

Lyons Chapter Colorado Archaeological Society

Conservation

Preservation Education

Exploration



Calendar of Events

- June 1-30 The Swallow site dig is still going on. They have room for more excavators, if you are interested call Marie Mayer at 466-8396.
- June 4 Survey Beech Aircraft, 8 am. We can park in at the shelter now, also the facilities (out houses) are open and are functioning! It makes for very civilized surveying. For more information call Sue (alias "The Dragon Lady") at 776-2350, 776-8907. Be There!
- June 4-5 Fort Collins Chapter Field trip to Eagle. If you are interested please call Joel Hurmence (223-8393, 229-3123)
- June 9 The final date to take all of your goodies to Pat Hatfield's house for the Garage sale. More information in this newsletter.
- June 10 Last chance to pre-register for the Annual Encampment!
- June 11 The Lyons Chapter Garage Sale! The Garage Sale is our best opportunity to make lot's of money to support our field work! Please plan to attend, donate your goodies, and especially to donate your
- June 18 Lyons Chapter Picnic! At the Struthers Farm, 2pm
 whenever. It will be a pot luck picnic, all families
 and friends are welcome. Also we hope to have an
 atlatt area set up for practice for encampment!
 Call Sue for directions.
- June 25 Survey Beech Aircraft, 8 am. Meet at the shelter parking lot. Be There!
- July 1-4 CAS Annual Encampment at Pike Community
 Campground. Registration form in May's
 news letter! The map and further information will
 be in the July newsletter.
- Aug. 18-21 Pecos Conference. This year the Pecos Conference is at the McPhee campground, Delores CO. Registration form in this newsletter.
- Aug. 26Sept. 5 Colorado State Fair. Cas exhibit on Anasazi farming techniques. They need as many volunteers as they can get. So please plan to attend!

Inside the Calumet



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The Calumet

Bits & Pieces

from the Prez alias The Dragon Lady The month of May was a fairly sad month for CAS as we are losing two people who have been very important to us in the last few years. Leslie Wildesen will be moving to Pittsburgh to join the Office of Surface Mining. OD Hand is also leaving his job, however he is not leaving the state. He has accepted a permanent position at the State Highways Department. We will miss them both. This of course means that all PAAC classes are cancelled until a replacement is hired, and all the projects that Leslie had begun will be on hold indefinitely.

On a happier note, our annual picnic is scheduled for June 18th at the Struthers Farm, 8439 N 63rd, Longmont (776-8907, 776-2350). The party will start at

2pm, and we will eat at 5pm, the party will last until people are ready to head for home. It is a potluck affair, there will be barbecues set up, bring something for the grill and something to share. The chapter will provide drinks, plates and utensils. Bring your atlatts as we will have bales of hay set up, it's never to soon to start practicing for encampment! If it rains, don't despair, the Lippincotts have kindly offered their new meeting hall in case of inclement weather! Rick has just completed building the hall, and it is beautiful! The hall is located at 604 Holbrook in beautiful down town Erie! These parties are always fun so please plan to join us!

The Garage Sale is scheduled for the 18th of this month. This is the most painless way to raise the necessary funds to keep the chapter going. We have two tremendous field projects which will require some funds for final publication. Last year we made \$390 in one day! Last year Robin Farrington had to drag me kicking and screaming into a garage sale, but dog gone he was right! This is the fastest way to make money, and lot's of it, without having to hit our members up for more money! So please donate those old items which are cluttering you living space, and please donate your time. Pat Hatfield and her committee have to date done all of the work, please be generous and offer to help!

I have been quite disturbed to hear that some members feel as though they don't know what is going on in the chapter, and that they don't like the direction in which the chapter is moving. I always hear about these comments second or third hand. This upsets me, as I had not realized that I am such a Dragon Lady that people are afraid to talk to me! If people feel that they don't know what is going on in the chapter there are three actions that may be taken. First read your newsletter, I take great pains to see that all the information from the board meetings is included in the newsletter! Second, attend the regular meetings! We give out as much information as possible as the meetings! The third is to attend the executive board meetings! This is where the actual policy, plans and dates for all chapter activities is hashed out! Everyone is always welcome to attend any and all of these meetings, the dates, times and locations are announced in each newsletter! As for the direction the chapter is taking, this is determined at the executive board meetings by majority rule. If you feel that the chapter needs to be redirected then you must attend the meetings and let your voice be heard! The majority of our members at this time seem to be Ghost members, we never see or hear from them! We value every member and try our hardest to meet the needs of all of you however we are not mind readers, so please let us know what you want from the chapter.

The field work is going well. On our last survey day at Beech we had seven members show up and a beautiful day to survey on. We located more historic ranching sites which are of course all related the the historic homestead which was located on the first day. Also Jodi Struthers found our first projectile point, a beautiful white quartzite corner notch point. It is almost complete with just the very tip missing. All in all we had a terrific day and are looking forward to many more. We also need as many people out there as possible, no matter what your level of expertise please come and join us! We place the beginners next to experienced people so that the beginners may learn. We also have many sites to be recorded so if you need to record sites for your certification these surveys are the place to be! When you join us on survey please wear boots and pants! The snakes are out in force at this time of the year. I was out there in tennis shoes and shorts on the last survey, and after we found the second snake! I was jumping at every noise!

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The White Rocks survey is still in the planning stages, Larry Riggs is getting as much expert advise as he can before we actually begin the extensive recording work. We are restricted to the numbers of people who may be out there at a time. We must also apply for permits each time we go out there and every person on the team must be listed on the permit. Therefore if you want to help with White Rocks you must call Larry so he can set up a date and get all of the paper work in order!

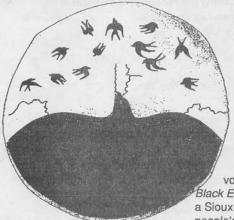
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Library Notes

By Larry Riggs

The chapter library had another big month. Last month it seemed the theme was "From Texas to Alaska" this month its more like "From whimsy to the real thing." Read on. From our anonymous donor we received copies of Immanuel Velikosky's *Earth in Upheaval*. Since its publication in 1955 this book has had it's share of praise and umbrage but ut has never ceased to be pro-

vocative. The same donor sent copies of Black Elk Speaks by John Niehardt. Black Elk was a Sioux priest with extensive knowledge of his people's mythology and a second cousin of Crazy

Horse. Both of these books furnish much food for thought and the library is pleased to thank the donor.

Our Cultural Resources collection got a big boost when we finally received Nevada's books. Edward Spang, Nevada State Director of the B.L.M. sent us the following: Emigrant Trails in the Black Rock Desert (Technical Report No. 6), An Ethnohistoric Infant Burial from Western Nevada (Technical Report No. 16), Archaeological Data Recovery Associated with the Mt. Hope Project, Eureka Co. Nevada by Charles Zeier, Current Status of CRM Archaeology in the Great Basin edited by Melvin Aikens, Archaeological Investigations at Panaca Summit by Elston and Juell, and The South Fork Shelter Site Revisited, Excavations at upper shelter, Elko Co., Nevada. We had some difficulty gettings Nevada's publication, so we want to especially thank Mr. Spang for taking the time personally to send them to us.

From the New Mexico B.L.M. we got Vol.2 of their Cultural Resource Series, *Defensive Sites of Dinetah* by Powers and Johnson. This is the first that we have received from New Mexico, so it is very welcome.

Lastly, our man in Baton Rouge has been working for us. Because Paul Heinrich asked them to, Prof. Bill Bradley of the C.U. Dept. of Geological Sciences and Prof. Vance Holliday of the University of Wisconsin Dept. of Geography both sent us articles. Prof. Bradley sent us Chapter Seven of the *Geological Society of America Centennial Special Volume 2* (1987) entitled Rocky Mountains. Prof. Holliday sent us Chapter Six of the same volume entitled Great Plains. Prof. Holliday also included a paper entitled Geoarchaeology and Late Quaternary Geomorphology of the Middle South Platte River. Northeastern Colorado. These papers are well-documented research, as well-grounded in scholarship as Velikovsky is in speculation. Our thanks to Paul for getting the ball rolling and to Professors Bradley and Holliday for sending these papers.

The chapter library has seen a lot of growth and diversity in the past year. It has been brought up to date in some areas where it was woefully incomplete. But, there are many miles to go before we rest. We are still looking for those back issues of *Southwestern Lore* before 1951 (back to '35 when CAS was founded). So be on the lookout for those—the library really needs them. Again, thanks to all this month's contributors.

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61st Pecos Conference Pre-registration Form

I will be attending the 61st Pecos Conference and there will be	_ people in my party.
To help us in our planning please respond to the following:	
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Beverage preference: beer wine pop iced tea	
I would like to make a Field Report, Poster Presentation	
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Desert Wind

-by Leni Clubb

The May 1988 newsletter for the Society For California Archaeology contained the following article of interest which I want to share. This will be my last column until September as we are leaving the first week in June for Colorado and eventually the Third Annual Encampment. We hope to see many off you there.

"NEW" CLOVIS SITE FOUND

WENATCHEE [Washington] — Scientists from all over the country have converged on an East Wenatchee apple orchard, applying everything from a high-tech ground radar-scanning device to old-fashioned patience in their quest for Ice Age secrets.

Yesterday, to the oohs and aahs of local bystanders, the scientists dug down three feet, hitting their biggest pay dirt to date: Seven chiseled stone tools called Clovis points, believed to be 11,000 years old and "the largest of their kind ever found," according to project director Peter Mehringer.

The largest point, 9 inches long and three inches wide, lay completely exposed after scientists had spent the last several days painstakingly brushing away the surrounding soil to prevent damage to the artifacts. The points, all of which had been sharpened to thin blades, varied in size from five to seven inches long, and from rust red to light brown to ivory in color. Most were made of a stone-hard yet glassy substance known as "chert," although some were made of petrified wood.

"And we're still digging, millimeters at a time, to remove more of what we know is here," said Mehringer, a Washington State University anthropologist.

"These are the biggest Clovis points we've ever laid eyes on, obviously made by a people who had a highly refined tool technology," said Vance Haynes, professor of anthropology at the University of Arizona in Tucson and one of many scientists and volunteers helping with the week-long dig.

Scientists say the tools are not only 'proof" of Washington state's earliest known inhabitants, but show that the early people were capable of crafting sophisticated weapons to kill bison, mammoths and other "big game."

Dennis Stanford, an anthropologist with the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., said "It's the first time we've been absolutely sure people were here this long ago in Washington state—this is the first datable proof."

The fact that they're the biggest ever found is significant, but they also show really gorgeous craftsmanship, really superb flintknapping and artistry," he said.

The site is also rare: it has apparently been undisturbed since the Ice Age, scientists say. Finding human evidence in a geologic context—including volcanic ash from an eruption of Glacier Peak 11,250 years ago—has produced a real jackpot for scientists trying to learn more about where North America's earliest dwellers came from and how they lived.

Clovis point from Blackwater Draw, New Mexico. Source: Moratto (1984:80).



A popular theory holds that the earliest visitors to the New World arrived via a land bridge exposed when much of the earth's sea water was locked up ince. But scientists must do further digging; then lab testing of the artifacts and soil samples to answer other questions

"If we start finding more stone flakes and fragments, it could be evidence that there were people actually living there—an occupa-tion site, rather than a ceremonial cache where the tools were merely placed," said Michael Gramley, Curator of Anthropology at the Buffalo Museum of Science in Buffalo, N.Y.

Yesterday's unveiling of seven
Clovis points brings the total
number of points uncovered so far
to 14. In all, 27 stone or bone tools have been uncovered since scientists resumed digging Monday at a
small site a mere 30 feet off of Grants Road in East
Wenatchee.

In the three other sites where multiple Clovis points were found, scientists were not alerted until

the site had been dug up or tampered with. In East Wenatchee, several Clovis points were unearthed at the site last May by orchard workers digging an irri-gation system. Mehringer credited the property owners for immediately recognizing the potential val-ue of the artifacts, and contacting

scientists. The orchard is owned by Mack and Susan Richey and Rich and Joanne Roberts.

Leaving no bit of soil unexamined, scientists scooped with small trowels or dustpans from the holes. They toted soil-laden wheelbarrows to be run through sieves. Volunteers seated in a makeshift lab nearby patiently pushed piles of dirt and tiny rocks around with their fingers, making sure no bone, stone, or glass frag-

ments were overlooked.

"We're just beginning to realize what this all means," said Sue Richey. "But this kind of thing doesn't get done unless everyone cooperates."

Debera Carlton Seattle Post-Intelligencer, April 14, 1988

New Finds Puzzle Archaeologists at East Wenatchee Site

THERE IS NO REASON

IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN

A HADITATION SITE...

A week of digging at an archaeological site near East Wenatchee has only added to the puzzle of what people used it for 11,000 years ago.

When digging began last week, the site achieved instant fame by producing more 11,000-year-old spear points than had ever been found anywhere before.

The artifacts, known as Clovis points, were in use only between about 11,500 and 11,000 years ago. The Clovis people, believed to be the first to make their way 'south of ice sheets that spanned the continent during the ice age, were big-game hunters.

When Clovis points were uncovered in an apple orchard March 11, scientists assumed it may have been a cache, with the hunter intending to return later to retrieve the articles.

But Peter Mehringer, a Washington State University anthropologist, said Tuesday that more digging turned up a flesher, an implement for fleshing hides; a scraper; bits of animal bones, and antlers and stones used by tookmakers.

"It certainly is not just a cache," Mehringer said, "but I'm not sure what in the world it is. There is no reason it couldn't have been a habitation, but we have no evidence of that yet."

The Clovis points, in mint condition and up to 9 inches long, were the spectacular finds. But at least as interesting to scientists wondering what the ancient people did there were what archaeologists call bifaces, or preformed rocks.

"To avoid having to carry heavy loads of rock around, toolmakers would rough out rocks at the quarry and then finish them into knives or points or scrapers later," Mehringer said.

The archaeologists took 14 Clovis points back to WSU for study.

There is no hint so far that the site was that of a burial.

The site has been refilled with concrete slabs to protect it during planning for further excavation, which Mehringer said could take several months.

The site was discovered last May by workers digging a trench for a water line. Owners of the orchard, Mack and Susan Richey of Bellevue and Rick and Joanne Roberts of East Wenatchee, filled the ditch until they could arrange for a scientific investi-

Hill Williams Seattle Times, April 21, 1988

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SCOAPE

CALVIN and HOBBES



EACH ROOK HAS TO BE PAINSTAKINGLY BRUSHED AND SCRAPED SO NOTHING IS BROKEN OR MISSED.



By Bill Watterson



Calling all Altalters and Game Players

It is just six weeks until the Colorado Archaeological Society will be circling their wagons, motor homes, cars, tents... and whatever at the Pike Community Campground west of Colorado Springs.

Saturday, July 2nd, will be devoted to authentic Indian games. Equipment, instructions and score sheets will be available for all players from 10 AM on throughout the day - and the next - for anyone wanting to play these interesting games and use replicated equipment. Games and equipment were researched from Stewart Cullin's Games of North American Indians, first published in 1907. There will be two divisions for "Honors" awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Awards will be presented at Sunday night's campfire after the potluck, to adult and Under 12 winners.

. The Third Annual Atlatl Contest will begin at 9 AM, Sunday morning, July 3rd. Copies of the revised rules and score sheets are attached to this bulletin.

There are four divisions - Adult Men, Adult Women, Under 16's and Under 10's. (The Under 10's contest will be held Saturday afternoon). There will be 1st, 2nd and third place awards in each division. Competition for the "Greatest Honor Award Traveling Trophy" will be between the 1st place winners from each of the first three divisions. CAS Members only are eligible to compete.

A practice area will be set up for your serious throwers on Friday and please be reminded that minors under 18 may practice only under the supervision of parent or other adult.

It is going to be a Wonderful Holiday Weekend!!

See You At Encampment!!

Colorado Archaeological Society Encampment **Atlatl Contest** Rules

- 1. All weapons must be constructed of materials that were available in ancient times, ie: wood, sinew, beeswax, etc. No metal. fiberglass, etc. Stone point not required.
- 2. Target Round: Score will be total number of throws necessary to hit target. Each shot must be taken from the point where dart/spear first touched the ground on previous shot. If target is over shot, thrower must throw back until target (or bale) is hit, either front, back or sides. If shot is short of target and thrower can touch target with his/her spear, score is taken on this touch.
- Accuracy Round: Each contestant will throw the dart/spear when called by scorekeeper, one shot per 3. round. Four (4) throws (one throw per round) will be used to determine the accuracy. Scoring:
 - 0 = Heart
- 1 = Animal
- 3 = Bale outside animal 4 = Miss
- 2 = Outside animal but on target
- 4. For Accuracy Round, the 16 or under to throw first, adult women second, adult men third.
- 5. Scorekeeper will call count. Decisions of scorekeeper as to coup count will be final.
- Spear must Stick to count, distal end first. Trailing end may touch the ground as long as the spear 6. sticks to target. Exception: If spear goes Thru target and bale, scorekeeper will count coup on area thru which the spear traveled. (i.e. : thru animal + 1)
- 7. The "Greatest Honors" competition will be between the 1st place scorers from each division. CAS members only eligible to compete.
- 8. Lowest coup count wins. Ties will be settled by a shootoff called by the Grand Nabob. Medals will be awarded to: 1st Place, 2nd Place and 3rd Place in all divisions.
- 9. Winner of the "Greatest Honor" traveling trophy must promise to return it for next year's competition, or arrange for it's return by the scheduled Encampment each year. The trophy will be inscribed with the winner's name, chapter, and appropriate year.
- "Greatest Honor" contestants will throw as in #3 Accuracy Round. If there is a tie, it will be settled by 10. a shoot off called by the Grand Nabob.

(Atlatl and dart drawing from Prehistoric Weapons of the Southwest, by Stewart Peckham, Museum of New Mexico Press, Santa Fe, N.M. 1965.)

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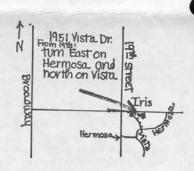
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Second Annual

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Saturday, June 11 8a.m.~ 4 p.m. Pat Hatfield's 1951 Vista Drive Boulder



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your sale-able Items June 9 or loefore bring to Pats or ... Call us to pick them up

Pat 449-1706 Edna 444-0853 please price your own items! Ann 449-0851

June 10-evening and June 11 call to reserve a time to help!

?? Questions ??? call us!

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