

# Nevada Archaeological Association

FALL

NEWSLETTER

1996

## 25th GBAC



Pack your bags, there's a road trip in your future. Offering 18 symposiums, 8 general sessions, posters, a plenary session, and field trips spread over 2 1/2 days, this Great Basin Anthropological Conference promises to be bigger and better than the last time it met in 1994. Activities will occur at the North Tahoe Conference Center, King Beach, California, on October 10-12, 1996. Rooms have been set

aside at the Sun 'N' Sand Lodge (916-546-2515), Crown Motel (916-546-3388), Cedar Glen Lodge (916-546-4281), and the Cal-Neva Motor Lodge (800-648-2324). A Thursday evening "cash bar" will be sponsored by Nevada's very own Am-Arcs of Nevada, Desert Research Institute, Nevada State Museum, and the University of Nevada, Reno. NAA will have a membership table at the meeting offering various membership services. Plan on attending and hearing the movers and shakers of current Great Basin research and theory. *Editor's Note: Did you know that symposium is derived from the Greek word sympinein meaning "to drink together"?*

## CALL FOR PUBLIC OUTREACH INFO

*Submitted by Anne DuBarton.* As some of you may know, I am now the Nevada Network Coordinator for the Society for American Archaeology Public Education Committee. As part of my job I am attempting to compile a statewide database of education and public outreach resources and activities. To accomplish this goal, I am asking all of you who are involved in education or public outreach to send me a short summary of the kinds of resources you have available.

For example, you could send me a paragraph summary along the lines of "My group gives talks at public schools, and we also have the following hands-on activities..." or "My museum/institution has a traveling exhibit of the Great Pyramid of Giza that travels to schools throughout the Las Vegas area", or "Graduate Students from our organization give talks at schools and use activities/lessons to teach kids about archaeology", etc.

I really need and appreciate your input on this project. Other states have well developed statewide education programs, and I feel Nevada is definitely lagging behind

on this topic. I know that a lot of universities, museums and government employees offer these types of resources, but I am trying to get a better handle on just what is available within the entire state and by whom. Once I know what is out there, I can apply to the Society of American Archaeologists for grant money to develop necessary programs. Let me know if you have any ideas or would like to collaborate on the development of outreach programs. *Contact Anne at: Desert Research Institute, Quaternary Sciences Center, P.O. Box 19040, Las Vegas, NV., 89132-004. ☎ 702-895-0534 (W). ☎*

## NAMING THE NEWSLETTER

Four membership votes have been received thus far for the naming of the NAA NEWSLETTER. You will have the opportunity to cast your vote at the NAA membership table at the GBAC. The winning entry will receive a one year NAA membership, so once again here are the proposed names:

- The Basin Burin;
- Nevada Archaeological Association Review & Comment (NAARC);
- Artifactualities;
- The Glyph;
- NAA Collections;
- The Drift Fence;
- Midden Items;
- NAA Screenings;
- The Warp and Weft;
- NAA Twinings;
- The Corpolite: We Print the Straight "----";
- In-Situ;
- The Side Notch;
- Tool Kit;
- Past Times;
- Line Level;
- Tenaja Teller;
- The Crescent;
- Point TYPES;
- Midden Clips;
- Early Bits;
- The Hammerstone;
- The Cache;
- Cache Notes;
- Cache Clips;
- Basin Bulletin;
- Blowout Notes; and a possible NEWSLETTER motto, Old News is Good News. ☎

## BOARD NOTES

On July 19 and 20, the NAA Board of Directors met in Elko for its Summer Board Meeting. Friday night, NAA President **Colleen Beck**, presented a slide-illustrated lecture on the Rock Art of Fortymile Canyon. The talk was held at the Northeast Nevada Museum which offers excellent facilities and interesting interpretive displays (*a must see if you are in the area*). On Saturday morning, Board Members, guests, and some Elko County Chapter members met at the Elko BLM Office where we followed BLM Archeologist, **Tim Murphy**, to the upper and lower South Fork Shelters on the South Fork of the Humboldt River. Tim presented a detailed accounting of the prehistoric, historic, archeological excavation, and Federal management history of the shelters. Members of the Elko Chapter will be remapping the shelters to provide BLM with baseline data to help in monitoring activities at this popular waterside area.

Proceeding from there, the group traveled to the location of the Spring Creek Mastodon discovery and excavation. **Penny Urriola**, Elko Chapter President, and Tim discussed the trials and tribulations of the excavation, excavated in part by Chapter members and volunteers from Nevada and other states. Bones of the Mastodon are now on display at the Northeast Nevada Museum.

From there the convoy of vehicles and hungry passengers departed for lunch held at the Spring Creek Campground midway up the north flanks of the Ruby Mountains. In a setting of an aspen forest overlooking the broad Huntington Valley, the family-style, finger-licking good picnic was hosted by the Elko Chapter. The feast was enjoyed by 6 Chapter members, 5 Board Members, 3 general NAA members, 2 general public, 3 children, and an Amazon Parrot in an aspen tree.

Towards late afternoon, the NAA Board of Directors did meet (*its not all fun, you know*). The meeting was called to order, past minutes read and approved, reports given, and new and old business discussed. One hundred and eighty-two *NEWSLETTERS* were mailed last issue giving you the size of the current membership. The 1994 and 1995 volumes of the *NEVADA ARCHAEOLOGIST* are being formatted for publishing and will be available for distribution in the near future. It was decided to have the Fall Board Meeting at the GBAC on Thursday, October 10, at 5:00 PM, at the Convention Center. The Winter Board Meeting will be held in Fallon on January 11, 1997, with a meeting place to be arranged. Following a short, but deserved rest, the Board and guests reconvened that night at a local Basque restaurant for more food and drink.

Sunday morning found over stuffed Board Members and quests somewhat lethargic, but none the less eager to press on for the day's activities. Following "Speedy" **Mark Henderson**, the assembled group traveled Nevada's back roads south to Jacobs Well. Jacobs Well is a site of intensive archaeological research being sponsored by the

Ely BLM Office and the University of Nevada, Reno.

As a strategically located way station, Jacobs Well was constructed in mid-1861 to serve the Overland Stage and Pony Express. Again in 1869, it served as a stop on the Denver-Shepherd Stage Road providing supplies and passenger service between Elko and the booming White Pine Mining District. **Dick Goddard**, field supervisor for the excavations, escorted the visiting group providing detailed descriptions of: a collapsed stone structure; blacksmith shop and corral; the highly visible wagon road; and a rock lined water catchment basin.

Departing the Wells in a cloud of dust, Mark guided the convoy to the Sunshine Locality in Long Valley. At this location, the party viewed excavations being conducted by Dr. **Tom Jones**, Hamilton College. Upon finally reaching Ely, Board Members turned homeward.

Heartfelt thanks go to Penny Urriola, assisting members of the Elko County Chapter, Tim Murphy, and the Northeast Nevada Museum for their gracious hospitality extended to the Board Members. ■

### DATES TO REMEMBER

NAA FALL BOARD MEETING, OCTOBER 10, 5:00 PM,  
NORTH TAHOE CONFERENCE CENTER, KINGSBEACH, CA.

GREAT BASIN ANTHROPOLOGICAL CONFERENCE, OCT.  
10-12, NO. LAKE TAHOE CONFERENCE CENTER, KINGS  
BEACH, CA.

NAA WINTER BOARD MEETING, JANUARY 11, FALLON,  
TO BE ARRANGED.

ANNUAL NAA CONFERENCE, MARCH 15, 1997, HARRY  
REID CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES,  
UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA-LAS VEGAS, TENTATIVE.

### TING-PERKINS AWARD

The NAA Board of Directors is seeking nominations for the Ting-Perkins Award to be awarded in 1997. Last awarded in 1995 to **Grace Burkholder**, the award has been presented to **Jean Stevens** (1994), **Steve Stoney** (1993), **Norma and Herb Splatt** (1992), and **Jean Miles** (1982). If you are aware a person/s who deserves recognition for their dedicated work or contribution to the protection, preservation, or study of Nevada archaeology, please provide a short written summary supporting your nomination to the Board. Send all nominations to: Ting-Perkins Award, Nevada Archaeological Association, 9785 Tropical Parkway, Las Vegas, NV., 89129. ■

### CALL FOR PAPERS

Its not too soon to start thinking about paper presentations for the 1997 Annual NAA Meeting. The

meeting will be tentatively held this year at the Harry Reid Center for Environmental Studies, University of Nevada-Las Vegas, March 15, 1997. William White will chair paper presentations. For some ideas, it has been seventy years since the beginning of professional archaeological research in southern Nevada. As the result of such efforts, where have we been, what do we know, and where are we going? Although it is hoped that the meeting will focus on a thematic context of Seventy Something, Archaeology of Southern Nevada: Past, Present, and Future, all papers dealing with Nevada archaeology and peripheral areas will be accepted. Presentations are open to all NAA members, students, professionals, and avocationalists. Send abstracts to William White, 1997 NAA Presentation Chairman, 919 Stetson Drive, Henderson, NV., 89015. ☎ 702-895-1416 (W). Some or all of the papers presented will be compiled in the 1997 NEVADA ARCHAEOLOGIST. ☎

### OUT AND ABOUT

**Am-Arcs, Reno.** *Submitted by Ovyind Frock.* Am-Arcs has had three successful field trips this summer. The first was to a [suspected] solstice glyph south of Ely in June during the summer solstice. The glyph performed exactly as it was designed to perform. The other panels of glyphs in the White River Narrows were equally impressive in their own right.

In July, members went to the south edge of the Black Rock Desert to look at the group of pebble mounds which were found there by Peter Ting, Sr. He is one of the namesakes of NAA's Ting-Perkins Award.

In August, we went south of Fernley to an unrecorded site and completed the IMACS site recording forms to enter it into the state inventory. Also in August, Am-Arcs had its annual BBQ; a small group, but good food, conversation, and champagne.

Our regular monthly meetings will resume in September, and we have a two day field trip still scheduled, plus a trip to the Four Corners area the last week of September.

**Archaeo-Nevada, Las Vegas.** According to their newsletter, Archaeo-Nevada members along with Pahrump middle and high school students will participate in a two-day excavation of the Bolling Site. The excavation will be under the direction of Don Hendricks and U.S. Forest Service Archeologist Kathy Moskowitz.

Archaeo-Nevada members are also participating in a project to catalogue over 60 boxes of historic artifacts that have been donated to the Friends of Rhyolite. The project is being supervised by Dames & Moore archaeologist Robin McMullen.

**Elko County Chapter, Elko.** In the fall, Chapter members will assist in a field survey for a proposed bike trail in association with the Spring Creek Home Owners Association. Training and guidance will be provided by Tim Murphy. A field trip to Juke Box and Danger Cave

was completed in August. And when it comes to raising funds, the Chapter is sponsoring a golf tournament to be called the Mammoth Open (*For the Mammoth connection, refer above or to the Winter, 1995/1996, NEWSLETTER*).

**White Pine Historical & Archaeological Society, Ely.** Dr. George "Tom" Jones, Hamilton College, presented a program at the annual potluck. Dr. Jones and his wife, Dr. Charlotte Beck, have been doing archaeological research in eastern Nevada since 1988. Initially interested in Fremont adaptation, team focus soon turned to chipped stone materials and Desert Culture, eventually leading to the discovery of Clovis style points at the Sunshine Locality in Long Valley.

Twenty society members participated in a field trip to historic Osceola, Hogam and to the Raised Spring petroglyph site. Due to the late hour, plans to visit Hub Basin were cancelled and will be the subject of a future trip. ☎

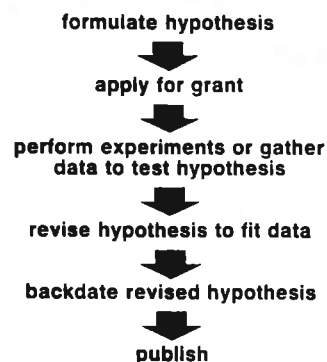
### REMINDERS

Make plans on attending and supporting the GBAC being held at Lake Tahoe in October. If so inclined, prepare an abstract for the upcoming NAA Annual Meeting and send it to William White. ☎

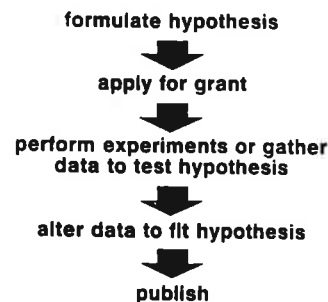
### LAST LAUGH

From *Science Made Stupid*, Tom Weller, Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston, 1985, the two forms of scientific method.

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