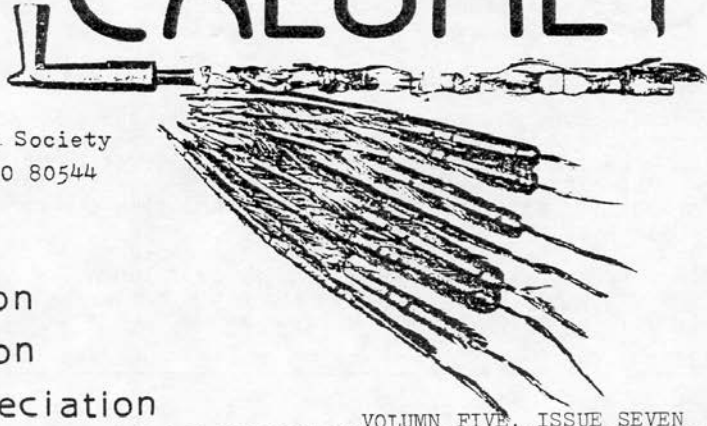




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CALENDAR

- July 12 Atlatl Practice at Leni's, 8191 N. 81st (near Niwot). (652-2203)
Last chance to practice before Saratoga.
- July 18-19 SIXTH WORLD OPEN ATLATL CONTEST AND ARCHAEO DOINGS, Saratoga,
20 Wyoming. Don't miss this great event. At least eight members
of the Lyons Chapter, CAS, will be competing.
- July 25-26 WORKSHOP - "Field Botany" conducted by Dr. Lucile A. Housley,
-27 Ethnobotanist, Director of Malheur Field Station, Princeton,
Oregon. Reminders mailed to those who have signed up.
- Aug. 2-3 Quarterly CAS Board of Directors Meeting and Meeting of Advisory
Committee to State Archaeologist, Durango, CO. More information
further on. All members of CAS invited to attend.
- Aug. 9 WORKSHOP - "Ancient Snares and Traps" conducted by George
Stewart, Windsor, CO. 9 - 4 PM. 8191 N. 81st (near Niwot).
Call the Laceys (442-4400) or Robin Farrington (443-4277) to
sign up.
- July-Aug. High Altitude Site Surveys led by Jean Kindig, Field Director.
More information further on.

PIAN AHEAD

- Sept. 30 Lyons Chapter Regular Meeting, C. U. Campus, Tom Severs, NASA,
speaking on "Use of Remote Sensing on Archaeological Sites".
Building and room number to be announced in Sept. Calumet.
- Aug. 24 Pikes Peak Chapter, CAS, Annual Picnic and Atlatl Contest, Ute
Pass Historical Society Museum. All Chapters invited to attend.
- Oct. 3-4 CAS Annual Meeting, Colorado Springs. Call for papers received
5 from Marsha Tate. Will Lyons Chapter present a paper/s this year?



NO REGULAR MEETING IN JULY AND AUGUST. Meetings will resume in September on the last Tuesday of each month. A Workshop has been planned for August instead of a regular meeting. See calendar.

ATIATL PRACTICE, 10 AM -- ???, at Leni's, 8191 N. 81st (near Niwot), July 12

Those of you who plan to compete at Saratoga may need this concentrated practice day. Those who have pre-registered have received additional information on the event. One of the important items is the change in the distance of the accuracy round from 10 meters to 15 meters. We have been practicing all year from the 10 m. and find the extra 5 m. makes a difference. Due to our practice efforts, we again took First Place at the 1st Annual Encampment at Twin Lakes in both the Men's and Women's Division. Let's keep up our winning streak! Bring your lunch (we have lots of soda pop left from the Annual Picnic) and plan to stay until you have perfected your 15 m. throw.

SIXTH ANNUAL WORLD OPEN ATIATL CONTEST AND ARCHAEO DOINGS, SARATOGA, WYO.

July 18-19-20 is coming up fast. Be sure to register if you plan to compete. But the Atlatl Contest isn't the only thing that is happening that weekend - check this schedule:

- 10 AM - 1 PM - Flintknapping on Veterans Island demonstrated by experts.
- 10 AM - 2 PM - Atlatl Practice at the course
- 11:30 AM - ??- Re-creation of the 1903 Saratoga Trout Fry on Veterans Island sponsored by the Saratoga Lions Club.
- 2 PM - Atlatl contestant registration
- 2:30 PM - Inspection of atlatls to qualify for contest
- 3 PM - 1986 World Open Atlatl Contest. Presentation of awards will follow.
- 6 PM - No-Host Happy Hour. Grasshopper Fry Bread and horsd'oeuvres served by Paleowomen of Saratoga.
- 7 PM - Pot Luck Supper - everyone bring a dish, jar or package to share at the buffet table. Also whatever meat you want to cook over the grills provided.
- 8 PM - Campfire discussion by prominent professionals including Marie Wormington, Leslie Wildesen, Charles Reher, Danny Walker, John Albanese. Also Richard Baugh, Palo Alto, CA, will talk about experimental archaeology at Coyote Hills Regional Park on San Francisco Bay and possibly Elizabeth Skinner of Sonora, CA, will talk on early man in California.

Besides all the above, Saratoga has a thermal pool (Temp. 116 to 127). It is free and open 24 hours. Swimming suits or cut-offs required.

Camp Paleo opens at noon on Friday for those of you who are camping. Take everything you need - food, water, mosquito dope, folding chair for each person in your party. Firewood provided, take your garbage when you leave. Target area for atlatl practice at Camp Paleo.

FIELD BOTANY WORKSHOP, JULY 25-26-27.

The July 25th evening session will be held at the Countryside Village Club House, 4500 - 19th, Boulder, at 7:30 PM. This is at the end of 19th on Violet St. Maps have been included in the reminder sent out this week. There is ONE space open for those who would like to participate. Cost: \$10. If you have signed up and find that you cannot attend, please call Sue or Lee Lacey (442-4400) and cancel so that another person can be notified of the space available. Or if you would like to get on the Waiting List, call and sign-up.

QUARTERLY CAS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, Durango, Aug. 2 - 3.

This meeting is hosted by the San Juan Chapter and is being held at the KDGO (radio station) Hospitality Room, 730 Main in Downtown Durango. Royce Kinnaman, local coordinator, is trying to arrange for a special tour of Mug House, a site not normally accessible to visitors, for early Sunday morning. If you would like to attend, contact Bill Boyle (442-3682) for information on accommodations, etc. All CAS members are invited to attend these important planning meetings of the State organization.

WORKSHOP - "ANCIENT SNARES & TRAPS", Aug. 9th, 9 - 4PM, \$5.00

Here is another of our Saturday workshops which have been so successful. George Stewart of Windsor, CO, flintknapper and atlatl thrower deluxe, will conduct this interesting session on ancient and modern devices and methods of impairment - deadfalls, footlocks, etc. The cost of this one day workshop is \$5.00. Please sign-up early as we have set a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 20 persons. We are inviting other Chapters of CAS to attend. As there will not be a meeting before this session, please call Sue or Lee Lacey (442-4400) or Robin Farrington (443-4277) or Bill Boyle (442-3682) and get your name on the list. Map will be mailed to those who sign-up.

HIGH ALTITUDE SITE SURVEYS

Jean Kindig, Field Director, has given us a schedule of dates and sites to be re-surveyed. Jean, a charter member of the Lyons Chapter, has an extensive knowledge of the areas to be surveyed. Call her (442-2581) for information and indicate that you would like to participate in this part of our Boulder County Archaeological Site Inventory Project.

- July 23rd (Wed) - BL #40, Storm Lake. Map: East Portal Quad.
Distance: 6 miles to site. Hike from the old townsite of Hesse following Jasper Creek to Jasper Lake and Storm Lake.
- Aug. 2 - 3 - BL 41-42, Upper Middle Boulder Creek, Upper 4th of July Valley below Mt. Neva.
BL 37-38, Jasper Ridge
Map: Monarch Lake. Distance 4 - 6 miles. Drive to 4th of July campground. Camp. Saturday - Hike to Upper Middle Boulder Creek. Sunday - Hike to Jasper Ridge.
- Aug. 13th (Wed) - BL 39, Upper Diamond Lake. Map: East Portal Quad.
Distance - 4 miles. Elevation gain: 1,680 ft.
- Aug. 22-23 (Sat. & Sun) - BL 50-55, Thunder Lake. Rocky Mountain National Park. Map: Isolation Peak. Distance: 7 miles.
Elevation gain: 1900 ft.

This is a wonderful opportunity to survey and record a site in the High Country for credit toward certification as a Provisional Surveyor.

REGULAR MEETINGS TO RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

We have not as yet received a list of the rooms in which we will hold our meetings, but, for you new members, they are usually in either the Hellem's Bldg. or the U. M. C. on the C. U. campus in Boulder, at 7:30 PM. Watch the calendar on the 1st page of each monthly Calumet for the announcement of the speaker and the room and building number.

ANNUAL PICNIC AND ATLATL CONTEST, PIKES PEAK CHAPTER, COLORADO SPRINGS.

We have received a letter from Mary Jo Krause, President of the Pikes Peak Chapter, CAS, to again attend their picnic and atlatl contest. We were afraid they wouldn't let us come back as we won most of the prizes last year. Twelve persons from Lyons Chapter attended and most of us threw the darts. The picnic is informal. They will provide the grills for cooking anything you want to cook. Take a potluck salad or dessert to share. Coals will be started about 11 AM. Date: August 24th.

The Ute Pass Historical Society Museum, where the picnic, etc., is located ten miles WEST of Colorado Springs on Highway 24 in Cascade, CO. It is a large yellow building next to a 7-11 store at the road that goes to the Pikes Peak Toll Road and the North Pole. Park either in front or behind the concrete block wall. The Museum will be open if you are interested. Admission \$2.50.

STATE CAS ANNUAL MEETING, OCTOBER 3-4-5, COLORADO SPRINGS

All Chapter Presidents, CAS Representatives, and members of the Advisory Committee to the State Archaeologist are requested to attend. Schedule of activities and meetings will be published in forthcoming issues of this newsletter.

Marsha Tate, Program Chairperson, has issued a CALL FOR PAPERS. It is customary for the various chapters to contribute to the program by presenting short papers on their archaeological endeavors or other related subjects. Papers must be no more than 20 minutes in length. A brief abstract must be in Marsha's hands no later than Sept. 1st. Subject matter should be archaeological, timely, and of regional significance, however, other subject matter will be considered. Chapters are strongly encouraged to participate in this important function of the Annual Meeting. Send abstracts to Marsha Tate, 1191 Nucla St., Aurora, CO 80011.

Come on, Lyons Chapter members, let's have papers from our chapter this Annual Meeting.

BITS & PIECES FROM YOUR EDITOR

We had such a good time at the Second Annual Picnic of the Lyons Chapter. Almost everyone took a ride in the little Yellow Cub, and some even got to ride in the "Red Baron" Waco and fly wing to wing with the Cub. The volley ball game went on and on, atlatl and darts were busy, some threw horseshoes, others sat around on the grass and socialized and did we ever eat!! Lots of ethnic foods were brought...Japanese, Greek, Italian, etc....even a Hopi Indian stew. We decided everyone must bring the recipe for unusual dishes next time. If you were unable to come, we are sorry you missed it. Try to make it next year...you will be glad you did.

What a fine time at the 1st Annual CAS Encampment! Thirteen Lyons Chapter members went to Twin Lakes. It rained a lot in the evenings.... especially during the barbecue, but no one complained about the weather. The whole affair was pronounced a HUGE SUCCESS by all and we all decided that we couldn't wait until next year. One hundred and thirty-two people and two babies attended in all. The Indian games were a lot of fun and eighty people played them (two counts taken). There were seven games in all...authentic Indian games researched by "yours truly", with honors (prizes or awards) given to six top highest scorers. The atlatl contest and course were outstanding. Doug Bowman of Roaring Forks Valley Chapter and Les Herman of Royal Gorge Chapter and others assisted in setting up the targets on rough mountain terrain - up and down hill. Lyons Chapter members Robin Farrington and Jean Kindig took 1st Honors in the man and in the woman's division, and Leslie Wildesen and Jeanne Crouch (also from Lyons Chapter) took 2nd and 3rd in the women's division. Cecile Beal, Denver Chapter and Victoria Sounart, CAS President and from Royal Gorge Chapter tied for 4th and in the shoot-off, Cecile won. No under 16s entered from our Chapter, but maybe next year?. Bruce Bradley from Crow Canyon won the Greatest Honor Award in a shoot-off with the top two contestants from the three divisions. The "honors" were all hand fashioned and as Indian as could be devised including medicine wheels, pictographs, Anasazi split willow figures, feather fans, a beautiful dart quiver made by O D, pine needle baskets, etc. In the Under 16 division, Peter Havens, Denver Chapter, took first with Gabriel Coslyeon, Pueblo Chapter, second. In the Games, Peggy Beal, Denver, had the highest score! Jeanne Crouch, Lyons, second; and Jean Kindig, Lyons, third.

After the barbecue and pot luck, the weather held off enough for us to hear Bruce Bradley, Crow Canyon; Fred Blackburn, White Mesa Institute (Utah); Willie Loudon, Mesa de Maya Trails; Brian O'Neil, Grand Junction; William Buckles, Pueblo; talk about archaeology in Colorado, with Dr. Leslie Wildesen, Colorado State Archaeologist, moderating.

WORKSHOPS - don't forget to sign up for the Aug. 9th workshop and let one of the persons mentioned in the section on Field Botany know if you cannot attend that session.

The PAAC class on RESEARCH METHODS AND REPORT WRITING to be held Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, from 7 to 9 PM, has only seven names signed up so far and we need ten to have O D give the class. It was cancelled the last time as no one wanted to go to Denver for the class and now we are offering it again. Call Ann Pipkins, Chapter PAAC Coordinator, and get your name on the list. (449-0851) An outline of the class will be published in the August Calumet. You can also register with O D (866-4671)

Several of our members have volunteered to help Bob Nykamp, Archaeologist at the Routt National Forest in his survey of 200 sites known as "tie hack" cabins in northern Colorado and southern Wyoming. They left Monday and will be there for two weeks.

Lyons Chapter members really participate in everything...for instance, 12 went to Pueblo for the Solstice Celebration, 13 to the first Encampment, 35 at our Annual Picnic, 15-25 are going to Saratoga, 18 took the Colorado Archaeology PAAC class and 8 have signed up to go to Ft. Collins for the Basic Site Survey PAAC class, 20 for the Soil Description workshop and 20 plan to attend the Field Botany workshop. We try to have "something for everyone".

We need only one more member to join the Lyons Chapter to have 100. Why not ask a friend to join us in our many activities.

Swallow Site Dig at Ken Caryl is still in progress if you would like to help excavate a rock shelter site conducted by the Denver Chapter. Dates remaining are: July 12-13; July 26-27; Aug. 9-10; Aug. 23-24; Sept. 6-14 (weeklong dig); Sept. 20-21. Anyplace from two to eight members of the Lyons Chapter have helped in the excavation every session this year. For further information call Fred Rathbun (973-2319) or Doug Medina (239-8355).

Dr. Bruce Bradley of Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, Cortez, has put together a marvelous trip to the remote areas of Anasazi occupation - the west 1/2 of the Mesa Verde on the Ute Mountain Ute Reservation. This is a new Crow Canyon program which will challenge the primitive hunting and gathering skills of a small group of participants. Program limited to 15 people. Cost will be \$950 and will include all food, lodging, and transportation during the program. An intense week of learning Anasazi life-ways and technologies will be followed by a week-long simulated hunting and gathering expedition. Most articles that will be used during the Trek will be produced in the week of preparation by the participants themselves. Write Dr. Bradley, Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, Anasazi Trek, 2339- County Rd. K, Cortez, CO 81321, for additional information. The trek will begin Sept. 14 and run thru Sept. 27, 1986.

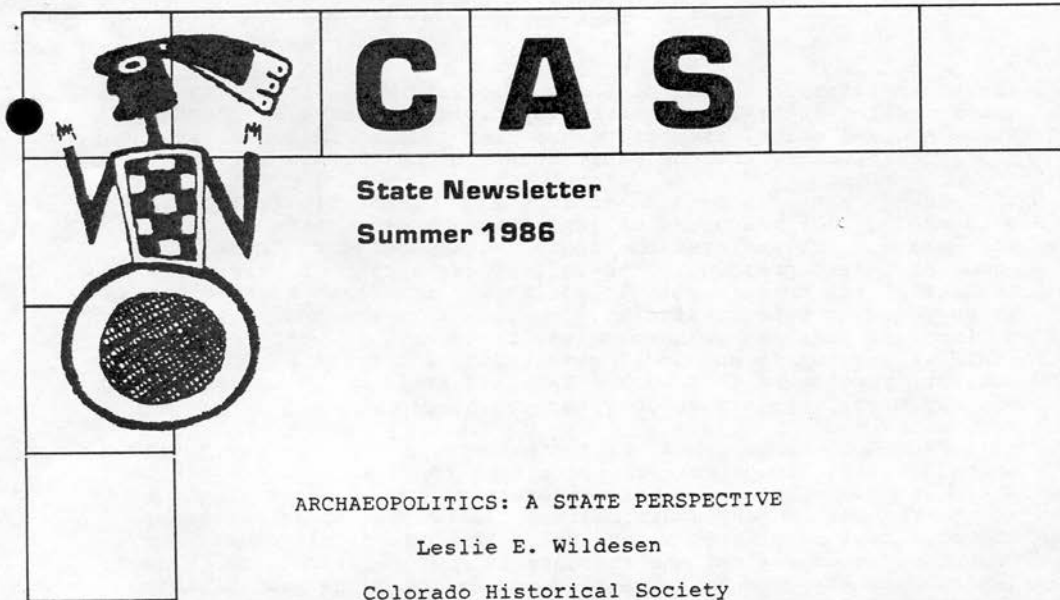
After Aug. 4th, a packet of information on the Anasazi Trek will be available by calling Leni (1-652-2203).

As we had no business meeting in June, there are no minutes, but Mary Derr, Treasurer, reports that there is a balance of \$402.94 in Lyons Chapter account at the First National Bank of Boulder. Out of these funds, the Executive Board has authorized the purchase of a re-conditioned Brunton compass to be used by the crews on the various survey projects conducted by the Chapter.

Did you ever dream of desert canoeing on the Rio Grande in Texas...or I should paraphrase "In Texas, canoeing on the Rio Grande"? We have received a brochure of a trip conducted by the Nantahala Outdoor Center, U.S. 19W, Box 41, Bryson City, North Carolina 28713 (704) 488-2175, in the Big Bend National Park. Dates: Upper Canyons - Oct. 20-28, Lower Canyon Nov. 4-14. This adventure is described as "a true wilderness experience for the white-water canoeist". Or if you want, you can have a paddle raft option. Write them for additional information.

Your Presidents Bill Boyle and Leni Clubb will be appointing a Nominating Committee to select a 1987 slate of officers for the Chapter, in the near future...August, in fact. Do your part for your Chapter by accepting a position on the Nominating Committee or accepting the nomination if asked. A slate of officers is due to be published in the October newsletter, voted on at the November regular meeting, and the new 1987 officers installed at the December Christmas party. Be thinking of just the right person to be your next President, Vice President, Secretary and treasurer. The Nominating Committee will welcome your suggestions.

It is not easy to remember everyone's name at meetings...you know the face but can't speak the name. Pikes Peak Chapter has solved this for us. They are taking orders for a really nice name tag selling for \$5.00. It has the CAS logo on one side with your name embossed in large letters and with just "Colorado Archaeological Society" along the bottom of the name tag. It is 2 inches by 3 1/2 inches in size with a bright red background and white lettering. You can see a picture of a sample tag and order one for yourself at any of our activities and/or meetings.



ARCHAEO POLITICS: A STATE PERSPECTIVE

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[Presented at the Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting, New Orleans]

The state is a crucial focus of political activity for those interested in the study or preservation of archaeological resources. The history of state-level initiatives and programs in Colorado provides a starting point for discussing methods applicable to other states.

It has been said that "all politics is local politics." Those of us who tend to focus on national (and federal) approaches to the preservation of archaeological resources often forget that the feds can't do everything, and that university funding, statewide survey organizations, media reports, and the like are state or local phenomena. These phenomena need to be understood, nurtured, and enhanced if archaeology is to survive and prosper in the United States.

In 1973, the Colorado legislature passed the Historical, Prehistorical, and Archaeological Resources Act, creating an Office of the State Archaeologist, a permit system, and penalties for digging on state land without a permit. A group of dedicated avocational archaeologists, members of the Colorado Archaeological Society, found a friendly legislator to introduce and shepherd the bill through the legislature. Apparently the only controversy was a turf battle between the Department of Natural Resources and the State Historical Society, both of which wanted the Office of the State Archaeologist to be located within

their institution. The Historical Society won, and, after a brief period of having a university professor serve as "acting" State Archaeologist, the office has been located in Denver at the Historical Society and the State Museum since the mid-1970's.

The Act provides that the archaeological (and paleontological) resources on lands owned by the state belong to the state, and mandates the State Archaeologist to "coordinate, encourage, and preserve...the full understanding of this state's archaeological resources." In addition, the State Archaeologist is supposed to conduct studies, to inventory and analyze, and to collect and preserve archaeological resources, as well as provide assistance to state and local governments and private persons and publish reports of this work. The Act specifically authorizes a program of salvage archaeology for threatened sites.

The Act establishes a system of permits to authorize archaeological research, and penalties for unauthorized work on state lands. One of its more interesting provisions states that at the request of "any municipality, county, governmental agency, corporation, or private individual," the Historical Society may undertake to carry out the responsibilities described for state lands, and may promulgate regulations defining the mechanism for so doing.

So far, so good. But the friendly legislator retired from the legislature, and the dedicated avocationalists thought their work was finished--they had a law, after all--and although the Act specifies in some detail the qualifications that must be met by the State Archaeologist, it provides for no money to pay his or her salary, or to support the program it creates. In addition, no regulations were ever developed to implement the Act.

As a consequence, although the office issues about 40 permits a year, virtually none of the other mandated activities take place. The Historical Society gets some state general fund money to match federal grants to the State Historic Preservation Office, and these combined funds also support the Office of the State Archaeologist. The legislature is happy to believe that its job is done, because no one has asked for money to implement the act. Because there are not yet any regulations, it is not possible to pull a permit, nor to implement the non-state lands portion of the Act. In short, because of the absence of follow-through by concerned parties, the considerable promise of the 1973 Act remains unfulfilled.

As other speakers on this panel have pointed out, it is crucial to have follow-through, even after you've "won" on an issue. Those of you who are familiar with the legislative process know how important it is to keep talking with your legislators, keep your issue before them, keep feeding them information about how your issue affects their home district, and how their favorable vote will help their constituents. It is even more important not to let the issue drop once you've passed the first hurdle of getting legislation enacted.

From my review of the records at the Historical Society, I see no evidence that amateur or professional archaeologists ever asked about funding, or progress on the regs, or the status of the publication program, or how many acres had been surveyed, or how many sites had been salvaged--in short, they failed to follow through.

Another major lesson from this experience is the need for coalitions. When professional archaeologists, including the State Archaeologist, ask for money, they clearly have a financial stake in the outcome. Thus, their requests can be viewed as self-serving at best, or conflicts of interest at worst. It is essential to have a cadre of knowledgeable, dedicated lay persons, whose jobs are not at stake, to carry the ball on these issues. Furthermore, avocational archaeologists should not be viewed as simply a labor force, either in field work or advocacy, to be directed by the professional, but as full members of the team, whose goal is to do good things for archaeology.

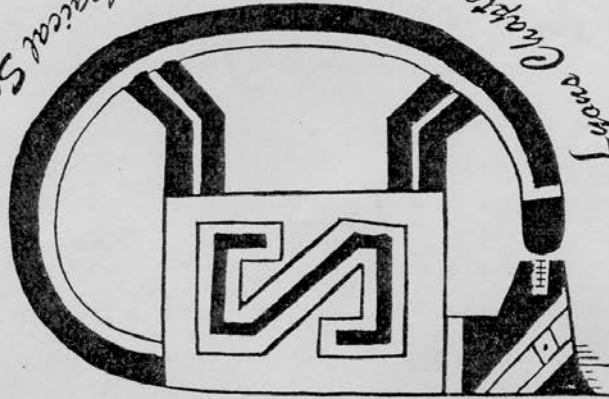
Colorado has both a professional and an amateur statewide society. Curiously enough, although the professional archaeologists in the state are vitally affected by government policies, including funding, permit requirements, and regulatory processes, it is the amateurs who are concerned about sites in their neighborhoods, policies of federal agencies, survey standards, and vandalism. Therefore, it is the amateurs who have asked for advice and training on advocacy methods, while the professionals continue to feel somehow that politics is grubby and not relevant.

Let's be blunt. Colorado has archaeologists, amateur and professional, spread throughout its 65 house districts and 35 senate districts. State legislators spend most of their time at home, and could be going to Archaeology Society monthly meetings, visiting vandalized sites, touring important projects, receiving copies of monthly newsletters, and being educated to the values and needs of archaeology throughout the state, by their local constituents. In addition, legislators, and agency employees, belong to PTA's, go on picnics, go to church, go fishing--and have friends who do these things.

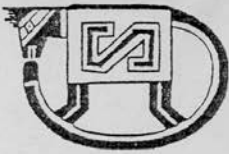
One of the best ways to follow through for archaeology is to get to know your agency and legislative people personally. A favorite example of mine is a friend who works for an energy company as environmental officer, is the local chapter president of a Colorado Archaeology Society chapter, and who goes hunting with the Forest Supervisor of the local National Forest. His wife is a county planner, and the Forest Supervisor's wife is administrative assistant to one of Colorado's congressmen. Now if that isn't a network with potential, I don't know what is!

So, from the perspective of one semi-western state, it is important to get involved and stay involved with archaeology at the state and local levels.

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PLEASE NOTE: We have received our first State Newsletter and feel that the article by Leslie Wildesen has so much timely information, that we have arbitrarily eliminated the roster of officers, the calendar and the disclaimer in order to include it in its entirety. (Editor)



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