Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, January 20, 2010, Baldridge Hall, Montrose United Methodist Church, South 1st St. and Park Avenue.

Program: “Seasonal Movements of Prehistoric Peoples across the Northwestern Colorado Landscape”

By Alan D. Reed, M.A, RPA
Alpine Archaeological Consultants

Archaeologists with Alpine Archaeological Consultants have been excavating sites near the Yampa River Valley west of Craig, Colorado, for the past five years. The remains of simple brush and earthen structures have been identified at several of the excavated sites that are interpreted as winter residences. Most are about 5,000 years old.

Evidence suggests that the prehistoric houses were occupied for fairly short periods—possibly for a few months during the winter and early spring, though they were probably reoccupied during those seasons over the course of several years. We think that the people occupying the houses were highly mobile during the rest of the year, moving about to hunt game and to gather wild plant foods as they matured. Based on what we know about historic Ute and Shoshone life ways, and on overall patterns of hunters and gatherers identified in world-wide studies, we can begin to map how the occupants of the prehistoric houses may have moved through the landscape over the course of a year. These efforts consider the distribution of game animals and plant foods, the relative difficulty of transporting food and gear across the landscape, and actual site distributions in mountainous settings. It seems likely that prehistoric peoples in the study area moved from winter residence in the Yampa Valley in the late spring to elevation ranges between 7,000 and 8,700 feet during the summer—the summer concentration of deer in northwestern Colorado. From summer camps, people made forays into the high elevations of the White River Plateau and also back to the lower valleys to hunt, gather, and transport food for winter use.

Alan Reed, one the three founders of Alpine, has over 32 years of archaeological experience in the western United States. Alan serves as a Principal Investigator for projects pertaining mostly to prehistoric resources. He has authored over 100 reports while at Alpine. His primary duties include quality control, project management, and preparation of research designs, proposals, and reports. Alan holds B.A. and M.A Degrees from the University of Colorado in Boulder and has lived in the Montrose area all his adult life.
**Chipeta Christmas Party**

Carol Patterson gets hammered at Christmas party!

A festive crowd gathered round as outgoing President Bill Manske handed over the ceremonial gavel to Chipeta Chapter’s newly elected president Dr. Carol Patterson. Bill thanked officers and members for all of their support this past year. Carol was hammered with hearty acclamation and good wishes for the coming year. Rich Fike's Museum of the Mountain West was the colorful, historic setting for the party held December 16, 2009.

Members thank Bill Manske and all the past officers for their service. The Chipeta Chapter could not exist without the work of these caring people.

**PRESIDENTS CORNER**

January, 2010

The New Year starts with new officers for the Chipeta Chapter. Our Treasurer, Linda Manske has agreed to continue and Marcia Colman will continue the secretary duties. Chuck Riche has taken the role of Vice President, and will preside over meetings if the president is absent and serve as the program chairperson. As your new president, I hope to serve the membership to the level of competence that the past two previous presidents have done and help with obtaining monthly speakers if needed.

Just as important as the directors, are the members who serve in needed committees. Bill Manske will continue to be the Greeter with Pop’s quiz, oversee card sales, and the cash midden. Hal Manhart will continue with the Moore Scholarship committee. Dick Drake will oversee the tee shirt sales. Laurie Labak will continue with scheduling PAAC meetings and Ed Horton will continue organizing amazing field trips to the outback for prehistoric rock paintings, petroglyphs and areas where stone ruins may be lurking. *Carol Patterson*

**NOVEMBER PROGRAM REPORT**

“Barrier Canyon Style Rock Art Project”
Presented by David Sucec

It’s hard to believe that Utah’s Barrier Canyon style of rock art lasted for 7000 years, one of the longest time spans of a continuous style in the world. At Chipeta Chapter’s November 18, 2009 meeting, David Sucec presented a program on the image makers of the Barrier Canyon style (BCS). David Sucec and Craig Law have been recording BCS sites since 1991. Please refer to the November 2009 *Uncompahgre Journal* for a more complete description of the Barrier Canyon Style Project.

The Barrier Canyon style was produced from ca. 6500 B.C. to A.D. 500 along the tributary canyons of the Colorado River. Sucec’s book *Sacred Images* describes BCS painters as “true artists, like the European
“Stone Age cave painters.” The BCS people were hunter-gatherers of the Western Archaic tradition, maintaining seasonal rounds and seasonal shelters within a fixed territory.

The image makers of the Barrier Canyon style used metaphors and symbols to represent a shamanistic tradition, said Sucec. In the Great Gallery of Canyonlands National Park, a grouping of red ochre figures suggests a natural gathering, yet the modern-looking images were made six to eight thousand years ago. “There is nothing like it in the prehistoric world,” said Sucec, who is an artist and former professor of art and art history.

In Barrier Canyon style, figures are elongated and tapered. Panels incorporate groupings of spirit figures, citizen figures, and friendly animals. A wide range of techniques were used to paint, peck, scratch, draw, spray, spatter, and over-paint. There were local, regional and temporal variations, explained Sucec. The image makers often use parallel lines, a powerful ancient symbol of water as a life force. In identifying particular images, Sucec prefers not to use modern nickname terms that diminish the image-maker’s sacred intent. Sucec noted that some variants of Barrier Canyon style transitioned into Fremont style.

Chipeta Chapter is grateful to David Sucec and to program coordinator Dr. Carol Patterson for bringing us this outstanding program. Field trip coordinator Ed Horton has led a number of Chipeta Chapter field trips to Barrier Canyon style sites in recent years. Laurie Labak

FIELD TRIPS BY ED HORTON

SPEAKING OF BARRIER CANYON

Ed Horton, Field Trip chair tempts us with this picture of a Barrier Canyon style of rock art called “Ascending Sheep”. Ed is developing plans to visit Utah where this panel is found. Stay tuned for developments and trip announcements.

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MEMBER TRIP REPORT
BY CARLA SANBORN

OCTOBER IN CANYON DE ChELLY

This fall we were very fortunate to join 14 friends in Chinle, Arizona for an adventure led by Navajo guide Perry Yazzie. Overall we spent 5 days visiting Canyon de Chelly, Canyon del Muerto, Three Turkey Canyon and surrounding areas. By having a guide, who made all the prior arrangements, we were able to drive our vehicles into all the areas except Three Turkey Canyon. This enabled us to have an intimate view of the canyons. I will note that Three Turkey Canyon requires a special permit and a long hike but is well worth the trip. The ruin is beautiful and quite visible from the trail and below.

We would we happy to share details with those interested.

If you have trips and pictures you would like to share place contact Carla or John at 970-874-8586.

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| Field Trips                        | Ed Horton 874-5142; Chuck Richey |
| Newsletter                         | John & Carla Sanborn 874-8586, Laurie Labak |
| Library                            | Elizabeth Binder, 249-9647 |
| **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.

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Rich & Carol Fike
Ed Horton
Rachel Smith & Kate Grasso

Jack & Sarah Benham
Forest Frost & Karen Archey
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- 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.

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Hubble Trading Post Celebrates 125 Years: For more than a century, trading posts were integral parts of Native American life in the Southwest. These posts were stores, owned mostly by Anglos, where Native Americans exchanged woven rugs, jewelry, baskets, wool and nuts for food and other necessities. Trading posts also served as banks and bustling social hubs. Today, most of them have been replaced by grocery stores and big box chains like Walmart, but a handful of establishments still function as traditional trading posts.

Agreement to Protect Ancient Places in Nine Mile Canyon Far from Complete: An agreement aimed at protecting ancient rock art, housing ruins, granaries, graves and artifacts in Nine Mile Canyon is visionary or toothless or everything in between, participants say, and could have happened at least three years ago if the U.S. Bureau of Land Management in Utah hadn’t resisted.