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## 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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**August General Meeting:** Monday, August 10th, 2015 at DMNS in Ricketson Auditorium at 7 PM.

Kimball Banks and J. Signe Snortland

**Title:** Before the Pharaohs: Exploring the Prehistory of Egypt

**Abstract:** For over 40 years the Combined Prehistoric Expedition has investigated the prehistory of Egypt. The Expedition grew out of a collaboration and friendship between two archaeologists – Dr. Fred Wendorf of Southern Methodist University in Texas and Dr. Romuald Schild of the Polish Academy of Sciences. The two first led a multidisciplinary international team of scientists to rescue archaeological sites about to be inundated by construction of the Aswan High Dam. From there the Expedition expanded to explore other areas of the Nile Valley and adjacent Western Desert. The result expanded our knowledge of the people who inhabited prehistoric Egypt and reconstructed the environment in which they lived. This presentation presents highlights of the Expedition’s adventures in the archaeology of Egypt and its ongoing investigations at Wadi Kubbania.

**Bio:** Kimball Banks has been doing archaeology for over 40 years. He has his PhD from Southern Methodist University in Texas and became a member of the Combined Prehistoric Expedition as a graduate student. He has continued as a member off-and-on in the intervening years, including in the last few years in Wadi Kubbania. In addition to Egypt, he has conducted field work in Oman, the Southwest, Texas, and the Northern Plains. He currently works for Metcalf Archaeological Consultants, Inc. in

Golden. Prior to that he spent 26 years in the federal sector, first as an archaeologist for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and then with the Bureau of Reclamation.

Signe Snortland holds a M.A. from the University of Manitoba. Currently she is the Deputy Area Manager, Eastern Colorado Area Office, Bureau of Reclamation in Loveland, Colorado. Previously she served as the Chief Archeologist for the State Historical Society of North Dakota, and has worked as an archaeologist for the Bureau of Reclamation, Natural Resources Conservation Service, University of North Dakota, Bureau of Land Management, and Historic Resources Branch of the Province of Manitoba. Her research interests are Northern Plains prehistory, mortuary practices, Egyptian prehistory, and cultural resources management. She volunteers her services as an archaeologist to the Combined Prehistoric Expedition.

### Minutes of the DC-CAS Board Meeting, June 2, 2015

The DC-CAS Board Meeting was held at the University of Denver- Sturm Hall Meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM June 2, 2015 by Linda Sand.

Attending were Linda Sand, Preston, Niesen, Teresa Weedon, Anne Winslow, Craig Banister, Ken Andresen, Cashel McGloin, Jon Kent, Reed Farmer and Kendra Elrod

**Vice President/Speakers** (Linda S for Catherine Griffin) reminded the June speaker is Larry Todd and there will be no General Meeting for July. The speaker lined up for the joint meeting with ESS is being finalized; Aaron Theis will post final details on

online shortly. The lineup for speakers for September and October meetings are in progress.

**Scientific** (email from Neil Hauser) Mark Mitchell of PCRG and the CSU field school will be working at the Blackfoot site in June; Craig Banister reported the Lithics analysis for the Blackfoot site will be held at the repository June 20th and 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Membership** (email from Rosalie Hewins) three new members were added in May and two members renewed.

**CO-CAS** (Teresa Weedin) quarterly meeting is to be held in Dolores July 25; CAS annual meeting scheduled October 9-11 in Durango. Due to other overlapping activities in Durango it is recommended you RSVP as soon as possible. It was added that CAS bylaws are being updated and will be distributed to all CAS chapters at least 30 days prior to final approval. It was also brought up that nominations for Chapter awards will be opening soon. SW Lore 10<sup>th</sup> Index 2014-5 have been printed, 2 for \$25 or 5 for \$50, digital formats are in progress.

**PAAC** (Anne Winslow) 2015 Fall schedule has not been posted yet.

**Treasurer** (Preston Nieson) raised the options of a Senior-Disabled dues fee, discussion for a Senior-Disabled dues option has been tabled for CO-CAS meeting; financial report was distributed and motion to accept treasury report passed.

**Trips/Events** (Teresa Weedin) schedule for upcoming trips and events are in progress.

**APB/e-APB Newsletter** (Cashel McGloin and Ken Andresen) June APB has been published and sent to members.

**DC-CAS WWW** (Craig Banister) confirmed everything up to date including the June APB has been posted.

#### **Old Business**

Ken Andresen printed and distributed May minutes; motion to approve May minutes passed.

#### **New Business**

Discussion continued regarding making the e-APB open to the public and not solely a member benefit. Arguments from both sides were made. After discussions were closed the motion to make the e-APB access open on the chapter website, i.e. no longer 'hidden', passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM by Linda S  
The next DC-CAS General Meeting on schedule for June 8, 7PM at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science

The next DC-CAS Board Meeting scheduled for August 4, 2015 7PM at the University of Denver-Sturm Hall

Submitted by Kendra Elrod

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## **Minutes of the DC-CAS General Meeting, June 8, 2015**

The DC-CAS General Meeting was held at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science Ricketson Auditorium June 8, 2015

Approximately 35 people attending

Jack Warner (for Linda Sand) called the meeting to order at 7:05PM. Jack began with several announcements; the APB for June has been distributed and posted online; Richard Wilshusen has resigned his position as Colorado State Archaeologist to return to research in New Mexico, the new Colorado State Archaeologist is Dr. Holly Norton.

**Scientific** (Reid Farmer) announced there will be limited field work at Cherokee Ranch open to CAS members, this field work will likely take place in July. Contact Reid if you are interested in participating. Nominations for chapter awards are open, send your nominations to Linda Sand.

**PAAC** classes for the fall schedule has been posted on the History Colorado website

**CAS Annual Meeting** is scheduled for October 8-11 in Durango, Colorado. Due to other events taking place in the same vicinity it is recommended you find lodging and reserve soon. Visit the CAS website for details.

Peter announced volunteers had successfully moved the Colorado Rock Art archives from the Anthropology department at CSU to the Pueblo Main Library to be a part of the special collections and will be available for public viewing shortly.

Jack W then introduced the speaker, Dr. Larry Todd, Emeritus Professor of the Colorado State University who spends his winter seasons in Ethiopia and his summer seasons conducting work in the area which his lecture will cover.

Dr. Todd began with suggesting another title for his presentation "Post-Fire Archaeology in the Washakie Wilderness: Recording Unknown Landscapes in Northwest Wyoming" could be "a retirement plan gone wrong" and also noted his interest with archaeology isn't necessarily about the past but rather with geospatial analysis.

Dr. Todd defined his project name GRSLE (Greybull River Sustainable Landscape Ecology) is a long-term regionally based landscape archaeological project. The project location is the greater Yellowstone area, northwestern Wyoming, Greybull River, Washakie Wilderness of the Shoshone National Forest in an area that is affected more by global warming and similar events and in remote, high elevation areas and of course these areas that are affected by wildfire. The goal is to survey and study areas

recently affected by wildfire, see how the physical landscape had changed and record the archaeological remains.

Many physical factors play a role following an area that had been burned including human and animal interaction as well as other biological and geomorphological effects, this gives a short window of opportunity to investigate these areas. Dr. Todd described the techniques required for working in such remote locations, in high elevation and in delicate environmental conditions. When investigating these areas they relocated previously recorded archaeological sites and discovered even more sites. Due to exposure of artifacts by wildfire some of these known sites had increased in size, density of artifacts increased and artifact types previously unrecorded had been exposed including diagnostic material. Dr. Todd concluded his talk by sharing his plans for the upcoming field season as well as other project ideas to be explored. Jack W thanked Dr. Todd for sharing his adventures and lessons of the post-fire archaeological investigative world.

#### **Old Business**

Old minutes were approved.

#### **New Business**

No new business was raised.

It was announced the Alice Hamilton Scholarship Fund drawing is once again active, tickets are available at each DC-CAS General Meeting. A reminder there will be no DC-CAS meetings in July Jack W adjourned the DC-CAS General Meeting at 8:24 PM.

Submitted by Kendra Elrod

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#### **Lamb Spring Archaeological Preserve Talks and Tours**

Learn about the Paleo-Indian mammoth, camel, sloth, and extinct forms of bison hunters at the Lamb Spring archaeological site in the SW Denver. Talks and tours are held from May through October. For more information and reservations see [www.lambspring.org](http://www.lambspring.org).

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#### **Preliminary 80<sup>th</sup> CAS Annual Meeting Conference**

October 9-11, 2015

San Juan Basin Archaeological Society, Durango, CO

Hosting Chapter: San Juan Basin Archaeological Society (Website: [SJBAS.org](http://SJBAS.org))

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Times are preliminary. Please check the SJBAS or CAS website for updates in August.

#### **Friday, October 9**

Early Bird Activity: Tour of Center of Southwest Studies, Fort Lewis College, 3:00 p.m., for first twelve to sign up.

Reception: 5-7:00 p.m. Toh-Atin Gallery, 145 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Durango. (970-247-8277).

Board members can walk from the reception to the Board Meeting.

CAS Quarterly Board Meeting: 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Himalayan Kitchen, 992 Main Avenue, Durango. (970-259-0956) (Special buffet)

Special Dinner Opportunity: Open to Conference attendees. Attendees may sign up for the 7:00 p.m. special buffet at the Himalayan Kitchen, 992 Main Avenue. (The buffet is usually offered only at lunch)

#### **Saturday, October 10**

Conference: Registration at 8:00 a.m.

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Location: Ballroom, Fort Lewis College, Durango, CO. Free parking Coffee, tea, fruit, pastries and lunch are part of the registration fee.

CAS Annual Membership Meeting: 4:30–5:30 p.m.

Location: Ballroom, Fort Lewis College

Banquet: Happy hour/Cash bar: 5:30-6:30 p.m.,

Dinner served 6:45 p.m., Speaker 7:30 p.m.

Location: Ballroom, Fort Lewis College.

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Doug Owsley

Topic: Kennewick Man: The Scientific Investigation of an Ancient American Skeleton

In this keynote dinner presentation, Dr. Doug Owsley will share his recent work, authored with Richard L. Jantz. Dr. Owsley received his B.S. in Zoology from the University of Wyoming in 1973 and his Ph.D. in Physical Anthropology from the University of Tennessee in 1978. In 1987, Dr. Owsley joined the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History as a curator, and has served since 1990 as the Division Head for Physical Anthropology.

Dr. Owsley is engaged in forensic anthropology case work, assisting state and federal law enforcement agencies. Cases have included Jeffrey Dahmer's first victim, recovery and identification of Waco Branch Davidian compound members, the 9-11 Pentagon plane crash, and exhumation and identification of war dead from the former Yugoslavia. His bioarchaeological and osteological research concerns include: ancient American skeletons like Kennewick Man and the peopling of the New World;

demography and health of 17<sup>th</sup>-century colonists; Civil War military remains, including the crew of the H.L. Hunley submarine; iron coffin burials; and analyses of activity patterns, health and diseases of American Indian populations from the Plains and Southwest.

His current research focuses on human skeletal remains from the 17<sup>th</sup>-century Chesapeake region of Virginia and Maryland. The results of this research were presented in an exhibition at the Smithsonian's Museum of Natural History entitled "Written in Bone: Forensic Files of the 17<sup>th</sup>-Century Chesapeake." Dr. Owsley was co- curator of this exhibition.

### **Sunday, October 11**

**Free PAAC Class:** Kevin Black, Asst. State Archaeologist for the State of Colorado/PAAC Coordinator, will offer a one-day, approximately eight hour, PAAC class, the first Site Form Workshop offered outside Denver. It should start at 9 am and end before 5 pm. The Site Form Workshop will cover those tasks necessary to transform a partially filled-out field site form into a report-ready final form, including preparing final drafts of sketch maps, computing legal locations and UTM's, topographic map plots, artifact illustrations, etc. Participants are asked to bring a pencil, eraser, clipboard or comparable writing surface, and any draft forms that they are working on. This workshop is NOT limited to participants on the PAAC Summer Training Survey but is open to anyone who would like to gain knowledge about and assistance with the preparation of final site forms. It will be conducted as a hands-on workshop experience, not as a formal lecture class. Since this is not a formal class, there is no PAAC credit given for the workshop.

**Post-meeting Field Trips** – Final list TBD: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (some half day, some full day, but time to attend only one)

**Afternoon Silverton Historical Tour** (allows Narrow Gauge train ride to Silverton and bus trip back)

**Southern Ute Indian Cultural Center and Museum  
Chimney Rock National Monument**

**Mesa Verde Curatorial Area/Anasazi Heritage Center** (Behind the Scenes)

**Aztec Ruins/Salmon Ruins**

**Crow Canyon Archaeological Center** Day field trip to visit three Navajo Pueblitos, near Navajo Reservoir, N.M. Longest walk is 3/4 mile over relatively flat terrain. 4WD/HC vehicles necessary. If heavy rains occur during preceding week, trip may be canceled. Participation limited to 16, with no more than six vehicles. Carpooling to be arranged.  
Crow Canyon Archaeological Center

**Lecture:** 7:00 p.m. Seeking to finalize talk and book signing at Fort Lewis College, Center of Southwest Studies, by David Roberts, *The Lost World of the Old Ones*.

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### **Member Notes**

Longtime member Elmer Baltz passed away June 6. After retiring from the U.S. Geological Survey, Elmer worked on the Swallow Site excavation, with emphasis on producing stratigraphic profiles.

Donna Hood passed away on July 1. There were no services. Her cremains were scattered on the family ranch near Torrington, WY.

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### **FIELD TRIP**

A field trip to the Montrose area is planned for September 25, 26, 27. The trip leader is Denver Chapter Scientific Chairman Neil Hauser, a Montrose native who has been active archaeologically in the Montrose area since his teenage years. The trip will include visits to rock shelters and to some rock art sites. Contact Neil at [hauserndigger@gmail.com](mailto:hauserndigger@gmail.com). The Friday, September 25, portion of the trip depends on those who show up by Thursday evening.

DC/CAS  
 June/July, 2015 Financial Report  
 Prepared by Preston Niesen, Treasurer

<b>Assets</b>		
	May	June/July
Key Bank checking	\$ 5,086.00	\$ 5,044.02
TD 182 day to 07/03/14 @0.15%	\$ 5,689.52	\$ 5,689.52
TD 182 day to 10/23/13 @0.15%	\$ 4,806.97	\$ 4,806.97
TD 1 year to 5/14/14 @ 0.15%	\$ 4,991.03	\$ 4,991.03
<b>Total checking/savings</b>	<u>\$20,573.52</u>	<u>\$20,531.54</u>
 <b>Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
AH Scholarship Fund payable	\$ -	\$ -
State CAS Dues payable	\$ -	\$ -
 <b>Funds</b>		
Scientific Applications	\$ 5,071.91	\$ 5,078.91
Swallow Report Project	\$ 2,671.81	\$ 2,671.81
D Bucknam Memorial Speaker Fund	\$ 1,747.10	\$ 1,747.10
Blackfoot Cave	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00
Library	\$ 302.45	\$ 302.45
Education	\$ 182.00	\$ 182.00
Field Trips/Social	\$ 483.01	\$ 483.01
Student Membership	\$ 23.50	\$ 7.50
Speakers Meal Fund	\$ 801.62	\$ 801.62
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Funds</b>	<u>\$11,353.40</u>	<u>\$11,344.40</u>
General Fund	<u>\$ 9,220.12</u>	<u>\$ 9,187.14</u>
<b>Total L E F's</b>	<u>\$20,573.52</u>	<u>\$20,531.54</u>

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