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Pintwater Cave

Anne DuBarton (DRI-South) presented *Results of Investigations at Pintwater Cave near Indian Springs in Southern Nevada* on June 13 at the BLM Winnemucca District Office to a small but intellectually engaged group of eleven attendees.

Anne briefly recounted earlier research at the site in 1963-64 by Margaret Lyneis, Charles Rozaire and C. Vance Haynes. The research revisit by the Desert Research Institute was under different conditions: respirators and tyvek suits because of the contemporary concern for hanta virus and other dust born pathogens. The recent research probed under a roof fall block that occurred around 3500 years ago. Phenomenal preservation allowed recovery of compound dart shafts, a bow with painted green, black and red patterns almost identical to a specimen found at Gypsum Cave, a large biface with pitch still adhering, bird bone, a juniper fiber bundle and a substantial assemblage of milkweed cordage (much of which had been reprocessed into owl pellets). The absence of identifiable bighorn sheep bone is curious, particularly with the abundance of sheep dung dated as early as 38,000 years ago.

The non-perishable assemblage was notable by the recovery of around 200 projectile points and a virtual absence of chipped stone debitage. Many of the projectile points started out as Elko style and had been reworked into Gypsum style projectiles. Most of the points showed impact

fractures. This situation leads some to speculate that the aboriginal people were shooting arrows into the cave perhaps as a ritual practice.

Pollen research has been carried out by Peter Wigand who reported results at the 1996 Great Basin Anthropological Conference. Gas chromatography was carried out on some of the resin indicating that it was derived from the lac insect.

The quality of the presentation sets a high standard that should encourage NAA members and the public to participate in quarterly NAA board meeting activities.

The Marsden House and Lovelock Cave

On June 14 Peggy McGuckian (Archeologist with the Winnemucca BLM Field Office) led NAA members and guests on a tour of the Marsden House display on Lovelock Cave and then a trip out to the famous Lovelock Cave Site. The wonderful exhibits at the Marsden House prepared under the leadership of Dr. Catherine Fowler of the University of Nevada, Reno and the Winnemucca District BLM are a necessary prelude to an actual visit to Lovelock Cave. Although not suggested as a substitute for the excellent tour leadership of Ms. McGuckian the Marsden House does offer for sale reprint copies of the Loud and Harrington report on Lovelock Cave (1929).

The tour of the Cave itself may shortly become an environmental education opportunity with self guided tour information thanks to cooperation between the BLM and Pershing County. Ms. McGuckian encouraged the score of visitors to make suggestions for interpretive facilities and information on the Cave. It is of course impossible to capture in text and graphics the learning opportunity of a knowledgeable tour leader. This visitor supports the plan which places the parking lot and approach to the cave on the natural scarp to the south of Lovelock Cave, thereby preserving a landscape that is nearly devoid of modern intrusions. Interpretive materials should include a map of the excavations with indications of feature locations, illustrations and ages of selected finds.

As an interpretive site the cave lends itself naturally to protected interpretive displays. However displays might be subject to vandalism, so the cost of durable display materials and the risk of vandalism will need to be weighed, with no guarantees that the optimum balance can be predicted. Museum quality exhibits, display cases with graphics and

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replica specimens would be a low maintenance physical possibility if there were no concern of vandalism. Encouraging visitor access into the cave seems a necessity because it would be nearly impossible to discourage entry into the cave without expensive and incompatible constructions. There is an issue of cave safety with dust, airborne microbes and some risk of surfaces with unstable and steep walking surfaces. A hard surfaced trail where visitors were encouraged to stay on the surface might be feasible.

With static exhibits a lot of the learning dynamics are lost compared to an interpretive ranger. Some facts like the removal of 56 human burials by the archeological excavators, the earliest date from the Cave at 2570 BP above a major occupation in the ochre layer, and the age of the decoys at 2080 +/- 330 and 2250 +/- 230 (Tuohy & Napton, 1986 *American Antiquity* 51(4)813-816) may be best presented in text form.

The origin of the stories of the "red-headed giants," the efforts to return original artifacts (especially the decoys) to a Nevada venue, the narration of Peter Ogden's description of encountering 200 Paiutes in a camp in the Lovelock area in the mid 1800s while overlooking the current unintruded setting and speculation on whether and where there might be remaining intact cultural deposits may not easily be reduced to static exhibit and pamphlet form. But perhaps there is some hybrid form of interpretation possible as has been practiced by the Carson City District BLM at Hidden Cave, wherein periodic guided tours are scheduled, and groups planning in advance can request and be granted the leadership of the knowledgeable agency and museum volunteer personnel. Thanks are due to Peggy and the BLM for the opportunity to visit Lovelock Cave.

Minutes of June 14, 1997 NAA Board Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the Nevada Archaeological Association Board of Directors was called to order at 3:35 pm on June 14, 1997 at the BLM Winnemucca Field Office by President Bill Johnson

Board Members present were: Bill Johnson, Susan Murphy, Anne DuBarton, Gretchen Burris, Oyvind Frock, Alice Baldrice and Mark Henderson.

Board Members absent were: Skip Scroggins, Bill White, Robin McMullen and Pat Hicks.

Guests present at times were: Peggy McGuckian, Yolanda Henderson and Yano.

Minutes- President Johnson requested that Mark Henderson record minutes in the absence of Secretary Hicks. President Johnson then asked for correction of the March 14 & 15 1997 Minutes. With the correction of

spelling for Helen Mortenson's name the Minutes were approved on a motion by Oyvind Frock, seconded by Anne DuBarton.

President's Report- President Johnson reported that Robin McMullen had resigned from the Board. Discussion centered on recommendations for an appointment to fill the vacant position but decision on the question was deferred to later in the meeting.

President Johnson also reported that a certificate of appreciation had been presented on behalf of NAA to Evelyn Faulkner for her outstanding assistance in getting the *Nevada Archaeologist* manuscripts ready for the printer and distributed to the membership.

President Johnson also discussed his participation in the Society for American Archaeology (SAA) Council of Affiliated Societies (CAS). He was elected Secretary of the CAS. Some discussion at the CAS centered on assisting affiliated societies in setting up web pages. Hester Davis has been the guiding force in establishing the CAS. The CAS is organized under the SAA and has a budget and letterhead for official correspondence under the SAA. The CAS is also starting to function as a clearinghouse for public participation in archeological preservation. For example the National Park Service approached CAS on suggestions for theme Landmarks within the various States. Mark asked if the CAS had taken a position on the organization of the Registry of Professional Archaeologists. Bill responded that there was no discussion in the CAS of this matter.

President Johnson also reported that NAA has ordered 225 Rock Art Etiquette decals at a cost of \$293 (just under the \$300 approved by the Board).

Treasurer's Report- Treasurer Frock reported a balance of \$7,894.59 in the NAA treasury as of 16 May 1997. Disbursement had been made of \$184.00 to the Copy Cat for mailing envelopes for the *Nevada Archaeologist*. Susan Murphy will continue to make deposits of money collected at the NAA address. Treasurer Frock will make disbursements for approved expenses.

Executive Secretary's Report- Susan Murphy reported that some Newsletters had been returned because there was no second address line on the labels. Fortunately only 6-7 *Nevada Archaeologists* were returned from the mailings. Susan suggested that names with undeliverable addresses be placed in the *In Situ*.

The NAA has received a letter from Mae Nygren regarding plundering of American Indian remains and bottle collecting and the vandalism at Hidden Cave. President Johnson will contact Mae Nygren and discuss what support NAA might give, including contacting the appropriate BLM office to discuss concerns.

Newsletter Editor's Report- Mark Henderson submitted a bill to Oyvind for \$80 in postage. Oyvind promptly issued a reimbursement check.

Membership- Membership Chair Anne DuBarton reported that there were currently 137 NAA paid memberships: 40 family, 75 individual, 2 sponsor, 11 student and 9 supporting. These are distributed by Affiliate and Chapter as follows: 7 Am-Arcs, 9 Archaeo-Nevada, 16 Churchill, 12 Elko, 5 Lincoln, 9 White Pine, 79 unaffiliated. Anne and Susan had coordinated on the 6 memberships from White Pine that had not been processed by the local society. Susan gave assurance that they would receive journals. Because of a snafu Marjorie Jones will have an overpayment applied to 1998 membership. Anne will investigate getting "year paid" for dues on the mailing labels.

Am-Arcs Affiliate Report- Oyvind Frock reported that there were 55 participants, including 18 non-members, in the Am-Arc sponsored Nevada Archaeology Week tour of Winnemucca Dry Lake. Am-Arcs is anticipating a field trip to the Lassen area and to White River Narrows. An August barbecue is planned for Meeks Bay. In September a trip is planned to Rattlesnake Canyon and in October to the Jessup Mine and Homestead. Alice Baldrice praised Am-Arcs for their meetings which attract 90-100 people and the outstanding support of Am-Arcs members at Archaeology Awareness Week events.

Elko Chapter Report- Bill Johnson reported that Penny Urriola had contacted him. She is the point of contact between the Elko Chapter and NAA. The Chapter has prepared a display at the Northeastern Nevada Museum for the Spring Creek mastodon. The Chapter always seems to have activities.

White Pine Chapter- Gretchen Burris reported that there had been no May meeting. Joe Nardone had cancelled his appearance at the potluck because of a motorcycle accident. Bill Johnson might be willing to deliver his Cathedral Gorge bison talk for a Chapter meeting. The Chapter plans on hosting an old-timers group in the 4th of July parade in Ely.

Archaeo-Nevada- No report.

Lincoln County- While not an official chapter activity, Mark Henderson and Gretchen Burris reported on a successful Archaeology Awareness Week activity cleaning up trash at the Ash Springs Rock Art Site. About 60 students from Brown Junior High School participated in this event collecting recent garbage and documenting it to draw inferences about the human activities it represented. Sally White and Dawna Ferris were instrumental in organizing this activity.

SHPO Report- Alice Baldrice reported that the SHPO's office now has a media person: Gwenn Clancy. Press releases have been automated. There were 48 people on the Awareness Week walking tour of Virginia City. A new website for the Department of Libraries and Museums is improving availability of information. The office also

issued preservation awards to Colleen Beck and Oyvind Frock for leadership in Nevada archeology and preservation.

1997 Nevada Archaeologist- Bill Johnson reported that Editor Bill White has a number of manuscripts from the 1997 NAA Annual Meeting.

1998 Nevada Archaeologist- Bill Johnson has no papers yet but may be looking for material to publish from papers at the Annual Meeting in Eureka.

1999 Nevada Archaeologist- No editor is selected yet for 1999. Bill Johnson would like volunteers at the next Board meeting.

Ting-Perkins Award- Bill Johnson wants to continue to track the placement of the White River sign in honor of Jean Stevens. Oyvind volunteered to Chair the committee to seek new nominations including placing an announcement in the next newsletter.

1998 Annual Meeting- The meeting is scheduled for March 13 and 14th. The SAA will be meeting in Seattle the last week of March. Anne suggested that the abstracts for the Annual Meeting be published in the meeting program. She also suggested that presenters be encouraged to submit papers for publication in Nevada Archaeologist. She also suggested that the presentations be video-taped.

1999 Annual Meeting- Venues for the 1999 Annual meeting were suggested for Austin, Winnemucca and Wendover. The meeting is tentatively set for 19 & 20 March 1999.

1997 Archaeology Awareness Week- Alice stated that we needed to get the publicity out sooner. Anne suggested we arrange a photocontest for the poster next year or a professional illustrator might be hired. Anne didn't produce as many posters as in past years, but they could be reprinted if there is more demand. Distribution was good this year but timing was too close to the events. Anne stated that the 500 posters cost \$500 to print. The printing was done by Nevada Color Graphics. Alice will make recommendation for numbers to reprint.

1998 Archaeology Awareness Week- The SHPO Grant has been awarded to NAA for 1998. Bill Johnson appointed Anne DuBarton to Chair this Committee. There should be a call for posters in the Fall. The award would be a framed poster for the winning entry. The selection of the winner should be made by the Board by December 15th. The announcement of the winner would occur in January.

BLM Rock Art Decals- The rock art decals should go to Districts that don't already have a supply. Susan will distribute samples to BLM and Forest Service Offices if Mark will send an address list.

Utah Professional Archaeological Society- NAA Joint Meeting: UPAC wanted to have a joint meeting with NAA in the Spring. This was impossible for us as we are already committed to Eureka. Possibly we could have a joint meeting in Baker.

Tax Status- The NAA Federal Tax ID number is 88-0209667.

Field School Report- Susan Murphy will contact Bobbie McGonagle about status of report on the Clayton Valley Field School in 1995.

Board Meeting Publicity- Oyvind Frock and Peggy McGuckian got publicity about Anne DuBarton's Pintwater Cave presentation and the Lovelock Cave tour in the Reno Gazette and the Humboldt Record.

NAA Histor- Bill Johnson asked Mark to work on updating the NAA History manuscript and Standard Operating Procedures in 1997. Mark said he had been unable to get membership lists from 1988 to the present. Anne said she would try to supply these to Mark.

Web Page- Alice Baldrice and Bill Johnson reported that the SHPO would be willing to host an NAA web page. Bill Johnson will talk with Hal Rager and see if he would be willing to design an NAA web page.

Nevada Archaeologist Back Issues- We have lots of back issues of Nevada Archaeologists. We have no institutional subscribers or institutional rate. Bill Johnson thinks we should establish an institutional rate. Currently only the Nevada State Library receives a courtesy institutional copy. Susan thinks that a previous Board had increased dues to \$15 for individual memberships and \$20 for family memberships. Bill Johnson said he will try to verify this and proposed an Institutional subscription of \$10. Bill also suggested that we give a complete set of back issues to any Institutional subscribers. We have only about 50 sets which do not include Volume 6 #2 and Volume 7 #2, which are out of print. Volume 12 may also be unavailable as remaining stock may be contaminated as part of the DRI sick building situation. Anne will prepare an Institutional Membership flyer and will be the point of contact for distribution. Bill Johnson will put together a list of priority institutional libraries for distribution. Finally there was discussion about disclosure of site locations in back issues.

Intrigue of the Past Curriculum- Mark will contact Jeanne Moe of BLM Utah to see if she would be willing to present a program at the next NAA board meeting.

Duck Decoy Repatriation- Peggy McGuckian asked to discuss interest by the Lovelock Paiute Tribe of the return of Lovelock duck decoys from the Museum of the American Indian. Three decoys of the eleven were on loan to the Nevada State Museum for a year. The Lovelock Paiute Tribe is also interested in protection of some traditional pine nut collecting areas. The Tribe might be interested in the State Historic preservation funds that can be used for cultural centers.

Board Vacancy- Peggy McGuckian was nominated to fill the vacant position on the NAA Board. Oyvind Frock made a motion to support the appointment. Gretchen Burris

seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in support of the appointment.

Next Board Meeting- The next Board Meeting is set for September 19th and 20th at Baker, Nevada.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mark Henderson acting NAA Secretary

Nominees Sought for Ting-Perkins Award

Regularly, NAA presents its Ting-Perkins Award to someone who has made significant contributions to Nevada archaeology. Awards are announced at NAA Annual Meetings.

The recipient may not be a professional archeologist. The person's efforts can be in such diverse areas as "dirt" archaeology, rock art, oral history, preservation efforts, museum work or any area judged by the NAA to have a beneficial impact on Nevada archaeology.

Please present nominations to any NAA Board Member or contact Oyvind Frock, Award Chairman, 3785 Falcon Way, Reno, Nevada 89509 or by telephone at (702) 826-8779.

Oyvind Frock, Ting-Perkins Award Committee Chairman

Changes in 1997 NAA Officers

At the June NAA Board Meeting in Winnemucca NAA President Bill Johnson announced the resignation of Robin McMullen from the NAA Board of Directors. Robin had served the Association as treasurer in 1995 and 1996. The NAA Board was pleased to cajole long time NAA member, Peggy McGuckian to fill the vacant position. Welcome Peggy.

Call for Papers, Eureka!

Papers, symposia or poster reports are warmly solicited on **Current Research in Nevada Archaeology** for the 1998 Annual Meeting at the Eureka Opera House, scheduled for March 13-15, 1998. Abstracts of about 150 words, for presentations of 15 minutes or less should be sent to the Program Chairperson Mark Henderson (phone 289-8250) by e-mail (mhenderson@idsely.com) or US Postal Service (1001 Canyon Street, Ely, Nevada 89301-2104). Please provide completed **abstracts by December 1, 1997.**

Wally Cuchine (237-6006) is the Conference organizer. Wally advises folks to make reservations soon for those

requiring commercial lodgings. A new motel should be completed in time for the meeting, however members are reminded that Eureka is a boom town again. Regardless of your lodging needs, don't let the Spring equinox date fool you, it will still be winter in Eureka in March.

News from Am-Arcs

Am-Arcs had two successful summer trips:

1) a repeat visit to the White River Narrows Petroglyph Site where the summer solstice glyph again impressed about two dozen Am-Arcs members and guests, and;

2) a two day trip along the Applegate-Lassen Trail from the west end of High Rock Canyon to Peter Lassen's Monument in Susanville via Fandango Pass. North of Susanville Am-Arcs visited the Belfast Ranch Petroglyph Site plus four rock foundations off Karlo Road.

The Annual Barbeque was held in August at Meek's Bay on Lake Tahoe.

Four Am-Arcs members (Dan Urriola, Bill Belli, Jean Schultz and Oyvind Frock) participated in three Passport-In-Time Forest Service Projects. One project was to record rock art near Belmont and another project focused on recording Basque Tree Art in the Jarbidge area. These two projects were directed by Forest Service archeologists Arlene Benson (NAA member) and Fred Frampton. The project that Jan participated in was in Oregon.

A group of Am-Arcs members (Sue Alexander, Mary Gregory, Joanne Botsford, Dan and Christine Uriola, Frances Grande and Oyvind Frock) are helping excavate the old corner bar under Piper's Opera House in Virginia City. The Piper Family plans to restore the bar and the excavation is to find as much original material as possible. The excavations and analysis are continuing.

Monthly meetings will resume in September and we have two field trips left on our schedule for September and October.

Oyvind Frock, Am-Arcs & NAA

SNRAE News

Southern Nevada Rock Art Enthusiasts plan several activities through October. On September 18 Stan Rolf will speak on Brownstone Canyon and Lone Grapevine Rock Art Sites. On October 16 Greg Haynes will present perspectives on the Amargosa Desert and on November 20th David Whitley will discuss Rock Art at Fort Irwin. Contact Nancy Wier (702-457-8690) for more information on activities. (Extracted from *SNRAE Newsletter*, 3rd Quarter 1997).

WPH&AS News

Because of a motorcycle accident, the planned presentation on June 26 by Joe Nardone of the Pony Express Association was canceled. The potluck had a disappointing turnout of only eight members and guests.

Thanks to the efforts of Sunny Martin, Heather Amans and June Shaputis the Society hosted about 30 oldtimers to participate in the Ely 4th of July parade. Antique cars were matched with antique people and escorted to a post parade luncheon. Otherwise the Society has been dark for the summer.

Calendar

Aug. 26; Frontier Weapons, lecture by Doug Southerland. NV State Mus. 7:30pm (702-687-4810)

Aug. 30-Sept 1; Utah Rock Art Research Association, Price, UT. Contact Ron Lee (801-595-0439)

Sep. 17-20; Gt Basin Symposium on Glacial & Postglacial Drainage, Salt Lake City, UT (801-581-5809)

Sep. 18-21; 3rd Biennial Rocky Mountain Anthropological Conference, Bozeman, MT (contact Ken Cannon, 402-437-5392)

Sep. 19-20; NAA Quarterly Board Mtg., GBNP- Baker, NV

Nov 1; San Diego Museum of Man Rock Art '97, Peterson Hall UCSD Campus.

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Nevada Archaeological Association Annual Meeting, Eureka, Nevada, March 13-15, 1998, Eureka Opera House. Contact Wally Cuchine (237-6006)

NAA At Great Basin National Park September 19-20.

The Nevada Archaeological Association plans its quarterly, Board Meeting at Graet Basin National Park near Baker, Nevada. All NAA members are invited to attend the events which are:

1. Friday evening September 19, 7:00 pm at the Lehman Caves Visitor's Center, Great Basin National Park, there will be a presentation by Caroline Hilton, Mark Henderson and Gretchen Burris of select activities from the *Intrigue of the Past* archaeology curriculum.

2. Saturday September 20, Field Trip to Lehman's Cave, Kachina Cave, Smith Creek Cave, & Baker Site. Depart Lehman's Cave Visitor Center at 9:00 am. All trippers should arrange their own transportation and sturdy walking shoes, gloves, water, cameras, film. Picnic lunch fixings and liquid refreshments will be provided for Board

Members. Gretchen Burris, US Forest Service Archeologist will lead the tour. The tour will end around 2:30 pm at the Baker Site.

3. Saturday September 20, Board Meeting to start at 3:00 pm at the Baker Archaeological Site. The Board meeting will hopefully conclude by 6:00 pm at which time those wishing will adjourn to a local eatery (Outlaw in Baker) for dinner. Inclement weather alternative will be to hold the Board Meeting at the Outlaw in Baker.

For those needing accommodations the following commercial lodgings might be investigated:
Silver Jack Motel (234-7323, Call for \$)
Border Inn (234-7300, Call for \$)

There is a modest fee for camping in the four developed campgrounds (Baker Creek, Lower Lehman, Upper Lehman and Wheeler Peak) in Great Basin National Park (phone 234-7331) but no reservations are accepted. Extremely cold conditions may be experienced at Wheeler Peak Campground (@10,000 ft) and therefore Mark and Yolanda plan on camping at Baker Creek.

If you have any questions call or e-mail Mark Henderson (289-1884 work, 289-8250 home, mhenderson@idsely.com [if functioning]).

Whine for News

Please send information by November 15th for inclusion in the next edition of *In Situ* to:

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Nevada Archaeological Association officers for 1997 are as follows;

- President, Bill Johnson
- Secretary, Pat Hicks
- Treasurer, Oyvind Frock
- Gretchen Burris
- Anne DuBarton, Membership
- Mark Henderson, Newsletter Editor
- Peggy McGuckian
- Susan Murphy, Executive Secretary
- Skip Scroggins
- Alice Baldrice, ex officio SHPO Representative
- Bill White, ex officio, Nevada Archaeologist Editor 1997.

