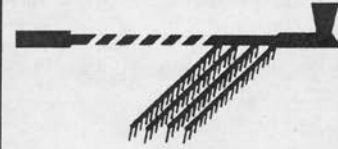


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# CALUMET



Newsletter for the Indian Peaks Chapter of the Colorado Archaeological Society

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**June 15** / CAS Executive Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, at the Boulder Police Dept, 1805 33rd Street in the Community Room.

**June 19** / Visit Swallow Site and participate in the dig. Meet at the Table Mesa Park and Ride at 8:00 am and we'll car pool to the site located on the Ken Caryl ranch 10 miles SE of Littleton. See May CALUMET. To sign up, or for more information call Ann Hayes, 494-3773.

**June 26 & 27** / Lyons "Good ole Days". Lyons Historical Society and Lyons Redstone Museum, 1881 School House, 4th and High St. Information call 823-6692 or 823-9721.

**Beginning in early July** / 5 weeks of intensive excavation at Rock Creek under the direction of Pete Gleichman and staff. Volunteers needed! To express interest, call Edna Davai, 494-4524.

**July 3 - 5** / 8th Annual CAS Encampment and Atlatl Contest north of Steamboat Springs at Lost Park in the Routt National Forest.

**July 13 - 22** / PAAC SUMMER TRAINING SURVEY at Heckendorf State Wildlife Area near Buena Vista. Contact: Anita McHugh, 449-6127.

**July 17** / IPCAS hosts San Juan CAS on tour of the high altitude archaeological sites in 4th of July Valley led by Jean Kindig. Wear solid hiking boots. Bring warm clothing, rain gear and brown-bag lunch. In 6 miles there is an 1800' elevation gain.

**July 20** / IPCAS Executive Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, at the Boulder Police Dept, 1805 33rd Street in the Community Room.

**July 31** / CAS QUARTERLY STATE BOARD meeting,

Holiday Inn in Frisco, CO.

**Aug 2 - 6** / Excavation of 7 ancient hearths on Arapaho Pass under the direction of Jim Benedict. Call Steve Montgomery, 443-4414. (Note change of dates.)

**Aug 17** / IPCAS Executive Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, at the Boulder Police Dept, 1805 33rd Street in the Community Room.

**Aug 24** / IPCAS Regular Meeting, at the Meeting Place, 7:30 pm, 1600 28th Street. Speaker, Bob Powell, will present "Indonesia Archaeology Past and Present".

**Sept 30 - Oct 2, 1993** / 1st BIENNIAL ROCKY MOUNTAIN ANTHROPOLOGY CONFERENCE, Jackson, Wyoming. Contact Michael D. Metcalf for details, (303) 328-6244. The theme: Human Use of High Elevation Environments.

### INDIAN PEAKS HORIZONS

We need no longer hold our breath about the outcome of the IPCAS sponsored proposal to the Colorado Historic Fund for a \$29,292 grant to excavate at Rock Creek this summer. On May 20 we received a letter from the Colorado Historical Society letting us know that our proposal had been **funded in full**. Three cheers for our own Rick Lippincott and for Pete and Carol Gleichman of Native Cultural Services who worked together on the proposal.

The funds will be spent on salary for professional staff, supplies and equipment, analysis of recovered material, and site interpretation which includes a brochure and interpretive signs for the site.

The scope of this grant is an unprecedented experience in IPCAS history, providing great opportunity and placing great responsibility on the chapter. We have more hoops to jump through before the funds become available. We will

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be required to attend a workshop on grant administration and to enter into a contract with the State of Colorado assuring that we meet necessary legal requirements. That done, our expectation is that we will be able to begin work at Rock Creek in early July. The project is expected to require 25 crew days. Eight workers will be scheduled each day, usually 3 professionals and 5 volunteers.

At the May 20 Executive Board meeting, it was decided that volunteer participants should be **CAS members**. Participants must commit to not less than 3 and not more than 5 full days. As soon as the dates of the excavation have been established (which depends on the progress of our contract negotiations with the state of Colorado), we will hold an orientation meeting for those who have volunteered as crew members. The date and place will be announced in a special issue of the CALUMET. Meanwhile, call Edna Devai at 494-4524 to express an interest in participating.

Ann Hayes, IPCAS President



#### THANK YOU DOCK

Thanks to Dock Teegarden for his "stone circle tour" of Flatirons Mesa on a breezy, sunny Saturday. Twenty people turned out May 8 to tramp the mesa looking for partially buried stones arranged in circles about 18 feet in diameter. They found several that would easily escape the untrained eye. During lunch Dock led an informal discussion about

the uses of these stones in tepee constructions, and methods of travel on the eastern plains. Thanks, Dock, for painting images of ancient camps within the city limits and for enhancing our awareness of the marvels of City Open Space.

#### IPCAS LIBRARY FINDS A HOME

The IPCAS library has been transferred from storage at the Erie Methodist Church to the home of Bob Mutaw at 1608 Sunset Dr. in Louisville. Bob, an IPCAS member and an archaeologist with Native Cultural Services, will be on staff at the Rock Creek dig, so many of us will be working with him this summer. He reports that there are 200 volumes in the library, not counting the issues of Southwest Lore which make up a nearly complete

collection. The IPCAS board voted a sum of \$100 toward shelving for the library. It is strong on publications on Front Range archaeology and will soon be available to CAS members. We are working on a shelf list and card catalog so that it is more convenient to use. If you'd care to help, call Ann Hayes at 494-3773.

#### IPCAS WILL MEET AT "THE MEETING PLACE"

When IPCAS resumes monthly meetings in September they will take place at "The Meeting Place", 1600 28th St, next door to Fashion Bar, (west side of Crossroads Mall). The room is well lit and there is a functional kitchen, excellent "facilities", lots of free parking, and space for 80 people. A BIG THANK YOU to Julie Johnson for finding us this wonderful space.

#### SAN JUAN CAS TO VISIT BOULDER, JULY 16 - 18.

Members of the San Juan Chapter CAS generously hosted IPCAS members during the Four Corners Grand Tour last September. We will reciprocate when some of them come to Boulder over the weekend of July 16 - 17. They will accompany us on a tour of 4th of July Valley Archaeological sites led by Jean Kindig on Saturday, July 17. On Saturday evening IPCAS will host a potluck in honor of the group. On Sunday morning our guests will tour the Rock Creek site and possibly the Swallow Site at Ken Caryl Ranch on their way back to Durango. We will soon know how many decide to make the long trip from the Western Slope. Who can provide bed space or floor space on Friday and Saturday nights? Call Ann Hayes, 494-3773.

#### HECKENDORF WILDLIFE AREA PAAC SURVEY

Kevin Black will be leading a survey in the Heckendorf Wildlife Area on July 13 - 22, 1993. This is a "training survey" designed to help participants complete PAAC certification requirements. The Heckendorf Wildlife Area is located outside of Buena Vista. To sign up, call Anita McHugh at 449-6127.

#### FIELD NOTES - Reprinted from the July/August 1993 ARCHAEOLOGY MAGAZINE.

\* The Bureau of Land Management has started a **National hotline to report vandalism** of historical and archaeological sites on federal land. The public is encouraged to report incidents of site destruction by calling 1-800-VANDALS.

\* **Hueco Tanks State Park** near El Paso, Texas, was recently closed because of repeated defacement of the park's rock art and pictographs. The park reopened after a public hearing brought about a new management plan restricting access to pedestrians and authorizing searches of personal belongings for alcoholic beverages and spray paint. The **Tigua Indian** tribe is trying to gain ownership

#### ROCK CREEK GRANT AWARDED TO INDIAN PEAKS CHAPTER

Pete Gleichman announced at the IP Executive Board meeting on May 20 that the requested grant to fund the Rock Creek project had been awarded and that excavation would be done during July and August. The expected length of the excavation period is about 25 working days.

The project will be headed by professional archaeologist, Pete Gleichman. Two other professional archaeologists will be part of the staff as well as **five volunteers daily for eight hours** to round out the excavation crew. In order to establish an efficient work schedule there will be no casual site visitations. Tours for interested CAS members will be arranged.

**The scheduled days for the excavation and the date for an evening orientation meeting for the volunteers will be announced in the July issue of CALUMET.** Members of Indian Peaks CAS are being given priority in staffing the project. Here is the way you as an active member of Indian Peaks Chapter can become involved in this history making opportunity. The initial requirement is that the volunteers be willing and physically able to participate in excavation work e.g., shovel and trowel, pushing a wheelbarrow, screening, filling out forms, etc. While the work will be interesting to the avocational archaeologist it can be physically demanding and rigorous in the July and August sun.

If you would like to sign up for a **minimum** of three on-site days, (not necessarily consecutive), call Edna Davai on 494-4524. Edna will maintain the master volunteer work schedule. **Anyone who signed an interest sheet earlier should re-confirm their interest with Edna and indicate their date preferences when the schedule is announced.**

A second required volunteer group will be formed of those adults interested in becoming tour leaders. Tours for school-age students from summer community activities will be scheduled concurrent with site excavation work. This will be an opportunity to make a significant contribution to "Archaeological Awareness". Those interested in being part of this component should sign up with Edna Davai.

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of the park by challenging the State of Texas's competence to protect it.

\* April's IRA bombing in the City of London destroyed the thirteenth-century church of **St. Ethelburga Bishopsgate**, thought to be England's best example of a City parish church of the Middle Ages. The church, which had survived London's great fire of 1666 and the German blitz, took the full force of the blast and is now a heap of rubble, with just one back wall standing. It is unlikely that the church will be rebuilt.

#### ROCK CREEK ON CO ST HISTORIC REGISTER

[The following article, by Rick Lippincott, appeared in the April, '93 issue of the CALUMET. It is repeated here to provide some background for the current status of the project.]

Rock Creek Camp has been listed on the State Register of Historic Properties effective 10 March, 1993.

The successful nomination of Rock Creek Camp (5BL2712) to the State Register was crucial to the Chapter's grant application for funding to excavate the site starting in July of this year. Only properties listed on the State or National Historic Register, are eligible to receive grants from the Colorado Historic Preservation Fund.

The Chapter has requested \$28,292 to complete field work, analysis of materials including radio-carbon dating, and a final report on Rock Creek Camp. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$46,692, of which \$17,400 is **in-kind donations of labor, equipment, and report preparation.**

Rock Creek Camp is an Early Archaic and Ceramic (Plains Woodland) Period site threatened by erosion of the north bank of Rock Creek in southeastern Boulder County.

The field work will consist of completing excavation of 56 square meters of erosional bank involving the Early Ceramic Period camp, excavation of the remaining hearth area of the Early Archaic site.

The initial data from excavations on the Early Ceramic portion of the site suggests an occupation or use from approximately AD 840 to AD 1300.

Structures are sometimes found in relation to Early Ceramic Period sites, but no architectural features have so far been discovered at Rock Creek Camp.

The Early Archaic portion of the site has been dated to 6070 BP from radio-carbon tests of charcoal from the hearth. Excavations on this portion of the site will attempt to determine if any vestige of the Archaic living floor remains. The hearth was discovered in 1992 eroding out of the vertical creek bank on northwest side of the site. Approximately 60% of the hearth was lost to erosion by the time it was excavated in August, 1992.

There will be many opportunities for field school training and experience for avocational archaeologists working under the direction of Peter J. Gleichman and Bob Mutaw of Native Cultural Services, who will head the project.

Persons interested in gaining field experience in archaeological excavation and field procedures, should contact Rick Lippincott, 828-3906. Since a major goal of the project is education, we need persons willing to learn to lead groups through the excavation area, explaining what is going on and why cultural preservation is so important.

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When you join the Indian Peaks Chapter of CAS, you will receive our monthly newsletter, **The Calumet**, & the CAS quarterly Magazine, **Southwestern Lore**. You will be informed of recent developments in Colorado Archaeology as well as field surveys to locate and record archaeological sites, travel opportunities to places of archaeological interest, courses and workshops in archaeology, and monthly meetings featuring guest speakers.

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