

Update on Excavations at the Cotton Field Site, Tait-Huffmeyer Ranch, Columbus, Texas September 26-27, 2015

As most of you know, we are continuing work at the Cotton Field site at the Tait Huffmeyer Ranch in Columbus, Texas, that we began during TAS Field Schools in 2014 and 2015. The Cotton Field site, located in Colorado County, offers the ideal conditions for studying the Late Prehistoric period, spanning both the Austin phase (ca. 700AD - 1200AD) and the subsequent Toyah phase (1150AD - 1500AD) in Texas. Thanks to our landowners, Rita Tait Jackson and Ed Jackson, we are continuing our excavations under the direction of HAS member and Field School PI, Dr. Jason W. Barrett.

Our latest field work took place September 26 and 27 and I can tell you right now that the weather was beautiful – especially Sunday! Ideal conditions! We had a great turnout both days and excavated in five separate units. Thanks to everyone who came out! Below are some photos to whet your appetite to come and join us!

If you want to receive regular bulletins and emails about future work dates for the Cotton Field site email me back at lindagorski@cs.com and I will put you on my special Cotton Field email list. Hope to see you on Saturday and Sunday, November 14 and 15.



Road into Cotton Field site on a beautiful morning. *Photo by Chris Barry.*



Pedestalled features in a unit at the Cotton Field site. *Photo by Chris Barry*



Excavations at Cotton Field site on Sunday 27th September, 2015. *Photo by Chris Barry*



Catherine Jalbert and Dr. Jason Barrett carefully excavate around artifacts.

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First point of the day!



Linda Gorski and John Rich measuring a unit.



Dr. Jason Barrett and John Rich examining a recovered artifact.



Dr. Liz Coon-Nguyen, Kristin Josvoll and Bob Sewell excavating their unit.



Tom Williams cleaning up the floor of a unit.

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New HAS member Stewart Wilson and Kristin Josvoll screening dirt.



Crew chief John Rich finishes up paperwork for his unit.



This point was identified as an Edgewood.



Michael Johnston and Kristin Josvoll excavating their unit.



Pottery sherd recovered from the Cotton Field site.



Rita Tait Jackson and Art Tawater worked up at the Bluff site, an history cabin site on the Tait Huffmeyer