

SAN JUAN BASIN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Chapter of Colorado Archaeological Society



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The Moki Messenger

July 2015

Next SJBAS Meeting – July 9th

SJBAS member Fred Moeller will present some of his experiences taking part in excavations at the “Old Vero Man Site”, and Lynn Robinson, USFS Columbine Ranger District Archaeologist, will present an update on historic properties in the new Hermosa Special Management Area on the San Juan National Forest.

The “Old Vero Man Site” is near Vero Beach Florida. Human skeleton remains have been found together with extinct mega-fauna such as mammoths, mastodons, giant saber-tooth tigers, bear-sized sloths, a new species of tapir, and other large animals from the Late Ice Age or the Late Pleistocene period. There is still controversy regarding whether or not the humans were actually present at the same time as the mega-fauna.

June 11th SJBAS Meeting and Picnic Report

A soggy June does not deter the annual SJBAS membership outing! Although the SJBAS annual picnic was scheduled for June 11th at the Edgemont Picnic site, the ongoing rain showers made holding the picnic outdoors risky. A decision was made to move the event to the home of Foxie and Dick Mason on the East Animas Road, to avoid a possible “rain out.” Nearly 40 members attended the “patio picnic” which featured the regular annual picnic fare: bratwursts and buns, barbecued on the porch by volunteer members. The brats were accompanied by potluck side dishes and desserts along with lemonade, iced tea and BYOB libations. Conversations were lively and members enjoyed visiting with one another during the event. Co-Vice Presidents, Jim Mueller and Foxie Mason, planned the event but they had a lot of help from member volunteers who pitched in to set up and clean up at the event. Sadly, last year was likely to be the last time our group will meet at Edgemont Picnic grounds, since the grounds are being surveyed for housing lots which will replace this popular outside spot.

--- Foxie

SJBAS owes a big “thank you” to Foxie and Dick for the generous use of their home for the picnic!

CAS Annual Meeting and Conference at Fort Lewis College - October 9 - 11

SJBAS is excited to be hosting the CAS annual meeting and conference. This is a great opportunity for SJBAS members to participate in activities with the state organization that we all belong to. On Saturday the conference will include a number of archaeological papers and presentations and an evening banquet at the Fort Lewis College ballroom. A

number of field trips to local archaeological sites and institutions will be available on Sunday. There will be many volunteer opportunities for SJBAS members to help with the conference. Follow the links below for more information and to register for the conference and field trips. Early registration will guarantee your choice of field trips with limited participation.

[CAS Annual Meeting Information.pdf](#)

[Annual Meeting Registration Form.pdf](#)

[Annual Meeting Field Trip Registration Form.pdf](#)

CAS Quarterly Meeting at Anasazi Heritage Center – July 25th – 26th

CAS and the Hisatsinom Chapter are planning an excellent Quarterly Meeting at the Anasazi Heritage Center near Cortez for July 25th with outstanding field trips on Sunday, July 26th, to the Chaco Pueblo II outlier at Yucca House, between Mesa Verde and Sleeping Ute Mountain, led by a Mesa Verde Park Ranger. The Park Service rarely gives this tour, especially on a Sunday, and we are privileged to have them do this on Sunday morning for about two hours. There will also be a tour of the Mitchell Springs Ruins Group led by David Dove especially for those of you who have excavated there with Dave. We are planning an excellent meeting on Saturday, July 25th, and will have a behind-the-scenes tour of the AHC Museum during the lunch hour led by Supervisory Curator Bridget Ambler. The Museum houses three and a half million Ancestral Puebloan artifacts, and participants will see many which are never seen by the public.

If you are interested in attending this meeting, please contact Janice Sheftel ASAP at jsheftel@mbssllp.com.

New SJBAS Members

SJBAS would like to welcome the following new members: Mary Gillam, Dennis Aronson, Thomas-James Trump, and Barron “Bear” Haley.

Thanks, Bill

SJBAS would like to thank Bill Cagle for providing an internal, informal audit of the SJBAS books.

2016 SJBAS Dues

CAS advised us this year that each chapter member must pay for the Southwest Lore. In the past, we made purchase of the Southwest Lore an option. As a result, the Board approved the following **new dues structure for 2016**:

Current Dues Structure			2016 Dues Structure				
	SJBAS	CAS	Total		SJBAS	CAS	Total
Individual	\$15.00	\$16.00	\$31.00	Individual	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$35.00
Individual No SWL	\$15.00	\$8.00	\$23.00				
Family	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$40.00	Family	\$20.00	\$23.00	\$43.00
Family No SWL	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$30.00				
Student No SWL	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	Student	\$7.00	\$8.00	\$15.00
				Student Family	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$20.00

Please be sure to pay your 2016 dues based on our new dues structure. Remember that 2016 dues should be paid by January 31, 2016.

Thanks,
Mark Gebhardt, Treasurer

Upcoming Field Trips and Activities

We have some wonderful field trips coming up. Our complete 2015 Field Trip Schedule is available on our website at www.sjbas.org/Trips.htm. Please check the website schedule periodically to check for trip updates and contact the trip leaders directly by phone or email for trip details and to sign up.

July 9	SJBAS meeting - Fred Moeller, Old Vero Man Site; Lynn Robinson, USFS, historical sites in the Hermosa Special Management Area
July 25	Ute Mountain Tribal Park Tour This will be a day trip to visit Inaccessible House, Casa Colorado, and Casa Blanca cliff dwellings in a rarely visited area of the Tribal Park. The tour will take about five hours, with only a couple miles of hiking. The tour fee is \$35 per person. We will carpool from Durango. For more information or to signup, contact Lyle at lylehancock@bresnan.net or 970-764-4531.
July 31 – Aug. 2	Winslow area – Homolovi, Petrified Forest, Painted Desert - Arizona This will be a three-day camping or hotel trip to the Winslow area. We will visit sites in the Painted Desert, Petrified Forest N.M., and at Homolovi State Park and take part in the August 1 st Suvoyuki Day celebrations. For more information or to signup, contact trip leader Rusty Chamberlain chambrke@aol.com
August 6 - 9	Pecos Conference in Mancos area
August 10	Silverton Historical Walking Tour Andy Gulliford will be our guide on this day trip to explore Silverton. We'll walk around town, visit their museum, archives, and cemetery, etc. Participants should bring cameras, binoculars, and a picnic lunch. We will leave Durango at 7:45 a.m. and meet Andy on the steps of the Silverton Town Hall at 9:00 a.m. For more information or to signup, contact trip leader TBD
August 13	SJBAS meeting - speaker Sherry Spaar (Sherrill) - "Greece"
August 25 - 28	Grand Staircase – Escalante National Monument – Utah This will be a 4-day camping trip to a variety of sites in the Grand Staircase – Escalante National Monument. We will tour the Anasazi State Park and Fremont Culture museum in Boulder, and ancestral Puebloan and Fremont sites. Dinner at the famous Hells Backbone Grill in Boulder is optional. For more information or to signup, contact trip leader Foxie Mason fmason@frontier.net 970-247-0252
September 10	SJBAS meeting - speaker Tim Riley - "Coprolites"
Sept. 16 - 17	Mesa Verde Backcountry Hike with NPS guide This will be a two-day trip with an afternoon hike to Petroglyph Point and overnight at Far View Lodge. The moderately difficult backcountry hike led by a Park Service ranger will be a couple of miles long with no more than 500 feet elevation loss and gain. Trip participation limit is 10. For more information or to signup, contact trip leaders Jim and Rhonda at rhondaandjim@msn.com .
October 8	SJBAS meeting- speaker Tim Maxwell - "New Mexico Turquoise"
October 9 - 11	CAS annual meeting and conference – Durango – SJBAS is host We will need volunteers to help out with this conference.

Alice Hamilton Scholarship Fund Raffle

Auction items for the Alice Hamilton Scholarship fund were unveiled at the CAS Qtr Meeting. The drawing for these two flutes and painted bowl will be part the CAS Conference October 9 - 11 in Durango.



Tickets are available at Chapter meetings at 1 for \$3.00 or 4 for \$10. The purchase price of the tickets is tax deductible.

PAAC Report

The PAAC course, **Basic Site Survey Techniques (BSST)**, was held May 29th through June 1st at the Center of Southwest Studies on the Fort Lewis College campus. This 25-hour class was taught by Kevin Black, State Assistant Archaeologist. There were 30 registrants, with 26 able to attend. The class had a field exercise at the home of Mike Chapman where there are multiple sites and a possible large kiva.

I ran a little survey to determine how participants in the BSST class learned about the class. Half used the CAS website, a quarter used the local chapter and the remainder found out by word of mouth and the newspaper – equally split. SJBAS is likely to pick up some new memberships from this PAAC class and it received kudos from Kevin Black on the great field trips!!

In conjunction with the CAS Conference in Durango, Kevin will offer a one-day PAAC class after the CAS meeting October 11, 2015. This will be a FREE **site form workshop** offered for the first time on the west slope. It will run for 6-8 hours, depending on the number of participants and the number of specific issues with forms that need to be discussed. It is not a formal class, but more of a roundtable discussion on how to finalize site forms from a set of notes or messy, incomplete field forms for the statewide database.

I will be attending the PAAC Board meeting at CAS quarterly meeting on July 25 in Cortez, Colorado.

– Tish Varney, SJBAS PAAC Coordinator

PAAC Schedule: July – December 2015

July

25 Cortez PAAC Board meeting at CAS quarterly meeting

August

TBD Eagle CountyPAAC Survey (Ute Trails Project)

September

1, 15 LovelandArchaeological Practice in Colorado (sessions 1–2)

19–20 Grand JunctionArchaeological Practice in Colorado

22, 29 LovelandArchaeological Practice in Colorado (sessions 3–4)

October

10 Durango PAAC Board meeting at CAS annual meeting

11 DurangoPAAC site form workshop

14, 21 BoulderPerishable Materials (sessions 1–2)

23–26 MontroseArchaeological Dating Methods

28 BoulderPerishable Materials (session 3)

November

4 BoulderPerishable Materials (session 4)

6–9 DoloresCeramics Description and Analysis

18 BoulderPerishable Materials (session 5)

21–22 FountainResearch Design and Report Writing

25 BoulderPerishable Materials (session 6)

December

2	Boulder	Perishable Materials (end, session 7)
*4–18	Denver	PAAC Laboratory Project

*Lab project occurs on intermittent dates at an off-site History Colorado facility in central Denver; call or e-mail for information.

Other Notable Events:

International Rock Art Conference (IFRAO), August 31–September 4, Cáceres, Spain
Pecos Conference, August 6–9, Mancos, CO
National Fur Trade Symposium, September 23–26, Bent’s Old Fort National Historic Site, CO
Rocky Mountain Anthropological Conference (RMAC), September 24–27, Steamboat Springs, CO
Utah Rock Art Research Association Symposium, October 2–5, Escalante, UT
Colorado Archaeological Society (CAS) annual meeting, October 9–11, Durango, CO
Plains Anthropological Conference, October 14–17, Iowa City, IA
American Anthropological Association, November 18–22, Denver, CO
Society for Historical Archaeology annual conference, January 6–9, 2016, Washington, DC
Society for American Archaeology annual meeting, April 6–10, 2016, Orlando, FL

Visit the PAAC web site at <http://www.historycolorado.org/oahp/paac-event-schedule>.

Hisatsinom Chapter

The Hisatsinom Chapter of the Colorado Archaeology Society is pleased to present James Davenport on July 7th at 7:00 PM at the Methodist Church, 515 Park Street, Cortez, CO to discuss “‘Literal Providers of Food and Drink’: The Inka Empire, Feasts, and Ritual Control.” James will discuss ritual controls used by the Inka Empire in their rapid expansion from Chile to Argentina. James will explore the extent of this ritual control through compositional analysis of ceramics recovered from Pachacamac, a ritual center on the central coast of Peru conquered by the Inca. Contact Kari Schleher at 505-269-4475 with questions.

Hisatsinom Newsletter - July

[Hisatsinom Newsletter July 2015.pdf](#)

Chipeta Chapter Newsletter – June

[Chipeta Chapter Newsletter June 15.pdf](#)

Pikes Peak Chapter Newsletter – June

[Pikes Peak Chapter June-CAS-Newsletter.pdf](#)

Colorado Archaeological Society

CAS Surveyor <http://www.coloradoarchaeology.org/PUBLICATIONS/Newsletters/Newsletters.htm>

New CAS Bulletin Board <http://www.coloradoarchaeology.org/BULLETINBOARD/bulletinboard.htm>

New CAS Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1425711501080053/>

Please share your photos, upcoming events, links to archaeological articles etc. and let other CAS chapters in the state know what you have been up to.

Crow Canyon Archaeology Camps featured in USA Today

At Crow Canyon, middle school and high school students work with our archaeologists, helping to uncover America's ancient past. Crow Canyon's archaeology camps were named one of the 10 best adventure camps for kids by [USA Today!](#) Here's why:

At Crow Canyon, students age 12-18 do real archaeology, in the field and in the lab. It's an authentic introduction to the science of archaeology. Our current excavation site was inhabited by ancestral Pueblo Indians (Anasazi) more than 1,000 years ago.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ARCHAEOLOGY CAMP: PLAN YOUR DIG

Get an authentic, hands-on introduction to archaeology at the pre-college level.

HIGH SCHOOL ARCHAEOLOGY CAMP: PLAN YOUR DIG

In our three-week High School Field School, you'll get the same introduction to archaeology as in our one-week camps—then go much more in depth. Get a head start on your college studies, explore career options, and gain experience that will look great on a college application or a resume. Enjoy weekend hiking and rafting trips, too!

HIGH SCHOOL FIELD SCHOOL: PLAN YOUR DIG

It's not too late to sign up for 2015! Visit www.crowcanyon.org or call 800-422-8975, ext. 146.

Mesa Verde National Park

If you haven't visited the sites on Wetherill Mesa, this summer would be a good time to go. Here is a good resource to plan your trip: [Wetherill Mesa information](#).

Center of Southwest Studies – Summer Lecture Series

All lectures take place on a Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Lyceum.

July 8 – Linda Mack, “Music about the West: Broadway Musicals, Popular Culture and the Concert Hall”

July 29 – Michele Malach, “The Fall Will Probably Kill You: The Myths of the West in Film”

August 5 – Ann Butler, “Bury My Heart at Boot Hill: Death in Southwest Colorado from pre-Hispanic through Victorian Times”

August 19 – Syl Allred, “Blackjacks and Yellowbellies: Walking in Western Ponderosa Pine Forests”

SJBAS Elected Officers

President	Janice Sheftel	jsheftel@mbssllp.com
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Other Positions

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San Juan Basin Archaeological Society – Membership Renewal

Membership renewals are due by January 31st each year. Please complete the SJBAS application package, including liability waiver and site etiquette forms, <http://www.sjbas.org/Application.pdf>, make your check payable to 'SJBAS' and mail with the application forms to our chapter treasurer: **Mark Gebhardt, 107 St. Andrews Circle, Durango, CO 81301.**