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CALENDAR OF SUMMER EVENTS

- June 17-18 Field work at Pawnee National Grasslands
- June 22-24 Field work at Fort Collins Waterworks Site
- July 5 Tour of Missile Site, Potluck Picnic and Monthly Board Meeting
- July 29 CAS Quarterly Meeting, Gunnison
- Aug 17-20 Pecos 2000 Conference, Mesa Verde National Park
- Aug 26-27 Field Trip to Beecher Island, 15 miles south of Wray, CO

Summer Fun !



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Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Joel Hurmence - 6/14/00

Account Balances:

Checking Account	\$ 85.70	
Savings Account	\$ 1081.19	
CD (GSF)	\$ 1487.48	
Total:		\$ 2,654.37

Individual Funds:

General Fund	\$ 530.45	
Colo. Historical Society Grant Fund	\$ 264.22	
Greenacre Scholarship Fund	\$ 1667.70	
Colo. Arch. Hist. Pres. Week 2000 Grant	\$ 192.00	
Total:		\$ 2,654.37

June Board Meeting

Members present: Donn DeCoursey, Susan Omori, Joel Hurmence, Bev Goering, and Marian Wemple.

The meeting began with Joel presenting the Treasurer's Report. Joel gave a brief summary of the expenses for the "Event" that happened May 20, 2000. Apparently, most of the expenses were within budget. Donn and Susan still need to add in expenses that together came to about \$50.

Marian proposed to go through the existing Chapter membership list and update the e-mail addresses. If you have a new e-mail address, or want your e-mail address removed from the existing list, please contact Marian through her e-mail address: mariancweisser@juno.com.

Continuing with "Event" information, Donn, sitting in for Mary Jo Zeidler, the "Event" Coordinator, mentioned that there were folks who visited the "Event" and were unable to get a brochure that detailed the Bison Kill Site and its history. Bev said that she would make available extra copies to anyone requesting the brochure. Also, Chapter brochures were discussed and as soon a decision is made on a new monthly Chapter meeting place, Bev will reprint the brochures with the new information. The new meeting location will be the CSU Vet Hospital.

Donn mentioned that Mary Jo suggested that our Chapter take a look at the Loveland Archaeological Society Newsletter for information regarding their annual Stoneage Fair in September. This should be available in about two weeks.

Joel pointed out that there were several CSU students who spent their free time and effort on the technical success of the "Event". Those students are: Osker Berger, Paul Burnet, Amy Clymer, Angela Meagher, Kelly Livingston, Allison Bohn and Matt Boyter. The Board decided to thank each of them for their much appreciated help with a \$10 gift certificate to CooperSmith's in Old Town.

Dr. Jeff Eighmy of CSU will be giving a presentation of the Kaplan-Hoover Bison Kill Site to the Ft. Collins Rotary Club. Mary Jo Zeidler, Education Coordinator, will be giving a presentation at Barnes and Noble later this month.

If you happened to get digital pictures, or any kind of camera pictures, that you would like to share with the Chapter, please contact Joe Miller. He will post them on the Web Page at www.Colorado-Mall.com/CAS/Kaplan-Hoover.html. You can contact him at jmiller@colorado-mall.com or 970-282-7353.

Last, but not least, on the "Event" was a request from Mary Jo for support from FC/CAS on an educational project about the Kaplan-Hoover Bison Kill Site. She is considering writing a grant to the State Historical Society to fund the making of an educational video featuring the Kill Site. Mary Jo is requesting that FC/CAS act as the conduit and financial manager for the proposed project. The grant application is due in mid August. Any decisions will be presented to the Chapter Membership for a vote. Anyone interested in what that project will entail can contact Mary Jo at 224-3609. Any help from the Chapter membership will be appreciated.

Ulli Limpitlaw, Field Work and Field Trip coordinator, has put together a well-rounded and fun program for the summer. Be sure and check for those excursions in this edition of the Folsom Point and contact Ulli with any questions.

Bev has added the new Amazon.com book mark to our Web site. Please visit our site on your way to Amazon.com and our Chapter will receive 5% of your order.

The next PAAC class will be "Colorado Archaeology" and start October 24. The full schedule will be included in the September newsletter.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Omori, Secretary

Successful Field Day at Kaplan-Hoover Bison Kill Site

The Fort Collins Chapter of CAS is proud to announce the overwhelming success of the Kaplan-Hoover Bison Kill Site Open House on May 20, 2000. About 1400 people visited the site. Mary Jo Krause, president of the CAS, was present that morning and was very impressed by what she saw and the crowd that came. We had many questions and the visitors seemed to thoroughly enjoy the opportunity to see the bone bed and find out what happened at the site nearly 2700 years ago. Dr. Todd and his students did an excellent job relating the story of the site. The children also enjoyed the opportunity to participate in the dig and everyone enjoyed the demonstrations. If it were not for the generosity of Kaplan and Hoover in opening the site to the general public we would not know some of our heritage of years ago. On behalf of the Chapter, we would like to thank Mary Jo Zeidler, Education Coordinator, for her efforts in directing this project.

Summer Field Work

Submitted by Ulli Limpitlaw, Field Work & Field Trip Coordinator

The **Fort Collins Waterworks Project** is scheduled for June 22, 23, 24. **CAS members participating:** Sylvia Burruss - June 22, 23, 24; Joe Miller - June 22, 24; Rieth Miller - June 23 and Susan Omori - June 22, 23, 24 **Meeting time:** 9:00 a.m. **Equipment needed:** Not sure at this point, just bring your personal belongings for the day. It will be dusty. They will supply dust masks if needed. Lunch can be bought in LaPorte. Vern's is famous for their cinnamon rolls. There is also a grocery store selling sandwiches. **Directions:** Take College

north, go west on 287 to the town of LaPorte. In town turn at the stop light and go south on Overland Trail, cross the river, drive past Bingham Hill Cemetery. You will get to the gates of Waterworks. The first day will be spent doing shallow radar penetration. Then it's dig time! Can you dig it? There will be drinking water and a porta potty on site. Saturday will have lots of traffic, since this is also their Open House. **Information:** Contact David Budge, 970-482-8936, or Ulli Limpitlaw, Field Work Coordinator, 970-356-5134, diamspir@aol.com.

Summer Field Trip August 26-27

Submitted by Ulli Limpitlaw, Field Work & Field Trip Coordinator

This year's trip takes us to the eastern border of Colorado. We will leave early in the morning of August 26 to drive to Wray, CO. This is a 3-½ hour drive from Fort Collins, 175 miles from Denver. Our first stop is Beecher Island, 15 miles south of Wray. Beecher is an old battlefield where one of the last battles between the Indian and the White Man was fought in September of 1868. Major George Forsyth and Lieutenant Fred Beecher led 50 scouts recruited by the US Army, in tracking a band of Dog Soldiers who had attacked some freighters east of Fort Wallace, Kansas. The soldiers, surprised at dawn by 500-1000 Cheyenne, Arapahoe and Sioux were forced to dig in behind make-shift breastworks of sand, dead horses, and pack mules. After several unsuccessful charges by the Indians, one of which witnessed the death of Roman Nose, a famous self-styled Chief, the Indians laid siege to the island and prepared to starve the soldiers out. The siege lasted nine days, when the men were rescued by "Buffalo Soldiers" from Fort

Wallace, brought by volunteers who went for help. Two soldiers, three scouts, and approximately 75 Indians were killed, with 17 soldiers and an indeterminate amount of Indians injured. Beecher is on the Arikaree River. A major flood has changed the island and washed much of it away. The site has a memorial with the names of the people who died, several buildings with water and restrooms, an interpretive trail, meandering through the hills, explaining the details of the battle and plenty room to camp. In Wray, we will visit the museum. The Jones-Miller, and the Selby-Dutton Sites, together with a collection of around 800 paleo-archaic-woodland points, are displayed here. The two Smithsonian Exhibits (bison and mammoth) are permanent. We plan to camp at the battlefield. Overnight stay is free, they do however ask a donation, to help keep up the facilities. Hopefully, we can have a potluck in the eve. Bring a lunch. Contact Ulli Limpitlaw at diamspir@aol.com or 970-356-5134 to sign up.

Colorado Archaeological Society

Code of Ethics

Members will uphold State and Federal antiquities laws and regulations.

Excavation of archaeological sites will be conducted only according to professionally accepted procedures developed in consultation with a professional archaeologist and with the written permission of the landowner. The investigator has the responsibility for publication of the results of his/her investigation and for making the collection available for further scientific study.

Members are encouraged to report archaeological sites to the Office on the State Site Report forms. Materials collected from the surface sites shall be catalogued and described in the site survey report. Collected materials should either be deposited with the State Archaeologist's office or made available for scientific study.

Members will not support illegal or unscientifically conducted activities by participating in or condoning the sale, exchange or purchase of artifacts obtained from such sites.

Members who exhibit artifacts will do so in an educational context. Items from burials and objects considered sacred will not be exhibited.

Members will cooperate with the State Archaeologist and other agencies concerned with archaeology and related fields.

Members will respect the dignity of groups whose cultural histories are the subject of archaeological investigation.

Members will not participate in conduct involving dishonesty, deceit, or misrepresentation about archaeological matters.

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