

Newsletter of the Nevada Archaeological Association Fal<u>l 1999</u>

Fall Board Meeting in Henderson

The next NAA Board Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 11th in Henderson, Nevada at 3:00 p.m. at NAA Board Member Bill Johnson's house. The address is 622 St. Andrews Street in Henderson, Nevada. To get to Bill's house from Highway 93/95, travel south on 93/95 until you get to Henderson. Exit the freeway at Lake Mead Avenue. From the off ramp turn left (east) onto Lake Mead. Drive down Lake Mead until you go past the Reserve Hotel. Turn right on Van Wagenen Street. Continue down Van Wagenen to the stoplight. Turn right on Pacific Street and go over the railroad tracks. Immediately turn left on Fairway. which goes around the golf course. Follow this road until you get to St. Andrews. This should be a left turn just after Fairway Street makes a 90 degree turn. Follow St. Andrews to Bill's house.

On Friday evening, September 10th, at 7:00 p.m. Anne DuBarton, president of NAA, and Helen Mortenson, NAA member, will present a talk in Wright Hall (Room 116) on the University of Nevada, Las Vegas campus. Their presentation, titled *Gypsum Cave Revisited*, will focus on the analysis of some of the artifacts recovered from the cave seventy years ago. These materials have been stored at the Southwest Museum in Los Angeles since they were excavated in 1929. Even seventy years after excavation the artifacts recovered from Gypsum Cave provide a unique picture of the lifestyles of people who lived in the Las Vegas Valley thousands of years ago.

A field trip is scheduled for Saturday morning, September 11th, to a local rock art site. Those wishing to participate in the field trip should be at the Desert Research Institute parking lot by 9 AM Saturday morning.

Remember, all NAA members are welcome to attend any board meetings and field trips held throughout the year.

Summer Board Meeting Held in Battle Mountain

The NAA summer board meeting was held in Battle Mountain on June 5th. Some of the items discussed included the 1999 Journal. which Bobbie McGonagle stated would be done by the end of July, Anne DuBarton and Kathy August's efforts with Project Archaeology (a teacher's workshop is scheduled for October). the 2000 Journal (rock art), which has 4 of 6 articles submitted to Bill White, and expanding the mailing list for recipients of next years Archaeological Awareness Week posters. Next years' annual conference will be held the weekend of March 10-12, 2000. The program chair will be David Valentine. The arrangements chair will be Gretchen Burris. Please contact them if you need further information.

submitted by Anne DuBarton



The Daub Site: Archaeological Field Studies to Begin This September/October 1999

The Great Basin Community College, Elko Branch, and the Bureau of Land Management in Ely will be beginning archaeological field work at the recently discovered Daub site. The field work is included as part of the curriculum being offered to students at the College (Course Name Anth198B). Additionally, volunteers will be welcome to visit the site and/or assist with the field work.

The Daub Site is about 120 miles south of Ely in Lincoln County. Stone and ceramic artifacts found on the surface of the site and the presence burned daub indicate that the site is affiliated with a prehistoric Puebloan culture. In addition to a total of three days in the field. students registered for the course will spend two days in the lab cleaning, cataloging and analyzing artifacts recovered from the site. Students will also spend 15 hours in classroom lectures and discussions. Field days are scheduled on the following weekends: Sept.17-19, October 1-3 and Oct. 8-10. Travel will occur from Elko each Friday and return each Sunday, with the field day occurring each Saturday.

No experience is required; however, students and volunteers alike must be willing and able to hike the rugged terrain to the site and have the temperament to spend four nights(total) camping in the area. There are no good trails in the area and the hike involves an elevation gain of over 700 feet, some of which is very steep

Anyone wishing to volunteer for all or part of this experience should contact Mark Henderson at 775/289-8250. Registration for the course is also still open, and those wishing to register should contact Eric Henderson at the Great Basin Community College in Elko.

2000 Annual Conference to be Held in Ely: Call For Papers

The NAA Annual Conference for 2000 will be held in Ely, Nevada March 10-12, 2000. Papers, symposia, and/or posters for the 2000 Annual Meeting are requested. There is no theme for the 2000 meetings, but papers concerning Nevada archaeology by Nevada students are greatly encouraged (having just completed my degree, I know there is some exciting research being done). Please send abstractsh of no more than 150 words for fifteen minute presentations to David Valentine, 5713 Cliff Point Court, Las Vegas, Nevada 89149 or c/o DRI, 755 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89110 or via e-mail at davidv@dri.edu. Abstracts should arrive prior to December 31, 1999 in case the USPS is not Y2K compliant.

Chapter and Affiliate News

Am-Arcs of Nevada

In May, Am-Arcs celebrated Archaeological Awareness Week in two ways:

(1) Our regular meeting featured a slide presentation by Sharon Long. Sharon, an An-Arcs member, is the Anthropological



sculptress who reconstructed the head and facial features of the Spirit Cave Man. Her reconstruction was the cover photo of the April 26 issue of Newsweek.

(2) On Saturday, May 15, a work group of twenty plus members assembled at the court of antiquity petroglyph site and bagged trash which had accumulated over the years. This clean-up party was the idea of Am-Arcs member Alvin McLane.

Our June field trip took us to two more petroglyph sites, five unmarked emigrant graves and two markers on the Truckee River Emigrant Trail route.

In July, we visited another petroglyph site and toured Hidden Cave with BLM Archaeologist and NAA member Chris Miller.

Our monthly meetings will resume in September.

For further information on Am-Arcs, contact Oyvind Frock at 775/826-8779.

Archaeo-Nevada

Archaeo-Nevada meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM at the Southern Nevada Community College, West Charleston Campus in Building B, Room 203.

For more information on Archaeo-Nevada, contact Howard Hahn at 702/564-7912.

White Pine Historical and Archaeological Society

The Society meets the 3rd Friday of each month at 7 PM at the White Pine Public Museum, 2000 Aultman St. in Ely.

A reminder that the White Pine Historical and Archaeological Society also has a website:

www.webpanda.com/white_pine_county/historical_society

For more information, contact Lisa Gilbert at 289-6728.

Calendar

<u>September 4, 1999.</u> Nuts! A Pinyon program. 1PM, Cave Lake State Park, Ely, NV.

<u>September 5, 1999</u>. Nevada's charcoal ovens history, a state wide perspective. 1 PM at Ward Charcoal Ovens State Park, Ely, NV. Meet at the Ovens.

October 28-31, 1999. Clovis and Beyond---Peopling of the Americas Conference. Santa Fe, New Mexico. Web site: www.clovisandbeyond.org

January 4-9, 2000. 2000 SHA Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology. Quebec City, Canada. William Moss, Conference Co-Chair (418-656-2952 or e-mail wmoss@riq.qc.ca)

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The deadline for the fall newsletter is November 4. Please send some articles my way!

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