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Homolovi Chapter To Host Spring State Meeting

The Homolovi Chapter is hosting the Spring State Meeting. Since the future of the Homolovi State Park is still uncertain, the Winslow Chamber of Commerce has provided their community room at the renovated Hubbell Trading Post in Winslow. They have done a beautiful job on this historic structure, which was also used as office space by the park until the park visitor center was constructed. This structure has a wheelchair lift at the main entrance on the west side of the building.

Our lunch speaker will be Susan

Secakuku, who has been the Hopi contact for the park. She will be speaking on the importance of Homolovi to the Hopi people and about the cooperative program between the Hopi and Arizona State Parks.

The AAS will be selling books and there will be a silent auction, which will end after lunch and Susan's talk. If the park is still open, we will have a special sale of museum shop items for AAS members, including the *Oraibi Split* two volume set and *Remembering Awatovi*.

Our dinner speaker, Dr. E Charles "Chuck" Adams, is the director of the Homol'ovi Research Project for the Arizona State Museum. He will be speaking on the importance of Homol'ovi in Southwestern archaeology.

Everyone- Please send in a registration form if you will attend the meeting so that we can plan for seating, etc! So, even if you are not ordering a meal, we need to know you are coming! The meeting schedule and registration forms are on page 4 and 5 of this issue.

39th Annual ARARA Conference, May 22 - 25, 2009 Bakersfield Doubletree Hotel, Bakersfield, CA

A diverse program is planned, exploring the many facets of rock art. Presentations on the rock art of California and beyond, plus a special session devoted to rock art site conservation issues, will form the heart of the conference. Many field trip choices, a workshop on 3-D recording techniques, committee meetings focused on education, archives, conservation and publication, a fundraising auction and the ever popular vendor room that features rock art-related ceramics, jewelry, photography and publications for sale are all planned. Call for papers is extended until April 1.

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Next deadline is noon on Sat.,
April 18th, for the May issue.

For more information about ARARA, please visit: www.arara.org

For information about the Bakersfield area: visit www.bakersfieldcity.us/index.htm

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President: Evelyn Billo, ebillo@infomagic.net, (928) 526-3625

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 Salazar Library	1st Wednesday of each month, Dec. thru April; Bus. Meeting at 6:30 pm, Talk at 7:00 pm
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 Wednesday 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	2 nd Thursday of each month
San Tan	San Tan Historical Society Museum SE corner of Ellsworth & Queen Creek Rds	2 nd Wednesday of the month 7:00 pm
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
Yavapai	Pueblo of the Smoki Museum 147 North Arizona St., Prescott	3 rd Thursday of each month 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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Q Ranch Mapping Class

The Phoenix Chapter is putting together a Mapping Class:

- Classroom lecture (12 hours) would be held in the Phoenix area
- Field work (56 hours) would be done in and around Q Ranch
- Tentatively planned for late August or September-October

We are looking for AAS members interested in taking this class for certification and/or review.

There appear to be interesting possibilities, both archaeologically and historically, around the Q Ranch. Mapping is a really good experience for everyone and has not been taught in a long time. It is also a beautiful time of year up at the "Q". Jonathan Rogers is offering the usual camping facilities and will have the Ranch house open. All costs and dates are yet to be determined.

We need your input as soon as possible. Please fill out and send the form below to Marie Britton at 2054 E. Evergreen, Mesa, AZ 85213 or email to mbrit@cox.net.

2009 MAPPING CLASS

Name(s) _____ Chapter _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

I/We are interested in: Camping: _____ Ranch House: _____

Comments: _____

Spring State Meeting in Winslow, May 16, 2009

Winslow Hubbell Building/Chamber of Commerce
523 West 2nd Street, Winslow, AZ*
928/289-2434 (phone during meeting only)

Saturday, May 16

8:00 am Registration & Continental Breakfast- Silent Auction starts
8:30 am Presidents meeting
9:30 am General meeting
11:30 am Lunch. Speaker - Susan Secakuku - on the Hopi/Homolovi connection
12:15 pm End of Silent Auction
1:00 pm Field trips - Homolovi Ruins State Park and associated sites
5:00 pm Happy hour/supper at Casa Blanca
Guest Speaker: Dr E. Charles "Chuck" Adams,
Director of the Homol'ovi Research Project

Sunday, May 17

Field Trips: Dr. Charles Adams has agreed to lead a visit to important sites at Homolovi

ACCOMODATIONS:

HOTELS:

The La Posada Hotel - 928/289-4366 or www.laposada.org

The most famous spot is the La Posada Hotel. This historic Fred Harvey hotel was THE place to stop along the Santa Fe Railroad. We recommend that you make reservations early, as they quickly fill. The hotel includes the gourmet Turquoise Room, which will be preparing our box lunch selection (except the Bashas' chicken!).

Best Western Adobe Inn - 928/289-4638. Just south of I-40 on North Park Drive. Nice accommodations with indoor swimming pool and hot tub.

Motel 6 - 1-800 4 Motel 6. Near Adobe Inn across from Safeway. Fairly new construction.

CAMPING:

The Homolovi Ruins State Park campground is located on SR87, one mile north of I-40. Sites are \$15-\$20. Contact the park at 928/289-4106 for details and reservations.

For more information on accommodations, visit the Winslow Chamber of Commerce web site at www.winslowarizona.org

Any questions? Contact Homolovi Ruins State Park at 928/289-4106 or email us at shop@homolovi.com

*Directions to the meeting:

On I-40 from either direction, take the first Winslow exit and turn south, then follow the east-west road (old Rte 66) into Winslow. The road becomes one-way. If you are heading east, the trading post will be on your right; if heading west, continue west THROUGH the stoplight. At the Circle K on Third Street, turn left on Campbell and the trading post parking lot will be in front of you.

EVERYONE- PLEASE SEND IN A REGISTRATION FORM IF YOU WILL ATTEND THE MEETING!
(We need to know how many will attend to plan for seating, etc!)

REGISTRATION FORM – SPRING 2009 STATE MEETING

Name(s) _____ Chapter _____

Email _____ Phone: _____

Lunch:

Gourmet Box Lunch from La Posada - price includes tax and soft drink, etc.
All Gourmet lunches include bread, butter, and a chocolate-hazelnut brownie.

Roast Prime Rib of Beef _____ No of lunches x Price = Subtotal
_____ x \$18.00 = \$ _____
(Thinly sliced Prime Rib with red-skinned potato salad, sliced
beefsteak tomato, red onions, Arizona slaw, and dill pickle spear)

Grilled Fresh Salmon Steak _____ x \$17.00 = \$ _____
(Grilled, chilled and served on a bed of Arizona Slaw, topped with papaya salsa
and garnished with steamed asparagus and mixed greens in a balsamic vinaigrette)

Chicken & Tomatillo Pasta Salad _____ x \$14.50 = \$ _____
Grilled and marinated breast of chicken with a spicy tomatillo, green
chile salsa, Arizona Penne Pasta salad with tomatoes, peppers, jicama,
cilantro, and roasted corn in a sun dried tomato vinaigrette

Vegetarians Delight _____ x \$14.50 = \$ _____
(Red-skinned potato salad, Arizona slaw, steamed fresh asparagus, Arizona Penne
Pasta salad with a sun-dried tomato vinaigrette and firm tofu in papaya salsa)

Non-Gourmet Bashas' chicken lunch _____ x \$6.00 = \$ _____
Two pieces of baked chicken, roll, two sides (whatever they have that day!)

TOTAL _____

Dinner:

Casa Blanca, 1201 East 2nd St _____ Number of people _____

You will order individually off the menu. Please let us know how many
people will be attending so we will be sure we have plenty of room. This
is "mild Mexican" and is reasonably priced. They have a great Taco Salad!

Make checks for lunch payable to HAS.

Mail checks by May 6, 2009 to HOMOLOVI CHAPTER, AAS, HC63 Box 6, Winslow, Az 86047. If you
have any questions, email us at shop@homolovi.com or call Homolovi Ruins State Park 928/289-4106.

Upcoming Events

GUIDE TO LOCATIONS

AAHS	Arizona Archaeological and Historical Society. Meets in Duval Auditorium, Univ. Medical Center, 1501 N. Campbell Avenue, north of Speedway (www.statemuseum.arizona.edu/aahs/lectures.shtml)
AIA	Archaeological Institute of America. Meets in ASU's Life Sciences Bldg, Room A191 (www.centralazaia.ning.com)
OPAC	Old Pueblo Archaeology Center, 2201 W. 44th Street, Tucson . (www.oldpueblo.org/index.html)
PGM	Pueblo Grande Museum, 4619 E. Washington St., Phoenix (www.ci.phoenix.az.us/PARKS/pueblo.html).
PGMA	Pueblo Grande Museum Auxiliary
SHESC	ASU School of Human Evolution and Social Change (shesc.asu.edu/events)
SCSNA	Sonoita Creek State Natural Area Visitor Center, Patagonia

April 1, 7:30-9:00 pm, PGMA, Phoenix - Lecture: *Mesoamerica and Hohokam Symbolism, Public Architecture, and Ideology* by Paul Fish, Curator for the Arizona State Museum and Professor for the Department of Anthropology, University of Arizona. This lecture is free and open to the public.

April 3, 3:30-4:30 pm, SHESC, Tempe, Colloquium: *New Directions in Maya Archaeology* by Cynthia Robin, Dept. of Anthropology, Northwestern Univ., as part of its spring colloquia series. This colloquium is sponsored by the Honors College. The location is yet to be determined.

April 5, 1-2:30 pm, OPAC, Tucson – Lecture: *Arts and Culture of Ancient Southern Arizona Hohokam Indians* by OPAC's director, archaeologist Allen Dart, for Pima County Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation at Agua Caliente Park, 12325 E. Roger Road in Tucson. Cosponsored by the Arizona Humanities Council.

April 15, 7-8 pm, AIA, Tempe – Lecture: *Reassessing the Pantheon in Rome* by Prof. Rabun Taylor from the Univ. of Texas at Austin.

April 19, 2-3 pm, Casa Grande Ruins N.M., Coolidge – Lecture: *Set in Stone but Not in Meaning: Southwestern Indian Rock Art*, by OPAC's director, archaeologist Allen Dart.

April 20, 7:30 pm, AAHS, Tucson – Lecture: *Hopi Summer: Letters from First Mesa*, by Carolyn O'Bagy Davis.

April 23, 6-7:15 pm, Arizona Western College, Yuma – Lecture: *Archaeology and Cultures of Arizona* by OPAC director archaeologist Allen Dart. 2020 S. Avenue 8E, Language Arts room 114 (LA 114), Yuma, Arizona. Cosponsored by the Arizona Humanities Council. Free.

REMINDER

2009 AAS Field Season at Elden Pueblo, Flagstaff, Arizona

Field Crew Member I & II:

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

June 22-26 & June 29-July 3

Elden Pueblo Alumni Week:

July 20-24, 2009

Ruins Stabilization Course

Instructors: Walter Gosart, Tom Woodall

Consecutive weekends: Aug.14-16 & 22-23

Rock Art Recording:

Instructors: Dr. Donald E. Weaver, Jr. and Peter J. Pilles, Jr.

August 10-14

Registration: Download forms from the AAS website: www.azarchsoc.org/eldenfs.html

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

Contact Lisa Deem-Edmonson at 928-527-3452, or e-mail eldenpueblo@npgcable.com with any questions

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Agave House Chapter



Dr. Miles Gilbert, who holds a Ph.D. in Forensic Osteology, spoke at our February 25th meeting on *Uses of Birds by Native Americans*. Birds were used for many things, including decorations, ceremonies of all kinds, rituals, and sacrifice. Archeologists care about this subject, because we can learn about the range of people and the time that people occupied an area by the bird remains we find there. He talked about many tribes, including Mandan, Cheyenne, Zuni, and Hopi, among others, and explained the specific ceremonies, tools, medicines, etc., involving birds for each tribe

We are planning two outings this spring: one to the Tonto Cliff dwellings near Roosevelt Lake and the other to a cliff dwelling in Clear Creek Canyon.

Our next meeting will be March 25, at 6:30 pm, at the Black Mesa Ranger Station. We will meet for dinner at the Red Onion at 5:00 pm. All are welcome.

— Diane Collins

Agua Fria Chapter



The speaker last month was Will Russell of ASU's Mogollon Prehistoric Landscapes Project. Will gave a fascinating talk about the Perry Mesa Tradition and the racetracks that are generally found near pueblos. Will argues that the tracks were ceremonial, of multi-ethnic construction, symbolized the abandonment of secretive rites, coupled racing with feasting and served to integrate the whole community

Jesse Ballenger will be the speaker on April 14. His topic is: *Clovis, Climate and Comets in the San Pedro Valley, 13,000 Years Ago*. Jesse is pursuing his interest in Paleo-Indians and the human colonization of North America.

The Calderwood labs for lithic and ceramic analysis are back in full swing. Contact Linda Dorsey for lithics at 623-974-3683 and Jerry Rightnour for ceramics at 602-331-1089

Work has resumed at the Gatlin Site with mud touch-ups on the pit houses. The buildup of dirt around the houses and ramadas will be next on the agenda

Please join us for dinner with the speaker at Applebee's, NE corner of 59th Ave. and Peoria at 5:00 pm.

— Sandy Gauthier

Desert Foothills Chapter



At our March meeting, Dr. Todd Bostwick, Phoenix City Archaeologist, provided a slide program and discussion on five famous Paleolithic caves in France, which he recently visited. His program explored the Cro-Magnon culture, whose artists began painting and engraving art deep inside limestone caves more than 30,000 years ago. We viewed colorful and powerful scenes involving groups of large mammals, many of which are extinct, associated with mysterious geometric signs, hand prints, a few ghostly human figures, and a few human figures pierced with spears. The human figures were not painted with as much care and beauty as the animal depictions. Inside the caves,

remains of candles and torches and even footprints of the ancient artists have been found. Current belief is that the master artists were trained in their craft, since the same art traditions continued for up to 20,000 years of cave occupation, and that the images represent a proto-language, based on the structured system of placement.

Thanks to Grace Schoonover for providing all the refreshments at the March Meeting!

The next Chapter meeting will be held at The Good Shepherd of the Hills (Community Building), 6502 E. Cave Creek Rd, Cave Creek, AZ 85331, on April 8, 2009. Starting time is 7:00 pm.

Upcoming Speakers:

April - Ekkehart Malotki; *The Deep Structure of Early Archaic Rock Art: Human Universals*. Dr. Malotki will discuss a sample of his new research focus, the oldest rock art in the American West. After earning his Ph.D. in linguistics in 1976 for his work on the Hopi language, Dr. Malotki accepted a tenure track position at NAU where he taught German, Latin, and Hopi for 27 years. He is now professor emeritus, but his passion for rock art is keeping him busier than ever. Among his numerous publications, many of which are conceived bilingually in Hopi and English, he is especially proud of the one in which he debunked the notion of "Kokopelli." All three of Dr. Malotki's rock art books (Tapamveni, Stone Chisel and Yucca Brush, and The Rock Art of Arizona), with a total of nearly 800 color photographs showcasing the imagery around Petrified Forest National Park, the Colorado Plateau, and the entire state of Arizona, have received prestigious awards.

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May - Andy Seagle will relate the story of how a very special cave came to become known as "Tim's Cave" and the wonderful artifacts the cave contained.

Upcoming Hikes:

April hikes are still in the planning stages, partially depending on temperatures. We will discuss upcoming hikes at the April meeting. If anyone knows of a special place we could hike to, early in the day before the temperature gets too hot, please contact Lila Elam at DesertDaz100@gmail.com or Robyn Davidson at robyn_davidson@yahoo.com with your suggestion.

Reminder:

Our May meeting will be the final meeting until September, and is our "Delicious Decadent Dessert" meeting, where everybody brings something to tempt our taste buds and waists!

— Robyn Davidson

Homolovi Chapter



For our February meeting, Darlene Brinkerhoff spoke on archaeological sites she has recently visited. In February we took some Holbrook Girl Scouts to see a petroglyph site and to learn about petroglyphs and site etiquette. Darlene is also doing a final editing on the Hunt Petroglyph Recording Project.

We are greatly concerned about the future of Homolovi Ruins State Park, which was one of the original 8 parks proposed for closure due to the state's budget problems. However, Arizona State Parks is working hard to find alternatives to total closure. As of mid-March, the park is still open.

If Homolovi closes, we will be seeking an alternate site for our meetings. The Chapter will continue, but on a lesser scale.

— Darlene Brinkerhoff

Little Colorado Chapter



We met in recognition of Arizona Archaeology and Heritage Awareness Month on Saturday, March 14th, in the Springerville town council chambers to hear a presentation by NPS Archaeologists Keith Lyons and Jennifer Lavris. The title of their talk was *Current Archaeological Work at Canyon de Chelly National Monument*. The NPS works in partnership with the Navajo Nation to manage the park resources. They presented valuable insights into the NPS goals at the national monument for monitoring prehistoric, historic ruins, and rock art sites, determining natural and cultural agents, and evaluating damages for protective measures.

Preservation Archaeologists Doug Gann and Mathew Devitt, community volunteers and chapter members worked March 7th and 8th stabilizing walls at Casa Malpais pueblo site in rooms 10 and 11 before backfilling.

A one-day field trip to the Dittert Site near El Malpais National Monument was set for April 18th with USBLM guide Paul Yoder thanks to Dave Rohlader.

— Catherine Cely

Mohave Chapter



At our March meeting, chapter president Bruce Schneider gave a brief introduction to Mohave County's interactive Geographic Information System, after reviewing some GIS basics. Although the county website

is set up primarily to deal with parcel data, Bruce showed us that the system contains other information which may be useful in archaeological pursuits. Bruce will continue this tutorial at the April meeting

On March 14th, a small but intrepid group of chapter members visited a number of sites near the Colorado River. The itinerary included visits to: a section of the historic Beale Wagon Road, two intaglios (Holding Breath in CA and Twins in AZ), a few macrolithic sites, and portions of prehistoric trails associated with boulder petroglyphs which consisted predominantly of abstract curvilinear and rectilinear designs with a few scratched glyphs. A trail shrine was also present. One of the trails is said to be part of the Quechan trail, which extends from the Yuma area to Spirit Mountain in Nevada. Many thanks to members Stan and Olivia Krok for leading this interesting and informative field trip, and to John Ainlay for organizing the outing!

Our next chapter meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm, April 8. Please note that this meeting will not be held at our usual location but instead will be held at the County Administrative Building, 700 W. Beale St. in Kingman. For more information, please contact John Ainlay at 928-753-2600 or jainlay@ctaz.com.

— Gale Dom

Phoenix Chapter



On March 12th, Gene Rogge from URS gave us a very informative talk on *The Last Ditch Site: The Challenges of Investigating and Interpreting the Oldest Known Site in the Phoenix Basin*. Through a series of fortuitous events, a number of deeply buried Middle Archaic and Late Archaic/Early Agricultural

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period hearths and other features were found in the excavation of an archaeological site northeast of Phoenix which was believed to be an extensive but extremely sparse scatter of Hohokam artifacts. Not only was their discovery fortuitous, the preservation of the features at all was due to a lucky combination of several environmental factors. The Last Ditch site is next to the oldest documented archaeological site in the Phoenix Basin.

On April 9th, Michael Smith, Ph.D., Professor in ASU's SHESC, will speak on *City on a Hill: Excavations at Calixtlahuaca, an Aztec Urban Center*. Calixtlahuaca is a Postclassic period Mesoamerican site which controlled a large territory in the Toluca Valley in the State of Mexico. It is best known for its circular temple dedicated to the wind god (Ehecatl), and is one of the few Aztec cities built entirely on a hillside. Dr. Smith directed an ASU project which surveyed the site and excavated houses and terraces in 2006 and 2007. He will describe the recent fieldwork and explain how it contributes to a better understanding of Aztec households and cities.

On May 14th, Allan Schilz and Walter Punzmann, from Archaeological Consulting Services, will report on the *METRO Central Phoenix/East Valley Light Rail Transit Project: Current Status*. Archaeological monitoring of construction along the 19.8-mile corridor began in February 2005 and was completed in March 2008. During that time ACS monitored excavations from Central Avenue and Camelback Road in Phoenix to Dobson Road and Main Street in Mesa, and completed data recovery programs at Pueblo Grande and at La Plaza. A summary of the field results and the current status of the analyses are presented.

The Phoenix 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. Remember you can now take the Light Rail to 44th Street and Washington to reach the museum! We usually take the evening's speaker to dinner at 5:30 pm. If you are interested in having dinner with the speaker, please call or email Marie (480-827-8070 or mbrit@cox.net) to find out the location and let her know that you will be attending.

— Ellie Large



Rim Country Chapter

We held our monthly meeting on Saturday, March 21st at 10 am at the Church of the Holy Nativity in Payson and the public was invited to attend as we celebrated Arizona Archaeology Month with a "Taste of Prehistory" and a "Visit the Ancient Ones" tours of two local prehistoric sites. Our guest speaker, Scott Wood, Tonto Forest Heritage Archaeologist, discussed the history and archaeology of the 1880s mining boom town of Pinal, near Superior, and the results of the 12-year study of the site through the Passports in Time program.

Following the food tasting and presentation, interested attendees car-pooled to the Risser and Goat Camp Ruins in Payson. Dr. Penny Minturn was the interpreter for Risser Ruin, and Scott Wood the interpreter for Goat Camp Ruin.

Prior to the meeting, the chapter board met to discuss details of its plan to host the Society's state meeting in October.

— Monte McCord

San Tan Chapter

Our March meeting featured Andy Seagle's 90-minute presentation of "Tim's Cave," the discovery of an undisturbed cave which contained Sinagua artifacts.

In our April meeting, Dr. J Scott Wood will present information on the Pinal Historic Town site by Superior. The April Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 7th rather than Wednesday, April 8th to accommodate Dr. Wood's schedule.

Our Archaeological Site Survey of Pueblo Grande San Tan Mountain Regional Park is on hold pending obtaining the required permits and licenses. The Chapter will schedule the Certification Training and the actual survey when this process is complete. Field work is not expected until this fall.

The San Tan Chapter meets at 7:00 pm, the second Wednesday of each month, at the Queen Creek Museum located on the southwest corner of the intersection of Ellsworth and Queen Creek Roads.

— Mel Marshall

Tubac/Santa Cruz County Chapter

Dr. Doug Craig from Northland Research explored the topic "New Ideas About Ancient Peoples: The Hohokam in the 21st Century" with a standing room only audience of 56 packed in to hear him talk. Craig highlighted some of the new understandings about the Hohokam as a result of advances in technology and assessments of a growing body of data. While the "jury is still out" on some things and what ultimately

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happened to the Hohokam is still a "mystery," in Craig's view, there is much to confirm the new perspective of the Hohokam culture in the Gila and Santa Cruz River basins.

Jesse Ballenger will talk at our April 9th meeting about *Human-Mammoth Associations in the San Pedro Valley: Why So Many?* The public is welcome to attend the program which begins at 6 pm and the potluck/chapter meeting which begins at 5 pm. A donation of \$5.00 is being accepted to cover the costs for use of the meeting facility at the Tubac Presidio State Historic Park, and to cover costs for the chapter's current project of the excavation and curation of Tubac Presidio and 19th Century artifacts found on the "Territorial/Poston House" site in Old Town Tubac. Donations to cover the costs for curation of the "Territorial/Poston House" artifacts are appreciated.

Ballenger's talk marks the end of the Tubac/SCC AAS chapter season of programs. However, the chapter will continue to meet the second Thursday of each month during May, June and July to conduct chapter business. Monthly programs will resume beginning in August.

In response to requests from the property owner and members of the community, a special meeting was held Thursday to determine if we could assist with saving some of the history of the Tubac Presidio (and from the 19th Century) from a property in Old Town Tubac prior to development. With commitments from Deni and chapter members to assume the necessary roles and responsibilities to take it through, the chapter decided it's a great opportunity and went into high gear to meet the demands of a very tight time

table. With a rapid response, Deni Seymour rescheduled her work load and volunteers started working on the site on March 15th. The intensive effort is expected to wrap up by April 5th if not before. All workers on site were required to be Tubac/SCC or State AAS members or members of other organizations approved by Deni. The project is requiring a long term commitment from members and friends to take it through.

For more information about the Tubac/SCC AAS Chapter and its activities, call Nancy Valentine at 520-245-9222, inquire via e-mail at tubacval@msn.com, or visit the Arizona Archaeological Society web site at www.AzArchSoc.org.

—Nancy Valentine

Verde Valley Chapter



The speaker for our February 26th meeting was David Wilcox, Ph.D., one of our Chapter advisors, who spoke on the Cultural Interplay of the American Southwest and the Mexican Northwest. As we have come to expect, Dr. Dave suggested more questions than he answered. For instance, could the Mesoamerican-style ball courts found in our Southwest signify that games similar to those prevalent in Mesoamerica were played here? Did the presence of the large platform mounds of Mesa Grande and Pueblo Grande, and the Uto-Aztecan language roots common to most tongues here suggest that the whole valley was organized politically into one vast system? Does the uniformity of the Clovis points, found throughout the U.S., suggest a uniformity of language and cosmology throughout the U.S. and Mexico? Is there greater significance than trade in the fact that all turquoise found throughout the American

Southwest and Mexico came from the same Chaco area? Food for thought.

The speaker for our March 26th meeting at the Sedona Public Library will be Paul F. Reed, a Preservation Archaeologist with the Tucson-based Center for Desert Archaeology, who has been employed as the Chaco Scholar at Salmon Ruins, New Mexico, for the past seven years. Paul, together with a group of research partners, is currently conducting National Science Foundation-sponsored research regarding the late eleventh century Chacoan presence in the middle San Juan region. The basic question to be addressed is: Did Chaco Canyon residents migrate to establish homes at sites such as Salmon and Aztec, or are the Chacoan traits (architecture, ceramics, stone tools, perishable items) from these sites the result of emulation of Chacoan culture by local residents? Is there evidence for both processes? These issues, among others, are explored in a new book: *Chaco's Northern Prodigies: Salmon, Aztec, and the Ascendancy of the Middle San Juan Region after A.D. 1100*, edited by Paul F. Reed (University of Utah Press, Salt Lake City, August 2008).

Please don't forget the early April field trip to the Perry Mesa area, led by Dr. Wilcox, or the Spring Botany hike on April 18, led by Phyllis Lindberg. Also, there are still a few spaces available on the Casas Grandes and River Rafting Trips.

Keep in mind Jim Graceffa's Pottery Analysis classes on four Thursdays at Yavapai College in Camp Verde, and Dr. Wilcox's projects at the Museum on Wednesdays. Also, there are projects which can be done at home on the computer, or at Travis Bone's station

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