

Llano Uplift Archeological Society

LUAS Meeting—May 14, 2008

Nightengale Archaeological Center, Kingsland

Speaker, Dr. D. Clark Wernecke, *The Gault Project*

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The Gault Site: What Has It Told Us So Far? The Gault Site in Central Texas has drawn a great deal of international attention. More than 60% of all excavated Clovis artifacts are from the site and only a small percentage of the total area has been investigated. Recently the site was acquired by a non-profit, the Gault School of Archaeological Research, and research on the site has resumed. At the same time the Gault Project staff has been analyzing the more than 1.2 million artifacts excavated up to 2002. This talk will cover some of what we have discovered to date.

Clark Wernecke is the Project Director for the Gault Project and Executive Director of the new Gault School of Archaeological Research. Dr. Wernecke brings a unique blend of scholarship and experience to the project with degrees in history, business and anthropology. He has considerable experience in business and has specialized in the management of large archaeological projects. Dr. Wernecke has worked in the Middle East, Mesoamerica, the American Southeast and Southwest, and Texas. In addition to his work on Gault, he is currently working on archaeological data from the Mexican War and early Texas architecture.



Image from

www.texasbeyondhistory.net

Field Trip—May 17 — Chuck Hixson

Our Saturday May 17 field trip will take us to House Mountain, located on a private ranch in western Llano County. The mesa-like ridge rises over 500 feet above the surrounding terrain. We will drive to the summit where prehistoric lookout sites might be found (a type of site not generally recognized in central Texas). According to Indian captive Herman Lehmann, the ridge was used as such a lookout in the 1800s by raiding Apaches.



c1920 painting of House Mountain (in background) by Frank Reaugh.

If there is time, two creeks, a spring, and a cave below the mountain will be surveyed for sites. Bedrock mortar holes are almost certainly numerous in the area.

We will meet in the parking lot of Llano Middle School at 9:00 AM (at the western end of Hwy 71 on the south edge of town) and will then make the 20 minute drive to the ranch. The field trip will probably last well into the afternoon so bring lunch and whatever might be needed while being outdoors much of the day (especially water and sun protection). For more information or to confirm contact Chuck Hixson at chixson@gmail.com or 325-423-0379.

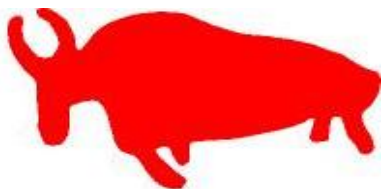
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Special Notices

Calendar

**Second and fourth Saturdays
2-5pm**

Public tours at the Nightengale
Center

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Spring—School tours are sched-
uled. Contact Nicholas Cowey at
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Field Work Opportunity (from TPWD)

"I'm currently working on a burned rock midden excavation at Seminole Canyon State Park and Historic Site, Val Verde County, and thought it might be a project that some TAS members might want to participate in. It is a buried upland site that was accidentally encountered with a backhoe that was excavating to install a dump station in the park. Anyway, I am currently working to expose the remainder of the site for aerial photography. After exposing the features and photographing/mapping the site, we'll place 18.5 square meters of excavations units across the exposed features. The present work involves a lot of troweling and sweeping with a whisk broom, but no screening at this stage. We could probably use 8-10 volunteers, and could probably arrange for free camping spaces for them with enough advance notice." (contact Tim Roberts—Tim.Roberts@tpwd.state.tx.us>for more information)

Minutes, March 2008 Meeting Al Priest, Secretary

07:08 Meeting called to order by Pat Hatten

07:09 No field trip this month. Discussed different field trip sites for May, Turkey Bend, House Mountain etc.

07:12 Dan Prikryl gives the treasury report for Tina who is not in attendance

07:15 Discussed TAS field school donation from LUAS. The question was asked to match last years donation. Decision delayed until Tina can tell us how much was donated last year. It was brought up that LUAS had just spent \$ 745 for the new projector.

07:18 Ned reports that the Llano Historical Museum collection is in hand and the project is moving forward

07:20 Al Priest brought the new projector to the meeting.

07:22 Nightengale tours continue to go well

07:23 Our guest speaker, Dan Prikryl LCRA Archeologist, gave a great talk on the Faskin Site Caddo Mound complex located on the Red River northeast of Paris TX.

08:15 Question & answer session with Dan

08:35 Meeting ends

Steward's News

Your local archeological steward is Doris Howard. If you have any questions about the archaeology of the area, she can be your first contact. Doris can be reached at (325) 247-2440

The Llano Uplift Archeological Society was organized by people interested in the protection, conservation and study of historic and pre-historic materials and sites in the Llano Uplift ("Central Mineral Region") area of the Texas Hill Country. Its primary goals include education of the membership, students and the public; and to support other groups, researchers and educators with similar interests. Stewardship of the Nightengale Archaeological Center is a major responsibility of LUAS.