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## Tommy Garrison Will Present November Program

Tommy Garrison from Iraan Archeological Society will present a slide program on an excavation he did some 30 years ago on three shelters on a drainage of Live Oak Creek in far western Crockett County. The site, 41CX914, was partially excavated in a layered trench. Cultural artifacts date the use of the shelters from early through late archaic. Tommy will bring and exhibit many of the artifacts recovered and recorded from the excavations.

Tommy was born and raised in Iraan. He graduated from Iraan High School and attended Angelo State in San Angelo. Later, he served four years in the U. S. Air Force. After that, he entered the goat dairy business, and raised purebred Swiss Oberhasli goats, which are an endangered species. He still has some Oberhasli goats, along with cows, on his ranch near Midkiff, Texas.

## President's Message

Hello everyone! An organization is only as good as the sum of it's parts. I think the CVAS has great parts and therefore is a great society.

Thanks to all of you who help each month to set the program room up and tear it down again. Thanks to all of you who help in every way for each meeting.

The Fair was a great success this year and it's all because of each of you members, and the direction of Larry.

We have an exciting year coming up in 2009 starting in Jan. in Bronte at the Clark place. Then again at Ft. Chadbourne to dig. Then I'm sure there will be field trips as well. Watch the [web site](#) and newsletter for updates.

This month we will be presented with a slate of proposed officers to serve in 2009. Then we will vote at the Christmas Party Dec 11th, 2009. New officers will be installed in January. See you the 20th.

*Sue Meacham*

## Field Trip Saturday, 15th

The Iraan Archeological Society is conducting a field trip Sat. Nov. 15th, and the CVAS is invited to participate. This will be to the Earnest Woodward Ranch which is about 5 miles southwest of Girvin. Rock shelters, middens, and rock art sites previously reported by IAS members in the 1970's and also some recently discovered archeological sites discovered by Mr. Woodward will be visited.

You will need to bring a sack lunch, drinking water, wear stout walking shoes, protective clothing, hat and sun-screen. Also we will be recording the sites with GPS instruments so bring yours if you have one. This trip should have something for every club member.

Meet at the Wal-Mart (Sherwood Way - Mertzon Hwy) parking lot by 7 AM Saturday morning or at Girvin by 9:30 AM. We need to be at Girvin, TX (130 mi) by 9:30 to meet the Iraan folks. Call Tom Deering 325-653-5512 or 325-812-4471 for more information.



**IAS & CVAS Field Trip Site**



This pictograph, which is the Iran Archeological Society's logo, is from one of the shelters located at the Woodward Ranch

**Click on blue names or web address to go to a web page for information about subject.**

## Welcome New CVAS Members

Joe E. Jay  
Elmer Lewis Stephens  
Pete & Liz Tambunga  
Dr. Alexander K. Stewart

## Mark Your Calendar

- ◆ November 20 Meeting
- ◆ December Christmas Party, December 11
- ◆ January 22 Meeting

## Concho Valley Archeological Society

President	Sue Meacham
Vice President	Cynthia Purcell
Secretary	Jo Riemenschneider
Treasurer	Ward Gregory
Membership	Cynthia Purcell

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

## Archaeological Legacy Institute

Friends and colleagues: Improved technology increasingly is revealing unimagined facts about the impressive accomplishments of ancient societies. To see a fascinating account of modern imaging techniques uncovering the complexities of an ancient machine, watch *The Antikythera Mechanism: Decoding an Ancient Greek Mystery*, the latest video feature on our nonprofit streaming-media Web site, **The Archaeology Channel** (<http://www.archaeologychannel.org>).

In 1901, sponge divers found an extraordinary mechanism on the sea bottom near the island of Antikythera. It astonished the whole international community, stumping scientists for decades. Was it an astrolabe, an astronomical clock, or something else? More recent research is revealing its secrets. Dating from around the 1st century B.C., it is the most sophisticated mechanism known from the ancient world. The Antikythera Mechanism operated as a complex mechanical "computer" to track the cycles of the Solar System.

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.

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

## TEXAS ARCHEOLOGY ACADEMY IN 2009

### Archeology 101: Recognizing and Documenting Archeological Sites

On January 30 and 31, 2009, TAS will partner with the Williamson Museum to present an **Archeology 101** Academy in the historic Williamson County Courthouse. On Feb. 1, participants will conduct field exercises at the Gault Site. This Academy will introduce basic archeological procedures, techniques for recovery of data, and methods for preserving valuable archeological resources

### The Big Bend: Archeology, Culture and History, a Regional Academy

TAS will present a Regional Academy in Study Butte in Brewster County on Feb. 20, 21 and 22, 2009. This academy, offering more than rock art, will begin on Friday evening at the Terlingua Community Center in Study Butte and conclude on Sunday after lunch. The academy will include a combination of classroom presentations and field tours of archeological and historical sites in and near the Big Bend National Park. Participants will be introduced to the many cultures that have inhabited this beautiful region and will have an opportunity to add his or her interpretation to the rock art images of the area.

### Historical Archaeology: In Pursuit of the Past

The Brazosport Archaeological Society will host TAS in Lake Jackson for Historical Archaeology, March 7 and 8, 2009. The Academy will be held at the Brazosport Center for the Arts and Sciences. Joan Few, well known in the Lake Jackson area for her extensive experience investigating the historic sugar plantations of the lower Brazos River, will present the academy. The curriculum will define Historical Archeology and address the many historical sites found in Texas

**Fees** are \$95 for members and \$135 for non-members (includes membership fee). Fees include a CD manual, lunch and snacks during the class sessions. TAS is a provider of professional development accredited through SBEC. Credits may be received by teachers attending classes.

**Register online or by mail** See [www.txarch.org](http://www.txarch.org), Texas Archeology Academy or call 1-800-377-7240 for more information.

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## 2009 Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Fees  
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City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip. \_\_\_\_\_ Family \$20.00   
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Student or Military N/C   
Family Members \_\_\_\_\_  
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I pledge that I will not intentionally violate the terms and conditions of any present or future federal, state or local statute concerning cultural resources, or engage in the practice of buying or selling of artifacts for commercial purposes, or engage in the willful destruction of archeological data, or disregard proper archeological field techniques.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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