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CHIPETA CHAPTER OF THE COLORADO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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Mark Your Calendar

Feb 1: [Montrose County Historical Society](#) Presentation, Glade Hadden on Archaeology in Paradox. Pioneer Room, Montrose County Fairgrounds. 7:00 pm.

Feb 6, 13, 20, March 1 and 6: Museums of Western Colorado [Museum Education Class](#), Grand Junction.

Feb 7: [Hisatsinom Chapter meeting](#), Kristin Kuckelman on the 13th Century in the northern San Juan. First Methodist Church, Cortez. 7:00 pm.

Feb 8: [San Juan Chapter meeting](#), Jeanne Brako on Navajo, Pueblo and Hispanic Textiles. Lyceum, Fort Lewis College, Durango. 7:00 pm.

Feb 15: Chipeta Chapter meeting, Zeb Miracle on The Gateway Area (*right*). United Methodist Church, S. 1st and Park, Montrose. 7:00 pm.

Feb 21: CAS-GJ Chapter meeting, Connie Massingale. Grand Junction City Hall Council Chambers, 250 N. 5th St. (west side entrance). 7:00 pm.

Mar 3-5: [Celebrate Cedar Mesa](#). Bluff, Utah.

May 11-14: Chipeta West End Field Trip. Stay tuned.

Rustlers, Miners, Indians, and Rock Art: a History of Gateway Colorado

Gateway, Colorado is a place that not only embodies the idea that most people have of the American West (cattle rustling, outlaws, mining, Native American cultures), but is also a place where the traditional West is still very much alive. In this program, we will examine the story of the isolated communities of Gateway, Unaweep Canyon, and the Paradox Valley. Thousands of years of human history, complete with cattle thieves, bank and train robberies, and unsolved mysteries will be highlighted as well as the area's fascinating and puzzling geology and uranium heritage.



Photo courtesy of Leigh Ann Hunt

This Month's Speaker: Zeb Miracle



Photo courtesy of Zebulon Miracle

A western Colorado native, Zebulon Miracle is the Curator of Curiosity for Gateway Canyons Resort and Spa located in the beautiful canyon-country at the foot of the Uncompahgre Plateau. After graduating from the University of Colorado at Boulder with degrees in history and anthropology, Zebulon was fortunate enough to move back to the region that has long inspired him.

After serving numerous positions at the Museum of Western Colorado including Curator of Anthropology, Collections Manager, and Curator of Cross Orchards Historic Site, Zeb was honored with the opportunity to start a new position and department for Gateway Canyons that will allow guests and visitors the chance to not only see and hear the wonderful history and geology of the area but to also experience it firsthand.

Zebulon's true passion is connecting people with the lands, cultures, history, and heritage of the American Southwest. Zebulon has offered numerous tours around the American Southwest as well as Mexico and France that have allowed hundreds to marvel at the cultural history of places such as Chaco Culture National Historical Park, Mesa Verde National Monument, Canyon de Chelly National Monument, and dozens of rock art sites. Locally, Zebulon has worked with historic preservation projects at Calamity Camp (a National Register of Historic Places listed uranium camp), the Hanging Flume (recognized by the World Monument Fund), and Driggs Mansion along the Uncompahgre-Tabeguache Scenic Byway.

Announced at CAS Quarterly Meeting

Susan Dougherty of Chipeta Chapter finished the Archaeological Lab Techniques class and has earned the PAAC Scholar certificate. Congratulations to Susan!



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Site Stewardship, Field Trips, and Other Random Notes

by Bill Harris

West End Field Trip

This year's West End Field Trip will take place, May 11-14. As in past years we will set up camp at the Uravan Ball Park Campground. A variety of sites will be visited including rock art in Paradox Valley, sites in the Spring Creek drainage, north of Uravan and hopefully, the Blue Creek rock art panels. For those who don't want to camp the Rim Rock Hotel in Naturita has nice rooms. Well-behaved dogs are welcome, but be aware that some of the sites we'll visit are in rugged terrain, so elderly or small dogs may not tolerate conditions. The campground has no facilities except a porta-potty. Weather may dictate access to back country sites. Access to the sites is across typical uneven canyon terrain. For more information contact Bill Harris at 970-615-7166 or email at trlgpa48@gmail.com.

Site Steward Training Session

On April 8, 2017, the BLM will hold an Archaeological Site Steward training session in Montrose. A Site Steward's role is to monitor archaeological and paleontological sites and report any vandalism to the land manager. Stewards contribute to preserving our cultural heritage by working closely with Federal, State, County and Municipal agency archaeologists. *See announcement below.*

Fort Crawford Sign

Many of you may have noticed that the sign marking the location of historic Fort Crawford has been removed. That was done with the help of the Chipeta Chapter. The chapter is working on replacing that sign, and I am currently working on finding out costs and identifying funding opportunities.

Archaeological Site Steward Training Session.

The Uncompahgre Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management announces an Archaeological Site Steward training session to be held on April 8, 2017 in Montrose.

Site stewards work towards the following goals:

1. To preserve major prehistoric, historic and paleontological resources for the purposes of conservation, scientific study, and interpretation.
2. To increase public awareness of the significance and value of cultural resources and the damage done by artifact hunters.
3. To discourage site vandalism and the sale and trade of antiquities.
4. To support the adoption and enforcement of national, state, and local preservation laws and regulations.
5. To support and encourage high standards of cultural resource investigation throughout the state.
6. To promote better understanding and cooperation among agencies, organizations, and individuals concerned about the preservation of cultural resources.
7. To enhance the completeness of the statewide archaeological and paleontological inventory.

Volunteer training involves about 8 hours of classroom instruction and fieldwork. The training sessions include antiquity laws, crime scene management, site and feature identification, and map reading. The program seeks volunteers with strong interests in cultural resource conservation who like the outdoors. Class size is limited, and priority will be given to 1) Current members of the Colorado Archaeological Society (CAS), 2) Current BLM Volunteers and 3) all other interested parties.

For more information, or to add your name to the growing list, contact Robin Lewis, Volunteer Coordinator at the Montrose Public Lands Center (BLM Uncompahgre Field Office), 2505 South Townsend, Montrose Colorado 81401 or call (970) 240-5300. Interested persons may also contact Bill Harris at the Chipeta Chapter of the CAS.

PAAC Announcements

A **PAAC Lab** will be held this spring at the El Pueblo Museum in Pueblo. The lab will occur on Wednesdays (starting late February/early March) with the chance for additional participation slots once volunteers have been trained. Volunteers will be working with two students from CSU-Pueblo who are completing an internship related to their studies in anthropology. We will be working on cataloging, analyzing, and curating an extensive historical artifact collection from excavations at the site by the late Dr. William Buckles. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about historical artifact identification and analysis, as well as earn credit towards the PAAC Lab certifications. Interested individuals should contact Chris Johnston ASAP at chris.johnston@state.co.us, 303-866-4671.

In July 2017, **the PAAC Survey** will return to the San Luis Valley and partner with Paleocultural Research Group and others for 16 days of survey, testing, and site recording. There will be 2 different sessions: one from July 8–15 (arrive the afternoon of the 7th) and one from July 20-27 (arrive afternoon of the 19th). Volunteers do not need to participate for the entire session, but a 3 day minimum is requested. Prospective participants are strongly encouraged to have completed the Basic Site Surveying PAAC Class, but it is not required. There is no fee for participation. A field camp location is being explored in or near Antonito and more details will become available soon. Participants will be provided tent camping accommodations during each project session and all meals will be provided. Participants will have the opportunity to get experience conducting survey and testing, recording and documenting sites, and working with volunteers and professionals from across the state. The Valley has a rich archaeological past, from Clovis to Hispanic settlement and farming and ranching; we are very excited about this partnership and look forward to you joining us. For more information and to express your interest in volunteering for the survey, please contact the State PAAC Coordinator at chris.johnston@state.co.us or 303-866-4671.



From the Editor:

The Peopling of the Americas: New Dates for Bluefish Caves

A team of archaeologists reanalyzing material from the Bluefish Caves in the Yukon Territories just across the border from Alaska provide strong evidence for the presence of humans in eastern Beringia at least 24,000 years ago. The team analyzed 36,000 animal bones from the two caves, and were able to sort out those most clearly collected by humans. They obtained new AMS radiocarbon dates from the six bones with the most convincingly human-caused cut marks, and concluded that humans had indeed occupied the caves before and during the Last Glacial Maximum (LGM). This shouldn't come as much surprise for most archaeologists, and I doubt that it will create very much controversy.

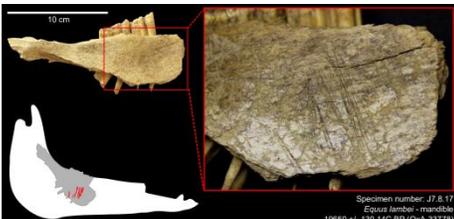


Photo courtesy PLoS ONE

The documentation looks very good, the cutmarks are convincing in their form and location on the bones, and the dates seem good, with four of them falling between 21,000 and 24,000 calibrated years ago. More importantly, researchers have argued for many years that the first humans to reach America must have crossed into Beringia during the LGM (18,000-24000 BP), where they may have been stopped until warming temperatures melted the ice sheets. Until now, there have been no well-dated human sites in eastern Beringia, so this is very welcome news.

Bourgeon L, Burke A, Higham T (2017) Earliest Human Presence in North America Dated to the Last Glacial Maximum: New Radiocarbon Dates from Bluefish Caves, Canada. PLoS ONE 12(1): e0169486. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0169486

Report on the 1st Quarter CAS Meeting January 14, 2017

by Nick Ard

The first quarter meeting of CAS was held on the campus of Colorado College in Colorado Springs. Pikes Peak chapter hosted the event. Winter-time weather somewhat held down attendance, but a quorum was present and business was conducted. From the west slope, Chipeta and Hisatsinom chapters were represented with others attending by phone during the board meeting.



Treasurer Preston Niesen reported that CAS has total assets of \$42,836 as of December 31st, 2016. Dates were confirmed for 2017 board meetings. The April meeting in Salida was moved to the 29th. July's meeting in Dolores will be on the 15th and the annual meeting in Denver will be on October 13, 14 and 15th.

Following a discussion about developing a member's only facebook page, the Alice Hamilton Scholarship committee reported that announcements for applications for scholarships will go out to state universities and chapters on January 18th. Applications will be due in March. No one has come forward yet to replace Terri Hoff as raffle manager. Raffles are an important scholarship money source. An appeal is going out to all chapter members to see if anyone will take this on. A motion to require host chapters of the annual meetings to handle the silent auction was made but later withdrawn after discussion

The Science/Advisory committee is fundamentally changing quarterly reporting to reflect science rather than the social side of chapter activities. Site studies, site stewardship and curation will be emphasized in the reporting rather than monthly programs and field trips. David Melanson, the committee chair has offered to attend a future Chipeta board meeting to further explain the need for the change.

PAAC classes are suspended this spring while Chris Johnston redesigns the course. However, the El Pueblo museum in Pueblo will be offering lab classes in late February that will award PAAC credit. The summer field survey has also been scheduled in July in the San Luis Valley near Antonito.

Online membership will begin with minimal participation during the last two weeks of February starting with Denver. Information will be gathered before then as to requirements and suitable software. Chapter representatives will vote within two weeks whether or not to approve money for the online registration projects.

Holly Norton, state archaeologist, expressed gratitude to those who have contributed to the Ute museum project in Montrose. She also stated that the Ute prayer trees initiative that has become notable in Colorado is not endorsed by History Colorado. A motion was passed to donate money from CAS for the 2017 Preservation Posters up to the balance of the funds available for that purpose.

In other matters, the 2017 budget was passed showing a decrease in both income and expenses from last year. Most variance is due to the cost of publishing the magazine "Southwestern Lore". A discussion about making SWL an online document was inconclusive due to the need to always have at least some printed copies.

A final matter involved President Karen Kinnear's proposal that CAS become more of an advocate in the political sense. There are questions regarding the societies 501 c-3 status as well as the acceptance of the membership to this proposal. The suggestion is driven by perceived threats by some to antiquities preservation in the current environment. The only action taken was to take the question to CAS's legal advisors. The issue will undoubtedly rise again and affects the kind of organization CAS is.



President's Corner

by Dan Elsner

I've been informed that one of my duties is to provide some words of wisdom via the President's Corner. Where did that moniker come from? I am the President (no illusions of grandeur) and now I feel I've been backed into a corner! Speaking to a group is a piece of cake compared to writing something intelligent and hopefully grammatically correct. I never was much for dangling participles or run on sentences! Dangling seems to be an appropriate adjective. Stay tuned next month for some substance about Space Archaeology. There you have it. —Dan

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The Squint and Juanita Moore Scholarship

The Montrose Community Foundation has sent out a notice to high schools and universities requesting applications. If you know of a promising scholar that meets the requirements, encourage him or her to apply. The committee typically meets in April to pick a recipient.

Created in honor of Chipeta Chapter founding member Carlyle "Squint" Moore and his wife, the scholarship is awarded each year to a deserving high school senior or college student intending to enroll or already enrolled in an Anthropology or Archaeology program. Students can apply online at collegeXpress—and note that the deadline is April 1.

The scholarship is managed by the Montrose Community Foundation. If you wish to donate, please send your tax deductible donations to the Montrose Community Foundation, PO Box 3020, Montrose, CO 81402.





Introducing the Chipeta Chapter "Members Present : Potpourri"
—something different for our meeting
March 15

We need your story....

... about an archaeological travel, dig project, or trip with an archaeological /historical/anthropological slant! Put together a 15-minute show and tell with pictures, and come to the meeting ready to present it! Maybe you hiked to some great sites, maybe participated in a dig, or went on a great tour---Up to seven presentations will be scheduled—**share your adventure!**

It will be a low-key, fun evening with refreshments.

Please let Leigh Ann know what your proposed topic is by February 10 so that at our February meeting we can fill in the details . The Board will make a final decision on which to do if we have too many.

Note--Slides might be possible for your presentation (we do have a projector!) , but digital photos will be easier and look better. Walmart and other companies can digitize old slides or photos for use with a computer, but it takes a month to get them done. So get started! Contact us if you have questions about photos.

Please contact Leigh Ann Hunt at lahunt970@gmail.com ; 970-314-3124 by February 10 with your topic.



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Membership Application

Date: _____

Name: _____

Street or RR Address: _____

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Telephone: _____

Email: _____
 (email required to receive Chipeta & CAS newsletters & field trip info)

Check One: New
 Renewal

Check One: **Annual Dues** (includes state CAS dues)

<input type="checkbox"/> Family with Southwest Lore*	\$40
(Family = 2 or more members, same household)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual with Southwest Lore*	\$35
<input type="checkbox"/> Student with Southwest Lore*	\$25
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior/Disabled** no Southwest Lore	\$25



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** **Senior** is any person who is at least 65 years of age; **Disabled** is any person who is permanently disabled.



Code of Ethics

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As a member of the Colorado Archaeological Society, I pledge to:

- Uphold local, state, and federal antiquities laws.
- Respect the property rights of landowners.
- Report vandalism to appropriate authorities.
- Support only scientifically and legally conducted archaeological activities.
- Conduct field and/or laboratory activities using professionally accepted standards.
- Not condone the sale, exchange, or purchase of artifacts obtained from illegal activities.
- Be sensitive to the cultural histories and spiritual practices of groups that are the subject of archaeological investigation.
- Accept the responsibility, if serving as principal investigator, to publish the results and make the collection available for further study.

Signature: _____ Other Family Signature: _____

Make checks payable to "Chipeta Chapter CAS" and mail the signed application to:
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about current issues and
events relating to
Southwest Archaeology.

Program for Avocational Archaeological Certification (PAAC)

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Chipeta March Speaker

Hey, March is Potpourri month!

—See the flyer on page 7 above—

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For more information on upcoming field trips and to sign up, please contact the Field Trip Leader

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