Looking at Prehistory with 21st Century Technology

Our March speaker, Vicki Felmlee, is a businesswoman and a remote-controlled aircraft enthusiast. She uses this skill for her business and for her interests in prehistory and the early history of the Spanish occupation of southern and western Colorado, especially the Old Spanish Trail. Fitting in very nicely with the subject of our January speaker, she will be outlining for us the ways that modern technology (including drones) can enhance our ability to learn about the past.

Vicki Felmlee is a third generation Coloradan. She has a background in Geology and has worked as an environmental Geologist. In 1996, she founded TCS Marketing Group to help businesses increase their visibility by, among other things, creating well-designed and engaging web pages. Its subsidiary, TCS Aerial Visuals, counts drones among their arsenal of tools to help create eye-catching videos for small businesses and other groups. She is an FAA Certified Remote Pilot, a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, and secretary of the Grand Junction Modeleers (flyers of model planes and other remote-control aircraft). She is currently the Colorado Director of the Old Spanish Trail Association.
West End Field Trip, May 10-13, 2018

by Bill Harris

One of the most diverse and interesting archaeological areas in western Colorado is the West End of Montrose County. The mining and early settlement reminders such as the Hanging Flume and the old town site of Uravan are easily viewed from paved roads.

Prehistoric sites including Archaic and Ute sites, plus the architectural and rock art sites related to the Gateway Tradition are a bit harder to get to. The Gateway Tradition displays cultural traits that have a definite connection with the 10th - 12th Century Anasazi culture. We will be visiting several sites not visited by our group in the past.

Members of the Chipeta Chapter will visit an assortment of sites, some are close to the road, but many are in remote, rugged country. Be prepared for 4WD and moderately strenuous hiking conditions at least to some of the sites. Appropriate outdoor gear and footwear recommended. Be aware that cell phone coverage is spotty to none.

Spring time weather can be a mixed bag, so come prepared for inclement weather. The group will camp at the Ball Park campground along highway 141, one mile east of the Uravan townsite. The campground has no facilities, but has porta-potty on site. Hotel accommodations can be arranged at the Rimrock Hotel in Naturita. The Rimrock has been newly renovated, and offers reasonable rates considering there are few choices in the area. The décor of the place is hunter/camo chic, but “standard” rooms are also available. Each room has a fridge and a microwave. Call 970-865-2500 for reservations. Tell them you are with the archy group. We may get a group rate if we occupy enough rooms.

Meals are on your own, but there are limited choices in Naturita and Nucla. We will organize an evening potluck our last evening at the campground. Directions to Naturita and a daily schedule will be set up and sent to all participants by email prior to the field trip. Well-behaved dogs are welcome in camp, but not out on the trail. Be prepared for lively campfire conversation.

This field trip will be especially rewarding for chapter members who aren’t familiar with the West End, or who haven’t visited that area in a while. Contact trip leader Bill Harris with any questions and to sign up, trlgpa48@gmail.com or call, 615-7166. Participants limited to 12.

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Chipeta Chapter Survey Results for Two State CAS Surveys

by Teri Hauser

Below are the Chipeta Chapter results from the December 2017 State CAS Strategic Plan Survey. The objective is to use these results to guide CAS Board decisions about the future direction of the society. One fourth of our chapter members responded. I have compiled the results into a table showing the Chipeta Chapter results.

Some high level observations about our chapter:

1. Greater than 49 percent of respondents wish to participate actively in field archaeology projects and quite a few are interested in lab/analysis. We even have some interested in report writing.
2. We are less interested in taking PAAC classes.
3. We are very active in our stewardship program.
4. We are very interested in field trips of all kinds, especially day trips. We particularly like rock art and architectural sites.
5. We highly value our lectures and are open to most topics and less concerned with who does the lecture.
6. We have high readership of Southwestern Lore and the Surveyor, but have a greater interest in receiving a hard copy versus online only delivery. That said, we nearly unanimously approve of making Southwestern Lore available online.

In the February 2018 State CAS Survey about the printing and delivery of the Southwestern Lore journal, the Chipeta Chapter received a response from one third of the members. Thank you all for responding to both surveys! Below are the results that I will forward to the Publications committee and will use to guide me at the April Quarterly meeting when we vote. Our chapter has 43% who are only interested in receiving the PDF version, 23% wish to receive the library quality journal and would be willing to pay an increase to receive it if necessary, and 33% are interested in having the paper booklet version of the journal as an option.

Between these two surveys, I hope that the State CAS can develop a vision and strategic plan that is focused and funded to provide more support toward the various chapters’ desires for what our members want our society to be.
### December Strategic Plan CAS Survey

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### From the Editor

It’s March already. Those of you who are really paying attention will notice that the deadline for applications for the Squint and Juanita Moore Scholarship is fast approaching (April 1). So if you know a graduating high school senior or college student who is interested in an education in archaeology or anthropology, please encourage her or him to apply (see box below). And consider donating to the fund.

#### 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](http://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.
President’s Corner

by Teri Hauser

Fellow Chipeta Chapter members, I would like to take this moment to express my appreciation to all who responded to the two surveys that State CAS floated recently. I will use the Chipeta Chapter responses to guide my vision for our chapter. Surveys are not the only way to voice your wishes for our chapter, so please feel free to talk with me in person or email me your ideas for things you would like to see our chapter do or become. I feel strongly that CAS avocationalists have a unique position of a large and willing volunteer force with much to contribute to Colorado archaeology and we should not miss the opportunity to give back as well as enjoy this richness in our state.

I take to heart that almost half of our chapter wanted to be involved in field survey and excavation. I am actively looking at opportunities to do both. I am exploring the possibility of performing surveys under the guidance of professional archaeologists both on private land and with the BLM office. Some of you may have seen the announcement to assist with a one-day excavation on March 3 with Alpine Archaeology. I am also exploring the possibility of a possible CAS-led excavation on private land, again under the guidance of a CAS member professional archaeologist. If I can make these arrangements, my hope is that we will begin these projects in 2018. To that end, I will be offering informal workshops to introduced some of the skills used in both activities. See the article below on the Para-Archaeologist pilot program we are pursuing with the local BLM office.

Lab work was the next highest interest of chapter members. The Projectile Point Project feeds the lab work desire and has been embraced by 5 other chapters following our very successful lead in this project. This month I am beginning another project for volunteers to scan grey literature. See article below.

Field Trips, Lectures and Stewardship are the most popular activities. Several members offer field trips, but we have no one coordinating this effort. I am hoping that we can find someone who wishes to manage the schedule for us. Please let me know if you would be willing to take this on. If not, I will do it. I am so grateful to those leading the trips. I feel they should not also need to be the organizers for the yearly schedule. For lectures, State CAS is investigating video-taping big name speakers at national and international conferences that we could check out and present at some of our meetings. Our stewardship program is stellar and I applaud our leadership in this role. Special thanks are due to Bill Harris for the countless hours he’s spent taking potential stewards to sites and coordinating with the BLM on training sessions.
BLM Para-Archaeologist Pilot Program

by Teri Hauser

I recently spoke with Glade Hadden, the archaeologist in the Montrose BLM office, about the Para-Archaeologist program.

This was a program in the BLM some years ago but fell into disuse. It was intended as a partnership between BLM and CAS to enable CAS members who had taken PAAC classes to participate in field work with the BLM. As members had completed more of their PAAC training and achieved levels, such as Surveyor I and II, they would be allowed to participate as crews under BLM or BLM-acceptable archaeologists for surveys and projects on BLM lands. If CAS members completed the PAAC certification, they could earn the privilege of leading projects with BLM approval, still under the guidance of the BLM but without the BLM archaeologist necessarily being present. Chipeta would identify who in their chapter has achieved different levels in PAAC training/certification and conduct informal workshops for those interested who can then participate in BLM led surveys. The first such survey is to be done late spring 2018. The BLM will decide upon a site soon and a notification will be sent out. In preparation for this activity I would like to do two things:

1. Identify all members who have completed PAAC classes related to Professional Surveyor, Surveyor I or Surveyor II certification
2. Conduct an Intro to Survey Artifacts Workshop.

The workshop is scheduled for 28 April at the Montrose Library at 10:30 and may last until 1 pm. An announcement will be sent out later. The workshop is open to both the Chipeta and Grand Junction Chapters and can accept about 40 attendees.

Grey Literature Scanning Project

by Teri Hauser

Grey Literature is a body of archaeological documents that reside on shelves in various institutions. They are not digitized and therefore relatively unavailable to researchers. They are composed of old field notes and reports from archaeological surveys and excavations, student theses and dissertations, and a variety of data sheets. These documents are in need of being digitized but many of our institutions are not funded sufficiently to enable their limited staff to perform this function.

The local BLM office has three file drawers and two book shelves of these kinds of documents, dating from pre-1990 time frame, that they have identified as prioritized for being scanned into readable PDFs. The Chipeta Chapter has use of a scanner and laptop to perform these scans. I have set up a protocol for entering the document into a spreadsheet and documented the process for doing the scanning. I have scanned the first document and a 250 page document takes about 60 minutes to scan and another 15 minutes to enter into the data base. Anyone wishing to help with this important project, please give me a call at 970-249-3036 or email me at teribhcas@gmail.com. Thanks!
Chipeta Chapter Pathfinders

by Teri Hauser

Chipeta Chapter has a long and proud tradition since 1937 when they became the second chartered chapter of CAS and is the longest continuously operating chapter today. At the State CAS quarterly in January, Chipeta presented a couple of pathfinders based on the interests of our chapter.

A pathfinder is a project or idea started at one chapter, which then works out the details so other chapters could adopt if their chapter members are interested. An example of a pathfinder project that Chipeta started last year is the Projectile Point Project (P3). The Chipeta Chapter has recorded over 1500 points collected on private land and held in private collections in our region. While keeping the collectors’ identities anonymous and their collections in their possession, Chipeta is providing a service by documenting this huge part of the Colorado archaeological record and making it available for scientific research and analysis. P3 has recently been presented to five more CAS chapters who wish to conduct the same project for their regions. The success of this project demonstrates the unique contribution CAS members can provide to Colorado Archaeology.

The two pathfinder projects Chipeta presented at the January Quarterly are the initiation of informal workshops and a Young Archaeologist Program.

The Young Archaeologist Program is intended to offer to the children of our family memberships the opportunity to have hands on experiences with archaeology. The concept is to provide workshop sessions where children and their parents can do fun activities such as learn about dendrochronology, refitting a “clay pot”, or drawing points, and go on field trips to sites or museums. We hope that this will provide a fun experience, and it will inform the next generation about our cultural heritage, the richness of archaeology available in our area, and how to appreciate and protect it. We are just formulating this program. If you have an interest in participating either in designing the program or perhaps being a workshop teacher, please contact me at teribhCAS@gmail.com. If you know of families that might be interested in this program, let them know we will be providing more information in the next couple of months as the program is matured.

The informal workshops are intended to provide fun, hands on introductions to various topics such as projectile point evolution, artifact identification, survey, lab techniques, and rock art recording. For those interested, this then provides the opportunity to apply this knowledge doing real archaeology under the guidance of professional archaeologists going on surveys, doing lab work like P3, or recording rock art for Chipeta Chapter projects. It may be possible that with sufficient mentored experience, interested individuals could become leaders of projects themselves. I am working through the planned workshops to be offered this year. When this plan is more mature, I will send out the dates and topics. If you have a special interest or are willing to teach a workshop, please contact me at teribhCAS@gmail.com.
Membership Application

Date: ____________________
Name: ____________________
Street or RR Address: ____________________
City: ____________________ State: ________ Zip: __________
Telephone: ____________________
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(email required to receive Chipeta & CAS newsletters & 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.

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- 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:
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353 Dakota Circle
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Program for Avocational Archaeological Certification (PAAC)

The only course in SW Colorado this Spring is on perishable materials in Dolores at the Canyon of the Ancients Visitor Center on April 28 & 29. Go to this PAAC link for more info.

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Want More?

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

**Chipeta April Speakers**

Gary and Ming Adams are set to speak in April on the topic of photography of archaeological subjects in the Four Corners and Guatemala.

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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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