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IPCAS Lecture Schedule, Spring 1997

All meetings at the CU Henderson Museum, Second Thursday of Month, 7:30 PM

January 9 th	Jean Kindig: Two Ceramic Sites in the Indian Peaks Wilderness
February 13 th	Janet Lever & C. Yilk: Recording Rock Art from Utah to Zimbabwe.
March 13 th	James Benedict: Topic to be announced.
April 10 th	Robert Brunswig: Topic to be announced.
May 8 th	Yet to be announced.

IPCAS and the Henderson Museum

Thanks to the fine work of Executive Board member Michael Braitberg, IPCAS will now be holding its Lecture Series in the Henderson Museum of the University of Colorado, Boulder Campus, on the east side of Broadway just north of 16th Street. The meetings will be held in the Dinosaur room on the **SECOND THURSDAY of each month at 7:30 PM**. This was the most favorable evening of the month for most of our members as revealed by the club's survey of last Spring. The museum is located east of Broadway, between College and Euclid Avenues. Parking is available in a lot immediately west of the museum and in the main parking garage off Euclid, east of Broadway, each at the cost of one dollar.

We will be sharing this facility with the Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) who also sponsor a series of lectures. AIA meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at 7 PM. Their next lecture will be Dr. Robert Hohlfelder speaking on "Aperale, The Sunken City off the Turkish Coast." We hope you will attend this fascinating event.

Holiday Party

The annual Holiday Party has been **tentatively** planned to be held this year at the **Henderson Museum on Friday, December 13th, 7 to 9 PM**. We hope all our members (and guests) will attend to help us christen our most excellent new lecture facility and share in the fellowship of the evening. Attendees are encouraged to bring a hors d'oeuvre dish, drink or tray requiring no special equipment or heating. These foods are intended for snacking. If plans change, you will be informed.

In keeping with tradition, the White Mammoth Gift Exchange will be held. Each attendee is encouraged to bring some item or object suitable for exchange. Please wrap the items, in appropriate fashion, so that the contents cannot be determined. The items for exchange should have low (or no) value.

UNC Considering Eliminating their Anthropology Department

The University of Northern Colorado is currently deciding whether to continue or eliminate the Anthropology Department in its entirety. As all of our IPCAS members know, Robert Brunswig and his Pawnee National Grasslands projects have provided our Chapter with hundreds of hours of volunteer opportunities in a most beautiful natural setting. This would be a tragic loss for Colorado archaeology. No other academic research program is presently focused on this very important area.

It is estimated that Northeast Colorado had the highest population of mammoths in North America at the end of the Pleistocene. Many important Paleo-indian sites have been discovered there and many more lie awaiting your trowel.

If you would like to help preserve the Anthropology Department at the University of Northern Colorado, please send letters of concern to the following individuals:

Dr. Howard Skinner President, UNC Carter 40000 Greeley, CO 80631	cc:	Dr. Roger Kovar Vice President for Academic Affairs Carter 4007-C Greeley, CO 80631
cc: Dr. John Gapter Dean of Arts and Sciences College of Arts and Sciences Greeley, CO 80631	cc:	Dr. Jim Wanner Chairperson of Anthropology Department Candalaria 24 Greeley, CO 80631

Colorado Archaeology Network Continues to Grow

The home page of the Indian Peaks Chapter of the Colorado Archaeological Society has just joined forces with the Denver Chapter. You will now find their Lecture Schedule and several announcements posted. Much more to follow. Discussions are under way to put data and images extracted from the Swallow Site on the Internet, our first on-line archaeological report.

We would like to have all the Chapters of the Colorado Archaeological Society join the Colorado Archaeology Network. Contributions of articles, schedules, field trip opportunities and especially, graphics, would be most welcome. We will put them up. Submissions should be on floppy or by E-Mail as attachments. We can handle any graphics format and almost any text file or document, but would prefer MS Word.

Doak Heyser has recently come on board as Assistant Web Page Editor. Doak is Senior Systems Administrator for Spectra Logic of Boulder and his extensive experience with computers, graphics and photographic processing should prove invaluable. Doak's own rather elegant Web Site may be found at <http://www.indra.com/~doak>.

IPCAS General Election

1997 Officer's Candidate List

President:	Michael Landem	499-9877
	Preside over meetings, appointments, performance of fellow officers, tours and field trips. Attend CAS meetings.	
Vice President:	Tom Cree	776-7004
	Monthly programs, special events, PAAC class arraignments, accounting of special events. Coordinate and supervise all volunteer activity.	
Treasurer:	Dick Owens	650-4784
	Collect, record, deposit, disburse and report on all funds. Maintain membership and mailing lists.	
Secretary:	Kristine Holien	970-586-8982
	Record minutes of Board Meetings, report to Calumet Editor. Record and report all volunteer labor to the State Historical Preservation Officer.	
Calumet Editor:	Ann Hayes	494-3773
	Assemble, edit and publish the monthly newsletter, including minutes, schedules and articles.	
CAS Rep:	Cindy Miller	530-9856
	Attend and report on quarterly CAS meetings and report our activities to CAS.	
Prof. Advisor:	Jean Kindig	443-1702
	Oversee quality, ethics and correctness of our activities.	
Project Information:	Laura Viola	442-2019
	Archivist for all IPCAS projects.	
PAAC Coordinator:	Morey & Janet Stinson	530-7727
	Arrange and supervise all PAAC classes.	

1997 Board of Directors Candidate List

Directors:	Mac Avery	499-3455
	Michael Braitberg	443-7190
	Leni Clubb	610-358-7835
	Cheryl Damon	678-8076
	Ken Larson	469-2228
	Steve Montgomery	443-4414
	Jim Morrell	652-2874
	Martha Patterson	651-2596
	Hilary Reynolds-Burton	530-1229
	Donna Shay	443-3273

IPCAS Board Meeting Minutes November 19, 1996

Meeting called to order 7:30 PM at Boulder Police Department. Members present: Braitberg, Cree, Damon, Hayes, Holien, Landem, Larson, Morrell, Owen, Patterson, Shay and M. Stinson. Also present Janet Lever.

Secretary's Report(Holien): October minutes read and approved.

Treasurer's report(Owen): Balance \$ 3,375.34. 79 paid members. Owens appointed State CAS treasurer. Congratulations Richard!

Vice President's Report(Landem for Avery): Lecture Schedule: January Jean Kindig "Two Ceramic Sites in the Indian Peaks Wilderness.", February Janet Lever "Recording Rock Art, Utah to Zimbabwe.", March Jim Benedict, April Bob Brunswig, May David Lewis-Williams.

Co-President's Report(Cree): E-Mail Address is tlc@henge.com. Still working on IPCAS Library inventory master list. Oberndorf survey project has started some test pits on dry Saint Vrain. Work will continue on Saturdays with good weather. Investigating a copper mine with a lot of tailings and no record of its existence.

Co-President's Report(Landem): Discussion of Holiday Party next month. Decision will be made in the coming week as to date, time and location.

White Mammoth Gift Exchange will continue. Curation agreement with the Henderson Museum is renewed. Magnolia Survey (PUMA) will be added to the list of Spring Volunteer Opportunities. UNC Greeley is considering the elimination of the Anthropology Department. Request letters of support to maintain the Department be sent to: Dr. Howard Skinner, President, UNC, Carter 4000, Greeley, CO 80631. Election of IPCAS officers and board members are due next week. All present at meeting agreed to serve another term. Shay will contact absent members for response. Motion made and passed to buy 10 more copies of Bob Brunswig's pottery book for book sale. \$125.00. Other sales options include Benedict book sets, native copper. Chase catalogue and Overstreet book both tabled pending Kevin Black's opinion of them.

Unfinished Business: Braitberg: New location for monthly lectures will be Henderson Museum on the SECOND THURSDAY of every month, 7:30 PM. Museum is very happy to have IPCAS at their facility. No charge for use Jan-May, 1997. Braitberg will check on approval to sell publications at meetings.

New Business: No Board Meeting in December. Board will meet again on Thursday, January 2, 1997 at 7:30 PM at the Boulder Police Department, and on the first Thursday of every month thereafter. Owen instructed not to renew the contract with The Meeting Place in Crossroads Mall. Lever discussed the possibility of David Lewis-Williams, a world-famous Rock Art Specialist as the keynote speaker for a Special Event in May, one week before the ARARA Rock Art Conference in La Junta over Memorial Day Weekend.

Adjourned at 8:55 PM, Kris Holien, Secretary.



Jean Kindig to Speak on High Altitude Ceramics

Two ceramic sites were excavated near the Continental Divide west of Boulder. Hikers using a trail that transects one of these sites have continuously crushed ceramic sherds beneath their boot, the remnants of a ceramic vessel that was once the valued possession of a prehistoric family. Other artifacts from both sites indicate people hunted, butchered and camped temporarily in this high valley for many thousands of years.

CAS Quarterly Meeting Jan 25

The January Quarterly Business Meeting of the Colorado Archaeological Society is being hosted by the Indian Peaks Chapter at the Louisville public library on Saturday, January 25th starting at 10:00AM. New officers: Brian O'neil, President; Richard Malar, Vice-President; Dick Owens, Treasurer; Bev O'neil, Secretary. Anne Mutaw reporting.

The Stapp Cabin Survey

Before reporting on the Stapp cabin survey, I think that an introduction is in order. My name is Cindy Miller. I moved to Boulder from Alabama a little over a year ago in order to attend the University of Colorado's Anthropology degree program. I am happy to say that I am currently enrolled and pursuing that goal now. While living in Huntsville, Alabama, I was an active member of the Alabama Archaeological Society and held the post of Vice-President of our chapter. I am glad to have found such an active group here in Colorado with which to become associated. I hope to meet many of you soon.

Now for the interesting information.... July 27 was the date of the archaeological and historic inventory of the Stapp cabin. The crew included Tom Cree, Karen Good, Jim Morrell, Martha Patterson and myself. Martha and Jim were tasked with surveying the property while Karen collected photographs of existing structures and the surrounding environment. That left drawing up the site plans to Tom and I. We couldn't have asked for a more perfect day. The temperature remained in the mid-seventies all day and except for the usual Colorado cloud gatherings in the afternoon, the sun accompanied us throughout the day.

The Stapp cabin is located approximately two miles northwest of Ward in the Roosevelt National Forest. The two-story cabin is of wood-frame construction with bark siding. The cabin was built on a cement slab with a rock and cement foundation border. The cabin, as well as interior furniture, were built by Joe Stapp, a craftsman and settler in the area. The cabin architecture is an excellent example of area vernacular design. There are two other structures located on the property – a storage garage and an outhouse that is no longer in use.

Aspen groves and wildflower meadows are just some of the natural beauty that surround this cabin. We took advantage of a small gathering of Aspens for our lunch break, prior to working the site. Running along the northern most side of the property, the land drastically slopes down to a free-flowing stream. The water was not particularly high during our visit but you could tell by the surrounding terrain that the water climbs considerably during the year.

As anticipated, no prehistoric cultural material was discovered during the inventory. There was, however, some evidence of mining in the immediate area. A large mine drift was located near the road and another smaller drift was found south of the cabin 100 feet up the hillside. In addition, there was a rock cache found between the cabin and the outhouse that conforms to the vernacular storage of mining explosives and detonation equipment.

It is recommended that the Stapp Cabin and property be submitted for registration as an archaeological site with the State Historic Preservation Office as well as inclusion in the Colorado Registry of Historic Places. It is further recommended that a plan for preservation and continued use of the site be initiated.

-- Cindy Miller