



AvAr Bulletin: 018

Subject: *Return to Jimmy Camp; Year in Review; Robert Jackson Collection; 2008 Training Course;*

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Return to Jimmy Camp: Update

AvAr has been given the green light to return to Jimmy Camp. Following a six month delay due to legal encumbrances an agreement was finally reached in mid-December between *AvAr* and the property management team for Banning Lewis Ranch, which provides us with access.

Although a schedule for the 2008 field season has yet to be determined, it is expected that an advance team will return late February/early March to examine this site and record any significant changes since the last visit in May 2007. Also, it is expected that the 2008 training course will hold its mandatory field exercise at Jimmy Camp.

Watch for a posted field schedule and site updates in future *AvAr* Bulletins.

Year in Review

2007 proved a banner year for the CAHS *AvAr* program. *AvAr* team members collectively traveled more than 11,000 miles throughout Colorado and Wyoming in order to populate our database. Stepping over rattlesnakes and standing up to black bears; sweating extreme temperatures and scaling some pretty rugged slopes; *AvAr* trained field agents explored seven different sites between January 1, and December 31, 2007.

Robert Jackson Collection

A very significant honor was bestowed upon AvAr staff member Dushon "Duke" Sumonia this past October when Mrs. Jeanie Jackson, widow of the late Bob Jackson (as reported in AvAr Bulletin #017), entrusted Duke with the care of her late husbands incredible aviation collection.

Comprised of some 3,000 (plus) photographs and more than 250 books, along with an assortment of historic memorabilia, this truly impressive assemblage has been dubbed the *Robert Jackson Collection*.

Although Duke has yet to name an official home for this unique trove, he is considering a number of options and will decide which is best to safeguard this unique collection.

If any AvAr members would like to lend a hand in cataloguing this collection, Duke would surely appreciate you contacting him. No special training is required. Please contact Duke Sumonia at: dukeair@aol.com or (970) 586-8505.

2008 Training Course

AvAr will conduct its official 2008 training course over the weekends of April 26/27 and May 3, 2008. Sixteen hours of classroom instruction is required, along with an additional eight hours of recorded field work.

If you are a previous graduate and wish to attend any portion of this training course as a refresher or if you know of someone who might be interested, please contact Brian Richardson at aviator_b@msn.com

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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