

# ALL POINTS BULLETIN



## Colorado Archaeological Society-Denver Chapter

“...in the future, as in the past, the gathering of information will depend to a great extent on cooperation between avocational and professional archaeologists.” (H.M. Wormington, 1978)

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**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 Weedon, 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 27<sup>th</sup>. The annual meeting will be held at Pueblo Community College October 11- 13.

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