

Nevada Archaeological Association

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NEWSLETTER

1996

25th ANNUAL MEETING



Mark your calendar folks, May 17-19, 1996. Plans are being finalized and by the time you receive this *NEWSLETTER*, the first registration mailing should have arrived at your address; if not, one is attached for your convenience. The meeting will be held in Tonopah, the location of the first annual conference. The location of the meeting and banquet will be at the Station House at the south end of town. The Station House has reserved a block of rooms, and you can make

your reservations by calling ☐ 702-482-9777 (be sure to mention that you are a member of NAA to receive your room discount). Nice rooms are also available at the Jim Butler, ☐ 1-800-635-9455, at nearly comparable prices.

Activities will begin Friday afternoon, May 17, with the spring Board of Director's meeting to be held at a Station House meeting room, 3:00 P.M. No formal plans have been made for Friday night, but knowing the crowd, the meeting will probably adjourn to the nearby, in-house bar. Saturday's activities will include paper presentations, no-host bar, auction of donated items, and banquet. Sunday will include possible local field trips.

Pat Hicks, ☐ 702-482-7800 (W), and Oyvind Frock, ☐ 702-826-8779 (H), conference Co-Chairs, have contacted Charter Members and invited them to present papers or "chew the fat" during a panel/round table discussion after the banquet. Facility arrangements are being made by Susan Murphy and can be contacted at ☐ 702-895-1411 (W).

An auction of donated items will be held during or after the Happy Hour (two drink minimum for potential bidders to loosen up their pockets), proceeds to support NAA functions. The meeting will include a used book and possibly a couple of vendor's tables. Items to be auctioned and used books to be sold will be accepted as donations, contact William White at ☐ 702-293-8705 (W) or at the beginning of the meeting. NAA T-shirts and space for poster presentations will be available. Come help us celebrate the SILVER. ➡

25th BIENNIAL GBAC

And while you have your Crayola out, be sure to circle the dates of October 10-12, 1996 for the 25th biennial Great Basin Anthropological Conference. The conference will be held on the north shore of Lake Tahoe in Kings Beach, California, at the North Tahoe Convention Center. The conference will be hosted by Am-Arcs, Desert Research

Institute, Nevada State Museum, University of Nevada, all in Reno, and Hamilton College, New York. Charlotte Beck of Hamilton College is the conference chair and is accepting proposed symposia, contributed papers, and poster session abstracts, with a deadline of May 15, 1996. She can be reached at ☐ 315-859-4473, FAX 315-859-4632, or Department of Anthropology, Hamilton College, 198 College Hill Road, Clinton, NY 13323. NAA will have a membership table at the meeting. ➡

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Submitted by Colleen Beck. *The NAA is the only statewide archaeological association and membership is open to anyone who is willing to pay dues and abide by the code of ethics. The Society for American Archaeology (SAA) has recognized the importance of statewide organizations such as ours and their contributions to archaeology. Five years ago the SAA established the Council of Affiliated Societies (CAS) to facilitate communication and cooperation between SAA and the state organizations as well as encouraging interaction among the state organizations. The SAA has invited NAA to become a member of the CAS and the NAA Board has accepted this invitation. NAA will receive the CAS Newsletter, the SAA Bulletin, the Archaeology and Public Education Newsletter, and a listing in and a copy of the Archaeologists of the Americas Directory which is distributed throughout North and South America. At the Annual Meeting of the SAA in New Orleans in April, NAA will be represented at the CAS Meeting by myself and Bill Johnson of the NAA Board. Also, SAA is sponsoring a contest for the best Historic Preservation Week poster, and NAA will submit last year's poster for competition. Lastly, I have enjoyed this past year as President of NAA and encourage you to come help us celebrate Nevada's archaeology. I look forward to seeing you at the 25th Annual Meeting in Tonopah. ➡*

BUSTED, AT LAST

Two cases of archaeological site destruction and cultural resource theft in the Great Basin have been resolved in the courts in favor of the resources and to the detriment of collectors and pot hunters. Earl Shumway, Utah, and Jack Harelson, Oregon, have received stiff prison sentences and fines for their illegal activities.

Harelson was convicted of two counts of abuse of a corpse and two counts of possession of stolen property for the illegal excavation of the Elephant Mountain Cave in northern Nevada on BLM land. Nevada BLM staff, Pat Barker, Cynthia Pinto, Dave Valentine, Mary Hartel, and Frank

Castrogeovonni, were instrumental in the investigation and testified at the trial. Beside the material recovered in Nevada, Harelson possessed a sizeable collection of artifacts removed from sites in California and Oregon. Harelson was sentenced recently to 90 days in jail and fined \$15,000 to the disappointment of Nevada's Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe who encouraged a stiffer sentence.

Shumway, previously convicted of a 1984 ARPA violation and on probation, was convicted of seven felonies, including four A R P A violations, two

counts of damaging federal property, and one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm. Desecrating burial sites in the Canyonland National Park and LaSal National Forest, Shumway once bragged about excavating his first human burial at age three. The judge, not impressed with the man's attitude, sentenced Shumway to 6.5 years in federal prison and was instructed to pay a restitution of \$5,510, a fraction of the actual cost of damage done by this grave robber.

Although operating primarily in Utah, the Shumway family members are notorious collectors who have ranged far and wide. Painted in red at a pictograph site and carved into soft rock of a petroglyph site in eastern Nevada are Shumway names, dates, and Utah towns of origin. As a result of these landmark western cases, let us hope that *THIEVES OF TIME* will take notice and reconsider their illicit activities on federal lands. ➡



BOARD NOTES

The winter NAA Board of Director's meeting was held in Las Vegas at Susan Murphy's beautiful home on February 3, 1996. All Board Members were present as well as 5 NAA general members and 1 hardy sole from the general public. Susan, the busy NAA Executive Secretary and gracious hostess that she is, fed the crowd sweet rolls and coffee in the morning and sloppy joes for lunch.

President Colleen Beck announced that an application for a grant to fund the 1997 Nevada Archaeological Week poster had been sent to the State Historic Preservation Officer prior to the deadline. Desert Research Institute is presently working on the 1996 poster and that several federal agencies would be contacted to fund the printing.

Treasurer Robin McMullin announced that an independent audit of the account "book" was made and was found to be accurate to the penny. NAA has a comfortable working budget even after the encumbered funds for 3 Journals (1994, 1995, & 1996) have been subtracted.

Bill Johnson, Membership, announced that there are 62 paid members for 1996, at which point several Board Members reached for their purses and wallets to pay up out

of guilt. *Paid members for 1996 will receive membership cards with annual meeting registration material or this NEWSLETTER. For those of you have not paid (allowing for some human error), you will receive a second notice, this NEWSLETTER and membership application. It's not too late to join and encourage a friend.*

The Newsletter Editor, William White, mailed 200 + NEWSLETTERS this last December, 170+ to paid members and 30 complementary copies to archeological contractors and other professionals working in Nevada in an attempt to increase membership.

Alice Baldrice, SHPO Representative to NAA, stated that the grant funds have been cut and dependent upon Congress's continuing resolution. Nevada's Archeological Awareness Week will be celebrated May 5 - 11 and Historic Preservation Week in conjunction with the theme of "Preserve Communities" at the national level, May 12-18, 1996 (*the NAA annual meeting is to be held at the end of both week's activities*). Please support your local community's activities!

According to Pat Hicks, 1994 Journal Editor, Volume 12 of the *NEVADA ARCHAEOLOGIST*, will be ready for distribution at the upcoming annual meeting. Jim Wilde, reports that the 1995 issue will contain 6 articles, approximately 80 pages in length, formatting will be done by the museum at BYU, and will be ready for distribution in the summer or early fall. Volume 14 will tentatively contain 6 articles and a current Journal bibliography, according to Mark Henderson, the 1996 Journal Editor. Mark hopes the issue will be ready for distribution by the October meeting of the GBAC.

It was announced that Skip Scroggins, NAA Board Member, has been appointed as a Board Member to the Nevada Humanities Council. *Congratulations, Skip.*

Adjournment of the meeting was followed by a field trip to Brownstone Canyon, a National Register listed site, located in BLM's Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area west of Las Vegas. The eroded sandstone formations were used by prehistoric peoples as a canvas for multi-color pictographs as well as a variety of unique petroglyphs. Susan Murphy acted as our knowledgeable guide having spent uncounted hours locating and recording archeological resources in the canyon along with Grace Burkholder.

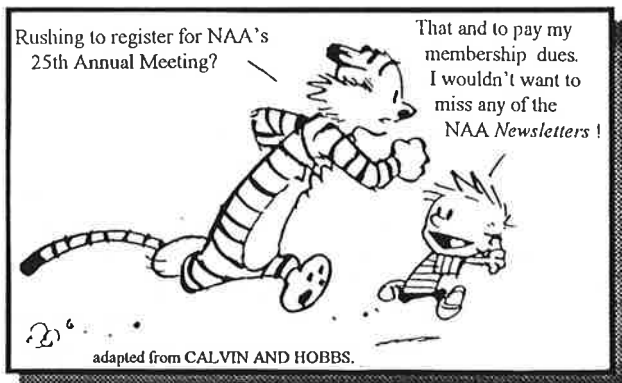
Thanks to everyone for a great turnout and particularly to Susan. Also, as an editorial oversight, I would like to thank Mark and Yolanda Henderson for hosting a party at the Henderson's Micro-Brewery & Pizza Palace following the NAA Board meeting held last November in Ely. Serving on the Board has its rewards beyond interaction with its dedicated and interesting members. ➡

OUT AND ABOUT

Am-Arcs, Reno. Sharon Long, an accomplished artist and sculptor, recently presented a slide illustrated lecture on her work with forensic anthropologists. Sharon has created reconstruction of faces by applying clay muscle and skin on latex molds of skulls. Other recent speakers have included, Ted Hartwell, DRI, talking about a PaleoIndian Artifact

Cache, and **Bruce Mayhall**, who played Navajo, Zuni, and Paiute music. Am-Arcs has an established scholarship fund used to help graduate students at the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR), attend Anthropological and Archeological meetings. Am-Arc volunteers are currently helping DRI staff on the conservation and reconstruction of a mammoth recovered from the Black Rock Desert and are assisting **Lynn Rogers** of Archaeological Research Services in the recordation and excavation of a V & T Railroad Chinese construction crew camp north of Carson City. For information concerning Am-Arc activities, call **June Rivers**, President, at ☎ 702-747-1581.

According to Am-Arcs' newsletter, *CHIPPINGS*, **Dr. Kathryn Fowler**, UNR, has received the Outstanding Researcher of the Year Award in Cultural Anthropology for 1996. *Congratulations Dr. Fowler.*



Archaeo-Nevada, Las Vegas. Submitted by **Robin McMullen**. This past January, **William White** of the Bureau of Reclamation appeared as our guest at the general meeting to present a discussion on "Calendrical Sites along the Colorado River Drainage," and the showing of the video Silent Witness. In February, **Colleen Beck** of Desert Research Institute-Las Vegas showed their Return to Ground Zero video cable special, made for ARCHAEOLOGY, about their work on the Nevada Test Site (NTS). **Kari Coughlin** of Friends of Rhyolite (FOR) graciously came down to speak about the history and stabilization efforts at the ghost town of Rhyolite. In association with FOR, Archaeo-Nevada is beginning an inventory project of artifacts recovered from Rhyolite and turned over to FOR from a collector. President **Fred Ferate** moved to Washington, D.C. in December, and **Robin McMullen** (☎ 792-796-7800) is Acting President. Meetings are scheduled the second Thursday of each month at a new meeting location, Clark County Library on East Flamingo. Upcoming events include a presentation on historic mining, a booth at the Earth Day Fair on April 20th with NAA, a tour of rock art sites on the NTS with the UNLV Anthropological Society, April 28, continued stabilization work at the Tecopa Charcoal Kilns, excavation at the Mormon Fort, continued processing of the Elwood II collection, and presentation of several poster exhibits at the NAA Annual Meeting.

Elko County Chapter, Elko. Condensed from an article in Elko's *FREE PRESS*. Last October, BLM Archeologists **Tim Murphy** and **Bryan Hockett** supervised a group of Boy Scouts repairing vandalism at the "Hang 'Em High Shelter" as part of the Boy Scout Eagle Badge Program. The shelter has been damaged as a result of illegal excavation activities; the name of the shelter expresses an attitude toward looters rather than an historic incident that occurred there. The Boy Scouts mapped in each pot hole, lined the holes with garden cloth, and backfilled with screened dirt that had been placed at the front of the shelter. In an effort to get funding, Hockett has submitted a plan that requests the assistance from a university to identify and record numerous shelters in the area, lay down a buried wire mesh to hinder further excavations in nearby shelters, and fund interpretive displays at the Northeastern Nevada Museum.

White Pine Historical & Archaeological Society, Ely. WPH&AS members have outlined 29 "achievable priorities" with their top three projects focused on the continuation of an oral history program, indexing and conserving photographic records, and providing the general public with information on the community's heritage. Another project the chapter is considering is the coordination of visitor and volunteer activities associated with a test excavation program jointly sponsored by BLM and UNR. University students, under the instruction of **Dr. Donald Hardesty**, will conduct test excavations at three Pony and Overland Express Stations: Jacob's Well; Butte and Mountain Springs Stations; and will include the documentation of the telegraph line between the stations. The project will run for 5 weeks this summer beginning in mid July. Persons interested in volunteering their talents should contact **Mike Bunker**, BLM Outdoor Recreation Specialist, at ☎ 702-289-1851. For information concerning chapter activities, contact President **Tina Reuwsaat** at ☎ 702-289-2114. Chapter news is published under an appropriately named document, *PAST IS PROLOGUE*. ➤

DATES TO REMEMBER

SOCIETY OF AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY, APRIL 10-14, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.

NEVADA ARCHAEOLOGICAL AWARENESS WEEK, MAY 5-12.

NEVADA HISTORIC PRESERVATION WEEK, MAY 12-19.

NAA 25TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND SPRING BOARD MEETING, MAY 17-19, STATION HOUSE, TONOPAH, NEVADA.

PECOS CONFERENCE, 69TH ANNIVERSARY, AUGUST 15-18, MUSEUM OF NORTHERN ARIZONA, FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA.

GREAT BASIN ANTHROPOLOGICAL CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 10-12, NORTH TAHOE CONVENTION CENTER, KINGS BEACH, CALIFORNIA.

FIELD SCHOOL

From Desert Research Institute's Internet Home Page. An archeological field school is being jointly sponsored by DRI

and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, June 11 to July 20. Designed to introduce students to the basics of archaeological excavation, the field school will be conducted at two Pueblo sites located near the Santa Clara River, in the city limits of St. George, Utah. The sites are locally known as the "White House Ruins." The focus of the project is to sample the architectural features and the habitation areas around them. Archaeological methodology will be reinforced by lectures, discussions, and field trips to nearby Southwestern prehistoric sites. Students will have a choice of participating in a partial 3-week or the full 6-week long course earning 3 to 6 credits. Instruction and support is being provided by Drs. Paul Buck and David Rhode, DRI, and Drs. Alan Simmons and Margaret Lyneis, UNLV. DRI and UNLV conducted a similar field school in archaeology last summer in the vicinity of Hurricane, Utah, 20 miles east of St. George. Their efforts are contributing to our knowledge and understanding of the Virgin Anasazi. ➡

REMINDERS

Attached is a registration form for the Annual Meeting of the NAA and a form for NAA membership application or renewal. If you have not done so, please fill them in and send them off. If you have already mailed the completed forms, share the attached copies with an interested friend. As always, your organization is only as strong as you want to make it.

If you are planning to attend the Annual Meeting, take some time and look over the shelves of your reference library and see if there aren't some books/reports of archaeological, anthropological, or historical interest for which you no longer have an honest use for. Cull those books from the shelves and bring them with you to donate to the used book sale at the meeting; somebody just might be looking for the very book you have donated. Also, donated auctionable items are needed for the Saturday

night auction (please, no prehistoric or historic artifacts). Both the book sale and auction were successful NAA fund raisers that helped offset the cost of last years extravagant and fun-filled Annual Meeting. **Please help make NAA's 25th anniversary an especially memorable one.**

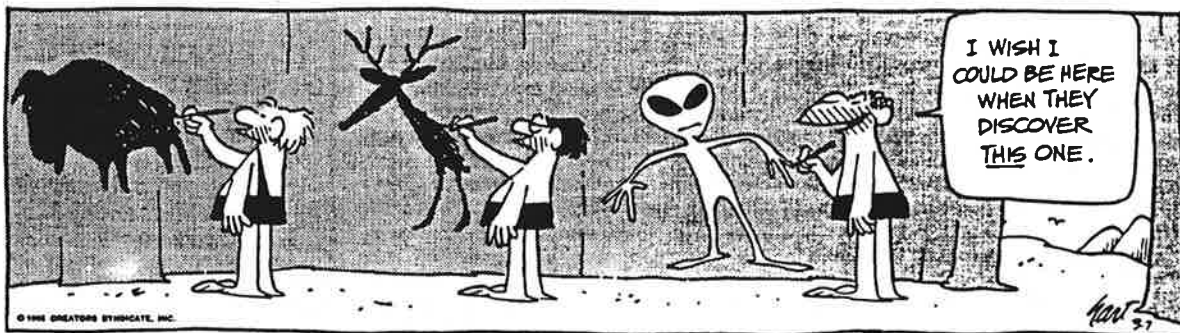
Finally, for our avocational membership, there are a lot of local opportunities to participate, either as a volunteer or student for credit, in Nevada archeology. Contact your local university, federal agency, or local NAA Chapter on activities in your area. Now, more than ever as a result of personnel and budget cutbacks, Federal archeologists are in need of knowledgeable and dedicated avocationalists to help monitor and report vandalism of archeological sites as well as work on special projects. ➡

NAME THIS NEWSLETTER

The name *NEWSLETTER* sounds so plain, common, and unimaginative for NAA's quarterly informational notes. Do you have any suggestions for an appropriate, unique name (publishable of course)? Take for example, Am-Arcs' newsletter is called *CHIPPINGS* in reference to lithic debitage, and the White Pine Historical & Archaeological Society's newsletter is called *PAST IS PROLOGUE*. Bring your ideas for a name to the Annual Meeting where you will be provided an opportunity to express your creative self. The resulting names will be compiled and presented in the next *NEWSLETTER* where the general membership will have an opportunity to pick the best by vote. A free membership for one year, pending approval of the Board, will be awarded to the person submitting the winning entry. If you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting, send your suggestion/s to William White, NAA *NEWSLETTER* Editor, 919 Steston Drive, Henderson, NV, 89015. So clear the cobwebs from the creative side of your brain and enter this membership contest. ➡

LAST LAUGH

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REGISTRATION FORM
NEVADA ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
 25TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
 STATION HOUSE HOTEL
 TONOPAH, NEVADA
 MAY 17-18, 1996

NAME _____ AFFILIATION _____
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CONVENTION ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- No-host get-together Friday evening at the Station House
- Paper Presentations, Saturday
- Saturday evening, Buffet with "old timers" round table discussion after dinner.
- Used book sale Saturday (Donations solicited)
- Auction of ??? Saturday evening (Donations solicited)
- **NAA Board of Directors' meeting: 3:00 p.m. Friday.**

COSTS

- Registration at the Convention \$15.00
 - Pre-registration (if received before April 15th) \$ _____ x \$10 = \$ _____
 - Saturday banquet buffet \$ _____ x \$15 = \$ _____
 - T-shirts (\$2 less with pre-registration):
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| Medium | # _____ x \$15 = | | \$ _____ |
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(ADD \$3 per shirt for postage and handling, if you want them mailed to you)

TOTAL REMITTED: \$ _____

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Jim Butler Motel 1-800-635-9455

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| \$35.97 | 2 PERSONS | \$39.24 |
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