

Llano Uplift Archeological Society

July Meeting Wednesday August 13 Nightengale Archeological Center

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The July meeting will be held as usual at the Nightengale Archeological Center at 7 PM on August 13 (Wednesday).

<http://www.texasluas.org/meetings.html>

History and Archeology of the First Capitol of the Republic of Texas—Doug Boyd. (thx to TCAS)

In conjunction with the proposed development of a historical park by a local nonprofit group, archeological and historical investigations were conducted on the site of the first capitol of the Republic of Texas in West Columbia, Texas. The work focused on Lot 4, Block 2 of the old Columbia townsite because it once contained a wooden structure used by the House of Representatives during the First Congress from October to December 1836. Archeologists from Prewitt and Associates, Inc. and the Brazosport Archeological Society completed a week of field investigations at the site in December 2007. Mechanical and hand excavations exposed a brick-lined cistern filled with twentieth-century debris, several pit features containing nineteenth-century artifacts, numerous postholes, and scattered nineteenth- and twentieth-century artifacts. Following the field investigations, archival research was undertaken to define the legal history of this property and identify its historic uses. This work is revealing part of the story behind one of Texas' most important historical places -- the First Capitol of the Republic of Texas. (continued, p. 2)



Fishing Rock. Ca 1930

August Field Trip

A field trip to a private ranch adjacent to LCRA's Double Horn Preserve on Lake Travis is scheduled for Saturday, August 16. The property is known to contain an extension of a previously recorded prehistoric site that includes burned rock features, grinding stones, stone tools, and ceramics. There is also the collapsed remains of a house dating to the turn of the century with an underground cistern, standing chimney and extensive artifact scatter. An additional previously undocumented historic foundation has been seen nearby. This trip would include the opportunity to lunch and swim (read cool off) on a portion of the lake usually accessible only by boat. Details will be discussed at the Wednesday meeting. Check with Pat (830-265-2392) or Chuck (chixson@gmail.com) for more information or confirmation.



Chuck Hixson at Fishing Rock, 2006

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Special Notices

Calendar

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

Public tours at the Nightengale
Center

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Volunteers always welcomed!!!

Check with Pat.

Note: to contribute to the news-
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black and white henceforth

Douglas K. Boyd began doing field archeology in 1973 while in junior high school. He received a BA degree in General Studies-Archeology from West Texas State University in 1983 and an MA degree in Anthropology from Texas A&M University in 1986. In 1987 he joined Prewitt and Associates, Inc., a cultural resources services firm in Austin, Texas. Now a vice president and co-owner of the firm, he has served as project archeologist or principal investigator on many projects throughout the state. Over the last 30 years, much of Boyd's work has been on historic archeological projects in Texas and New Mexico.

Minutes, July, 2008 Meeting Al Priest, Secretary

7:15 Meeting called to order by Pat. TAS Field School stories and pictures were shared by Doris, Gene, Pat and Al. A large time was had by all, especially Pat.

8:15 Business meeting starts

Pat can't do public tours for the month of July at the Nightengale Center

No field trip this month. Maybe Doublehorn in August.

An Archeology Fair at Nightengale is scheduled for the Saturday October 11

Graham Applegate artifacts are back at Nightengale and a lab is scheduled for August 9 at 10 am

Our August speaker may be Doug Boyd

9:00 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

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.