

**Update on Excavations at the Cotton Field Site, Tait-Huffmeyer Ranch, Columbus, Texas
July 25 – 26, 2015**

Our first work weekend following field school was held July 25 and 26 and despite the intense heat we had a huge turnout both days! New HAS member Adela Franco recovered the prizes of the day as she was screening dirt from one of the units – these two beautiful points! At least one thermal feature and several bison and deer bones were also recovered. And longtime HAS member Tom Williams treated the crew to a hot dog lunch both days!!! What a team! Here's our first photo album highlighting the project. Thanks to John Rich, Mike Slayton and Louis Frey for sharing their photos!



Tom opening the gate to the Tait Ranch on a very foggy morning.



And the first thing we encountered was this big ol' water moccasin.



Removing tarps to uncover the site which had been protected from the weather since field school ended.



Work at the site begins

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Louis Aulbach digging in unit



Dr. Gus Costa and his crew including Roberta Tait and Louis Aulbach uncover bone.



Tom Williams and Tom Nuckols pedestal thermal feature.



Bison bone recovered at site.



Beth Kennedy and Dr. Elizabeth Coon-Nguyen digging.



Dr. Gus Costa measuring his unit.

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Adela Franco won the title of “Screener of the weekend”, recovering two beautiful points from the dirt in her screen.



This small point and a nice piece of pottery were also recovered in one of the units.



This beautiful Scallorn came out of Adela's screen.



Tom (Williams).... Not just a crew chief and Mr. Fixit - but evidently also a chef, treating all of us a delicious hot dog lunch!



And so did this nice point!



Hot dogs on a hot day!

If you'd like to participate in future work at the Cotton Field site, please email me at lindagorski@cs.com . Our next scheduled field work is August 22 – 23.