What Do We Do with Our Ancestors?

A presentation funded by the Arizona Humanities Council Speakers Bureau

Ever since archaeology became an active intellectual pursuit, many archaeologists have held that all materials left behind by ancient peoples, including human remains as well as artifacts, are proper subjects for scientific study, and that these materials should all be preserved in museums to keep them accessible for study in the future.

In contrast, some Native Americans and others believe that human remains and grave objects should not be subjected to any kind of destructive scientific studies, or not even disturbed or studied at all, and that if they are disturbed they should be respectfully reburied.

Drawing on his education and experience as a professional archaeologist, and on years of working closely with southwestern Native Americans, Allen Dart uses this presentation to explore some of the reasoning behind these disparate viewpoints on how remains of our ancestors (Native American and other) are treated. He actively involves members of the audience in discussion of what should be done when human remains and grave objects come to light in archaeological excavations.

Mr. Allen Dart has worked and volunteered as a professional archaeologist in New Mexico and Arizona since 1975, for government, private companies, and nonprofit organizations. He is currently the Executive Director of Tucson’s nonprofit Old Pueblo Archaeology Center, which he founded in 1993 to provide educational and scientific programs in archaeology and culture. A Registered Professional Archaeologist, he has been a recipient of the Arizona Governor’s Award in Public Archaeology for his efforts to bring archaeology and history to the public.

DATE: Saturday September 8, 2007
TIME: 10 a.m. to noon
PLACE: Yavapai Apache Nation Tribal Headquarters, 2400 W. Datsi, Camp Verde
Directions: From Interstate 17 take Exit 289 (Middle Verde Road) west about 1 mile to Reservation Loop Rd., turn left on Reservation Loop and follow signs to Yavapai Apache Nation Administrative Complex.

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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.

Thanks to Sue & Dick Mueller and William Henry, the current balance in the fund is $34,781.52

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.

To make contributions to the Fielder Fund, please copy the following form and send it along with your check, made out to AAS Fielder Fund, to either:

Alan Ferg,  
Arizona State Museum  
University of Arizona  
Tucson, AZ 85721-0026

Judy Rounds  
AAS Treasurer  
P. O. Box 1401  
Carefree, AZ 85377

Contribution for the Fielder Fund

I/We would like to contribute $___________ to the Fielder Fund.

Name(s): _____________________________________________________________

Address: _____________________________________________________________

City:_________________________ State: _______ Zip: _______

Chapter: ____________________________
Minutes of the Arizona Archaeological Society
State Meeting—Safford, Arizona
May 5-6, 2007

I. Welcome——
A. Chair Brenda Poulos began the meeting by thanking the organizers of the event for their work since there is no Chapter in the Safford area. Those thanked included Joan Clark, Sylvia Lesko, Jerry Mead and Linda Blan who is the Chair of the Anthropology Department at Eastern Arizona College.

B. Logistics and parking were then discussed, including parking directions for each of the events, maps of the area available, and brunch time and location. The afternoon meeting will be a presentation by Dr. Patrick Lyons on the Mills Collection followed by a tour of the collection in one of the college buildings. Cocktail hour location and times were announced as well as dinnertime and location.

C. Cocktail location and time as well as dinner location and time was announced.

D. Dr. Jeff Reid will give the evening presentation. His topic is “The Personality and Power in Prehistory: Emil Haury and the Mogollon Controversy.”

E. The Sunday field trips will include such places as Goat Hill and the nearby sites of Smith Tank and Cottonwood Wash led by Kyle Woodson. Other trips were offered as well.

II. Call to order——At 9:04 a.m. Chair Poulos called the meeting to order. Poulos then explained how proxy votes are handled and requested that any Chapter President who brought any give them to the secretary at that time. Roll call followed:

Agua Fria: 8 present, 2 voting, 0 proxies
Ajo: 0 present, 0 voting, 0 proxies
Agave House: 2 present, 2 voting, 0 proxies
Cochise: 6 present, 3 voting, 0 proxies
Desert Foothills: 16 present, 5 voting, 0 proxies
Homolovi: 0 present, 0 voting, 0 proxies
Little Colo. River: 2 present, 1 voting, 0 proxies
Mohave: 0 present, 0 voting, 0 proxies
Northern Arizona: 0 present, 0 voting, 0 proxies
Phoenix: 9 present, 3 voting, 4 proxies
Rim Country: 1 present, 0 voting, 0 proxies
Verde Valley: 10 present, 4 voting, 2 proxies
Yavapai: 4 present, 2 voting, 4 proxies

III. Approval of the January 2007 State Minutes
The motion was made and seconded to approve the January minutes.

IV. Treasurer’s/Financial Advisors Report
A. Treasurer Judy Rounds was absent but had sent a written report. The report included as of March 31, 2007 the following accounts had balances as reported:
The Fielder Fund—$34,112.94
Publication Fund—$10,095.08
Checking Account—$9,804.13
Savings Account—$4,336.07
Total Net Assets—$58,348.22
The report was approved as received. Members are urged to support and contribute to the Fielder Fund.

B. At the most recent State Planning Meeting it was discussed as to whether our investments could be better placed. The Chase bank is giving 5¼% now. It is requested that if any member knows of a better return at another bank, let Judy Rounds or Brenda Poulos know.

C. Chair Poulos reminded all Chapters to file their Treasurer’s reports now. Two have not done so as of this time. It needs to be done now!
V. Committee Reports

A. Certification Department—Bob Lindsay of the Agua Fria Chapter has stepped up to fill in for Mike Magnan who has retired. A committee has been formed to find a permanent chair.
- Dr. Stephanie Whittlesey has agreed to be the head of the Review Committee
- The Certification Department database now shows 1,716 members. There were 67 new certifications for 2006.
- The Projects Committee reports that Q Ranch is now a stabilization project. There will be a two-week course this summer to certify participants in Stabilization. Watch the website and the *Petroglyph* for details.
- The Rock Art Recording at Brooklyn Basin on the Tonto Forest on Perry Mesa will now be a Project. It has been changed from a Field School to a Project for those already certified in rock art recording. Sessions will be conducted on weekends. A formal proposal will be submitted to the Certification Department.
- See the website or *Petroglyph* for updates on these as well as other Field Schools.

B. Legislation and AAS Video—Kevin Palmer reported on recent activity with both these activities and is developing ways to get our message heard.
- A Steering Committee has been formed of the following: Joe DeVito, Marge Williams, Shelly Altenstader, Ronnie and Barb Francis. Their goals are to facilitate communication among chapters, and increase exposure outside the Society.
- Attempts are underway to produce and educational video about AAS. Ronnie Francis is the creative director, Brenda Poulos will do the storyboard and Dr. David Wilcox and Grace Schoonover will do consulting.
- Budget expansion is being explored through possibly setting up an AAS foundation for contributions, selling a quarterly newsletter of archaeological publications, selling the video and locating a grant writing person.
- Work is being done to get direct participation with other influential organizations such as the McDowell Sonoran Preserve of the City of Scottsdale.

C. Education—Joan Young reported on this important part of our organization. Her mission is to bring archaeology back to the schools and has several things in the works.
- Jerry Mead has put the winning bookmarks on the website. This has raised awareness of parents and schools about archaeology.
- Joan sent awards to the schools with information about the website. This has turned out to be a very good advertisement.
- The beginning date for the bookmark contest has been moved to July 1 instead of October.
- Joan will be sending to each Chapter President information that includes releases for parents/students/principals. Each Chapter should have a person to distribute the information to the local schools.
- Joan needs an assistant!

D. Publications—This committee consists of two parts, The *Petroglyph* and The *Arizona Archaeologist* publications.
- Ellie Large is the editor of the *Petroglyph*. If any member wants to receive this publication electronically instead of a hard copy, please let Ellie know. There will be information in the *Petroglyph*.
- June Freden is now distributing the *Arizona Archaeologist*. Back copies will be available at all State meetings. Also all Chapters should be selling these at local Chapter meetings as well. If they are sold in bulk there will be a good discount. The next publication of this item will be available for the Fall State meeting.

E. Website Committee—Jerry Mead reported on the progress of the website.
- Work on the new method of managing the site continues. Steve Davies continues to be a big help to Jerry.
Jerry urged more people to sign up to receive the Petroglyph electronically. It not only saves the Society money on mailing, but any pictures published are in color online. He reported there have been very few problems reported in receiving the publication online and if anyone does have difficulty with it, please let Jerry know.

Belinda Urquiza is still keeping the Achievements page and the Links page up to date. If any Chapter needs anything added or changed on these parts of the website, please let Jerry know.

A new page has been added that is full of links to check on legalities of participating in Chapter Projects. Please check out this important link.

Please use the name Mead somewhere in the subject line when you send information for the website. This will insure your mail gets by Jerry’s spam filters!

VI. Old Business

A. AAS Poster Presentation at SAA Meetings—Chair Brenda Poulos presented a Poster by AAS in the most recent SAA meeting in Austin, TX. This was excellent exposure to AAS on a national stage. That poster is displayed at this meeting. Brenda reported that we are a subcommittee for the Society of American Archaeologists and we are held in very high regard by this Society. We have an excellent reputation nationwide and Brenda referred queries to the website. Brenda and Ellie Large assembled the poster.

B. Review and update of the State Bylaws—Bud Henderson reported on the progress of this Committee.

- The review started about a year ago and the final product was posted on the website in January. There was an additional update added last week, the changes listed are:
  1. There is a term limit for State Officers of 5 years
  2. The Nominating Committee is now defined as being formed of a minimum of four separate Chapters and will be designated in January.
  3. Established the State Planning Committee in the bylaws.
  4. The Chapter amount given to the State for each membership is not set.
  5. No longer will two signatures for withdrawing of funds are required. “Shall” was changed to “may” require.
  6. The bylaws proposed amendments are now published on the website instead of the Petroglyph.

There was a motion to approve the changes to the bylaws and seconded. Discussion: There were complaints received about publishing information on the bylaws online and not in the Petroglyph. It was suggested at least for the time being to put them in both places. There was also a suggestion to print hard copies from the website and distribute them at Chapter meetings for those who do not have access to the internet. It was suggested to say “either/or” web or Petroglyph. Bud stated at this time that he was hearing it should be in both places. The motion was amended to post the changes to the bylaws in both places and seconded. The amended motion passed unanimously.

C. Professional Archaeologist Award—Bud Henderson also reported on this committee work. He reported that the committee has made the decision for this year. Dr. Alexander Lindsay has been chosen. Dr. Peter Pilles was the awardee last year. But then gave us some information on Dr. Lindsay. He said Lex has probably been connected to AAS longer than any other professional in the state has. The award will be presented at the fall AAC meeting in Mesa. Judy Darbyshire, an AAS member designed the silver belt buckle that is the award.

D. AAS Screensaver/Slideshow—In the absence of Jim Blaugh, Brenda Poulos gave the report. Jim needs photos to be sent for the CD. There should be no people in the photos and no disclosure of site locations. They were to be for sale at this State meeting but the response has been poor for photos received by Jim. Please send photos by email or mail him a CD. If you send him actual photos, please include a SASE with them. It was suggested to add at least a “vague” notion of location, i.e. northern, central, southern Arizona. It would lend some “sense of place”.

E. AAS Projects—Complying with State and Federal Laws—Brenda Poulos reported on this subject. Points she made included:

- This should be a non-issue. A supervising professional and permits should be in place for any project a Chapter undertakes.
A couple of projects were being conducted without proper permits and a supervising professional and SHPO came down hard on AAS.

All information on these items is now posted on the AAS website.

The most important issues are:
1. Being supervised by a professional archaeologist. This person must have at least a master’s degree in archaeology.
2. Have a legal permit from ASM.
3. Any artifacts must be conserved for public access.
4. A Chapter must have a professional advisor. He/she has to approve all projects. Everything must be cleared through this Advisor.
5. Permits are only needed for State Lands from ASM. State land includes County lands also.
6. GAAC and SHPO have addressed private land issues. If AAS works on private lands they must comply with the GAAC/SHPO policy.

VII. New Business
A. There will be a new Chapter starting in Tubac. Nancy Valentine has made all the arrangements.
B. Yuma wants to restart a Chapter. Brenda Poulos talked to many people about it at the Archaeology Expo there in March.
C. We need a Nominating Committee for the January 2008 elections. Chair Poulos asked for volunteers from attendees for this Committee but nobody volunteered! Brenda will send an email to Chapter Presidents to get volunteers from their Chapters. At that time the Phoenix Chapter (Sylvia Lesko) “donated” Marie Britton for the Committee. Chair Brenda Poulos announced that she will be “retiring” from the position and a Vice Chair will move into the Chair position. So we need a new Vice Chair and a Publicity Chair.

VIII. Announcements
A. The Fall 2007 State Meeting will be hosted by the Verde Valley Chapter October 20-21 at the Sedona Elks Lodge.
B. The January 2008 State Winter Meeting will be hosted by the Phoenix Chapter January 26-27 at the Community Room at Pueblo Grande Museum.
C. The Spring 2008 State Meeting will be hosted by the Northern Arizona Chapter in Flagstaff.
D. The 2007 Pecos Conference (80th Anniversary) will be back at the original Pecos, New Mexico site this summer, August 9-12. Kidder organized this Conference in 1927 at the Pecos site.
E. It was announced that Dr. David Wilcox would be publishing in May an Occasional Paper on Perry Mesa. He will host a reception at the Museum of Northern Arizona on July 14, 2007.

IX. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

WANTED: Don Dove Report! REWARD

Does anyone have a copy of a 1983 report by our own Donald E. Dove, called "Apache Junction Archaeological Survey: A Summary"? It was done under the auspices of the Arizona Archaeological Society, Phoenix Chapter, and submitted to the BLM Phoenix District Office. Inquiring minds want to see a copy, and so far we've had no luck finding one. The BLM office, Don, and various AAS archivists, historians, presidents and other prominent citizens can not find one. Do YOU have one in your files or on your bookshelf? Please contact Alan Ferg if you do. I'll trade you a copy of any TWO in-print Arizona Archaeologist reports for it! Thanks.

Alan Ferg
ASM Archivist
ferg@email.arizona.edu
520-621-2970
AAS Perry Mesa Rock Art Recording Project Invitation

The Perry Mesa Rock Art Recording Project will resume this fall. One of the most extensive collections of rock art can be found at Brooklyn Basin. We encourage all AAS Certified Rock Art Recorders to come help in this important project. Those who aren’t certified can come and learn while assisting those who are certified. If enough people are interested in participating in the AAS Certification course, that can be planned for the future.

There are no facilities on Perry Mesa, so camping will be primitive. Access to Perry Mesa requires a high clearance vehicle, and at times a 4 wheel drive. Weather on Perry Mesa in the fall is always exciting, so come prepared for hot, cold, wet, dry, and/or windy. Sign-up sheets will be at Chapter Meetings. Pass the word around - this will be great fun!

The project objective is to record rock art on that part of Perry Mesa lying on the Tonto National Forest, beginning with the completion of the rock art near Brooklyn Basin. Rock Art Recording has been going on at Brooklyn Basin for several years; hopefully this effort will add to and complete it. To accomplish this, we expect to hold several weekend campouts at Brooklyn Basin during the fall of 2007 and spring of 2008. Dates for this work in 2007 are shown below. Charges are $5 per person per weekend. Contact the person shown as coordinator to signup for a specific weekend.

Weekend Coordinator Contact:
Sept 21-23 Alan Troxel (623) 434-1029, alantroxel@yahoo.com
Oct 5-7 Susan Jones (928) 776-9085, sukeyinaz@msn.com
Nov 2-4 Bud Henderson (928) 649-0412, budandjoy@earthlink.net
Nov 16-18 Jerry Mead (602) 689-4491, jerry.mead@cox.net
Dec 1-3 TBA
Dec 14-16 TBA
Jan 4-6 TBA

This project is run under the direction of the AAS Certification Department. Scott Wood, Tonto National Forest Archaeologist is the Principal Investigator, Barbara Groneman is the Project Director, and the project coordinators are: Bud Henderson, Susan Jones, Alan Troxel, and Jerry Mead.

Upcoming Events

Sept. 8, 10 am-noon, Camp Verde: What Do We Do With Our Ancestors? Drawing on his education and experience as a professional archaeologist, and on years of working closely with southwestern Native Americans, Allen Dart uses this presentation to explore some of the reasoning behind these disparate viewpoints on how remains of our ancestors (Native American and other) are treated. He actively involves members of the audience in discussion of what should be done when human remains and grave objects come to light in archaeological excavations. Yavapai Apache Nation Tribal Headquarters, 2400 W. Datsi, Camp Verde. AAS members are welcome.

Sept. 16, 2007- March 2009: MNA, Flagstaff: Therizinosaur! The Mystery of the Sickle-Clawed Dinosaur. An exhibit of the newest and strangest dinosaur in all of North America has been developed from a southern Utah excavation by MNA’s Colbert Curator of Paleontology Dr. David D. Gillette. The exhibit will feature original bones of the therizinosaur skeleton in a reconstruction of the excavation, and a free-standing mounted skeleton of this strange member of the Age of Dinosaurs. For more information go to http://www.musnaz.org/exhibits/therizinosaur.html

Sept. 17, 7:30 pm, AAHS, Tucson: California Basketry, AAHS Lecture by Suzanne Griset. Duval

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The Verde Valley Chapter welcomes AAS to Sedona for the October State meeting.

A couple of notes to make your planning a bit easier:

When you drive in, come through Cottonwood on Hwy 260/89A from Camp Verde rather than Hwy 179 through the Village of Oak Creek – Hwy 179 is a nightmare with construction issues.

Motels:
Slide Rock Lodge, Oak Creek Canyon, 282-3531, $94+
Quality Inn, Cottonwood, 634-4207, $94+
Best Western, Cottonwood, 634-5575, $119+
Comfort Inn, Camp Verde, 567-9000, $89+
(Los Abrigos, Enchantment Resort, L'Auberge de Sedona, and the Jerome Grand may be slightly more expensive).

Camping:
Forest Service campgrounds (877 444-6777) in Oak Creek Canyon are great in October, $20
Dead Horse Ranch State Park, Cottonwood, 634-5283, $19


Oct. 20-21, AAS State Meeting, Sedona. See details in this issue.

Oct. 27, Picacho Peak State Park: Hike the Peak. For more information, see http://www.azstateparks.com/Parks/parkhtml/picacho.html

Nov. 10-11, 10 am-5 pm: The Heard Museum Spanish Market. Strolling mariachis and artwork by nearly 70 Hispanic artists from Arizona and New Mexico highlight this festive, casual and friendly annual marketplace. Chat with artists as they sell a range of distinctive artwork. With art in every price range, Spanish Market offers buyers a wide selection of objects from Hispanic traditions including santos, pottery, colcha embroidery, furniture making, painting, printmaking and silver and tinwork. Free admission. Museum admission additional. Heard Museum, 2301 N. Central Avenue (Central & Encanto), Phoenix, AZ 85004; open daily from 9:30 am-5 pm. For more information call 602.252.8848 or go to their web site at www.heard.org.

Oct. 13, Oracle State Park: Fiesta de las Calabazas. For more information see,
Field Trips:
East Alcove at Honanki led by Peter Pilles
Wu Ranch hopefully led by John Sturgis
V Bar V led by Ken Zoll, Loy Canyon with Gary Hellums
Red Tank Draw with Dr Ron Krug
Robbers Roost led by Paul Lindberg

Saturday Evening:
Our Guest speaker will be Dr Ekehart Malotki from Northern Arizona University, who has just published "The Rock Art of Arizona - Art for Life's Sake," an absolute cornucopia of images from our beautiful state.

Contact Bud Henderson, budandjoy@earthlink.net, 130 South Agave Circle, Cottonwood, AZ 86326 for more information.

REGISTRATION
FALL STATE MEETING
October 20/21, 2007

Where: Sedona Elks Lodge, 110 Airport Road, Sedona, AZ 86339

When: 8:30 a.m. Presidents Meeting, 9:00 a.m. General Membership Meeting

Name(s): __________________________ Chapter: __________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________

City: __________________________ State/Zip:__________________________

Phone: __________________________ E-Mail: ____________________________


Dinner: $20.00  Buffet including beef, chicken or fish entree; Vegetable; Bread and dessert. Full 'pay as you go' Bar available 4:00 p.m. to ......!

Guest Speaker: Dr Ekehart Malotki, Hopi Linguist, MNA Scholar/Researcher

Make checks payable to: Verde Valley Chapter, AAS.

Mail to: Shelley Altenstadter, 120 Alhambra Road, Sedona, AZ 86336-5961
AAS Certification Department Position Openings

The AAS Certification Department is now accepting nominations for a new Chairperson and a Certification Manual Manager, terms to begin in the fall of 2007.

The Certification Department maintains the certification program, which is designed to provide education and training in various aspects of archaeology independent from an academic degree program. The purpose is to provide a source of trained and qualified individuals to assist the professional community on archaeological projects.

The Chairperson is responsible for calling and conducting all department meetings, appointing committees and departmental officers (with the consent of the members of the Department) and preparing the annual report. The chairperson is assisted by the many dedicated officers and members of the department.

The Certification Manual Manager has the important job of maintaining and updating the certification manual which contains the course syllabi for all of the courses offered by the department as well as documenting the organizations and procedures of the department.

If anyone has suggestions for either of these positions or wishes to volunteer, please contact members of the nominating committee, Robert Lindsay (lindsayrl@cox.net), Acting Chair, Sylvia Lesko (slesko4@cox.net), Alan Troxel (alantroxel@yahoo.com) or Jerry Erhardt (jerryjune@esedona.net).

— Bob Lindsay
Acting Chair, AAS Certification Department

La Cieneguilla Petroglyph Site, NM
Photo’s by Linda Dorsey
CHAPTER NEWS

Agave House Chapter

The June 27th meeting of Agave House was called to order by Ralf Kurzhals, who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes were read and accepted, and a report was given on the Library fundraiser, at which Agave House participated. Applications were made available to anyone interested in participating in the Site Steward program.

Dr. J. Jefferson Reid from the University of Arizona was guest speaker. He talked about archeology in ancient Arizona; topics included Exploration and Collection, Variability in Time and Space, Taxonomy and Nomenclature, Point of Pines, Chronology and Cultural History, and the Transformation of Archeology. The talk covered the years from 1880 to the present. Dr. Reid expressed thanks on behalf of all of us to the people who have done the necessary analysis and writing to put all of this information together, allowing us to "fill in the blank map."

The July meeting will be held at 6:30 pm, on July 25th, at the Black Mesa Ranger Station. Dinner will be at Karalyn's Kitchen at 5:00 pm. Gilbert Miles will speak to us about Apache wars in this area. For more information, call Ralf Kurzhals at 928-536-3056.

— Diane Collins

Agua Fria Chapter

Even though the Agua Fria Chapter doesn't have general meetings during the summer months, that doesn't mean that our members don't stay busy!

Several AFC members have been helping Hoski Schaafsma, an ASU IGERT Fellow and Graduate Student, conduct his survey of the area of Perry Mesa directly south of Pueblo La Plata. We learned to recognize agricultural features such as farming terraces and agave fields as well as other features. Mr. Schaafsma will report on his findings in his doctoral dissertation. At times it was very hot, but we had a great learning experience and had lots of plain old fun! His survey on the Mesa will resume in October and he is always looking for more volunteers to help him with this project.

One of our members, Chris Reed, spent a week in the Santa Fe National Forest involved in the Forest Service "Passport in Time" program. The Gallina people lived and built their homes here during the period of AD 1050 - 1275. The volunteers identified and then mapped arrays of rock rubble and large depressions as signs of their homes along with broken pieces of pottery, obsidian and chert arrowheads, manos and other scattered artifacts.

Four AFC members made the long drive to Billings, Montana in late June to attend the annual ARARA Conference. They learned of rock art research being conducted in the area, and of the most recent technological advances in rock art photography. While in Billings, the group also visited some Great Plains petroglyph and pictograph sites. They came away with a greater understanding of Crow rock art as well as prehistoric rock art of the area.

As part of the ongoing revision of rock art recording forms, many AFC members are involved with the work of the Arizona Rock Art Coalition. The intent of this group is to develop standardized forms to be used by anyone recording rock art in the state of Arizona. It is a big task and takes no vacation in the summer heat.

In August, a number of AFC members attended the annual Pecos Conference, which this year was held in Pecos, New Mexico. We were treated to papers by archaeologists from all over the southwest on their current fieldwork. This is always a wonderful opportunity to learn, meet and make friends from all over the area and to hear of the latest research being done in archaeology. The Arizona Archaeological Society always has a large attendance at this Conference and it is a whole bunch of fun to boot!

Our own Dr. David Doyel published his final report in April on the stabilization work at the Gatlin Site in Gila Bend. Dr. Doyel and Roy and Ella Pierpoint spearheaded the effort to prepare the site for the city of Gila Bend to open as an interpretive city park. Many AFC members spent countless hours helping the Pierpoints and Dr. Doyel clear brush, spread soil on the mounds and build pithouses and ramadas. The site is a premier late Classic Hohokam platform mound "village". A permanent trail, stabilized trash mounds, interpretive signs and replica pithouses are about finished. Yet to be done are a replica ballcourt and platform mound. There is still work to be done and we still need volunteers to help finish it. We are working with Dr. Doyel to make a few copies of the report available for sale to our members. Stay tuned for more information.

As always, many of our AFC members are also Site Stewards and continue monitoring their assigned sites even in the heat of the summer. We must all stay vigilant to curtail vandalism and educate the public about the importance of our archaeological treasures and heritage.

We have a small "book club" and the latest book to be read and discussed was Craig Childs' "House of Rain". A

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lively discussion took place and for the most part we agreed it was a book to be recommended to anyone interested in Childs’ interpretation of "what happened to the Anasazi?" The next book to be discussed is Clifton Kroeber and Bernard Fontana's "Massacre on the Gila". This book gives an account of the last major battle between American Indians, and it happened in 1857 just south of the valley on the Gila River. It too promises to result in a great discussion.

The AFC Board is busy planning a great 2006/07 season with dynamite speakers at the general meetings and opportunities for volunteers to work on projects directed by our local archaeologists. Please join the fun and everyone is welcome at all meetings and projects.

Be sure to come to the AFC first fall meeting, on Sept. 11th, to hear Hoski Schaafsma talk on “Recognizing Prehistoric Ritual Use of Human Body Parts in Archaeological Contexts”.

Sarah Herr, director of Desert Archaeology’s State Route 260-Payson to Heber Project, will be the speaker for the October 9th meeting. Her presentation is titled: “Their Own Road: The Past Peoples of the Sub-Mogollon Rim Region”.

November 13th will bring Ekehart Malotki, Professor Emeritus of Languages at NAU, to our meeting with a power-point presentation of Archaic rock art. The title of his lecture is: “The ‘Deep Structures’ of Arizona’s Earliest Rock Art: Human Universals”. Professor Malotki will also have his new book, “Rock Art of Arizona” available for signing. If anyone would like the book beforehand, please contact Professor Malotki at: Ekehart.Malotki@nau.edu.

— Sandy Haddock & Sandy Gauthier

Cochise County Chapter

The Cochise County Chapter basically took the summer off but now we're back in full swing.

On July 21st we held our annual picnic and also toured the Historic Kentucky Camp Site in the rolling, oak-covered hills in the Santa Rita Mountains located in the Coronado National Forest. Forest Service archaeologist Bill Gillespie gave a wonderful talk and tour of this interesting water mining operation site found which is also located along the Arizona Trail system. We learned about the colorful characters that intertwined with families from Canada, New York and those who made history in Tucson. He talked about the high hopes of this gold mining operation which built this 1904 headquarters for the Santa Rita Mining Company. Thirteen members of the chapter enjoyed the picnic. This is a great place for hikers, horseback riders, birders and old west ghost town enthusiasts alike. For more information about this unique site, go to the Parks Service web site and type in Kentucky Camp!!!

The Bureau of Land Management will hold an event at Murray Springs on Saturday, September 29. The chapter/BLM will offer guided tours to the public and some children's activities.

— Denise A. Agnew

Desert Foothills Chapter

I hope everyone had a great summer and is ready to begin our chapter meetings again on September 12th. We are still meeting on the second Wednesday of each month but our time and place have changed. We are now meeting in the council chambers at Cave Creek Town Hall, 37622 Cave Creek Road. Our time has been changed from 7:30 pm to 7:00 pm.

We have a great line up of speakers for 2007 & 2008 and we begin in September with Scott Wood, archaeologist for the Tonto National Forest. He will be speaking on ghost towns of the Tonto Forest. Lila Elam is organizing a field trip to Three Rivers, New Mexico later in September. Well have sign-up sheets and information at our meeting. I'm looking forward to an exciting year.

— Paddi Mozilo

Mohave Chapter

Our chapter is deeply saddened by the loss of our friend, member, and former chapter president, Ron Smith, who passed away on May 31, 2007, following an illness. Ron also served as Regional Coordinator for the Lake Havasu City area Arizona Site Steward program for several years. Ron’s enthusiasm, dedication, knowledge, motivation, innovative ideas, effective leadership, and, most of all his kind, gentle personality will be sorely missed.

We will resume our monthly chapter meetings on September 14th following our summer hiatus. Mohave Chapter meetings are held at 7 pm on the second Friday of each month at the community room at Grace Lutheran Church, 2101 Harrison Ave in Kingman. For more information, please contact John Ainlay at 928-753-2600 or jainlay@ctaz.com.

— Gale Dom

Phoenix Chapter

On June 10th, thirty members of the AAS met at Museum of Northern Arizona in Flagstaff. Dr. David Wilcox
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gave us a behind-the-scenes tour of
MNA’s extensive archaeological
collections and Janet Gillette gave us
a tour of their geological and
zoological collections, which include
plesiosaur skeletons, an assortment of
fossil fish and sharks, and a variety of
invertebrates and plants. After a short
break for lunch, Dave took us on a
field trip to Walavudu, a Cohonina
site west of Flagstaff, and two smaller
sites that he had excavated nearby.

Dr. Henry Wallace from the Center
for Desert Archaeology will be our
guest speaker on Sept. 13th, and on
Oct. 11th. Dr. Brenda Baker from
ASU’s School of Human Evolution
and Social Change will give us an
update on her current fieldwork in the
Sudan.

On the weekend of Nov. 10th, Tom
Harvey will lead a field trip to visit
the Blythe Intaglios and then go to
lesser known sites within about 10
miles of the more well known
features. Most of the features are
within a mile of highway 95, so they
are reachable with short, cross-country
hikes over relatively easy terrain.
Tom knows the locations of about 55
of the lesser known intaglios, and also
knows of lithic scatters and rock
alignments that should also be worth
trying to find. Ancient trails can also
be found near some of the intaglios.
For more information, see Tom’s
website at
http://home.att.net/~tbharvey/.

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
Sylvia (480-497-4229 or
slesko4@cox.net) so that she can re-
serve a large enough table.

— Ellie Large

Rim Country
Chapter

Anyone interested in archaeology
would have enjoyed Dr. Penny
Minturn’s presentation on "Egypt-My
Second Home". The adventure of a
strange land, the warm and friendly
people of Abydos, and the thrill of
discovery were all part of Penny’s
talk. Sponsored by the University of
Michigan, the group’s dig involved a
Mastaba Tomb connected to the 6th
Dynasty, Yeb, a real Sarcophagus,
Grand Vizier’s head, and some
aesthetically cool hieroglyphics. All
accompanied by our projectionist,
Sarah Minturn, with comments like
"Mommy - show them the part with
the Tomb - or all the pots with the
bones!" It was terrific. In any case,
you need to see the whole show to
appreciate the feel of the action and
location.

The July meeting featured Matt
Guebard, project archaeologist at
Tonto National Monument. Matt
presented to a near full house a
different and more complete view of
the people living at the Tonto
Monument area. With artifact points:
Spear, Jay, Bajada, Pinto, Chiricahua,
San Pedro, Gypsum and Cienega
running from +/− 10,000 BC to 400
BC, he painted a picture of long term
area use and changing climate. After
reviewing the preservation of the
present site by Teddy Roosevelt
(1907) and expansion by Franklin
Roosevelt (1937), he discussed the
Salado emergence about 1000 years
ago. Most interesting were his de-
scriptions of the outbuildings that
were contemporary with the well-
featured cliff dwellings of 1375 to
1450. These included farm/field
structures, 5 small living structures,
and 3 large pueblos. Along with some
really cool sandals, pottery, and cotton
clothing, it made quite a picture.
Thanks Matt.

However, a major issue with regard to
our jewel of a museum, the MRCA,
has developed. The RCC had a suc-
cessful open house to save the MRCA
museum. Donations and additional
membership goals were encouraging.
However, for unknown political rea-
sons the women’s club, headed by Jim
White, their advisor, turned down our
offer to meet all their financial and
other requests. The RCC museum is
basically gone, murals and all. The
Rim Country Chapter had a great deal
of people, government, and newspaper
support.-but to no avail.

The RCC chapter is moving on with
new active members and an encourag-
ing feeling about the support gener-
ated by this truly ignorant action of a
few.

We do not meet in August and are
having our annual picnic at the Tonto
National Bridge on September 22. Our
next meeting will be at the AAS State
Meeting, October 20th in Sedona. See
you all there. Contact RCC for further
input.

— Bob Breen

Verde Valley
Chapter

The Verde Valley Archaeological
Society held its May meeting on the
24th at the Sedona Public Library.
The speakers were John Schroeder, of
the National Park Service, and John
Reid, the head ranger at Tuzigoot Na-
tional Monument. They presented a
program about the recent changes in
theoretical interpretations at Tuzigoot
National Monument and at Monte-
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zuma Castle.

Our September meeting will be on the 25th, at the Sedona Public Library, at 7:00 p.m. The speakers will be Steve and Lois Hirst, former residents with the Havasupai for eleven years. Their topic will be entitled "Water Wizards: Pai Responses to an Arid Environment." Their book, “I Am the Grand Canyon,” is the outcome of their research and documentation of the Havasupai efforts to regain their ancestral lands.

Marlene Conklin reported on the progress of Dr. Wilcox’ projects at MNA. In addition, she continued her fantastic job of coordinating the volunteer efforts throughout the summer. Some of these projects are the photography of the Babbitt Collection of Pottery, the analysis of the ceramic collection of Ken Austin, the correlation of MNA and Coconino National Forest Site Files, and the processing of Grand Canyon National Park excavation artifacts.

Jerry Ehrhardt announced that his site surveys have stopped for the summer. They will probably start up again in October, when the weather cools.

Several field trips are planned for the fall. Our First Annual BBQ will be held on Sept. 29. Another field trip will be to Hartwell Canyon, to a Nature Conservancy Preserve. Later in the fall there will be a several-day trip to areas near Laughlin. The focus of this trip will be rock art.

Our Discussion Group had its June meeting on the 21st, with the general topic of "The First Americans." The July meeting, on the 19th, was on the subject of the Basketmaker Culture.

The Verde Valley Archaeological Society has a new mailing address: VVCAAS, P. O. Box 2451, Sedona, AZ 86339 -- 2451.

On October 20 - 21, the Verde Valley Archaeological Society will host the Fall State Meeting at the Elks Club in Sedona. See the article on pages 9 and 10. Contact Bud Henderson at (928) 649-0412, or budandjoy@earthlink.net.

• Louise Fitzgerald

Yavapai Chapter


Fifteen members had a great field trip to Walavudu and some accompanying sites on the Kaibab NF on June 23rd. Dave Wilcox did an excellent job as guide to the Cohonina culture of the area. On the way home, the group visited a ball court north of Perkinsville, which was unique and very interesting.

There was no meeting in July, but August was celebrated with the first annual Yavapai Chapter Summer Potluck on Aug. 16 at the Thumb Butte Group Picnic area. The following day the Thumb Butte area closed. Gee, hope it was nothing we did!

The September meeting will be on the 20th, speaker to be announced.

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--- Susan Jones

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The Western National Parks Association maintains in the NPS lobby a bookstore filled with books and maps about the American Southwest. Stop in the Phoenix NPS office and browse the selection or go to http://www.wnpa.org/default_html.asp.

— Brian W. Kenny
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