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Northern Colorado Chapter / Colorado Archaeological Society

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## Adventures on an Excavation Vacation

March 18 (Wednesday) - Social Time, Business Meeting and Program. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. and program is at 7:00 p.m. at Pappy's Corner Pub, 1027 W. Horsetooth Rd, Fort Collins. Program: Adventures on an Excavation Vacation, presented by Doug Eldred.

Doug Eldred has lived and worked in Minnesota and Massachusetts. He moved to Colorado in 1999 and works for Hewlett-Packard. His first archaeological working vacation was at an Earthwatch site near Scarborough, England. He has participated in numerous excavations in the southwest Colorado area with the Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, where he met Dr. Bruce Bradley. He has participated in a number of archaeological excavation vacations, including sites in Ireland, France,

Arizona, Malta, and Russia (three times). Non-digging trips have included a two-week tour of Pompeii, Herculaneum, and the Amalfi coast, a two-week tour of Egypt, two week-long tours of cave art in France (one including the Lascaux II replica cave), and a two-week tour of Chile and Easter Island.

For this evening's program, Doug will present a talk about his experiences on his 2003 excavation vacation with Dr. Bruce Bradley in France. On this trip, Doug excavated at the sites of "Les Maîtreaux" and "La Picardie", near Bossay sur Claise, in the vicinity of Tours, France. CAS Board members Tom and Terri Hoff also participated in this trip.

This program is free and open to the public.

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### Special points of interest:

- *March 18—CAS/NCC Program: Adventures on an Excavation Vacation, by Doug Eldred, Pappy's Corner Pub*
- *March 27—Horace Greeley by James Fenimore, Front Range Community College Student Center (Page 6)*
- *March 28—Field Trip to new Kaplan-Hoover sign (Page 3)*
- *April 3-5—Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists Meeting, Alamosa*
- *April 4—CAS Quarterly Meeting, Alamosa*
- *April 15—CAS/NCC Program, Pappy's Corner Pub*
- *May 11—Berthoud Senior Center, Mariano Medina, a Legend in His Own Time*
- *May 20—CAS/NCC Program by Robin Roberts, Pappy's Corner Pub*
- *May 22-25—An Archaeologists Tour of Mesa Verde (P. 5)*
- *May 29—Loveland Historical Society, Mariano Medina, a Legend in His Own Time*
- *June 12-14—CAS Canoe Trip on the Colorado River*

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### Welcome New Members!

- Ryan M. Byerly
- Elsie & Alan Czenkusch
- Philip P. Bigsby
- Bob Barron



Doug Eldred and El Gigante de Atacama at Cerro Unita, Chile

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## PAAC News



By Bruce Wahle, Temporary CAS/NCC PAAC Coordinator

The next PAAC class, Principles of Archaeological Excavation, will be held on Tuesdays from Mar 24 to May 5 in north Loveland (same location as the previous class). We

still do not have enough people to have the class. If you are interested contact [earthgeo@frii.com](mailto:earthgeo@frii.com) soon.

The NCCAS is still looking for someone to fill the PAAC Coordinator position. Please contact one of the CAS/NCC Board members if you are interested.

Class	Location	Dates
<b>Principles of Archaeological Excavation</b>	<b>Loveland</b>	<b>Mar 24, 31, Apr 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5 T</b>
Basic Site Surveying Techniques	Denver	Apr 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21, 30, Jun 4 TH
Basic Site Surveying Techniques	Montrose	Apr 17-20 F/S/S/M
Field and Laboratory Photography	Alamosa	Apr 25-26 S/S
Field and Laboratory Photography	Craig	June 6-7 S/S
Perishable Materials	Grand Junction	May 15-17 F/S/S
Prehistoric Lithics Description & Analysis	Colorado Springs	May 8-10 F/S/S
Prehistoric Lithics Description & Analysis	Durango	Mar 20-22 F/S/S
Summer Training Survey	Antelope Gulch	Jun *16-23
* Lab project takes place at the Museum Support Center east of Denver, contact Kevin Black for details. ** Dates are confirmed, sign up with Kevin Black by May 4, 2009 .		

### *Join Us for Social Time Before the CAS/NCC Meeting!*

All are invited to join us for dinner, appetizers, drinks (on your own tab) starting at 5:30 pm at Pappy's Corner Pub, 1027 W. Horsetooth Rd, Fort Collins. Our meetings are free and open to the public!

## OCTA Convention Call for Volunteers

By Sharon Danhauer

The Oregon-California Trails Association (OCTA) is holding its national convention this year in Loveland, Colorado on August 18-22. We are so excited that after 27 years of holding national conventions all over the West, OCTA realizes the importance of Colorado and the connection of the Cherokee and Overland Trails to the Oregon and California Trails. The OCTA is seeking volunteers to help with their national convention, to be held at The Ranch. There is a list of needed tasks at all levels of commitment and skills. The next OCTA meeting will be held at 9:00 am on

April 4th at The Ranch. You are invited to see what its about and to catch the contagious excitement that's going around! If you haven't heard of this big convention as yet, check it out at [www.octa-colorado.org](http://www.octa-colorado.org). You can contact the 2009 Steering Committee Chair, Mary Ann Tortorich, at [annamae1846@gmail.com](mailto:annamae1846@gmail.com). Thanks, and I hope to see some of you. This convention will be huge and will be a lot of fun. Do check out the web site for the convention schedule.

For more information, contact Sharon Danhauer [sdanhau@yahoo.com](mailto:sdanhau@yahoo.com) or 970-290-0169.

## PAAC Summer Training Survey for 2009



The Program for Avocational Archaeological Certification (PAAC) summer training survey provides field training in surveying techniques applicable toward certification requirements. The 2009 Summer PAAC Training Survey will be conducted **June 16-23, 2009** on state trust lands in the Antelope Gulch area, northeast of Salida (same place as last year).

Fifteen volunteers took part in the 2008 Summer Training Survey, each participating for two to three days. The survey recorded a total of 15 archaeological sites dating from the Late Paleoindian period through the Historic period (ca. 9000 BC-AD 1930). Prehistoric artifacts such as projectile points, scrapers, knives, and flake tools were found, as well as a few ground stone manos. Debitage (flaking debris) from flintknapping activity was abundant. Tool materials included locally available jasper, chert, and chalcedony. The Historic period record includes sites relating to logging, mining, camps, and prospect pits from mineral exploration. Site 5FN494 in the Antelope Gulch area was reported in *Southwestern Lore* in 2001 by CAS member Don Tucker in the article: "Stone Circles at Antelope Gulch, Fremont County, Colorado." *Southwestern Lore*(67)1:1-17.

Volunteers will hike across rugged terrain in search of artifacts and features. Field training includes instruction in the production of sketch maps, filling out standard

recording forms, plotting site locations on topographic maps, and artifact illustration. Prospective participants must be in reasonably good physical condition. Volunteers must supply their own transportation, room and board, daypack and personal gear. All surveying, recording and mapping equipment will be provided. There is no fee for participation. Supervised survey earns credit toward Certified Surveyor I certification, and site form completion earns credit toward Provisional Surveyor certification.

Prospective participants must submit, or already have on file, a signed PAAC application form. Prior completion of the PAAC classes Basic Site Surveying Techniques, Historical Archaeology, and Prehistoric Lithics Description & Analysis is highly recommended. If space is limited, preference will be given to applicants with PAAC classroom experience. Applicants for the survey should identify the specific dates on which they prefer to participate (two days minimum) and provide their mailing address, phone/fax, and e-mail address. **The deadline for 2009 applications is May 4, 2009.** For further information, visit <http://www.coloradohistory-oahp.org/programareas/paac/summersurvey.htm>, or contact Assistant State Archaeologist at the Colorado Historical Society by mail (1300 Broadway, Denver, CO 80203), phone (303.866.4671), FAX (303.866.2711) or e-mail [kevin.black@chs.state.co.us](mailto:kevin.black@chs.state.co.us)

## March 28 Field Trip to Kaplan-Hoover Site, Trail Sign

CAS/NCC is hosting a field trip to Windsor to visit the Poudre River trail sign commemorating the Kaplan-Hoover bison bone bed on **Saturday, March 28**. This Late Archaic bison kill site was excavated by Colorado State University under the direction of Dr. Larry Todd. CAS/NCC hosted a public open house to the site, and presented an award to landowner Les Kaplan for his role in preserving the site. CAS Education Chair Mary Jo Zeidler developed a traveling exhibit about the site, and designed a sign that was recently installed on the Poudre River Trail near the site.

We will meet at **10:30 am** in Fort Collins and carpool to the site. After visiting the trail sign and viewing the site area, some may stay together for lunch in Windsor. For details and to sign up, contact Field Trip Coordinator Jessica Anderson at (805) 276- 0007 or [jessica.anderson@colostate.edu](mailto:jessica.anderson@colostate.edu).



Kaplan-Hoover site in April 2000



## Agnes Dix Passes

It is with sadness that we note the passing of Agnes Dix. Beginning at the chartering of our chapter in 1987 and continuing until recent years, Agnes was an active supporter of the Colorado Archaeological Society. She presented a fascinating program on her research at Canyon de Chelly, coordinated field trips to local historical and archaeological sites, and regularly attended chapter meetings and assisted with activities. CAS/NCC members who knew her will remember her cheerful nature, delightfully precise diction, grace, and infectious confidence. It was always a joy to speak with Agnes. The following information is excerpted from her obituary in *The Coloradoan* on March 4, 2009.

Agnes S. Dix, of Fort Collins died peacefully at home, surrounded by family, on February 27, 2009 after a long battle with liver disease.

In the 1970s, Agnes taught art at Blevins, Boltz, and Leshar Junior High Schools. At Colorado State University, Agnes earned masters degrees in education and anthropology.

She was particularly interested in Pre-Columbian art and wrote her master's thesis on the rock art of Canyon de Chelly in Arizona. For several years, she taught in the Anthropology Department at Colorado State University. In 1985, Agnes became the Curator of Education at the Fort Collins Museum, a position she held until she retired in 1997.

After retirement, Agnes became a member of the City of Fort Collins Landmark Preservation Commission. She was also active in the Cache La Poudre Chapter of the Questers, the Fort Collins Historical Society and the Eclectic Dialectic, her informal book and discussion group.

In recent years, Agnes spent most of her time caring for Ralph with love and grace, patience and good humor through their struggle with Ralph's Parkinson's Disease. She also enjoyed spending time with her friends and family, especially her grandson, Leo.

## Clovis Cache Discovered in Boulder

A biochemical analysis of a rare Clovis-era stone tool cache recently unearthed in the city limits of Boulder, Colorado, indicates some of the implements were used to butcher ice-age camels and horses that roamed North America until their extinction about 13,000 years ago, according to a University of Colorado at Boulder study.

The study is the first to identify protein residue from extinct camels on North American stone tools and only the second to identify horse protein residue on a Clovis-age tool, said CU-Boulder Anthropology Professor Douglas Bamforth, who led the study. The cache is one of only a handful of Clovis-age artifact caches that have been unearthed in North America, said Bamforth, who studies Paleoindian culture and tools.

The find has been named the Mahaffy Cache after Boulder resident and landowner Patrick Mahaffy. In addition to the camel and horse residue on the artifacts, a third item from the Mahaffy Cache is the first Clovis tool ever to test positive for sheep, and a fourth tested positive for bear.

The Mahaffy Cache consists of 83 stone implements ranging from salad plate-sized, elegantly crafted bifacial knives and a unique tool resembling a double-bitted axe to small



*The Clovis cache unearthed recently in Boulder are shown by CU anthropology professor Douglas Bamforth, and Patrick Mahaffy who owns the property where the cache was found. Photo by Glenn Asakawa, University of Colorado.*

blades and flint scraps. Discovered in May 2008 by Brant Turney -- head of a landscaping crew working on the Mahaffy property -- the cache was unearthed with a shovel under about 18 inches of soil and was packed tightly into a hole about the size of a large shoebox. It appeared to have been untouched for thousands of years, Bamforth said. Full article: <http://www.colorado.edu/news/>

## An Archaeologist's Tour of Mesa Verde

**Friday, May 22, 7:30 a.m. to Monday, May 25, 6 p.m.,** departing from the Colorado History Museum, Denver.

See Mesa Verde National Park – Colorado's only UNESCO World Heritage site – through the eyes of Society archaeologist Kevin Black. Mesa Verde has more than 4,000 archaeological sites, including its famous cliff



dwellings, and extensive backcountry with abundant wildlife.

Enjoy all the area has to offer. This tour will examine the park's cultural history, focusing on its prehistoric farming era. The bus from Denver will follow a different route on the return trip to highlight other important archaeological sites.

Trip includes deluxe motor coach transportation, a three-night in-park stay at the Far View Lodge, three lunches and a wine and cheese party, park admission, Anasazi Heritage Center admission, and guide services.

Cost: \$595 CHS members dbl. occupancy, \$675 nonmembers (single supplement \$190)

Code: MESA

Reservations are necessary and can be made by calling 303/866-4686

[http://www.coloradohistory.org/programs/tours\\_treks.html](http://www.coloradohistory.org/programs/tours_treks.html)

## CAS/ NCC Meeting Notes

By Emily Calhoun, CAS/NCC Secretary

February 18, 2009, Pappy's Corner Pub

- Members met for dinner at 5:30pm and official meeting called to order at 7:00 pm
- Old Business, discussed by Bev Goering
  - ◊ Remember to sign Blue Sheets
  - ◊ 2009 dues
  - ◊ New officers for 2009:
    - Field Trip Coordinator- Jess Anderson
      - ◊ Kaplan-Hoover Wayside Exhibit Field Trip
      - ◊ Pawnee Grasslands Field Trip
    - Vice President- Margaret Grant
    - Temporary PAAC Coordinator- Bruce Wahle
      - ◊ Spring PAAC Class is "Principles of Excavation"
  - ◊ Treasurers Report: Ron Wemple
  - ◊ Joel Hurmence: The State CAS Newsletter is posted online

### ◊ Money Maker:

- Empty printer cartridges for money
- Amazon.com website
- T-shirts for sale

### ◊ Jason LaBelle:

- Recap of the CAS Quarterly Meeting
- The CCPA's will be held April 2nd-5th, Alamosa
- Possible NCCAS grant sponsorship for the survey and testing of a Bison Pound/Kill in Jackson County. Ryan Byerly is in the process of writing a grant from the Colorado Historical Fund and would like to involve NCCAS. If the funding is approved, work at the site would begin in July.

### • New Business:

- ◊ Program: "Analysis of Skeletal Remains from the Colorado State Insane Asylum Cemetery (1879-1899) for the Presence of Syphilis" by Leslie Johnson



**HISTORY COMES ALIVE @ YOUR LIBRARY****PRESENTING****HORACE  
GREELEY**

Friday, March 27

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Front Range Community College  
Student Center  
(east of Harmony Library)

as portrayed by David Fenimore

Horace Greeley was one of the most interesting and eccentric figures in American history. At one time or another he was involved in almost every political and social issue of his era, ranging from election reform to spiritualism and phrenology. Even in appearance Greeley sparked comment; his round face was ringed by white whiskers, he wore a full length coat on even the hottest days and always carried a bright umbrella.

In April 1841, Greeley set himself on the path to national prominence and power when he launched the New York Tribune. In 1870 Horace Greeley backed a utopia colony that was led by Nathan Meeker, the agriculture editor of the Tribune which evolved into Greeley, Colorado.

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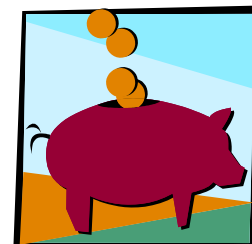
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## Northern Colorado Chapter/CAS Treasurer's Report

March 11, 2009

### Account Balances

Checking Account	\$1,714.41
Kaplan-Hoover	
Includes: Funds	
Interperative Exhibit	\$879.08
Exhibit Cases	\$3.75
Greenacre Fund Cash	\$530.50
Savings Account	\$53.91
Scudder Money Market Fund	\$1,210.49



Total \$2,978.81

### Individual Funds

General - Checking and Savings	\$354.99
Less Kaplan-Hoover Funds and GF Cash	
Greenacre Scholarship Fund	\$1,740.99
MMF + GF Cash	
Kaplan-Hoover Funds	\$882.83

Total \$2,978.81

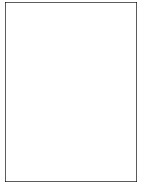
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## Colorado Archaeological Society Code of Ethics

- Members will uphold State and Federal antiquities laws and regulations.
- Excavation of archaeological sites will be conducted only according to professionally accepted procedures developed in consultation with a professional archaeologist and with the written permission of the landowner. The investigator has the responsibility for publication of the results of his/her investigation and for making the collection available for further scientific study.
- Members are encouraged to report archaeological sites to the Office on the State Site Report forms. Materials collected from the surface sites shall be catalogued and described in the site survey report. Collected materials should either be deposited with the State Archaeologist's office or made available for scientific study.
- Members will not support illegal or unscientifically conducted activities by participating in or condoning the sale, exchange or purchase of artifacts obtained from such sites.
- Members who exhibit artifacts will do so in an educational context. Items from burials and objects considered sacred will not be exhibited.
- Members will cooperate with the State Archaeologist and other agencies concerned with archaeology and related fields.
- Members will respect the dignity of groups whose cultural histories are the subject of archaeological investigation.
- Members will not participate in conduct involving dishonesty, deceit, or misrepresentation about archaeological matters.