In 1765 Juan Rivera, a Spaniard, traveled with his company through western Colorado prospecting for silver and seeking strange bearded men who looked like Europeans. These mysterious people were reported to be living far to the northwest of New Mexico beyond the Colorado River, which by then had not been explored by Spaniards. The party traveled from Abiquiu, New Mexico, as far as the Gunnison River near Delta, Colorado. On the way they examined puebloid archeological ruins and documented a major aboriginal trail through western Colorado that later became known as the “Navajo-Uncompahgre Trail.” Rivera and his men were the first Spaniards to travel through and document this trail, ancient Indian ruins, and the remote territories of the Paiutes, Tabeguache Utes, Moache Utes, and Sabuagana (aka “Uncompahgre”) Utes. Rivera was the pathfinder for the later epic trip of Fathers Domínguez and Vélez de Escalante, who fulfilled Rivera’s failed mission in 1776. This heavily illustrated program discusses Rivera’s route to the Gunnison and major highlights of his travels and his archaeological observations on major Ancestral Puebloid sites known today. It will also summarize the author’s many years of searching for the location and an accurate description of Antoine Robidoux’s Trading Post on the Gunnison near Delta.

Through West-Central Colorado on the Trail to Teguayo with Juan Rivera in 1765

Material in this talk can be found in Juan Rivera’s Colorado—1765: The First Spaniards Among the Ute and Paiute Indians on the Trails to Teguayo. The Comprehensive Illustrated Trail Study and Ethnohistory With the Original Journals and English Translations.
Steven G. Baker, a native Kansan, is a registered archaeologist formally cross-trained in anthropology (BA, U of Kansas 1968) and American History (MA, U of South Carolina 1974). He works as an ethnohistorian and archaeologist in the western Colorado prehistoric and historic contexts. He was admitted to the Society of Professional Archaeologists in 1977 with professional certifications in nearly all areas of practice. His professional specialties include contact period Indian studies and the American Victorian cultural tradition. He has made substantial contributions to the broader ethnohistory and archaeology of Colorado’s Ute speakers and the Catawbas of South Carolina and their famous pottery production. He has completed many trail studies and as a graduate student is still credited with having accurately ordered the complex early ethnographic landscape of S.C. and identifying the location of the famed Province of Cofitchique of the 1540 De Soto narratives. Baker has directed the Uncompahgre Valley Ute Project, a public service archaeology program, since the 1970s. He has written hundreds of technical reports and published monographs and journal articles. He is now partially retired after serving as founder, President, and Principal Investigator of Centuries Research, Inc. (f. 1977) of Montrose, where he lives with his wife, Nancy Ellen. Baker is currently leading a team of scholars that is reevaluating the Baron Lahontan’s controversial 1689 Long River expedition to the Missouri and Platte Rivers. He has recently completed the biography and art portfolio of Pacomio Chacon, Colorado’s premier sheepherder/folk artist. With Rick Hendricks (translator) Baker is the primary author of: Juan Rivera’s Colorado—1765: The First Spaniards Among the Ute and Paiute Indians on the Trails to Teguayo. The Comprehensive Illustrated Trail Study and Ethnohistory With the Original Journals and English Translations. 2015, Western Reflections Publishing Company, Lake City, Colorado.

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The Squint and Juanita Moore Scholarship

Created in honor of Chipeta Chapter founding member Carlyle “Squint” Moore and his wife, the scholarship is awarded each year to a deserving high school senior or college student intending to enroll or already enrolled in an Anthropology or Archaeology program. Students can apply online at collegeXpress—and note that the deadline is April 1.

The scholarship is managed by the Montrose Community Foundation. If you wish to donate, please send your tax deductible donations to the Montrose Community Foundation, PO Box 3020, Montrose, CO 81402.
From the Editor:

Bears Ears National Monument Created

Many of us have probably been following the Bears Ears story for several months, wondering whether the president would or would not create a national monument to protect the myriad of sensitive archaeological resources there. Now it’s official. President Obama created the Bears Ears National Monument on December 28th. The Bears Ears area was first included in a proposed national monument in the 1930s. The present designation of 1.35 million acres (ma) represents a compromise between the proposals made by the Inter-Tribal Coalition (1.9 ma) and by Rob Bishop’s Public Lands Initiative (1.1 ma).

Site Stewards Wanted

In 2016 the site stewardship effort didn’t quite reach the level it had in 2015. 31 archaeological and paleo sites were monitored by 21 volunteers contributing 140 hours. In 2015 we had 29 volunteers contribute over 200 volunteer hours with 42 sites being monitored. The decrease in numbers can be attributed to a decrease in the number of volunteers that are active in the program. Volunteers visit their site or sites, note any signs of vandalism or natural deterioration and photograph the sites to document the changes. We are planning to do another site steward training session late winter or early spring. A date will be announced in the chapter newsletter and at meetings. Being a site steward is a lot of fun and doesn’t require any special skills. It’s a good excuse to get outdoors!

Ute Museum Building Exhibit Fund

Chapter representatives have been told that historic artifacts from the Harris Site excavation will be part of one of the exhibits. Although the State of Colorado funded the Museum’s building expansion, exhibit development and installation as well as new education programs must be paid for with private donations. In 2016, the Chipeta Chapter donated $500 from the general fund and $103 from September’s Cash Midden. Members are encouraged to donate on their own. Any donation of $100 or more will be recognized at the museum. Make checks out to History Colorado. Be sure to memo check—“restricted to Ute Indian Museum.” Also in a brief note indicate you are from the Chipeta Chapter, CAS. Send your donation to:

Susan Beyda
History Colorado
1200 Broadway
Denver, CO 80203
Curtis Martin Seeks Enrollees for Archaeology Field Methods Course

A course entitled "Field Methods in Archaeology" is offered again during the upcoming Spring Semester at Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction on Wednesday evenings (see below). The course includes a "Lab" that involves actual field work on four Saturdays in April.

Martin says, “In past years, we have had a number of CAS members take the class and it would be a pleasure to have some more this semester. We have a lot of fun in there...it’s a real hands-on opportunity for anyone interested in field techniques.”

Seniors can take the class for no-credit for only $25/credit under the "Golden Scholars” program! The class starts in two weeks on Tuesday Jan. 17th.

REGISTER NOW -- Spring Semester 2017 Course as part of the Archaeology Minor program at Colorado Mesa University
Grand Junction, CO (www.coloradomesa.edu)
Instructor: Curtis Martin

Field Methods in Archaeology (ARKE 410/ARKE 410L)

“Field work is the most fun you can have”
Dr. David Breternitz
Former Director, Mesa Verde Archaeological Research Center

This will be the closest you can get to being in “the field” on an archaeological survey or excavation while in the classroom. For four Saturdays in April, you will actually participate in field work activities near Grand Junction.

Professor Curtis Martin, a veteran of forty-plus years of field work throughout the Southwest, will be hauling rocks, dirt, arrowheads, pottery, maps, compasses, cameras, etc. into class for hands-on demonstrations.

Students will practice and learn how to:
- recognize archaeological sites on the surface
- read topographic maps and utilize GPS
- set up and execute excavations
- draw plan and profile maps
- analyze, photograph, and illustrate artifacts and rock art
- organize and prepare data for report preparation

The “lab” section will consist of the field documentation of an actual prehistoric site, a historic site, a rock art site, and the test excavation of archaeological features.

Perhaps most importantly is the fact that there are numerous jobs available in Colorado, particularly during the summer months, for people who have had training such as that which will be gained from these classes. Of the students that took our archaeology minor classes in the past, many are already employed as archaeologists by consulting firms.

*(Note: prerequisite classes for this course can often be waived with permission from either professor Martin or the Social & Behavioral Sciences office)*
Membership Application

Date: ____________________
Name: ____________________
Street or RR Address: ____________________
City: ____________________ State: ______ Zip: ________
Telephone: ____________________
Email: ____________________
(email required to receive Chipeta & CAS newsletter & field trip info)

Check One:  
- New  
- Renewal

Check One: Annual Dues (includes state CAS dues)
- Family with Southwest Lore* $40  
  (Family = 2 or more members, same household)
- Individual with Southwest Lore* $35
- Student with Southwest Lore* $25
- Senior/Disabled** no Southwest Lore $25

*Southwest Lore is the journal of the Colorado Archaeological Society and is mailed quarterly.

** Senior is any person who is at least 65 years of age; Disabled is any person who is permanently disabled.

Code of Ethics

As a member of the Colorado Archaeological Society, I pledge to:
- Uphold local, state, and federal antiquities laws.
- Respect the property rights of landowners.
- Report vandalism to appropriate authorities.
- Support only scientifically and legally conducted archaeological activities.
- Conduct field and/or laboratory activities using professionally accepted standards.
- Not condone the sale, exchange, or purchase of artifacts obtained from illegal activities.
- Be sensitive to the cultural histories and spiritual practices of groups that are the subject of archaeological investigation.
- Accept the responsibility, if serving as principal investigator, to publish the results and make the collection available for further study.

Signature: ____________________ Other Family Signature: ____________________

Make checks payable to "Chipeta Chapter CAS" and mail the signed application to:
Dennis DeVore
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Program for Avocational Archaeological Certification (PAAC)

There will be no classes in the coming spring. Chris Johnston is taking some time to tweak the PAAC Program.

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Want More?

Archaeology Southwest

is a great link to find out about current issues and events relating to Southwest Archaeology.

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Chipeta February Speaker

Carol Patterson and Glade Hadden reconsider the Fremont culture

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For more information on upcoming field trips and to sign up, please contact the Field Trip Leader

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