May General Meeting: Monday, May 13, 7:00
Metropolitan State University of Denver, 890 Auraria Parkway, Denver, Cherry Creek Building (formerly South Classroom), Room 241

Speaker: Craig Dengel, base archaeologist, Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site.

Subject: Past archaeology study on the PCMS and future preservation plans.

Title: Thirty-Five Years of Archaeological Investigations at The Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site: A Retrospective

Abstract: The 236,000 acre Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site (PCMS) in southeastern Colorado was acquired by the Department of Defense in 1983. Since that time, cultural resources surveys and excavations have been ongoing, with over 100 different technical reports produced on a variety of archaeological investigations. Because of the nature of military training at the PCMS, armored brigades of more than 700 tanks, Humvees, and other heavy equipment routinely used to train in the area, intensive surveys to identify cultural resources have been conducted on over 92% of the property. Over 6,100 sites have been identified and 1,200 of those are protected properties, many eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. In this presentation I will discuss a brief chronology of occupation on PCMS, highlighting some of the most unique cultural resources. Following this introduction, I will describe the best management practices and protection measures we are using to preserve the significant sites. In the last portion of my time, I would like to give an overview of future directions for research that we have developed with our tribal partners and consulting parties.

Speaker Bio: Craig Dengel is currently the base archaeologist for the Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site located in southeastern Colorado, part of the U.S Army Garrison, Fort Carson. He recently moved from Louisiana, where he was the Cultural Resource Lead for the Colorado State University’s Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands (CEMML) at Fort Polk, while also concurrently working on his PhD at Louisiana State University. He has an M.S. in Geography from Florida State University, and a B.A. in Anthropology from Metropolitan State University of Denver. His research interests are implementations of federal laws on military land and the best methods and practices to accomplish these regulations. He also has spent time in the swamps and coastline of Louisiana and Florida excavating Middle Woodland (100 AD-700 AD) villages and shell midden sites. Craig also splits his summers working on survey and test excavations in the central Andes of Peru with his wife Kimberly Munro. He currently lives in Trinidad Colorado where he likes to brew beer, golf, and enjoy the outdoors with his wife and two dogs.

CAS-Denver Chapter Board Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2019

The CAS-Denver Chapter Board Meeting was held Monday, April 8, 2019 at Metropolitan State University of Denver, Cherry Creek Building South Classroom 241. Those in attendance: Linda Sand, Jon Kent, Teresa Weedin, Aubree Gabbard, Tami Coyle and Ken Andresen.
Vice President/General Meeting Speakers – Jon Kent: Jon reported that he has confirmed speakers for the May and June meetings and is in the process of coordinating the August meeting with the Egyptian Archaeology Society.

Membership: Lynn Hoy is updating the membership list for 2019.

Treasurer’s Report: March treasurer’s report was submitted and approved.

Old Business: March minutes were approved as written. Linda reported that History Colorado is in the process of building a new archaeology lab in their building. She reported that the State Archaeologist, Holly Norton, will be working with Denver-CAS to offer space for meetings.

The next Denver-CAS Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 3, 2019 at Metropolitan State University of Denver, Cherry Creek Building South Classroom 241. All members are welcome!

Colorado CAS – Quarterly Meeting, The April 27 meeting was held in Canon City. The Long-Range Planning Committee is working with other CAS committees to develop a five-year plan for the organization. The final charters from each committee will be presented to the Board at the July meeting to be held in Grand Junction on Saturday, July 27th. The annual meeting will be held at Pueblo Community College October 11-13.