

TxDOT/HAS Dimond Knoll Screening Project – Aug 23, 2013
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We only screened dirt on Friday, August 23 this week but still recovered some interesting artifacts! Even better, we had two visitors... Dr. Sam Sweitz, Dr. Jason's graduate school roommate from Texas A & M and Jeff Kelly who was referred to us by the Houston Museum of Natural Science. Jeff brought a collection of lithics that had been recovered on his family's ranch in the Hill Country over several generations. Dr. Jason Barrett was able to help him identify a good number of the points. This is the second or third collection that we have been asked to look at and photograph recently, giving us the opportunity to compare the artifacts we are recovering at Dimond Knoll to artifacts recovered in other parts of our area. Thanks Jeff! Come out and screen with us soon!



Dr. Jason invited his college roommate Dr. Sam Sweitz, Associate Professor of Archeology and Anthropology at Michigan Tech, for a visit -- but neglected to tell him he'd be digging dirt all day Friday!



Sometimes you get lucky and two interesting artifacts are recovered in the same handful of dirt!



We had a smallish but hardworking crew out on Friday but we screened a ton of dirt and found some interesting artifacts.



Collection of lithic artifacts recovered from a ranch in the Hill Country and brought to us at the screening site for identification.



Points, flakes, and pottery recovered on August 23.



Dr. Jason Barrett identifies lithics recovered from a ranch in the Hill Country brought in by Jeff Kelly whose family has lived on the ranch for five generations. The Dimond Knoll Screening Project has given us so many opportunities for community outreach and awareness!