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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL MEMBERS



Chapter Presidents – Make sure your Chapter is represented at the upcoming May State Meeting!

It was announced at the Winter State Meeting on Jan. 26, 2008 that a raise in the State Dues will be put to a vote at the Spring State Meeting on May 31, 2008 in Flagstaff.

After the presentation of the 2008 budget, the deficit we have been running each year had a lengthy discussion. It was felt that a raise of \$5.00 would go a long way towards alleviating this on-going problem. Since this is a matter that affects everyone, I strongly urge the chapter presidents to discuss the upcoming vote with their members. Please refer to the State Meeting minutes. The abbreviated version of the minutes appears in this issue. The complete version can be found on the web site.

Mark your calendars and make your reservations for the May State Meeting.

Perry Mesa Rock Art Recording Project Work to Resume

The Perry Mesa Rock Art Recording Project will resume on Mar 7th. This time, weather permitting, we will be arriving Friday and working Saturday, Sunday, and Monday until noon, Mar 10th. Those who can't spend that much time are welcome to come up and spend a couple of days as well. Please contact Jerry Mead at jerry.mead@cox.net or 602-689-4491, if you intend to come.

The schedule for the balance of the spring is:

<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Coordinator</u>	<u>Contact@</u>
March 28-30th	Susan Jones	(928) 776-9085, sukeyinaz@msn.com
April 11-13th	Alan Troxel	(623) 434-1029, alantroxel@yahoo.com
April 25-27th	Bud Henderson	(928) 649-0412, budandjoy@earthlink.net
May 16-18th	TBD	

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Next deadline is at noon **Tuesday, March 18th**, for the April issue.

ARIZONA ARCHAEOLOGIST # 37 IS OUT!!

"Catclaw Cave" by Barton A. Wright has been published, and cartons were distributed to Chapter representatives at the State Meeting at Pueblo Grande on Jan. 26th, or mailed the following week. Please get your copy at your chapter meeting, unless that poses some problem, in which case I can mail you a copy. But we try to save on postage by distributing them through your chapter. At-Large and Field School members have all been notified as well.

— Alan Ferg, Editor Arizona Archaeologist

CHAPTER MEETINGS

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date & Time</u>
Agave House	Black Mesa Ranger Station Conf. Rm. 2748 Hwy. 260, Overgaard	4 th Wednesday of each month 6:30 pm
Agua Fria	Glendale Public Library Auditorium 59th Avenue & Brown, Glendale One light so. of Peoria on 59 th	2 nd Tuesday of each month Meeting: 7:00-9:00 pm September thru May
Ajo/Why	Ajo Library	1st Wednesday of each month, November thru May
Cochise	Cochise College Library Conf. Rm. Sierra Vista, AZ	2 nd Tuesday of each month
Desert Foothills	Church of Good Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church Hall 6502 E Cave Creek Road, Cave Creek	2 nd Wednesday of each month 7:00 pm September thru May
Homolovi	Homolovi Ruins State Park Visitors Center	3 rd Thursday of each month 7:00 pm
Little Colorado River	Casa Malpais Museum Springerville	3 rd Monday of each month 7:00 pm
Mohave	The Grace Lutheran Church 2101 Harrison Ave., Kingman.	2 nd Tuesday of each month 7:00-9:00 pm
Northern AZ	The Peaks (Senior Living Community) "Alpine Room", 3150 N. Winding Brook Road, Flagstaff (Hwy 180 north of Flagstaff, just before MNA)	3 rd Tuesday of each month Sept. to Nov., Jan. to June 7:00 pm
Phoenix	Pueblo Grande Museum 4619 E. Washington Phoenix	2 nd Thursday of each month Sept. thru June 7:30 pm
Tubac/Santa Cruz County	The Historic Lowe House	3 rd Thursday of each month
Rim Country	Church of the Holy Nativity, The Cottage 1414 North Easy Street	3 rd Saturday of each month 10:00 am
Verde Valley	Sedona Public Library 3250 White Bear Road, Sedona	4 th Thursday, Sept. thru May except 3 rd Thursday, Nov & Dec. 7:00 pm



Fielder Fund: Your Chance to Endow AAS Publications

Established by the Society in 1996, the Fielder Fund was created to help inform the public about archaeology, anthropology, and the history of the American Southwest through the support of publications and other media. The goal is to build a fund large enough that its annual interest alone can pay for publication of *The Arizona Archaeologist* and possibly other publications. Contributions to the fund are welcome from chapters and individuals. The name honors the Society's first publications team, Marje and Herb Fielder.

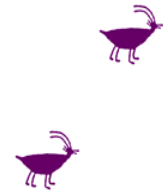
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For more information, or to contribute, contact Alan Ferg, Arizona State Museum, University of Arizona, Tucson 85721-0026; phone 520-621-2970 or email ferg@email.arizona.edu, or you can send contributions directly to our AAS treasurer, Judy Rounds, P.O. Box 1401, Carefree 85377. Please include your chapter affiliation.



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Upcoming Events

March 1–2, 9 am–4 pm, *Arizona Archaeology and Heritage Expo*, ASM, Tucson. Enjoy two full days of educational and interactive displays and activities related to Arizona's rich past and present. A used book sale hosted by the AAHS, book signings, lectures, tours, food, and much more round out the festivities. Sponsored by the Arizona State Parks State Historic Preservation Office (www.pr.state.az.us/partnerships/shpo/shpo.html).

March 6, 3:30-4:30 pm, ASU, Tempe - Colloquium: *Archaeology of Interaction: Rome and the Peoples of Europe* by Peter Wells, Department of Anthropology, University of Minnesota. Presentation will be held in Social Sciences 229.

March 8, 1-2 pm, Deer Valley Rock Art

Center: *Earth and Sky: A Look at Geology, Landscape and Hohokam Solar Observatories* by Richard Allen. DVRAC is located at 3711 W. Deer Valley Road, approx. 2 miles north of Highway 101 and 2 miles west of I-17. For more details, please call (623) 582-8007 or visit: www.asu.edu/clas/shesc/dvrac.

March 12, 4 pm, UA, Tucson - Lecture: *The Unequal Construction and Allocation of Risk and Trust in Mobility in the U.S.-Mexico Border Region: Theory, Ethnography, Application*, by Dr. Josiah Heyman, Professor and Chair, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Texas-El Paso. In Anthro Bldg, Room 216. Free and open to the public.

March 17, 7:30 pm, ASM, Tucson - AAHS Lecture: *Geoglyphs: The Orphans of Rock*

Art by John Fountain. Duval Auditorium, University Medical Center, 1501 North Campbell Avenue. For more info, see their website at www.statemuseum.arizona.edu/aahs/lectures.shtml.

March 19, 3:30-4:30 pm, ASU, Tempe - Colloquium: *How Important Were Large Mammals, Animal Protein, and DHA in Hominin Evolution? Paleoanthropology Still Ain't Heard the News* by John Speth, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan. Presentation will be held in College of Design North (CDN) 60

March 20th, 7 pm, ASU, Tempe - AIA Lecture: *Saqqara's Step Pyramid: A Legacy in Stone* by David Moyer, Special Correspondent for KMT Magazine, Life

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Arizona Archaeological Society State Meeting

Phoenix, Arizona – January 26-27, 2008

Hosted by the Phoenix AAS Chapter

I. Welcome

- A. Chair Brenda Poulos welcomed all attendees and thanked the Phoenix Chapter for organizing the event.
B. Marie Britton, President of the Phoenix Chapter, reviewed the event schedule for the weekend.

II. Call to Order

Chair Poulos called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. and requested proxy votes be given to the secretary. Roll call followed:

Table with 8 columns: Chapter, Present, Voting, Proxy, Chapter, Present, Voting, Proxy. Rows list various chapters like Agua Fria, Ajo, Agave House, Cochise, Desert Foothills, Homolovi, Little Colorado River, Mohave, Northern Arizona, Phoenix, Rim Country, Tubac/Santa Cruz, Verde Valley, and Yavapai.

III. Approval of October 2007 State Meeting Minutes

Corrections/amendments were made as follows: Chair Brenda Poulos made the following spelling corrections: Allen Ferg to Alan Ferg, Deni Seymore to Deni Seymour, and Paddi Mozillo to Paddi Mozilo. The minutes were approved as corrected.

IV. State Treasurer's Report

- A. Chair Brenda Poulos discussed increasing state dues by \$5 by 2009. Following comments from the floor, the Board of Directors will make the decision, it will be posted on the Website and in The Petroglyph, and it will be voted on at the May 2008 meeting.

- B. Judy Rounds referred the attendees to the three handouts she had prepared:

2007 Financial Statement

Income: budget \$19,500.00; actual \$21,104.60

Expenditure: budget \$23,562.00; actual \$21,289.45

2008 Budget

Income: budget \$21,000

Expenditure: budget \$23,603.00

Assets as of 12/31/07:

Fielder Fund: balance is \$35,401.52

Publication Fund: balance is \$9,042.29

Unrestricted Cash Account: balance is \$4,106.09

Savings Account: balance is \$4,341.41

Because publication and mailing of The Petroglyph is 25-30% of the total budget, discussion followed as to generating more email recipients. Brenda reminded us that we must continue to provide our newsletter to those who do not have email. Discussion indicated it would take a substantial reduction in quantity to reduce printing costs, so mailing costs and reducing the number of pages and paper quality remain the two best means of reducing costs. Other discussion included earning income for the Publication Fund, liability insurance, avail-ability of the chapter manual (Jim Graceffa will send one on disk to any chapter that needs a current manual).

- C. Mike Magnan thanked the chapters for getting in their financial reports; only one chapter has not done so. He reported on the finances of the various Certification Department accounts; most of the budget is involved in report publications. Little has been spent in the past 3-4 years, pending completion and publication.

Q-Ranch \$4,200

Rock Art \$4,000

Chevelon Project \$5,400

Elden Pueblo income and expenditures are usually a wash.

- D. Brenda Poulos reported that almost all of the Chapter activity reports have also been received. Thank you!

V. Membership Report

Sylvia Lesko reminded everyone that renewals must be in by mid-February or members will not receive The Petroglyph in March. There are 808 memberships and 1,133 members. We need to reach out to the community to expand our local memberships – be persistent, and get the renewals to the state on a timely basis.

VI. Committee Reports

- A. Legislative – Kevin Palmer reported that the Legislature doesn't necessarily listen to lobbyists without funding. He is in the process of producing a promotional video that will help them listen and be perceived as having the highest standards for archaeology. He stated it is not so much about lobbying as marketing. To get state departments such as ADOT to lis-

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ten, we need to develop an email system that allows for statewide input of our concerns and questions. Lastly, the legislature budget has been cut, and the first areas to get hit are the ones we love – unfortunately, economically it makes sense.

- B. Education** – Joan Young reminded us that the bookmarks are in back and to vote on our favorites. Winners are always thrilled with the recognition and prizes. Some winners are economically disadvantaged children whose families need the money for necessities. There are four grade levels; each grade level has a 1st place prize of \$50, 2nd place of \$25, and 3rd place of \$10. Winning bookmarks will be in The Petroglyph and on the Website.
- C. Publication** – Alan Ferg announced that the current publication of the Arizona Archaeologist, No. 37, is on Cat Claw Cave and is available for chapter representatives to pick up their chapter's copies. Anyone who is a current member of a chapter may have one, as the old system is out of sync. He announced the dates of the Archaeology Expo and the ASM Indian Fair, both at the Arizona State Museum. The next Arizona Archaeologist will be on identifying and dating beer bottles, and a report on Coyote Ruin will follow. Planning to have our publications at Pecos is the best way to sell them to professional archaeologists. June Freden would like to know of places that are willing to sell the AAS publication. Brenda Poulos discussed chapter "Achievement" information as part of the Website, and urged Desert Foothills and Yavapai to get the information to Jerry Mead. Ellie Large commented that "everything is good" with The Petroglyph.
- D. Website Committee** - Jerry Mead also thanked all chapters who have updated their chapter pages. Don't forget to get the achievements listing updated. He is working with the Certification Committee on online learning, maybe like a "chat room".
- E. Professional Archaeologists Award Committee** - Bud Henderson announced that there are 3 nominees, and that new committee members are needed. Bob Cook, Jerry Erhardt and Gerald Gaul volunteered.
- F. Certification Department** – Bob Lindsay announced that the Certification Manual manager is Larry Gauthier.
- G. Participation** - As of January 20, 2008, there were 1,752 members in the program. There were 45 new members in 2007 and 42 certificates were issued.
 - 1. The Perry Mesa Rock Art Recording Project will begin again in March.
 - 2. For information on the Elden Pueblo Field Schools, contact Lisa Edmonson at 928-547-3452 or email her at eldenpueblo@npgcable.com. Field Crew I & II June 23-27; Ruins Stabilization August 11-15; Rock Art Recording July 28-August 1. Alumni Week July 14-18 (a new program, free to all previous Elden workers to finish previously opened units.
 - 3. The Q-Ranch Project is also drawing to a close and inviting all who have worked there for the last season. Contact Brenda Poulos at 481-471-2454 or brendapoulos@yahoo.com.
 - 4. Ken Zoll did a PowerPoint presentation on an online course structure. An online Rock Art certification project was demonstrated.

VII. Old Business

- A. Marketing/Public Relations** – Brenda Poulos reported that we desperately need someone to fill this position. Kevin Palmer will be happy to give advice, but no longer has time. A business plan is in place and just needs to keep moving forward.
- B. Chapter Directory** – Discussion at the last state meeting resulted in guidelines developed by the State Planning Committee. Each chapter will have an option to have the directory, but must follow state guidelines. The form will be finalized and will be approved later. A copy should be given to the member so he/she knows what they have agreed to relative to use of the directory.

VIII. New Business

- A. Elections for 2008 State Officers** - Bud Henderson presented the slate. As there were no nominations from the floor, a motion was made to accept the slate by acclamation. New officers are Sylvia Lesko, Chair; Jim Graceffa, 1st Vice Chair; Ron Robinson, 2nd Vice Chair; Ginger Johnson, Secretary; and Judy Rounds, Treasurer.
- B. Fall State Meeting 2008** - Brenda Poulos said that Cochise Chapter may not be able to host the fall meeting due to chapter membership decline, and is looking for another chapter to volunteer to host the Fall 2008, as well as a chapter to host the Winter 2009 State Meetings.
- C. Archaeology Expo 2008** - Volunteers are needed to help with the AAS booth at the 2008 Archaeology Expo in Tucson

IX. Announcements

- A.** The Archaeology Expo is in Tucson at ASM on March 1-2.
- B.** The 2008 SAA Annual Meeting is in Vancouver, Canada on March 26-20.
- C.** The next AAS State Meeting will be hosted by the Flagstaff Chapter and will be held May 31-June 1 at the Museum of Northern Arizona.
- D.** The AAS Fall State Meeting is looking for a new site
- E.** The Pecos Conference will be held in Flagstaff from August 7-10.

X. Chapter Report

Brenda Poulos invited Marie Britton, President of the Phoenix Chapter, to give a brief report on their activities. She reported that they have had some really good speakers, successful field trips at home and away, that the Chili Booth at the Indian Market went well, though wet, that stabilization at the mound continues with Jim Britton at the helm, and that the chapter will undertake the South Mountain Rock Art Project.

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Agave House Chapter



The January meeting was called to order by Ralf Kurzhals, who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Ralf and Gloria have been busy looking for new speakers and new sites for us to visit. Miles Gilbert has recruited new members and is busy on a survey, recording pottery from areas where trees are being ground up. Ralf challenged the members to bring new people into the club. Ben Mixon is looking for information on old Indian trade routes; if you have any information, please contact Ben. Ralf is working with David Wilcox on a possible trip to Camp Verde. Our next meeting is Feb. 27 at 6:30 pm at the Black Canyon Ranger Station. We will meet for dinner at 5:00 pm at Pizza Time. The speaker for February will be Joanne Weldon.

The program at the January meeting was provided by Gloria Kurzhals. She talked about local, prehistoric ceramics and brought many samples for us to study and compare. We learned about organic and mineral paint, who used them, and when. She also explained the difference between the coil-and-scrape method of making pottery and the paddle-and-anvil method. In showing us the various types of pottery, Gloria explained slip, glazing and temper. She also brought a few samples of intrusive pottery that reached this area from far away. Although many people believe that pottery was made in each village by its inhabitants, it seems that there were pottery centers where the ceramics were made and then traded. Refreshments followed the interesting presentation.

— Diane Collins

Agua Fria Chapter



Mr. Maurice Shoger was the last-minute speaker for our February meeting. Dr. Vernelda Grant was unable to attend. Mr. Shoger's presentation was *Outliers at the End of the World*, a fascinating and intriguing lecture about the outliers, and

their outliers, at the end of the Great South Road in Chaco Canyon. The audience pondered many of the unexplained mysteries discovered at the sites.

The March 11th speaker will be Dr. Mark Elson from Desert Archaeology, Inc. in Tucson. His lecture is titled: *Deciphering Sunset Crater and Little Springs Volcanoes: A Tale of Multidisciplinary Research*.

For the Arizona Archaeology and Heritage Awareness Month in March, our Chapter will have a display of realistic prehistoric replicas in the Glendale Public Library.

The Chapter's March hike will be to Cottonwood Wash in the Lake Pleasant area. The date is not set yet, but check the sign-up sheet at the March meeting.

Dinner with the speaker will be Mar. 11, NE corner of 59th Ave. and Peoria at 5:00 pm. Please join us.

— Sandy Gauthier

Ajo Chapter



Projectile Points and Their Relationship to the Prehistory of the Ajo Area was the topic of the speaker at our February meeting. Rich Davis, Ajo Chapter member and student of chipped stone tool identification in the Western Papaguera, spoke to a full house at the Ajo library. A PowerPoint presentation utilizing photos taken in the field during chapter surveys and exploration enhanced the presentation.

Our season's excavation schedule is about concluded. To date numerous pieces of debitage, a few bifaces and chipped stone tools, as well as excellent carbon samples for dating have been collected, cleaned and recorded. Several hearth features associated with pithouse floors were excavated and recorded, with pollen and float samples taken for future testing. We are now in the last phase of excavating below the floors in search of postholes

and storage pits. It is hoped the dates we receive from laboratory testing will substantiate our suspicion of an Archaic period settlement. On Sunday, Feb. 17, a group of visitors under the sponsorship of the International Sonoran Desert Alliance will be hosted by our chapter members at the excavation site. We hope to educate these folks on proper ethics regarding archaeological sites as well as explain our findings on this complicated group of sites.

Our chapter members also made up an impressive contingent at the Regional Site Steward Conference held on Jan. 26.

Much of our group journeyed to Sells on the Tohono O'odham Nation to be hosted by the staff of the new museum there. This is a very striking and architecturally impressive museum situated in a remote and serene section of the Sonoran Desert. Looking out many of the large windows, one sees the magnificent and sacred Baboquivari Mountain. This museum and its displays can be recommended to everyone.

As the final month of our chapter's activities is reached, it is our goal to spend more time in the field camping and exploring. The flowers here in Ajo are beginning to bloom and they are expected to present a gorgeous display this spring. Most of us will be out there enjoying them to the fullest, as with eyes to the ground, we search for signs of Ajo's earliest visitors.

Our next meeting will be held at the Ajo Library, 6:30 pm, Wed., March 5. Our speaker is yet to be determined.

— Rich Davis

Cochise Chapter



Last Meeting: Our last meeting was held on Tuesday, Feb. 12 in room 313 at Cochise College in Sierra Vista. Quite a few members gathered together for munchies and to decide how the chapter would be dissolved or restructured. Below are details decided that evening for the

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chapter.

Kruger Funds: The funds will be distributed to worthy student(s). Rebecca Orozco will check into who might be interested in applying for the rest of the funds.

Remaining Monies: Karen Peitsmeyer made a motion that the remaining money in the bank be donated to the Amerind Foundation and Kentucky Camp. The motion was seconded and the vote carried.

Archival Records: Archived records may be held at Cochise College. Rebecca Orozco has offered to store records in her area. She can hold the records until they are transported to the state.

Book club: Suzanne Arnold reminded everyone that the book club will continue.

Picnic/Holiday Parties: Chapter members may continue to have a two-party system of getting together during the summer for a picnic and during the holidays. Information on where and when these events will happen will be reported through the original Jaybird email system. No print versions of announcements will be sent out.

No Officers: One reason for the chapter's closing is that the same individuals have operated as the board for several years running and none of these officers can run for another year. No other members of the chapter stepped up to take over. Without a board, an official chapter cannot operate.

Keeping In Touch: Though the chapter will no longer have monthly meetings, Denise A. Agnew volunteered to forward to the Jaybird list any information she receives on archaeologically related events. So, if you wish to inform anyone on this list about a dig or other event, forward the information to danovelist@cox.net and she will pass on the word.

A Thank You From Jaybird Editor: A huge thank you to all the members of the chapter. It's been a very gratifying eight years (I think I joined in 2000 but it might

have been 1999) enjoying this chapter both as a regular member and board member. I look forward to keeping in touch with all of you. After all, Cochise County is a small world. I'll remain an AAS member.

— Denise A. Agnew

Desert Foothills Chapter



This past month has been an active time for the chapter. In addition to our regular meetings we have had outstanding workshops on ceramics identification and on flint knapping. Being able to participate in events of this caliber showed the strong value of being a member of the chapter and the AAS.

Mark Hackbarth of Logan Simpson Design shared his findings in the *Excavations Under the Slab at the Phoenix Civic Center*. Mark led the archaeological study at the Civic Center, reviewing both the historic and prehistoric findings in the study area, which was on the edge of the original Phoenix downtown. The study unearthed several habitation sites that indicated the area was used as a seasonal habitation site from the Pioneer Period or at least 300 AD onwards and perhaps well before that point. Canals were built nearby during the Classic Period.

Mark also gave a summary of the survey report on the 40-acre site that the Town of Cave Creek is working to acquire from the Bureau of Land Management. The Hohokam site survey broke the area up into four areas, each with its own agricultural and other unique characteristics. The chapter has been invited to participate in more detailed mapping of the site, which will take place in the next two years. The chapter will report on site related developments as they occur.

Be sure to attend our March 12th meeting with speaker Stephanie Whittlesey, PhD, of SWCA Environmental Consultants. Dr. Whittlesey will be presenting new research and approaches to *Hohokam Rituals: The Meso-American Connection*.

As a reminder, the chapter is temporarily holding our meetings at the Church of Good Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church Hall. The address for the Church is 6502 E Cave Creek Road, Cave Creek.

March is Archaeology Month. We strongly encourage everyone to take advantage of the many field trips and educational programs throughout the state. Visit the SHPO website for specifics: <http://www.pr.state.az.us/partnerships/shpo/shpo.html>.

— Jay Chatzkel

Homolovi Chapter



We are hoping for good weather for our Feb. 21st meeting so we can hear Dennis Roshay speak on petroglyph sites in our area. I hear he has some great videos! However, a storm is supposed to move in Wednesday and stay through Thursday, the day of our February meeting. If the weather is bad, we will ask Dennis to postpone his presentation until later in the year. That is the way life is in northern Arizona!

We have some exciting programs planned. For our March 20th meeting, Peter Pilles (Coconino National Forest archaeologist) will be speaking on Honanki Ruin and we are planning a trip to the site after Easter. For the April 17th meeting, Lyle Balinqua will be speaking on the Hopi Migration Route from Homolovi to Second Mesa. The village of Sipaulovi recently received a grant for an oral history project to interview elders about the migration traditions.

Remember- in June we will be having a series of workshops and field trips about managing cultural resources and Native American concerns. For detailed information, check our chapter web site at www.homolovi.com.

— Karen Berggren

Little Colorado River Chapter



Our January meeting was the venue for an

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extremely interesting and well-documented presentation of the archaeology of Chaco Canyon by our Archivist, Linda Schuster. The February talk was given by member and inveterate hiker Elizabeth Planteen on the archeological and geological history of the South Bass trail into the Grand Canyon.

The Casa Malpais Museum has moved into the partially renovated old Springerville High School, a move necessitated by the need to return the previous building to its owner, who had been allowing the museum and the Chamber of Commerce to use the building without cost. The disassembly, packing, moving and decoration was accomplished by several members under the direction of Doug Gann, archaeologist from the Center for Desert Archaeology, which has been supporting the work on the collection. The beams were decorated with a stencil which copied a design from a pot (now on display) excavated from Casa Malpais.

Our chapter meetings will be held in this new location each third Monday, as usual. The work of preparing the collection for curation continues each Friday from noon to 3 pm. Members are welcome to join in, see the new location and tour Casa Malpais (there is a small charge for the tour by museum personnel). When the renovation of the rest of the building is completed we hope to host a state meeting. More on that later.

— Dave Rohlader

Mohave Chapter



After another winter storm forced us to change our work dates, our chapter finally began surveying the historic mining area of Signal on Sat., Feb. 2nd. Led by Bruce Schneider, seven intrepid members participated in this initial survey. It soon became obvious that the size and complexity of this site will require multiple additional days in the field. Although the vast majority of artifacts which we found were historical in nature, a prehistoric component was also

discovered. A portion of the site is located on the bank of a rather deep wash. The bank is being seriously eroded and soil containing artifacts has slumped to the floor of the wash. We are planning to screen this material and document these artifacts which otherwise appear destined to be soon washed into the Big Sandy River. The next scheduled survey dates are Feb. 23rd and 24th. Volunteers may work one or both days and may contact John Ainlay (please see below) for more information. Primitive camping is available in the area.

Please note that we have changed our monthly chapter meeting nights. Mohave Chapter meetings will now be held at 7 pm on the second Tuesday of each month in the community room at Grace Lutheran Church, 2101 Harrison Ave in Kingman. Our next meeting will be held on March 11th. For more information, please contact John Ainlay at 928-753-2600 or jainlay@ctaz.com.

— Gale Dom

Phoenix Chapter



On Feb. 14th, Dr. Shereen Lerner from Mesa Community College described her experience participating in the excavation of a small site in central Ireland which had housed a ring fort as well as a small castle keep. Despite almost daily rain, the students who participated in the project made significant progress on the excavation and helped the principal investigator discover some key information about the occupation history of the site.

On March 13th, Neil Weintraub will discuss the remarkable history of an abandoned railroad grade in the Kaibab forest and discuss efforts taken by partners to preserve this important piece of Northern Arizona's history. On April 10th, Beth Bagwell, from Desert Archaeology, will talk about her dissertation research in two cliff dwellings in the Sierra Madre of northeastern Sonora, Mexico. In May we will get an update on the South Mountain Rock Art Research Project from Aaron Wright and Steve Swanson and will have our annual volunteer appreciation night.

We are also working on a field trip to the Homolovi ruins for our June meeting.

We are planning to have a Hohokam Ceramic Identification class at PGM next fall and a rock-art class sometime in 2009.

The chapter meets on the second Thursday of each month in the Community Room at the Pueblo Grande Museum, 4619 E. Washington St. in Phoenix, starting at 7:30 pm. We usually take the speaker to dinner at 5:30 pm at Monti's La Casa Vieja on Mill and Rio Salado in Tempe. If you are interested in having dinner with the speaker, please call or email Marie (480-827-8070 or mbrit@cox.net) so that she can reserve a large enough table.

— Ellie Large

Rim Country Chapter



Our guest speaker at our monthly meeting on March 15th will be Dr. Penny Minturn, advisor to RCCAAS, who will speak on cannibalism. This was the subject of her doctoral dissertation. Penny's specialty is bioarchaeology and she has had several opportunities to conduct archaeological field work in the Southwest, as well as in Egypt.

Two of the chapter's members, Evelyn Christian and Ed Spicer, will be attending a training session in the valley that will qualify them for conducting hilltop surveys in conjunction with Dr. David Wilcox's work on that subject. Evelyn and Ed plan to conduct additional training at the chapter's office in order to allow additional members the opportunity to volunteer for the surveys. The first survey field day will take place in April.

The subject for our April meeting will be *The 'Deep Structure' of Arizona's Earliest Rock Art: Human Universals*. The guest speaker will be Ekkehart Malotki, a well-known local authority on rock art. The following is an abstract of the subject he will be presenting:

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"To shed light on this most enigmatic yet fascinating imagery, which to many rock art researchers is of little interest since it seems to offer no insights into the minds of its creators, I resort to human universals and cutting-edge ideas gleaned from evolutionary psychology. In addition to presenting novel ideas, I hope to heighten awe and respect for the area's rock art legacy through striking photographs."

Ekkehart Malotki came from Germany in 1967 and fell in love with the American Southwest and its deserts, mountains, and canyonscapes. He earned his Ph.D. in linguistics in 1976 for his work on the Hopi language. He is now Professor Emeritus of Languages at Northern Arizona University where he taught German, Latin, and Hopi from 1977 until 2004. For more than twenty-five years, his work as an ethnolinguist focused on the preservation of Hopi language and culture.

The meeting begins at 10:00 am, is open to the public, and will be held at the Fellowship Hall of the Church of the Holy Nativity at 1414 Easy Street. To reach the church, take Hwy 87 North to Rancho Road (east side of Payson). Turn right on Rancho and follow it to Bradley Street. Turn right on Bradley and follow it to Easy Street. Turn left on Easy Street and watch for the church on the left-hand side of the road.

— Monte McCord

Tubac/Santa Cruz County Chapter

We're thrilled to have our first announcement of our chapter's events in the Petroglyph!

Our group might be small in numbers at this time, but there is a great deal of enthusiasm to build our chapter to contribute to the preservation and appreciation of the rich archaeology in the Santa Cruz River Valley.

We meet the third Thursday of each month in The Historic Lowe House, 14

Calle Iglesia, in Old Town Tubac, and start our gathering with a potluck followed by a business meeting and a presentation if it is scheduled for that time.

We've gotten off to a good start with presentations in October and January respectively by Mary Estes, Resource Protection Specialist with Arizona State Parks, and Ann Valdo Howard, Public Archaeology Programs Manager/ Compliance Specialist with the Historic Preservation Office of Arizona State Parks.

Feb. 23rd was the first of our outside events, which was a tour of the Old Tubac Barrio site. The tour (limited to only 10) was conducted by chapter member Barbara Ruppman and chapter friend Phillip Halpenny, both of whom were instrumental in conducting the site's original excavation by archaeologist Jack Williams. Barbara's and Phillip's expertise and enthusiasm was contagious and generated a great deal of understanding as well as interest in scheduling more guided tours which would be open to the public.

Our advisor, Deni Seymour, put out a call for volunteers to help her on several sites in and around the Santa Cruz River Valley and the San Pedro. Work began on the Coronado and other sites on the San Pedro during February. Deni and the volunteers will be beginning excavations at Di Peso's Santa Cruz de Gaybanipitea, where Kino reportedly visited in the 1690s, Charles Di Peso of the Amerind Foundation dug in the 1950s and which may have been occupied when Marcos de Niza came through the area in 1539. Work will also be done at the Sobaipuri site which she has documented at Quiburi, which was one of the principle rancherias along that portion of the Santa Cruz River, also documented by Kino. The goal is to locate the structure built for the missionary, identify fortification methods, and dig and date some structures to understand how the occupation developed at the time. Deni welcomes additional volunteers and can provide a schedule to those interested by contacting her at denijseymour@aol.com.

The March 20th meeting will include a presentation by Tumacacori National Historic Park Archaeologist, Jeremy Moss, which will trace the archaeology of our very special Tumacacori Mission, just down the road a few miles from our chapter meeting place in Old Town Tubac. The public and fellow AAS members are invited to attend.

— Nancy Valentine

Verde Valley Chapter



We held our January meeting at the Elks Club in Sedona. Our speaker was Travis Bone, archaeologist with the Coconino National Forest Service, Red Rock District. He gave us a fascinating overview of the effects of fire on archaeological sites. Historically, natural fires occurred in 2-1/2 to 12-year cycles, keeping the fuel load somewhat light. Today, however, with fewer natural fires, the fuel load can be extreme, and temperatures can exceed 1,000 degrees Centigrade, causing damage to any artifact buried less than 10 centimeters. Site damage can also be caused by various means of suppression (bulldozers and aerial drops can level walls, and the retardant itself is somewhat caustic). Attempts at rehabilitation, although sometimes allowing for discoveries, can also cause destruction.

Our February meeting will be held at the Sedona Public Library at 7:00 pm. Our speaker will be Peter Pilles, archaeologist for the U. S. Forest Service, Coconino National Forest. His talk will focus on "then and now" -photos of archaeological sites in the Verde Valley, as well as photos taken by Fort Verde Post Surgeon Dr. Edward A. Mearns during his time in the Verde Valley, 1884-1888. Dr. Mearns published an inventory of over 100 birds he recorded while at Ft. Verde, and *Ancient Dwellings of the Verde Valley*, the first scientific study of the topic. In addition, he conducted archaeological surveys and recorded 57 large pueblos, including Tuzigoot and Clear Creek Ruin.

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Many projects are continuing at the Museum of Northern Arizona under the direction of Dr. Wilcox, and Peter Pilles is also looking for volunteers.

Jerry Ehrhardt is still conducting his site surveys, weather permitting. More than 155 sites have already been documented in Sycamore Canyon. Areas still to be investigated are Mud Tanks area, Devil's Windpipe, and Upper Hackberry Basin.

Several field trips are upcoming, including one to a "way cool" rock art site with the Payson group in mid-February. At the beginning of March there will be an all-day trip to Doran's Castle in Hackberry Basin. In the last week of April there will be a botany hike, led by Phyllis Lindberg, the place to be decided by what is blooming at the time. Charlie Steger has several possible places in mind for trips in April. For more information call (928) 284-1228, or email ken.zoll@esedona.net.

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On Feb. 21, Stewart Deats, project manager with Envirosystems, will talk on the 2006 Simonton Ranch excavations in the Verde Valley. Several members of the Chapter worked on this project. The Chapter continues to host a dinner for our speaker at Prescott Brewing Company at 5:30 pm. All members are welcome.

The next field trip, Sat., March 1, will be to the Arrastre Creek site, led by Tom Garrison. The site is on Black Mesa in the Agua Fria N. M., south of the Sunset Point Rest Stop on I-17. It has bedrock metates and mortars, walls possibly used to

funnel game into a trap, and a corral, among other features. Ceramics and lithics have been found at the site.

The field trip to the Mesa Museum of Natural History in February included an excellent tour of a Hohokam canal system exhibit, followed by a guided tour of the Mesa Grande pueblo, both led by Dr. Jerry Howard, Curator of Archaeology. We capped the day at lunch with Dr. Howard at an excellent restaurant in Mesa, where we discussed both activities.

Chapter members continue with their other various activities, washing ceramics from the Cahava Site near Carefree, identifying lithics for Sharlot Hall Museum, and talking about Prescott prehistory to fourth grade classrooms in Prescott and Prescott Valley.

— Susan Jones

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XI. Education Programs in the Verde Valley

Joy Henderson gave an in-depth report on their program in the elementary schools during Archaeology Month. This program was implemented three years ago and has been modified and expanded every since. Activities may vary from year to year but usually include plants and food of the Native Americans, corn grinding, cording, various crafts, and Native American made products. The program has been very well received.

XII. Adjournment: Brenda Poulos officially adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Sylvia Lesko then made a presentation to Brenda in honor of her contributions to the society as State Chair during 2005, 2006, and 2007.

Respectfully submitted by
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as interpreted and completed by
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Sciences Bldg. A191.

March 21, 3:30-4:30 pm, ASU, Tempe –
Colloquium: *New Data on Hoabihnian in Northern Vietnam* by Seonbok Yi, Department of Archaeology and Art History, Seoul National University, Anthro Bldg, Rm 340.

March 26-30, Vancouver, B.C.: 73rd
Annual Meeting of the Society for

American Archaeology. For more details or to register, see their website at <http://www.saa.org/>.

March 29, 10 am-4 pm, Deer Valley Rock Art Center: *Rock Art Expo* -a free day at the museum, featuring fun activities and attractions for the whole family. 3711 W. Deer Valley Road, approx. 2 miles north of Highway 101 and 2 miles west of I-17. For more details, please call (623)582-8007 or visit:

www.asu.edu/clas/shesc/dvrac.

May 22-26, Farmington, N.M.: 35th Annual Conference of the American Rock Art Research Association (ARARA). For more information about ARARA, please visit: www.arara.org. For information about the Farmington area: www.farmingtonnm.org/.



2008 AAS Field Season at Elden Pueblo Flagstaff, Arizona

Field Crew Member I & II June 23-27, 2008

Instructor: Peter J. Pilles, Jr., Walter Gosart, Tom Woodall

Field Crew Member I personnel will be instructed in basic archaeological excavation method and theory through lecture, exercises, and actual excavation.

Field Crew Member II participants will continue their archaeological education through further lecture and exercises. In addition, they are responsible for overseeing and documenting the excavations conducted by Field Crew I students. Field Crew Member I & II lectures and exercises include: mapping and survey, profiling, artifact identification, artifact processing, note-taking, archaeological interpretation, photography, archaeological laws, and dating methods. Field trips will be taken to important Flagstaff area sites. Program fee is \$100 per week.

Ruins Stabilization Course August 11-15, 2008

Instructor: Walter Gosart, Tom Woodall

Ruins Stabilization will consist of both lecture and field work. The course provides the basic academic and field skill to allow participation in AAS stabilization projects and assist the professional community, as may be requested. The course will briefly cover excavation methods when needed specifically for stabilization purposes. The course will cover the principles and purpose of stabilization, the difference between “stabilization” and “reconstruction”, and the various tools and techniques used. Also, the course will discuss the importance of mapping, photography and documentation during the stabilization or reconstruction process. Field trips to observe stabilization efforts at nearby sites may be scheduled. Program Fee is \$150 per week.

Rock Art Recording July 28-August 1, 2008

Instructor: Donald Weaver, Jr.

Rock Art Recording will consist of both lecture and field work on rock art on the Coconino National Forest. Proper recording techniques are covered. Program fee is \$150 per week.

Elden Pueblo Alumni Week July 14-18, 2008

Alumni are invited to join the staff for a work week to complete work on key south trenches critical to telling the Elden story. Registration is required. The program is free to experienced alumni but, donations are accepted.

Registration: Download forms on the Elden Pueblo website, AAS website or in the Petroglyph

Lodging: There is an abundance of motels in the area and a KOA campground is nearby. Primitive camping facilities with potable water, chemical toilets and solar showers are available adjacent to the site at no cost.

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To aid in the conservation and preservation of scientific and archaeological data and associated sites

To serve as a bond between the professionals and the avocational non-professionals

To increase knowledge and improve the skill of members in the disciplines of archaeology

To participate in investigations in the field of archaeology and to put the information so obtained into published form

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