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COLORADO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

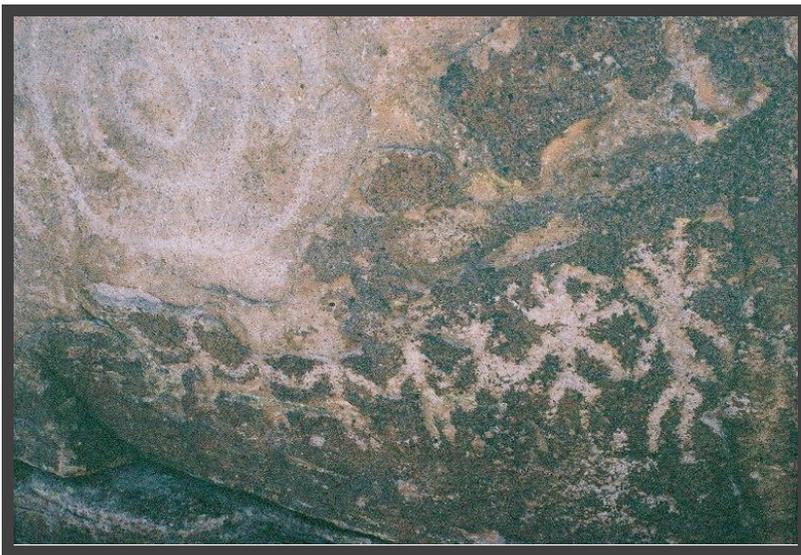
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## Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, October 21, 2009, 7 p.m., Baldrige Hall, Montrose United Methodist Church, South 1<sup>st</sup> St. and Park Avenue.

**Program: "SET IN STONE BUT NOT IN MEANING:  
SOUTHWESTERN INDIAN ROCK ART" Presented by  
Allan Dart**

Mr. Allen Dart has worked and volunteered as a professional archaeologist in New Mexico and Arizona since 1975, for government, private companies, and nonprofit organizations. He is currently the Executive Director of Tucson's nonprofit Old Pueblo Archaeology Center, which he founded in 1993 to provide educational and scientific programs in archaeology and culture. A Registered Professional Archaeologist, he has been a recipient of the Arizona Governor's Award in Public Archaeology for his efforts to bring archaeology and history to the public.



Ancient Indian pictographs (rock paintings) and petroglyphs (symbols carved or pecked on rocks) are claimed by some to be forms of writing for which meanings are known. But are such claims supported by archaeology or by Native Americans themselves?

In this presentation, archaeologist Allen Dart illustrates southwestern petroglyphs and pictographs, and discusses how even the same rock art symbol may be interpreted

differently from popular, scientific, and modern Native American perspectives.

## President's Corner

October 2009

Have you ever wondered what the duties of each Chipeta Chapter elected officer are? Because nominations for 2010 officers will be made at the October meeting, this might be a good time to review them. The following are summaries of duties:

President: Preside at monthly meetings, serve as a member of the CAS Board of Directors, appoint committees as needed, and perform other ordinary presidential duties.

Vice-president: Preside at meetings if the president is absent, serve as program chairperson, and perform other ordinary VP duties.

Secretary: Record and preserve Chipeta Chapter minutes.

Treasurer: Keep records of chapter membership, provide CAS state officers with required reports and funds, and have custody of chapter funds.

CAS Representative: Serve as the chapter representative at quarterly and annual CAS meetings.

Elections for 2010 officers will take place at the November meeting. Get involved! If you'd like to "throw your hat in the ring", contact me at the listed email address or 970-417-9014, and I will pass along your request to the nomination committee. Bill Manske

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## September PROGRAM REPORT

LOST INCA CITIES - presented by  
Gary Ziegler

Chipeta Chapter's September 16, 2009 program featured extreme archaeology with Gary Ziegler as he described his research in the mountainous cloud forests of Peru.

For many years Ziegler and his small group of researchers have been finding and reporting on late Incan sites in the Vilcabamba region of the Andes.



"Like the Romans," said Ziegler, "the Incas had 3000 years of cultural development. They were masters at organization and engineering." Ziegler's research focuses on site placement and architectural detail, not excavation.

Ziegler's team has documented and surveyed many significant sites, but the one most closely associated with Machu Pichu is the nearby urban complex of Llactapata. In 2003 Ziegler's team of adventurer/specialists rediscovered Llactapata using notes from the earlier explorer Hiram Bingham. They found a major complex with hundreds of buildings and urban temples. "Everything the Incas did

was planned," he said. "Nothing was by chance." From Llactapata, Incan workers traveled to daily projects at nearby Machu Pichu. A vast network of roads, long undiscovered, connects sites around Machu Pichu, much like the road systems of the Incan city of Cusco.

Ziegler noted that the Sun Temple at Llactapata is a replica of Cusco's Sun Temple. A 160-foot-long corridor aligns with the summer solstice sunrise over Machu Pichu. Building sites are oriented to the solar calendar or to constellations. Ziegler believes Machu Pichu and Llactapata are part of a vast complex of ceremonial sites associated with mountain worship, sun rituals and celestial observation.

Ziegler has helped produce films about Incan culture for public television. He shared a film clip with his Chipeta audience. Ziegler's ranch in Westcliffe, Colorado is home base for his company, Adventure Specialists, which outfits research expeditions and horseback treks. To read detailed reports of Ziegler's Incan research projects, go to [www.adventurespecialists.org](http://www.adventurespecialists.org).

Gary Ziegler's presentation was arranged by Dr. Carol Patterson, who is Chipeta Chapter's program coordinator, professional advisor, and Vice President. Thank you, Gary and Carol, for this fascinating program. *Laurie Labak*

#### **2009 CHAPTER OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS**

<b>President</b>	Bill Manske (417-9014)	<b>CAS Representative</b>	Chuck Richey (249-1751)
<b>Vice President/Programs</b>	Carol Patterson (252-8679)	<b>Professional Advisor</b>	Carol Patterson
<b>Secretary</b>	Marcia Coman (249-3479)	<b>Appointed Members</b>	Dick Drake, Ed Horton, Herb Probasco
<b>Treasurer</b>	Linda Manske (209-6232)		

#### **Standing committees (per by-laws)**

**Field Trips:** Ed Horton, chairperson (874-5142); Chuck Richey

**Publicity:** Herb Probasco, chairperson (252-0918)

**Newsletter:** John & Carla Sanborn (874-8586), Laurie Labak

**Nominating:** (Appointed in the fall) **Library:** Elizabeth Binder, chairperson (249-9647)

#### **Other committees and posts**

**Refreshments:** Joan Richey

**Scholarship:** Hal Manhart, chairperson (249-2017); Jon Horn, Bill Harris

**Membership/Hospitality:** Chairperson needed; Elizabeth Binder

**PAAC:** Laurie Labak (970-712-8121)

## **PAAC CLASS- Program for Avocational Archaeological Certification**

Perishable Materials class in November

Kevin Black, Assistant State Archaeologist, will conduct a four-day, 20-hour class: "Perishable Materials" November 13-16. The class is one in a series offered by the Colorado Archaeological Society's Program for Avocational Archaeological Certification (PAAC). The class will meet in Montrose. The fee is \$12. Register for the class by October 30. For more information, contact PAAC coordinator Laurie Labak, at 970-712-8121, or [labak@sopris.net](mailto:labak@sopris.net). You may also register at the next Chipeta Chapter meeting. Other western Colorado PAAC classes include: Prehistoric Lithics at Gunnison Dec 4-7; Research Design and Report Writing at Glenwood Springs Oct 17-18; Rock Art Studies at Durango Dec 11-13. For details, visit [www.coloradohistory-oahp.org](http://www.coloradohistory-oahp.org)

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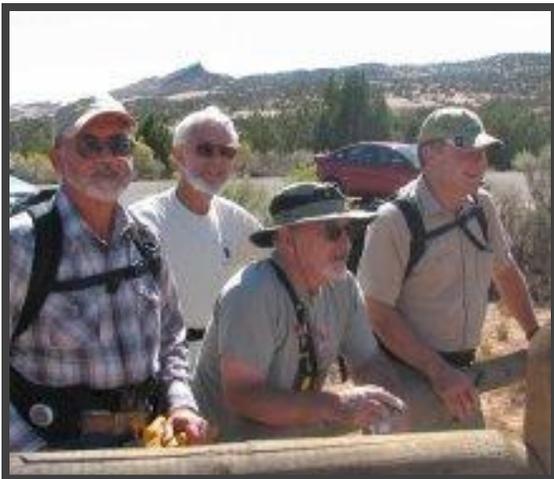
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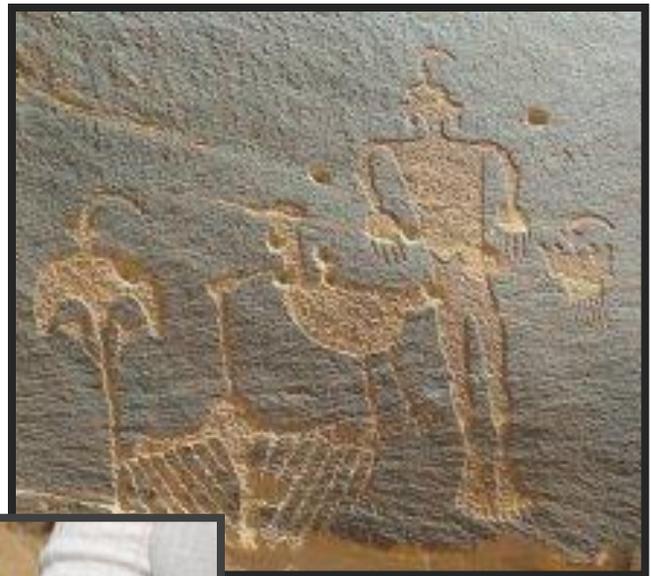
**E-mail:** [alpine@alpinearchaeology.com](mailto:alpine@alpinearchaeology.com).

## Rock art and ruins on fall field trip to Bluff, Utah

Chuck Richey led fellow Chipeta chapter members on a four-day field trip in September. They explored Ancestral Puebloan villages and cliff dwelling sites in the area around Bluff, Utah. Puebloan farmers grew corn, beans, and squash in the broad canyon bottoms. Their villages were mostly abandoned by 1300 AD.



Pictures  
by Laurie  
and Alex  
Labak

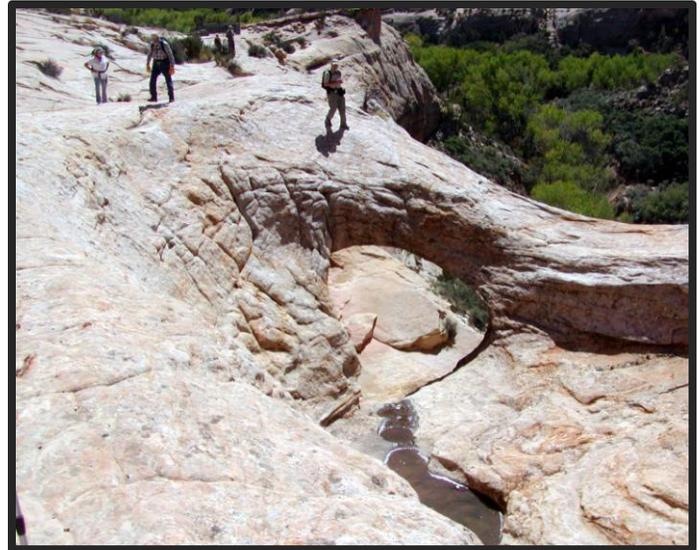


Some sites have overlooks accessible by car, such as Westwater and Sixteen House. Another site, Three Kiva Pueblo in Montezuma Canyon, has been fenced and protected through the efforts of Chipeta member Rich Fike. Some sites that required hiking included the massive Wolfman rock art panel, Mud House, and Butler Wash Ruin.

Chuck pointed out several defensible sites built along high cliff ledges. As a bonus surprise, Chuck's group toured two unpublicized sites of stunning archaeological value.

At a random lunch stop, the group noticed lithic and sherd scatters, and Don Binder found remnants of structure walls. During the four days, items photographed and left in place included a one awl, projectile point, stone awl, pottery sherds, and a tarantula. Chuck pointed out one settlement site adjacent to the road that has been virtually destroyed by pothunters.

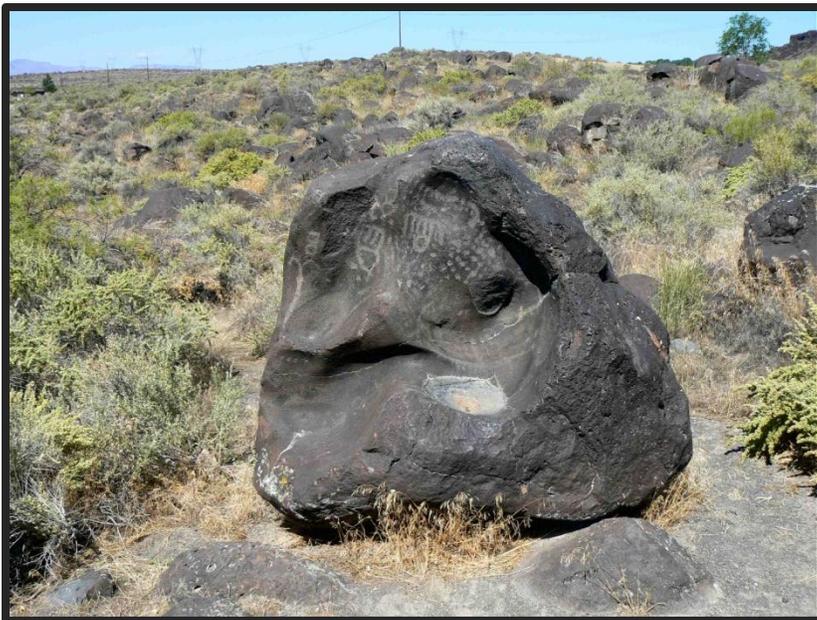
All the field trip members are grateful to Chuck Richey and helpmate Joan for leading this expedition to Bluff. New members who want to learn about future field trips should contact Ed Horton, Chipeta Chapter Field Trip Coordinator. *Laurie Labak*



Picture by Chuck Richey

## CELEBRATION PARK, IDAHO

### Birthing Chair



Forty-five minutes from metropolitan Boise, Idaho, along the Snake River, lies Idaho's only archaeological park. Celebration Park is owned by Canyon County, and it contains countless petroglyphs on lava boulders deposited in a flood some 15,000 years ago. Fewer than 10 people were visiting the park when we did on an August Sunday. Walking through the boulder field, we were guided by a park employee to a rock that served prehistoric women as a birthing chair. It holds special significance for today's Indians; the rock bears evidence of offerings made by Paiutes and Shoshones. -- *Herb Probasco*.  
*Photo by Elaine Probasco*

# NEW MEXICO FIELD TRIP

October 15<sup>th</sup> through October 21<sup>st</sup>

Our field trip to New Mexico is developed as follows:

Thursday	October 15	Travel to motels or camping near Espanola, NM
Friday am	October 16	Mesa Prieta guided trip
The Mesa Prieta site is normally closed to visitors; however, we have the morning reserved for hiking with a docent.		
Friday pm	October 16	Visiting sites in the same vicinity with Dr. Carol Patterson
Saturday	October 17	La Cienega museum and other sites with Dr. Patterson
The La Cienega museum has extensive archaeological material and reconstructed dwellings from two time periods. The afternoon sites are restricted entry with special arrangements for our visits and routine climbing to cliff and boulder sites.		
Sunday am	October 18	Travel to Aztec, NM environs
Sunday pm	October 18	David Casey – sites
David Casey has spectacular newly rediscovered sites for us gleaned from the Hadlock Collection that he continues to work with at Salmon Ruin Museum. Routine climbing involved. High clearance vehicles advised with ride-sharing encouraged.		
Monday	October 19	David Casey – sites
Tuesday am	October 20	David Casey – sites
Wednesday	October 21	Possible trip activities

Camping near Espanola is still to be decided upon. Motel information available soon and is solicited from participants.

Please RSVP with questions, ride sharing availability and requirements to Ed [horton-ed@juno.com](mailto:horton-ed@juno.com)  
970-874-5142



**\*\*Membership Renewal Alert\*\***

A gentle reminder, the following membership renewals are due or overdue. Please contact Linda Manske, chapter treasurer, at 209-6232, if you have any questions or corrections.

Norling & Lila Anderson  
Martha Grewal  
John & Linda Lowitz  
John & Joy Shoup

Marcia Coman  
Leigh Ann Hunt  
Allan & Barb Schnider  
David Wilson

# MEMBERSHIP FORM

Chipeta Chapter of the Colorado Archaeological Society

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Check one  Renewal  New Member Are you a member of another CAS chapter?  Yes  No

Check membership category. Dues include membership in Colorado Archaeological Society (CAS)

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I want to receive *The Uncompahgre Journal*, the Chipeta Chapter newsletter, via:  E-mail or  U.S. Mail

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Contact information about our members is never disclosed unless approved in advance by members.

(We) give CAS permission to:

Yes  No  disclose phone numbers to other CAS members

Yes  No  publish name/contact information in chapter directory

Yes  No  publish name in newsletter (which may be sent to other chapters, etc.)

## CODE OF ETHICS

As a member of the Colorado Archaeological Society, I pledge:

- To uphold state and federal antiquities laws.
- To support policies and educational programs designed to protect our cultural heritage and our state's antiquities.
- To encourage protection and discourage exploitation of archaeological resources.
- To encourage the study and recording of Colorado's archaeology and cultural history. To take an active part by participating in field and laboratory work for the purpose of developing new and significant information about the past.
- To respect the property rights of landowners.
- To assist whenever possible in locating, mapping and recording archaeological sites within Colorado, using State Site Survey forms.
- To respect the dignity of peoples whose cultural histories and spiritual practices are the subject of any investigation.
- To support only scientifically conducted activities and never participate in conduct involving dishonesty, deceit or misrepresentation about archaeological matters.
- To report vandalism.
- To remember that cultural resources are non-renewable and do not belong to you or me, but are ours to respect, to study and to enjoy.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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**The Archaeology of St. Louis  
featured on the Archaeology**

**Channel:** "Ancient history" didn't happen just in famous places like Rome, Tikal and Angkor Wat. It happened also in the heart of North America. Modern St. Louis residents may not realize that their city once hosted a complex Native American culture, represented by a cluster of mounds, possibly an actual city rivaling Cahokia across the Mississippi River. A small army of scientists, while uncovering thousands of prehistoric Native American archaeological sites around this fertile convergence of rivers, has some fascinating questions about what took place here.

<http://www.archaeologychannel.org/>

**Undisturbed Late Classic  
Mayan Villages Might Provide  
Insights on the Transition to  
the Post Classic:**

Ringed two abandoned pyramids are nine palaces "frozen in time" that may help unravel the mystery of the ancient Maya, reports an archaeological team. Hidden in the hilly jungle, the ancient site of Kiuic (KIE-yuk) was one of dozens of ancient Maya centers abandoned in the Puuc region of Mexico's Yucatan about 10 centuries ago. The latest discoveries from the site may capture the moment of departure.

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