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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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January General Meeting: Monday, January 11th at DMNS in Ricketson Auditorium at 7 PM. Enter through the Security entrance. The West entrance is closed.

Speaker: Kevin Black

Title: About That Mountain Tradition: A 25-Year Retrospective

Abstract: The concept of a Mountain Tradition, by whatever label, long predates my 1991 publication in *Plains Anthropologist*. The article was the result of many years of research in the Rocky Mountain region of Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming, along with extensive discussions on the archaeology of the region with many, many colleagues. In this presentation, I'll review the origins of the concept, my version of it, initial reactions in and out of print, some of my current thoughts, and prospects for future targeted research.

Speaker Bio: I am a graduate of the University of Colorado-Boulder (B.A. 1977, M.A. 1979), with field school experiences at Mesa Verde National Park, the Ute Mountain Tribal Park, the Uncompahgre Plateau, and in El Salvador, Central America. In my early career I was a staff archaeologist with consulting firms in Montrose (1979–81) and Eagle, Colorado (1981–88), conducting inventories and excavations in the western U.S., especially in Colorado, Wyoming and Utah. Since 1988, I have been employed in my current position as the Assistant State Archaeologist at History Colorado, the Colorado Historical Society. In my primary focus as State Training Coordinator of the Program for Avocational Archaeological Certification (PAAC), I am tasked with keeping up to date on all aspects of Colorado archaeology in every

time period and each geographic area. But I've maintained a long-term research interest in the archaeology of the Southern Rocky Mountains, particularly on hunter-gatherer cultures of the Archaic period, lithic provenance studies, and variations in landscape use among foraging populations.

Minutes of the Holiday Members Night "meeting" of the Colorado Archaeological Society, Denver Chapter, December 14, 2015

The event was held (for the last time) at Sturm Hall (former home of the CAS library). After partaking in some yummy holiday goodies, a small but attentive crowd heard three presentations.

The only pre-planned presentation was that of Catherine Griffin, regarding her work in the Pawnee Grasslands and Roosevelt National Forest as an archaeological tech last summer. The September 2013 floods had severely affected many roads and trails, which, due to planned upcoming repair, needed to be surveyed for archaeological resources. Catherine showed photos of damaged roads and trails and a landslide area. Fuel reduction was going to be done, including some "hazard trees" which could fall at any time. Fence posts and rails from past cattle industry operations, as well as man-made ditches were also observed and noted. Mineral prospecting sites recorded included pits, adits, and shafts (close to Left Hand Creek near Boulder). Remains from the timber industry were also found. West of Fort Collins was observed piles of cans, trash, piles of wood, bottles, mill platforms, and wood from structures. Near Estes Park photos were shown of abandoned homesteads, some with interpretive signs, also homestead remains in the Pawnee Buttes area, including homestead foundations, farm implements and bedsprings.

Being that one of the planned presenters couldn't attend, Jack Warner stepped in to show and tell about an interesting field trip that was offered during the statewide CAS annual meeting in Durango, to the "Pueblitos", south and east of Farmington. Bob Powell was their guide. Another area mentioned was "Crow Canyon" (not the Colorado one). Jack showed photos of Ute and Navajo rock art from the 11th-18th centuries, including one photo of "dancing people in a line". Navajos were being pushed out of this area at one time, and there is controversial thought that the Anasazi may have taught them rock art styles (as well as building lookout towers up high) in this area. The photos made the audience want to go visit the area, which is under the BLM and can be researched online.

http://www.blm.gov/nm/st/en/prog/recreation/farmington/dinetah_pueblitos.html

Teresa also stepped up to give a short presentation about her trip to Mexico City and the floating gardens, history and current use/types of vegetation, as well as some lovely photos of flowers and yucca at Big Bend.

Linda Sand asked for approval of the minutes of the past meeting, with a change/addition. The corrected list of officers is as follows:

President - Linda Sand
Vice President - Catherine Griffin
Treasurer - Michele Giometti
Secretary - Kendra Elrod
Membership Chair - Cashel McGloin (appointed 1/5/16)
PAAC Coordinator - Preston Niesen
CAS Rep - Teresa Weedin
Directors - Reid Farmer
 Jon Kent
 Aaron Theis
Past President - Jack Warner

The following are appointed positions:

APB - Cashel McGloin
Scientific - Neil Hauser, Reid Farmer, Catherine Griffin
Trips/Events - Teresa Weedin, Jann Dillon
Education - Betsy Weitkamp
Webmaster - Craig Banister

Minutes approved. She thanked Teresa for all of the weekends spent at the CAS library, trying to get the materials given out to anyone who wanted to come pick them up.

Minutes submitted by Linda Trzyna, past CAS secretary

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

Assets		
	October	November
Key Bank checking	\$3,246.91	\$3,273.91
TD 182 day to 01/04/16 @0.10%	\$5,692.36	\$5,692.36
TD 182 day to 4/19/16 @0.05%	\$4,808.17	\$4,808.17
TD 1 year to 02/17/16 @ 0.10%	\$4,994.36	\$4,994.36
Total checking/savings	\$18,741.80	\$18,768.80
Liabilities & Equity		
Current Liabilities		
AH Scholarship Fund payable	\$ -	\$ -
State CAS Dues payable	\$ -	\$ -
Funds		
Scientific Applications	\$5,082.41	\$5,082.41
Swallow Report Project	\$2,681.81	\$2,681.81
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	\$7.50	\$57.50
Speakers Meal Fund	\$811.62	\$811.62
Total Liabilities & Funds	\$11,367.90	\$11,417.90
General Fund	\$7,373.90	\$7,350.90
Total L E F's	\$18,741.80	\$18,768.80

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