

Fossil Collecting Report
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December 13, 2008: Marine Melange in the Corsicana Formation

Weston and I were due for another dose of Man Time in the great outdoors and considering the dry conditions around the state which have not eroded many new fossils out lately, we opted to stay close to home and hedge our bets locally. A couple weeks before, we had located an “underutilized” strip of exposure at our Corsicana (68 MYA) site in need of a good looking over. Weston was so gung ho to get out of the house that he packed the car and even put towels on the seats to keep the car clean – not bad for a 6 year old.

In short we spent about 2 hours there, in which time Weston found the best example of the rare bivalve *Lima sayrei* that I have ever seen. I on the other hand absconded with 2 nice crab carapaces *Dakoticancer australis* in addition to about 40 echinoids, mostly *Hemiaster bexari* with the notable exception of one large and well preserved *Proraster dalli* suitable for prime real estate in one of my Riker mounts.



FIGS 1-2: Crabs *Dakoticancer australis* above, echinoids *Proraster dalli* (1) and *Hemiaster bexari* below (Site 349)



FIG 3: Unidentified gastropods above, bivalves below, left to right including Weston's *Lima sayrei*, *Trigonia castrovillensis*, and *Neithea bexarensis* (2) from Site 349

The hunger bell went off, the whining started, and the Old Man pulled the plug and took the boy out for some dang good cheeseburgers. In the end it was another success in the father/son department.....

December 21, 2008: Corsicana Formation Parte Dos

Due to the current drought across Texas I once again found myself crawling my favorite site in the Corsicana formation by default to break up my gift shopping obligations. With fierce north winds biting through my two jackets and stocking cap I donned my knee pads and gloves before getting down low for a slow crawl through remaining "underutilized" areas.



FIGS 4-5: Ultra rare echinoid *Rachiosoma hondoensis* this and next page along with phosphatized straight ammonite *Baculites columna* (note sutures) from Site 349



FIGS 7-8: One more lateral view of *R. hondoensis* followed by echinoids *Plesiaster americanus* (lower left, 1) along with several *Hemiaster bexari* (Site 349)



FIG 8: Gastropods including *Striatocostatum bexarensis* top center, bivalves below including *T. castrovillensis* and *N. bexarensis* (Site 349)

No lengthy tale of adventure to narrate this time, but I did pick up maybe 20 *Hemiaster bexari* echinoids, one very rare *Rachiosoma hondoensis* echinoid, a couple of poorly preserved *Dakoticancer australis* crabs, and one very nice gastropod *Striatocostatum bexarensis*. Not bad for an hour's work; I soon pulled the plug and got back to other more pressing tasks.