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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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### **DENVER CHAPTER FIELD TRIPS THROUGH THE YEARS, ALWAYS AN ADVENTURE OF SOME KIND! By Teresa J. Weedon**

When I decided to write this article, I didn't realize how much research I needed to do to get a decent-sized article. Denver Chapter members have been on field trips for years all over the western United States and Mexico. I joined the Denver Chapter in the fall of 1983, and have been on many, many field trips before and after I became Field Trip Committee Chair. These memories (if you will) are mine, hence the need to research as I've been on way too many trips to remember! Until 2006, all my photos are on 35mm slides which have not been scanned/digitized yet so there will be no photos (at least with this first article).

The first two trips I remember most vividly were to the game drives on Arapahoe Pass in the Indian Peaks Wilderness near Boulder and Brown's Park in northwestern Colorado.

Jim and I had not done any serious high-altitude hiking since we moved to Colorado in 1981. The Arapahoe Pass day trip was my first. The late Fred Rathbun led the trip if I remember. There was a good turnout, about 15. The trailhead parking lot is a long way from eastern Aurora where I live so it was an early day to start. As usual, I tagged along at the end of the line of hikers and missed all the discussion about geology and archaeology of the area.

The game drives (lines of rocks to guide the elk and bighorn sheep to areas where they could be killed and slaughtered) were interesting. Some of them

didn't look to me like anything but groups of rocks. The longer lines were easier to visualize. The late Jim Benedict was working on the sites on Arapahoe Pass and wrote a book on it.

I do remember the wildflowers were beautiful and the views were outstanding. I came down, drove home, took a hot shower and some Tylenol, and went to bed. I woke up the next morning with no soreness at all! (Can't say this about a future trip to southwestern Colorado when every shift of gear and pushing in of the clutch was agony!)

The Brown's Park trip was over a Labor Day Weekend. I was going to leave at Noon on Friday (to miss the traffic) but had to enter payroll and didn't get away until 3:30. It took me an hour to get from the west gate at Fitzsimmons Army Medical Center (Montview and Peoria) to I-70, and an hour from I-70 and Peoria to the Mousetrap (I-70 and I-25). Remember, this is mid-1980s when the traffic wasn't what it is today! (I learned to take the Friday off and come back the day after the holiday!) I got to Craig about 10 PM and spent the night there.

Bill Tate and the late Ray Lyons were leading the trip. I got to Brown's Park National Wildlife Refuge and set up camp. I left the campground to find our group and just happen to catch them as they were turning onto a road into Irish Canyon (hard to miss a bunch of cars turning in the same direction).

This trip opened my eyes to the Fremont rock art so common in that area. I've been back several times and even took my middle sister, who lived in New York at the time, to Vermillion Canyon and Irish Canyon.

COLORADO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

## 2016 RAFFLE

to benefit the Alice Hamilton Scholarship Fund

### "Zebra Sentinel" Decorative Raku Art Pot



### An original ceramic pot made especially for CAS!

"Zebra Sentinel" stands 32" tall, featuring African porcupine quills, by Colorado Springs artist Jerry Rhodes. Value estimate \$900++



Jerry Rhodes is a ceramic artist living in Colorado Springs, Colorado. His work has appeared in numerous juried shows and competitions. He currently exhibits in galleries in Colorado, Santa Fe and Taos (NM), Hastings-on-Hudson (NY), Charleston (SC), Georgetown (DC), and Bethlehem (PA), and has many pieces in private collections internationally.



Jerry likes to combine seemingly disparate elements drawn from a global, temporal, and cultural palate to form a composition. Some pieces may blend science with antiquity; Einstein's equations for Special Relativity carved around the rim of a classic Greek form, for instance, while others may represent a cultural fusion; African and Polynesian tribal components combined into a loosely symbolic presentation. Often he will use traditional style glazes and classic post firing reduction techniques, but other times he'll use plant food, steel wool, and horsehair during the firing, and add African porcupine quills to complete a composition. The results are usually very dramatic.

[www.jerryrhodespottery.com](http://www.jerryrhodespottery.com)

#### **Raffle ticket prices:**

**\$3 each or 4 for \$10**

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We visited the Raptopolis Ranch to see awesome petroglyphs, as well as the Denver Chapter friends' logo pictograph. Irish Canyon, of course. And Vermilion Canyon with my favorite "water bugs" petroglyphs and the "Super Dude" anthropomorph, with all kinds of glyphs in between the two panels. We had to hike to the canyon this trip, while a couple of other times we could drive across the creek to the

mouth of the canyon. Driving to the mouth was preferable to walking in 90-degree heat!

The primitive campground at Brown's Park was along the Green River and a haven for mosquitoes, which (I believe) also were holding a convention while we were there. It was here I found out that my mosquito

netting that went over my hat was too thick to wear at night—you couldn't see through it!

So, I will do my research and finish this article about other field trips Chapter members have been on since I joined in 1983 (I'll probably break down by decade). I'll also see if I can dig up some digital photos (Peter Faris has digitized all his slides and I have a copy of them) to share as well.

(To be continued.)

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**August General Meeting:** Monday, August 15th, at DMNS in Ricketson Auditorium at 7 PM.

**Speaker:** Bonnie Sampsell

**Title:** A Yellow Coffin: a wormhole to the Third Intermediate Period

**Abstract:** The term, "Yellow Coffins" refers to a group of ancient Egyptian coffins characterized by their color scheme and design as well as by the location of their production and primary use. The exterior of the lid and case have polychrome scenes painted in red, blue, and green on a yellow background. High quality coffins are also decorated on their interior and exist in sets composed of an outer and inner coffin with lids and a full-length mummy board. They were manufactured in Thebes from the later 18th Dynasty until the early part of the 22nd Dynasty.

More than 1,000 yellow coffins have been discovered. While the origin of some is unknown, many others have been excavated on the West Bank at Thebes where they occur as intrusive burials in New Kingdom tombs or as parts of caches in undecorated tombs excavated during the TIP. They were used primarily for the burials of members of the cult of Amun and other local gods.

Yellow coffins can be found in nearly every museum with any sort of Egyptian collection, and this worldwide dispersal has hampered their study as a group. Nonetheless, they have served as the chief source of historical information for Dynasty 21 about the genealogy of officials' families, the hereditary nature of titles, organization of cults, and state bureaucracy. After nearly a century of study, the yellow coffins have recently begun to offer a new perspective on that period with the recognition that many Dynasty 21 coffins were re-used, evidently with official sanction. This research is providing new insights into changing funerary customs and religious beliefs of the TIP as well social adjustments. The Wayne County Historical Museum's coffin will be used as an example of this latest effort.

**Speaker Bio:** Dr. Sampsell holds a Ph.D. in genetics from the University of Iowa and was a college professor for 25 years. After retiring, she devoted herself to the study of ancient Egypt. She has traveled widely in Egypt (more than 20 trips) to study its geography, geology, and ancient monuments. She wrote seven articles for The Ostrakon and has made three prior presentations to the ESS. She is the author of The Geology of Egypt, a Traveler's Handbook and a Kmt article on ancient Egyptian dwarfs.

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### Minutes of the DC-CAS Board Meeting, June 7, 2016

The DC-CAS Board Meeting was held at Room 241, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Cherry Creek Building (South Classroom), Auraria Campus on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Attending were Ken Andresen, Cashel McGloin, Jon Kent, Michele Giometti, Linda Sand, Jack Warner, and Catherine Griffin. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by Linda Sand.

**Vice President/Speakers** (Catherine G) announced the June speaker is Tom Carr, "Conflict on the Plains." The joint general meeting with the Egyptian Study Society will be held on August 15, 2016.

Speaker information is posted on the ESS website, and will be posted on the DC-CAS website as well. The September speaker has not been confirmed.

**Scientific** (Neil H) will hold a Blackfoot Cave report writing meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 9:30 am to cover documentation and results of the Blackfoot Cave excavation.

**Membership** (Cashel M) announced two new members plus annual renewals are still arriving. DC-CAS currently has a total of 87 memberships (both individual and family).

**CO-CAS** (Teresa W) Linda Sand reported the state CAS quarterly meeting will be held July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016. Linda Sand will send interested members more information. Kevin Black's retirement party is scheduled for June 23<sup>rd</sup> 5:30-7:30 at History Colorado, Martin Room, 4<sup>th</sup> floor. All CAS members are welcome.

**PAAC** (Preston N) reported the State Archaeologist, Holly Norton, will conduct archaeological survey of state parks, beginning with Lowry State Park. Interested volunteers are encouraged to contact Kevin Black prior to his retirement and sign-up immediately. A Fall 2016 PAAC class will be "Survey Techniques."

**Treasurer** (Michele G) reports the Library Fund has \$202, which will be transferred to the General Fund. The Library Fund will be closed. Michele will submit a reimbursement request for expenses (up to \$75) for

hosting the state CAS quarterly meeting on April 23 2016. The treasurer will be purchasing checks.

**Trips/Events** have no new info, please see the APB and/or the DC-CAS website for outside excavations and events.

**APB** (Ken A/Cashel M) is out.

**Webmaster** (Craig B) reports the website is up-to-date.

### **Old Business**

May board meeting notes were reviewed and approved.

An update on the Swallow site faunal assemblage being stored in a personal storage facility has been brought to Bill Hammond's and Linda Sand's attention. Bill Hammond will track down and take control of this collection, and Jon Kent offered to help in July.

Upcoming dates were reviewed: DC-CAS Board meetings are confirmed for August 2<sup>nd</sup>; September 7<sup>th</sup> (moved for Labor Day); and November 9<sup>th</sup> (moved for Election Day). The Board's December 6<sup>th</sup> Holiday Dinner will be held at *Gaetano's* at 3760 Tejon, Denver. The December 12<sup>th</sup> Members Night is to be held at the Auraria Campus, Room 241, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Cherry Creek Building (South Classroom). Board agreed that Jack Warner will continue ownership of the DC-CAS website, which includes an annual subscription for hosting and domain name.

### **New Business**

A nominating committee was assigned to DC-CAS members Aaron Theis, Reid Farmer, Preston Niesen, Teresa Weedon, and Kendra Elrod. The nominating committee must elect/assign a Nominating Chair by the August 15<sup>th</sup> general meeting. Nominations for 2017 board positions are needed by the September general meeting. Positions to be filled include all chapter officers, and two directors of the board: Reid Farmer and Aaron Theis will need to be replaced or re-elected Directors of the Board for 2017. Linda Sand appointed Jack Warner a Director of the Board for 2017. Jon Kent remains an active Director in 2017.

Joan Ramirez (?) from California has offered DC-CAS fundraising software, she will send this offer to state CAS.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

The next DC-CAS Board Meeting is scheduled for August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016, 7:00 pm at Metro State Cherry Creek Building Room 241.

The next DC-CAS General Meeting is scheduled for August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 7:00 pm at the Ricketson Auditorium, Denver Museum of Nature and Science.

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## **Minutes of the DC-CAS General Meeting, June 13, 2016**

Catherine opened the meeting in the absence of Linda Sand. She gave some general announcements. The next state CAS quarterly meeting will be July 23 in Pueblo. Kevin Black's retirement party will be June 23 at History Colorado.

**PAAC report:** History Colorado state parks survey will be upcoming at Lory State Park (contact Holly Norton). The fall PAAC class will be Survey Techniques; this will be the last one under Kevin Black.

Teresa announced that Jane Day, a former long-time employee of DMNS, recently passed away. Terry Murphy brought 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary posters for the annual Historic Preservation Month. The poster shows work on a cabin by HistoricCorps volunteers. 2016 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act.

**Future DC-CAS meetings:** No general meeting in July. August 15 meeting will be in conjunction with the Egyptian Studies Society. Note (in advance) that the meeting in December will again be Members Night, to be held on the Auraria campus this year. (Secretary's note: Remember to take some good photos and notes about your trips this summer; you could make a short presentation at this meeting!) Catherine then introduced the speaker (to an audience of 17 including Tom and Terri Hoff, visiting from Dolores), Thomas Carr-- photographer, former Indian Peaks Chapter CAS member, and Colorado Culture Research Associates. He started out by showing some of his stunning black and white photos of locations all over the world in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, integrating imagery and archaeology. His presentation project started for an exhibit at the Mizel Museum in Denver with the topic of "Genocide" (all over the world). His photos showed the Plains Native Americans conflicts in the late 1800s. The photos superimpose the old and new, some having Native American faces and images of the time over landscapes/battlefield sites/buildings (as they look today), with 1-4 images in each photo. Some of the photos were very touching; all were very well composed and thought out. A few comments overheard after the presentation indicated that it was one of the best CAS presentations they had seen. This exhibit went on to several galleries and museums, and may be at the Ute Museum in Montrose in 2017. Several books of Mr. Carr's photographs are available, as can be seen at [www.thomascarrphotography.com](http://www.thomascarrphotography.com).

Note that as a quorum wasn't present at the meeting, the minutes of the May meetings could not be voted on for approval.

*Minutes submitted by Linda Trzyna, former DC-CAS Secretary*

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

The Lamb Spring Archaeological Preserve is offering talks and tours of this important Paleo-Indian archaeological preserve just south of Chatfield State Park (Littleton address) monthly from May, 2016 thru October, 2016. Remains of extinct species of Columbian mammoths, camel, horse, and buffalo have been excavated from this prehistoric hunting site. Mammoth remains have been C14 dated to about 16,000 years ago. Cody Paleo-Indian culture artifacts have been dated to about 10,000 years ago. For more information and to make a tour reservation see: [lambspring.org/freetours](http://lambspring.org/freetours)

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### **Excavation Opportunity-Introduction to Archaeological Field Excavations in Southwestern CO**

Where: Mitchell Springs Ruin Group  
Greetings CAS members! The following information will explain this year's excavation opportunity being held at the Mitchell Springs Ruin Group in Cortez Colorado. All sessions are 4 days in length. Again, this year we will be working with our friends from the Verde Valley Archaeological Center ([VerdeValleyArchaeologyCenter.org](http://VerdeValleyArchaeologyCenter.org)), and members from various Chapters of the Arizona Archaeological Society.

#### **You Will Learn About:**

Excavation and documentation techniques  
Architectural identification and dating  
Mesa Verde region pottery identification  
Chipped stone and ground stone identification  
How to read stratigraphy  
Prehistory of the Puebloan occupation in the region  
The Chaco outlier great house community in the Montezuma Valley  
Introduction to Puebloan Social History

The Mitchell Spring Ruin Group was originally noted by Lewis Henry Morgan in 1870 during his early study of aboriginal Americans in the American Southwest. Shortly thereafter, J.W. Fewkes visited the site and confirmed Morgan's observations. During a reconnaissance of the San Juan Watershed in the 1890's, T. Mitchell Pruden, a physician working with the Peabody Museum at Yale made the next mention of the ruins and provided a description and assessment of the condition of the site in two

published reports. Several years later, Pruden returned and with the assistance of Clayton Wetherill (brother of Richard Wetherill, who is widely credited with discovering the cliff dwellings at Mesa Verde) and Henry Hun, and conducted archaeological excavations related to his study of prehistoric architectural family units that are still often referred to as Unit Pueblos or Pruden Units.

The site is located just south of Cortez, CO and is the center of a large community spreading out in all directions from the site center for more than a half mile. It contained hundreds of rooms, 4 small great houses, a great kiva, D-shaped tri-wall structure, a 10 meter court kiva, reservoir and a tower kiva. It was occupied for over 500 years and is listed on the National Historic Register.

Related Info: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AJ-E4zzPgNw> Our work at Champagne Spring Ruins <http://www.fourcornersresearch.com/index.html> Our various projects

#### **2016 Field Sessions -- Each Lasting Four Days**

August 4-7 Pecos Conference in Springerville AZ  
August 12-15 Mitchell Springs Ruin Group, Cortez  
August 26-29 Mitchell Springs Ruin Group, Cortez

Attendees are encouraged, but not required, to participate for the entire four days.

There is a \$95 per person per session fee required to off-set expenses related to camping, latrines, specimen collection, processing and analysis, and curation. CAS Student fee is \$35.

Free camping, potable water and toilets are available on-site. Previous experience is not required. PAAC Excavation course credit is a bonus. Researchers are meticulous about details. Your help in this task will be much appreciated.

Open to CAS members in good-standing only. Ask your local Chapter Membership Chair about membership if you are not currently a CAS member. Signed "*Liability Waiver and Site Visitation Ethics*" forms are required at registration to participate. Registration details and more information for enrollees will follow.

#### **Notes:**

CRITICAL! – These classes are held during the warmest months of the year when temperatures can be in the 90s. Some aspects of the work can be physically demanding. We provide shaded areas around the excavations and we encourage all participants to take abundant shade and water breaks. If you have any health issues that may in any way be made worse by these conditions, we ask that you do not apply. You are welcome to come out and visit us if you are interested in checking out the work. By applying for one of these field school classes, you

acknowledge that you are in good health and are capable of performing in the conditions as stated. We have limited CAS openings in each session. Please indicate the session for which you are interested and any alternate session dates, should your first choice not be available. The sooner you apply the better chance you will have of getting your preferred dates.

In consideration of travel distances, if you are interested in attending/travelling with a partner, please apply together so that we will not split you up. Adding someone to your travel group may not be possible after your initial registration. All fees, application form and liability releases and are due at the time you apply.

We expect that you are committing to attend if you apply. Please only do so if you are sure you can make it. We cannot give refunds on cancellations unless we have a waiting list and can fill the opening you vacate.

**To sign up, contact:** Tom Hoff [tomhoff4@gmail.com](mailto:tomhoff4@gmail.com)  
- phone 970-882-2191

These excavations are a private project on private property. While the Dove Family is offering it exclusively to CAS Members, it is not sponsored or administered by the Colorado Archaeological Society.

Questions? Contact Dave Dove  
([davidmdove@msn.com](mailto:davidmdove@msn.com))

**COLORADO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
DENVER CHAPTER  
Prepared by Michele Giometti, Treasurer**

**Balance Sheet**  
May 31, 2016

**ASSETS**

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

Key Bank Checking	3,548.63
1 <sup>st</sup> Bank CD 182 day 7/5/16 0.05%	5,693.80
1 <sup>st</sup> Bank CD 182 day 10/18/16 0.05%	4,809.37
1 <sup>st</sup> Bank CD 1 Yr 2/17/17 0.15%	<u>4,998.08</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>19,049.88</u>

TOTAL ASSETS 19,049.88

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

Current Liabilities

State CAS Dues Payable	<u>268.00</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>268.00</u>

Temp. Restricted Net Assets

Scientific Applications Fund	3,722.16
Swallow Report Project Fund	2,725.81
D Bucknam Memorial Speaker Fund	1,747.10
Blackfoot Cave Fund	70.00
Library Fund	202.45
Education Fund	52.40
Field Trips / Social Fund	483.01
Student Membership Fund	57.50
Speakers Meal Fund	<u>660.44</u>
Total Temp. Restricted Net Assets	<u>9,720.87</u>

General Fund	7,268.40
General Fund Net Income	<u>1,792.61</u>
Total Equity	<u>18,781.88</u>

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY** 19,049.88

**Income Statement**  
May 1 – 31, 2016

GENERAL FUND	MTD	YTD
Income		
Membership Dues	555.00	2,496.00
Interest-Savings,		
Short-Term CD		6.36
Donations Received	<u>57.00</u>	<u>993.00</u>
Total Income	612.00	3,495.36
Expenses		
Bank Service Charges	3.00	15.00
Dues Paid to State	268.00	1,142.00
Transfer to Scientific		
Applications	180.25	180.25
Quarterly Meeting		
Host Expense		<u>365.50</u>
Total Expenses	<u>451.25</u>	<u>1,702.75</u>
Net General Fund Income	160.75	1,792.61

**Public Education**

Expenses		
Poster Printing – Blackfoot Cave		<u>129.60</u>
Total Expenses		129.60
Net Public Education Income (Expense)		(129.60)

**Scientific Applications Fund**

Income		
Transfer from General Fund	180.25	180.25
Donations Received	<u>15.00</u>	<u>130.00</u>
Total Income	195.25	310.25
Net SAF Income	195.25	310.25

**Speaker's Meals**

Expenses		
Speaker's Meals	151.18	151.18
Total Expenses	151.18	151.18
Net Speaker's Meals		
Income(Expense)	(151.18)	(151.18)

**Swallow Report Project**

Income		
Donations Received	<u>15.00</u>	<u>44.00</u>
Total Income	15.00	44.00
Net Swallow Report Income	15.00	44.00

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**Balance Sheet**

June 30, 2016

**ASSETS**

Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Key Bank Checking		3,367.63
1 <sup>st</sup> Bank CD 182 day 7/5/16 0.05%		5,693.80
1 <sup>st</sup> Bank CD 182 day 10/18/16 0.05%		4,809.37
1 <sup>st</sup> Bank CD 1 Yr 2/17/17 0.15%		<u>4,999.33</u>
Total Checking/Savings		<u>18,870.13</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>18,870.13</u>

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

Current Liabilities		
State CAS Dues Payable		<u>48.00</u>
Total Checking/Savings		<u>48.00</u>
Temp. Restricted Net Assets		
Scientific Applications Fund		3,722.16
Swallow Report Project Fund		2,725.81
D Bucknam Memorial Speaker Fund		1,747.10
Blackfoot Cave Fund		70.00
Library Fund		202.45
Education Fund		52.40
Field Trips / Social Fund		483.01
Student Membership Fund		57.50
Speakers Meal Fund		<u>660.44</u>
Total Temp. Restricted Net Assets		9,720.87
General Fund		7,268.40
General Fund Net Income		<u>1,832.86</u>
Total Equity		<u>18,822.13</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		<u>18,870.13</u>

**Income Statement**

June 1 – 30, 2016

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	MTD	YTD
Income		
Membership Dues	90.00	2,586.00
Interest-Savings,		
Short-Term CD	1.25	7.61
Donations Received	<u>0.00</u>	<u>993.00</u>
Total Income	91.25	3,586.61
Expenses		
Bank Service Charges	3.00	18.00
Dues Paid to State	48.00	1,190.00
Transfer to Scientific		
Applications		180.25
Quarterly Meeting		
Host Expense		<u>365.50</u>
Total Expenses	<u>51.00</u>	<u>1,753.75</u>
Net General Fund Income	40.25	1,832.86

**Public Education**

Expenses		
Poster Printing – Blackfoot Cave		<u>129.60</u>
Total Expenses		129.60
Net Public Education Income (Expense)		(129.60)

**Scientific Applications Fund**

Income		
Transfer from General Fund		180.25
Donations Received		<u>130.00</u>
Total Income		310.25
Net SAF Income		310.25

**Speaker's Meals**

Expenses		
Speaker's Meals		<u>151.18</u>
Total Expenses		151.18
Net Speaker's Meals		
Income(Expense)		(151.18)

**Swallow Report Project**

Income		
Donations Received		<u>44.00</u>
Total Income		44.00
Net Swallow Report Income		44.00

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