation will include five locations most visitors to Big Bend never see. Included are a pre-historic site with rock-art, mortars, and metates. Scenes of Glenn Springs in 1916 and the present condition of the site after being cleared by the Park Service in the 1950s will be compared.

Also presented is the Mariscal Mine, with some interesting drawings of how it was, and photos of how it is today. We also visited the famous Johnson Ranch, which was knocked down by the Park Service. Photos of before and after will be shown. Last is a visit to Musk Hog Spring. Claude did not find the spring, but Jack Woodrow, Gary Heuimer, and Tommy Deering did, and they took photographs, so one of them will tell you all about it.

If you are one of the many that could not make this trip to the Big Bend, then don't miss this opportunity to see what you missed, or escaped, as the case may be.

Fort Chadbourne Up Date

Larry Riemenschneider

The excavations of the Butterfield Stage Station at Fort Chadbourne are nearing completion. Thanks to all of you who helped during the Fort Chadbourne Days. On Friday, around 1,000 school kids from the surrounding area attended. On Saturday many visitors came by the sight. Thus far we have exposed all of the foundation, many doors, three fireplaces, stone footings for floor joists and many wooden floor joists. We have uncovered valuable information that will aid in the re-construction of the station. A little over 20,000 artifacts have been recovered thus far and the nice thing is that we have finished the lab work on all but three units. In the largest of the rooms the artifact count was low (mostly nails and glass). The other three smaller rooms have produced larger amounts of artifacts. Artifacts in one area indicate a trunk had rotted away. Many artifacts that were within the trunk and metal parts of the trunk were recovered. *Continued on page 3.*

Archaeology Institute

Friends and colleagues: The fifth annual installment of ***The Archaeology Channel*** International Film and Video Festival will take place May 20-24, 2008. This event, which includes a keynote address by the former Director of the Iraq Museum in Baghdad, Dr. Donny George, is highlighted in *TAC Festival 2008 Preview*, the latest video feature on our nonprofit streaming-media Web site, ***The Archaeology Channel*** (<http://www.archaeologychannel.org>).

TAC Festival showcases the world's best films and videos on archaeology and indigenous peoples in the Soreng Theater at Hult Center for the Performing Arts in Eugene, Oregon, USA. This preview video includes a short clip from each of the 18 productions that will compete on the big screen. Film-makers from 17 countries submitted a total of 81 entries for this event, which is one of the world's few contests in the genre of heritage film and the only juried competition of its kind in the Western Hemisphere.

This and other programs are available on TAC for your use and enjoyment. We urge you to support this public service by participating in our Membership (<http://www.archaeologychannel.org/member.html>) and Underwriting (<http://www.archaeologychannel.org/sponsor.shtml>) programs. Only with your help can we continue and enhance our nonprofit public-education and visitor-supported programming. We also welcome new content partners as we reach out to the world community.

Richard M. Pettigrew, Ph.D., RPA
President and Executive Director

Texas Archeological Society Field School

TAS annual Field School will be held at Perryton, TX from June 14 through June 21. Perryton is located in the Panhandle on the Texas-Oklahoma border. Camping will be at Wolf Creek Park and Lake Fryer, about 15 miles south of Perryton.

TAS held field schools here in 1987 and 1988. Field School will be held on the Courson Ranch. Go to [Field School Home Page](#) for more information.

CVAS web-site, www.cvassa.org, is always up to date with the latest information on field trips, excavations, meetings, and other events. Please check it for any changes to events you plan on attending.

Mark Your Calendar

- ◆ May 22 Meeting
- ◆ June 26 Meeting
- ◆ July Picnic To be announced.
- ◆ August 28 Meeting
- ◆ September 25 Meeting
- ◆ October 13 Archeology Fair
- ◆ October 23 Meeting
- ◆ November 20 Meeting
- ◆ December 18 Christmas Party

The [Concho Valley Archeological Society](#) is a non profit organization. Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of every month except July, November and December. We meet in the commissary building located at Ft. Concho, at 7 PM. Refreshments are offered. Dues are \$15 for singles, and \$20 for families. Students and military personnel dues are free. Visitors are always welcome. This newsletter is edited/published by [Claude Hudspeth](#) 325-949-9077 cbhiii@aol.com

Check web site www.cvassa.org for latest information and changes.

By the way, the discussion about the penny found in the trunk area during Chadbourne Days was an Indian-head penny (1864). Indian-head pennies were produced between 1859 and 1907. Many of the artifacts recovered in the smaller rooms are workshop and horse related. These may have been used during the time the station was in operation or many could have been the results the ranch era occupation. Thus far we have learned a lot about the station and if you have not had the opportunity to work on this project you still have a chance.

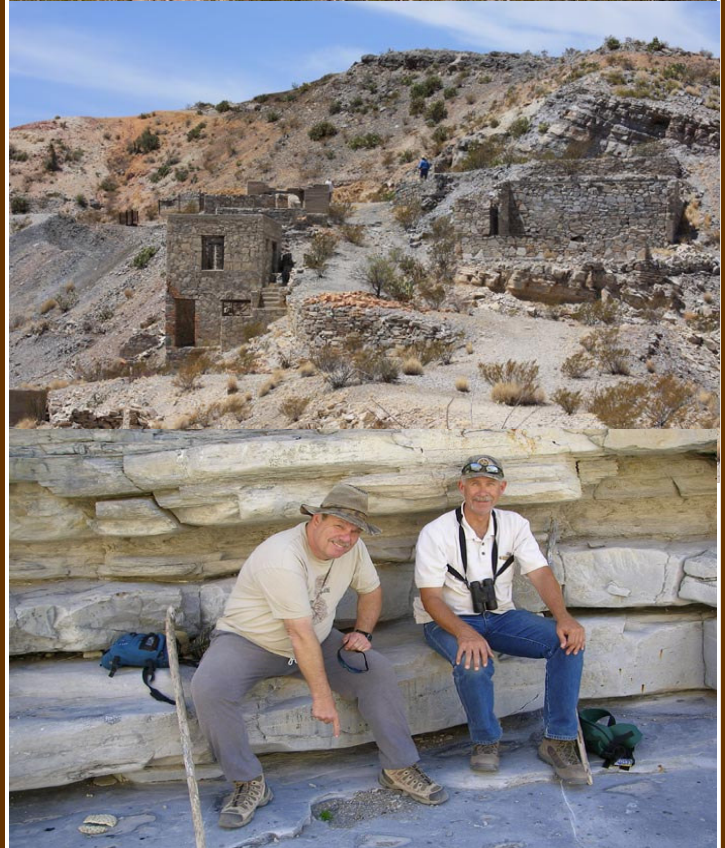
We have set a workday on May 17th to finish the excavation. We have six units that need to be excavated. If we can get a good crew together we can finish by noon. We will start at 8:30 on Saturday morning and work until we finish. Bring a sack lunch and plenty to drink. If you can help on that day please RSVP so we know if we have enough workers for the day.

I would like to commend the CVAS and SMART group on a job well done. An excavation of this magnitude usually lingers on and on when volunteer groups are involved. In one month you have excavated and labbed 204 units. Thanks to all of you who have worked so hard on the project.

On a sad note: many of you knew Pat Meyer (member of the SMART group). She and Roger became members of the CVAS during last years excavations of the Officers' Quarters (Ranch Headquarters). Pat passed away last week and will be buried in Altus, Oklahoma on Tuesday. We, the CVAS express our sympathy to Roger and his family.

Hope to see many of you on May 17th. There is still time to be part of an exciting adventure in archeology.

CVAS Big Bend Field Trip April, 2008



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