



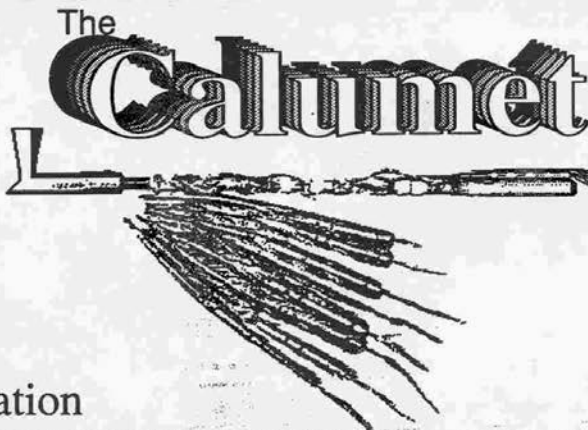
Indian Peaks Chapter
Colorado Archaeological Society

Conservation

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Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER, 1991

- Sept 12 PAAC class on BASIC SITE SURVEYING begins.
6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Foothills Nature Center, 4201 N
Broadway, Boulder.
- Sept 14 Hike to Fourth of July Sites with Jean Kindig.
- Sept 18 Sierra Club meeting - See "coming events" for details.
- Sept 18 Indian Peaks Executive Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., at Sue
& Rick Lippincott, 604 Holbrook, Erie.
- Sept 19 to 23 - Explore Chaco and Aztec Ruins with Florence
Lister. Ann Hayes 494-3773 for details.
- Sept 25 Indian Peaks September meeting, 7:30 p.m., Foothills
Nature Center, 4201 North Broadway, Boulder.
Speaker: John Slay, National Forest Service
Archaeologist.
- Oct 11 to 13 - 1991 Annual meeting of CAS at Glenwood Springs.
See page 4 of this newsletter for details and
registration form.



The Prez's Coffee Break

Richard R. (Rick) Lippincott



The last time any thing was said about the Parson Ranch rock alignment, there was the suggestion that it would be completed in July.

Well, heat and geography won! The last part of the rock alignment will be completed in August when a tough survey crew from Indian Peaks climbs to the top of the hill to finish the last part. Now we can say it's finished. The site forms will be completed, maps made (and remade!) and assigned to the tender mercies of our own Kevin Black.

Speaking of completed things: the Dinosaur Ridge Survey is finished, yielding more than 40 sites ranging from sauropod tracks and bones through pre-, proto-, historic aboriginal sites, historic Euroamerican sites, rock quarries, silica mines, and clay removal sites.

The pile of papers it took to do all of this is impressive and my, did the participants learn how to fill out site forms, draw maps, and hop through, over, and under the various flora up on the Ridge.

The result of all this fun - and it was, really fun: Kevin bounces around like a happy mountain goat and is a truly excellent teacher and field leader - is that Indian Peaks has two almost new CERTIFIED PROVISIONAL SURVEYOR Is, Sue and Rick Lippincott. Sue has to complete one site form and Rick has two to do.

As we now enter September, it is back to the normal Chapter events: our Board meetings on the third Wednesday of the month, and the Chapter meeting on the fourth Wednesday.

Our speaker for September 25 will be John Slay, Forest Service archaeologist for the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests. John will be talking about forest archaeology and specifically the cultural materials of his domaine.

Also, bear in mind that Basic Site Survey will be offered through our Chapter in September. Look elsewhere in this issue for more information.



"Oh, look, this get better ... 'F' in history! You even stunk something not happen yet!"

**Indian Peaks Chapter
September Chapter Meeting**

Wednesday, September 25, 1991

7:30 p.m.

4201 North Broadway, Boulder
(Foothills Natura Center)

**Speaker: John Slay, National Forest Service
archaeologist, Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests**

**"Archaeology of Arapaho/Roosevelt National
Forests"**

John has been a National Forest archaeologist for the past 15 years. A graduate of the University of Colorado in anthropology, John has work on various Mesa Verde projects, and was one of the field leaders on the I-70 historic archaeologic project in the Georgetown area.

1991 ANNUAL MEETING OF C.A.S.

The 56th. Annual Meeting of The Colorado Archaeological Society, will be held October 11th., 12th., and 13th., at the Hotel Colorado, in Glenwood Springs, and hosted by The Roaring Fork Valley Chapter of C.A.S., P. O. Box 614, Carbondale, CO 81623. Registration is \$10.

For all details, like accommodations and so forth, contact Charles Lilly, 8800 State Highway 133, Carbondale, CO 81623, (303) 963-3873. C.A.S. Corn God name tags \$5.30 there or \$6 mailed. List available for hotels and motels within walking distance of the Hotel Colorado.

* FRIDAY, October 11th. - Everything in the T. Roosevelt Room (northeast corner). C.A.S. dinner Board Meeting at 7 PM, with buffet dinner meal ticket, \$15.

* SATURDAY, October 12th. - 9 AM to 6 PM - All day papers and General Business Meetings in the Colorado Room (southwest corner). At 7 PM, Evening Banquet is \$15, meat or fish choice on registration form.

* SUNDAY, October 13th. - Field Trips: Wikiup site, Rock Art sites, Shield Cave, and Frontier Historical Museum with Glenwood Walking Tour.

* MONDAY, October 14th. is a National Holiday: Columbus Day Observed can be used as an extra travel day. (Don't forget your bathing suit for the world's largest outdoor hot springs pool.)

800 Number: GLENWOOD SPRINGS CENTRAL RESERVATIONS, 826 1/2 Grand Avenue, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601; 1-800-221-0098, (303) 945-7295 (8AM-6PM).

ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION FORM:

* REGISTRATION \$ 10 _____
* Friday Board Meeting BUFFET DINNER 15 _____
* Saturday BANQUET DINNER 15 _____
 Select: MEAT _____ or FISH _____ for banquet
* C.A.S. Corn God NAME TAG 5.30 _____
 PRINT NAME ON TAG: _____
* TOTAL Enclosed \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Mail check payable to: ROARING FORK VALLEY CHAPTER OF C.A.S.
Post Office Box 614
Carbondale, CO 81623-0614

(Deadline for meat or fish choice: October 1, 1991)
(To get your tags on time, be sure to order early.)

COMING EVENTS

HIGH ALTITUDE HIKE TO FOURTH OF JULY SITES:

Jean Kindig will lead a hike to the Fourth of July Valley sites on Arapahoe Pass on Saturday, September 14. Hike starts a Fourth of July Park parking area, up the Arapahoe Pass trail for two miles, then two miles into the Fourth of July Valley to the sites along Middle Boulder Creek. The trip is eight miles round trip, to an altitude of 11,500 feet. Call Jean at 442-2581 to register.

SIERRA CLUB:

On Wednesday, September 18, Dale and Frandee Johnson of Boulder will give a talk and slide show on southern Utah and the efforts of the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance to preserve much of the area's wildlife, natural features, archaeological sites, and general wilderness quality. Come learn about H.R. 1500, which would save millions of acres from development and destruction. The meeting will be held at 7:30 PM at the Foothills Nature Center, 4201 N. Broadway. Contact Jan at 444-3157 for further details.

EXPLORE RUINS AT CHACO AND AZTEC WITH FLORENCE LISTER:

Dates: September 19-23 (Thursday - Monday). Includes two travel days from Boulder and three days with Florence Lister.

We will see Pueblo Bonito, Chetro Ketl, Casa Rinconada, Penasco Blanco, Pueblo del Arroyo, the Wetherill graves, Yellow House and the ruins at Aztec National Monument.

Details: Ann Hayes, 494-3773, Marge Quist, 444-2110

PAAC CLASS IN BASIC SITE SURVEYING:

Sept 12, 19, 26; Oct 3, 10, 17, 24.

See newsletter cover sheet for details.

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The Lessons of the Tombs

Archeologists report the first 'catacombs' from the Native Americans of the Southwest

On a sultry July afternoon last summer, at the height of Arizona's rainy season, archeologist John Hohmann and his team of three fanned out over the ruins of a 15-acre pueblo settlement near Springerville. Their goal: caves that locals had long believed were used as burial sites by the Mogollon tribe who lived there 800 years ago. Hohmann—in full Banana Republic regalia—had already tasted success: hacking away with his machete at muscular vines choking the rocky cliffs, he spied an intricate spiral stairway built into the rock. He then began rappelling into the deep fissures that cleave the cliff, carefully passing by sunbathing rattlesnakes. At the bottom, he slithered forward on his belly through a low-ceilinged chamber, flashlight in one hand and pistol in the other. Then suddenly Hohmann felt the euphoria that every digger of the lost past years for an extensive network of chambers, some of them vaulted, opened before his eyes. He had discovered what may be the first catacombs—a subterranean cemetery with galleries for tombs—ever found in the Southwest. "It was wondrous," says Hohmann. "This is going to change our understanding of the prehistoric people of this region."

The find at the settlement of Casa Malpais is only the latest fruit of the 1966 National Historic Preservation Act. A sort of stones-and-bones analogue of the law mandating environmental impact statements, it requires that anyone who wants to develop federally owned land first determine whether the site holds archeological treasures. The requirement has bred a whole new industry, contract archeology, that thrives outside the dusty confines of museums and universities. These latter-day Indiana Joneses have unearthed the first city hall in New York City, the remains of what may be the Boston Great House where Gov. John Winthrop lived and Los Angeles's original Chinatown, dating from the 1800s. Springerville (popula-



tion: 2,000) had hired Hohmann, of the Phoenix consulting firm Louis Berger and Associates, when it wanted to develop Casa Malpais as an archeological park.

The catacombs lie beneath a large pueblo and ceremonial gathering room, built on the largest of five terraced platforms cut into massive basaltic cliffs. Each of the dozens of tunnels in the catacombs has its own natural entrance, varying from small circular openings to door-size passageways, and leads to vaulted chambers as big as 20 feet high and 100 feet long. The Mogollon apparently constructed the rooms out of a natural underground labyrinth. Hohmann's team found traces of human remains as well as soil that the Mogollon may have brought in to form floors in which to inter the dead. "It looks like we're dealing with an interesting variation on how people dealt with death," says Stephen Lekson of the Museum of New Mexico.

Why did the Mogollon not bury their dead in an unused room of the pueblo, or an adjacent cemetery, as did other Southwest-

ern Indians? Earlier digs at Casa Malpais told archeologists that these mountain people farmed corn, squash and other crops, hunted antelope, deer, elk and turkey, and were skilled artisans: their bone jewelry, including barrettes, is some of the finest found in the Southwest. But their religious, social and cultural life remains an enigma, as does the reason they disappeared so suddenly in 1400. The guess is that they succumbed to a prolonged drought. The site may supply answers, but researchers warn that "It's a little early to decide that Casa Malpais is the new Pompeii," as Lekson puts it.

Relics of death: Still, if past digs are any guide, this one could prove invaluable for understanding the Southwest's Indians: relics of death often reveal as much about a vanished people as do the artifacts of life. The discovery that Neanderthals buried their dead, sometimes with flowers, electrified anthropology with its suggestion that people considered nasty and brutish had a conception of an afterlife. A carefully laid-out corpse tells scientists that a society thought of its dead as more than rotting flesh. A disarticulated skeleton may imply that the dead body was moved about. North American Plains Indians of the 19th century wrapped a corpse in a shroud, arranged it on a scaffold and buried it only when the flesh rotted, suggesting a complex culture with a rich spiritual life.

Graves may also show where a person ranked in the social hierarchy, and when she acquired that status.

New techniques turn bones into texts on the deceased's health and habits. Large molars with thick enamel suggest a diet of seeds and nuts, for instance. A thin mineral deposit, visible on X-rays of arm and leg bones, forms during an extended period of malnutrition, stress or fever, and thus can be a barometer of well-being. Finding the bones of an elderly Neanderthal with serious arthritis was evidence that these early humans cared even for those who could not work, and nurtured them long and well enough to see them into old age.

It's too soon to tell whether Casa Malpais will yield similar insights, but Springerville believes it has gotten its money's worth. It hopes to develop the site into a "living archeological park" where visitors can study and even help excavate pueblos. (Out of respect, the catacombs will not be disturbed further.) Already, word of the find has attracted tour buses, and at the local motor inn business is up.

DONNA FOOFS in Springerville and REGINA ELAM in New York

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PAAC Class in Basic Site Surveying Offered

The Basic Site Survey class will be sponsored by Indian Peaks Chapter in September and October this year. The class will meet from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Foothills Nature Center, 4201 N. Broadway, Boulder.

The schedule for the classes is:

September 12, 19, 26 (Thursdays)
October 3, 10, 17, 24 (Thursdays)

Cost: CAS Members - \$12
Non-Members - \$15

Register by calling Jean Kindig, PAAC Coordinator, 442-2561