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Newsletter of the Nevada Archaeological Association

Summer 2002

31st Annual Meetings Carson City

Anne DuBarton, NAA President

The NAA membership held their 2002 Annual Meetings in Carson City on April 26-28. They were a great success thanks to the efforts of Chris Miller, Arrangements Chair, and Renee Kolvet, Program Chair. Because of the success of the popular Ceramic Workshop last year, more workshops were offered this year. The meetings kicked off on Friday with a basketry demonstration by Washo basket maker Joanne Martinez and her sister Florine Conway. Joanne explained how willow is collected, processed, and then split to form the foundation of her baskets.



Joanne Martinez and her sister show how to split willow stems.

Summit Envirosolutions, Inc. sponsored the native artisans through a stipend to help defray the cost of materials. They also provided a sumptuous

continental breakfast to the workshop participants.

In the afternoon, Dr. Ted Goebel and Kelly Graf conducted a Paleo Workshop. Their discussions focused on major research goals relating to the Great Basin Paleoindian and Paleoarchaic periods including paleoclimate and paleoenvironments, chronologies, and adaptations to particular ecosystems. They discussed various tool industries that characterize Paleoindian and Paleoarchaic occupation in the Great Basin and provided examples from the collections of the Nevada State Museum for participants to examine.

Friday's daytime activities concluded with the outgoing board's final meeting at Ted Goebel's house, and a tour of the Nevada State Museum hosted by Gene Hattori. On Friday night, SWCA, Inc. and the Nevada Rock Art Foundation sponsored a mixer. Drinks, appetizers, and conversation flowered freely at the B'Sghetti's in Carson City. Thanks to both of these organizations for bringing together many of our membership in a social setting.

On Saturday, paper presentations ran the gamut from physical anthropology to archaeology education and outreach and focused on diverse regions of the Great Basin. Historic archaeologists made presentations on Death Valley mule teams, how to record tin cans, and the role of squatters and transients during construction of Hoover Dam. Prehistoric archaeologists focused on pottery identification,

subsistence strategies, modeling, and rock art. We learned that Chinese workers in Nevada wore hair extensions, and finally discussed the education and outreach efforts of the Project Archaeology program. One of our goals during the past several years has been to involve students in the NAA. Thanks to Alan Simmons and his UNLV students for making that goal a reality. Three UNLV students presented papers this year. One received an NAA stipend to support her paper. We hope that next year we can convince UNR students to make presentations.

Saturday evening's banquet began with the presentation of awards. NAA awarded Cheryl Martin, a graduate student at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, a stipend to aid in the presentation of her paper on Tule Springs. We were also proud to present Phil Hutchinson with the Ting-Perkins Award for those non-professionals who have made a significant contribution to Nevada archaeology.

After dinner, auctioneer Mark Henderson raised money for the NAA through the auction of various donated items. Our guest speaker was Bob Elston. He compared his work in the deserts of China with his years in the Great Basin.

On Sunday, local archaeologists led two field trips. The morning trip visited historic cemeteries in Virginia City and Gold Hill (See picture). Restoration and preservation efforts have brought local residents and the Bureau of Land Management together. In Virginia City, the preservation of many graves is complete and other restorations are in progress. Thanks to Gary Bowyer for leading this trip. The afternoon field trip



Gold Hill Cemetery

was led by Chris Miller and included Hidden Cave and the Grimes Point Petroglyph Site near Fallon. A tour inside the cave revealed strata unearthed by David H. Thomas years ago (See Picture).



Strata in Hidden Cave

The main use of the cave was to cache materials necessary for exploitation of the adjacent lake and marsh resources.

The nearby petroglyphs at Grimes Point are found on boulders and feature both abstract and representational elements. Some of the elements are so faded they are difficult to see. Newer panels are carved over older ones.

As President of the NAA I would like to thank again all of the agencies, companies, and individuals that made our 31st meetings such a success. The NAA is what we make it. Thank you everyone for participating.



Petroglyphs at Grimes Point

Am-Arcs received the following note from Phil Hutchinson, this year's recipient of the Ting-Perkins Award. It is being passed on to all members of NAA.

In 1988, 15 members of the War Veterans Memorial Association (an honorary funeral group) and I walked into Governor Bryan's office in Carson City. The Governor and General Clark honored me by pinning on several war medals. It was a great honor; however, the Ting Perkins Award presented me by the Nevada Archaeological Association on April 27, 2002 was more enriching. I thank everyone! It was a great honor. Sincerely,
Phil Hutchinson

July Board Meeting, Wendover, Nevada

Our next board meeting will take place on July 19-20th in Wendover. On Friday evening, Ted Goebel will make a public presentation describing his work in the local area. His talk will be at the West Wendover Library and will begin at 7:00 p.m. The library is located at 590 Camper Rd. (across from the KOA, behind the Rainbow Casino). On Saturday, Ted will lead a field trip to Bonneville Estates Cave where he is conducting excavations this

summer. We will also visit some other sites in the vicinity. All members who are interested in attending the field trip should be at the West Wendover Library at 8:00 a.m. Make sure you bring water and your lunch. Our board meeting will commence at 4:00 pm at the West Wendover Library. As usual, all NAA members are invited to attend the field trip and board meeting. See you there.

Archaeological Awareness and Historic Preservation Week

Again in 2002, the NAA and many of its affiliated societies participated in Archaeological Awareness and Historic Preservation Week activities. Through the support of the State Historic Preservation Office, the National Park Service, and the Bureau of Reclamation, the NAA produced and distributed posters and brochures throughout the state. This year's poster celebrates collaborations between native people and Nevada State Museum staff to develop a display for the museum in Carson City. The following is a listing of Archaeology Week activities statewide. Next year, we hope you will participate in one of these events

Carson City

May 13-17: Behind the scene tours of the anthropology collections area and the Under One Sky exhibit space under construction at the Nevada State Museum, 600 N. Carson St., Carson City.

May 17: The Carson City Preservation Coalition led a 2 ½ hour tour of the C.W. Friend Trail on the eastside of Carson City.

Churchill County

May 11: Spring Wings Bird Festival at the Fallon Convention Center, 100 Campus Way, Fallon. Activities included hands on activities, traditional skills demonstrations and informative displays for children and

adults. Activities also included flint knapping, atlatl throwing, and tule craftwork. The Carson City Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management and the U. S. Naval Air Base at Fallon joined the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service in hosting the event. Highlights included dance and drum performances by the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Sage Spirit Dance Group and Drummers.

May 11: The Carson City field Office of the Bureau of Land Management hosted two tours of Hidden Cave. The first tour began at the Churchill County Museum with a lecture and video regarding Native American occupation of Lahontan Valley. The second tour began at Hidden Cave located 9 miles east of Fallon and one mile north of Grimes Point Petroglyph Interpretive Area.

Clark County

May 11: Members of the Goodsprings Historical Society led a walking tour of historic Goodsprings.

May 11: The Preservation Association of Clark County led a walking tour of the John S. Park Neighborhood.

May 12: The Lost City Museum hosted an open house at the Lost City Museum, 721 South Highway 169 in Overton. Staff also offered behind the scenes and lab tours.

May 12: Members of the Tule Springs Preservation Committee led tours the Tule Springs Ranch House at the Floyd R. Lamb State Park, 9200 Tule Springs Road, Las Vegas.

May 16-17: Friends of the Fort led tours the Old Las Vegas Fort, the birthplace of the city. Historic maps and artifacts were on display. Members of the Preservation Association of Clark County also hosted a reception at the Fort

May 17: Friends of the Sloan Petroglyph Site sponsored an informational workshop at the Sloan Petroglyph Site.

May 17: Co-sponsors the Neon Museum, the Preservation Association of Clark County, and the Las Vegas Historic Preservation Commission led tours of the Neon Museum Boneyard at 529 E. McWilliams. A reception followed the tour.

May 17: Mary Youngblood presented a concert at Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, Las Vegas. The Red Rock Canyon Interpretive Association sponsored this American Indian Flute Concert.

May 18: Visitors toured sites along the Las Vegas Pioneer Trail. Stops were at the Las Vegas Valley Water District, Lorenzi Park, the Moulin Rouge, the Westside School and the Mormon Fort.

May 18: An Archaeology and History Festival was held at the Desert Demonstration Gardens, 3701 W. Alta Dr., Las Vegas. Traditional craft demonstrations and Native American drummers were highlights of the event. Many public, private and non-profit organizations had information booths focusing on Las Vegas history and prehistory.

Douglas County

May 18: A Preservation Seminar was held at the Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center.

Esmeralda County

May 18: Explore historic Goldfield. Visitors could take tours of the Esmeralda County Courthouse and self-guided walking tours of the town. A tour of the Goldfield Hotel was also available.

Humboldt County

May 18: Visitors saw Abraham Lincoln at the “Living History of the Humboldt Museum”, W. Jungo and Maple Ave., Winnemucca. Also offered were a series of living history scenarios portraying life in the 1860’s, featuring archaeologist Regina Smith and several of her friends decked out in period clothing. David Valentine also gave a knapping demonstration.

Lincoln County

May 11: The Nevada Division of State Parks presented a slide program at the Spring Valley State Park titled “The History of Spring Valley”.

May 18: The Nevada Division of State Parks also presented a slide program titled “Cathedral Gorge: Where the Buffalo Roamed?” in the Cathedral Gorge amphitheater, Cathedral Gorge State Park, 2 miles northwest of Panaca.

Lyon County

May 18: The Dayton Historic Society provided a lecture and walking tour beginning at the Dayton Museum, 35 Shady Lane in Dayton.

Pershing County

May 18: Staff of the City of Lovelock led tours of the recently rehabilitated historic Lovelock train depot, 1005 W. Broadway, and other sites of interest in Lovelock.

Storey County

May 13-18: Tours of Piper’s Opera House, Virginia City featured artifacts found in the gallery during excavations, 10 North B Street in Virginia City.

The following events were presented at the Fourth Ward School in Virginia City. The events were supported by grants from the Nevada Humanities Committee, the Nevada Commission on Tourism and private donors.

May 17: Visitors attended the exhibit opening of “From Pride to Glory: The History of Virginia City’s Centennial Monument to Public Education.” The story of the Fourth Ward School was presented as researched and compiled by Susan James, scholar in residence. Also opening was an exhibit “Between the Cracks: The Stories Lost Items Tell.” This exhibit focuses on a variety of school papers and artifacts found between the 2nd and 3rd floorboards. These items are interpreted and tell part of the story of the school.

May 17: A member’s only reception with a view of Paulette Grune’s live presentation of a Victorian Ladies Dressing Room.

May 17: Dinner recreated from a historic Comstock restaurant menu and an evening with the dynamic McAvoy Layne as Mark Twain.

May 18: Early days of the Fourth Ward School and the Comstock in “From Pride to Glory: A Step Back in Time”. Living History, Inc. performed Chautauqua presentations and Susan James provided commentary on the history of the Fourth Ward School.

May 19: “Tom Sawyer”, a musical was performed by the acclaimed Comstock Children’s Chorus and directed by Squeek LaVake.

Washoe County

May 14: The Mayor of Reno read a proclamation declaring Historic Preservation Week and he presented the annual Historic Preservation awards. The event was held at the City Hall, 490 S. Center St., Reno. The Historical Resources Commission held a reception following the ceremony.

May 14: Visitors took a guided tour of the recently restored old Huffaker School at Bartley Ranch Regional Park. The school was used from 1867-1951. Jeff Glavor,

ranger for Washoe County Parks, and Loren Jahn, a local historian provided a glimpse of Reno's past.

May 15 and 16: The grand opening and tours of the historic Thunderbird Lodge were offered. The proceeds benefited the Thunderbird Lodge Preservation Society, a non-profit organization.

May 17: The Incline Village/Crystal Bay Chamber of Commerce hosted a chamber mixer at the Thunderbird Lodge.

May 18: "The History of the Chinese of Northern Nevada in the 1800's," a presentation by Fred Frampton, archaeologist with the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. The event took place at Galena Creek Park at the Stone House Interpretive Center.

May 18: Am-Arcs of Reno sponsored tours and clean up at the Court of Antiquity Petroglyphs site.

May 19: Ron James, State Historic Preservation Officer presented annual Historic Preservation Awards.

May 19: Commentator Carolyn Loftis led An Historic Costume Fashion Contest.

May 19: The Carol Morgan Page Silver Tea, a Comstock Historic Preservation Weekend tradition took place from 3-4 pm.

White Pine County

May 11: Visitors celebrated Museum Day at the White Pine Public Museum, 2000 Aultman Ave. The Silver Eagle Dancers from Duckwater performed. There was also cowboy poetry, gold panning, a country band, black powder demonstrations and tours of old Ely and the Museum.

May 11: Visitors could relive yesteryear by visiting the historic McGill Drugstore. They were able to tour the store and order a soda from the fountain.

May 18: Tours of the Historic Railroad Buildings were offered at an open house of the Northern Railway Museum, 1100 A Street, Ely. A tour of the facilities and

train excursions were available at additional cost.

Am-Arcs of Nevada

Oyvind Frock

On May 18th for Archaeological Awareness Week 20 members of Am-Arcs went to the Court of Antiquity Petroglyph site and filled over 30 bags with freeway debris and trash. Afterwards, under the direction of Dr. Alanah Woody we commenced recording in detail the more than 150 glyphs at the site.

On June 8th, our field trip took eleven members to the Salt Cave pictograph site, the Carson Sink Pony Express Station and the petroglyph site at Lee Hot Springs.

Our spring speakers were Dave Valentine in April discussing his research in American Canyon. In May, for our last meeting until September, Dr. Tom Burke presented a program on two Basque petroglyphs scratched into basalt rocks east of Reno.

Archeo-Nevada Society (AN-S)

For information on AN-S activities please contact: Harold Larson at (702)228-3337 or Helen Mortenson at (702)876-6944.

Elko County Chapter News

The Elko County Chapter is keeping busy with a variety of activities, including the excavation of a prehistoric site near the Elko dump and assisting the Great Basin College with inventory and testing of prehistoric sites near Snow Lake.

Don't forget to visit the ECC website at: <http://members.nbci.com/elkoccnnaa>.

Southern Nevada Rock Art Association (SNRAA)

Daron Duke gave the lecture "Rock Art and Recent Human Migrations in Nellis Air Force Base" at the June 29th meeting of SNRAA. Mr. Duke is employed by Geo-Marine, which has contracted archaeological services on the Nellis Air Force Base and Bombing Range. The lecture and slide presentation addresses several rock art sites and discusses current theories of prehistoric occupation and migration in the Great Basin.

White Pine Historical and Archaeological Society

The White Pine Historical and Archaeological Society (WPHAS) continues to be active. They have a summer of field trips planned. On July 14, Sunny Martin will lead a tour over the Bothwick Loop to Thirty Mile. On August 18th, there will be a tour of North Spring Valley, and on or about September 22, Dave Tilford will lead a tour of Osceola and Cedar Breaks. Tour participants meet at 9:00 a.m. at the ATM machine in Gorman's parking lot and provide their own transportation, food, and drinks. Guests are invited.

For more information on WPHAS activities, visit their website at www.webpanda.com/white_pine_county/historical_society/index.html

News of Nevada Archaeologists

Elko Bureau of Land Management archaeologists Eric Dillingham and Christina Weinberg are leaving for positions with the Forest Service. Eric is moving to New Mexico and Christina is

going to northern California. Good luck in your new positions!

David Madsen's imminent retirement from the Utah Geological Survey was celebrated at a party at Danger Cave on June 9th. Luminaries from throughout the Great Basin gathered to drink Ruby Mountain beer and to wish David and Evy Seelinger good luck and cheer in their new home in Austin, Texas.

NAA Website

Don't forget to visit the NAA website: <http://www.webpanda.com/NAA>. The website lots of useful information, such as how to order your very own NAA mug, and contains links to related web sites.

Fall Newsletter

The Fall issue of *In-Situ* is scheduled for publication in early September. If you have anything you want included, send it to David Valentine by Sept. 15, 2002 via e-mail to David_Velentine@nv.blm.gov, or via snail mail to P.O. Box 1084, Winnemucca, NV 89446 or *In-Situ*, P.O. Box 73145, Las Vegas, NV 89170-3145

Upcoming Conferences

The Oregon-California Trails Association's (OCTA) 20th Annual Convention will be held August 14-17 in Reno, Nevada at the Circus Circus Hotel & Casino. The keynote address will be from Elaine Marquis-Brong, Director of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) National Landscape Conservation System, which is responsible for Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area and for the coordination of the management of all national historic trails on BLM managed lands. Other activities include pre- and

post-convention tours and bus tours of trail segments, an awards celebration and banquet, and a bar-b-q at the National Automobile Museum. For more information, visit the OCTA website.

The 28th Great Basin Anthropological Conference will be October 10-12, 2002 in Elko, Nevada. Paper and poster abstracts will be accepted through June 1, 2002. Contact Patricia Dean, GBAC Chair, Department of Anthropology, Idaho State University, Campus Box 8005, Pocatello, ID 83209. E-mail: deanpatr@isu.edu. Phone: (208)282-2107. Fax: (208)282-4944.

The 42nd Annual Western History Association conference "Western Roots and Migrations" will be held October 16-19, 2002 at the Sheraton Colorado Springs-Colorado Springs, CO. For more information visit the web site: <http://www.unm.edu/~wha> or contact the Western History Association, University of New Mexico, 1080 Mesa Vista Hall, Albuquerque, NM 87131-1181. Phone (505)277-5234.

The Fifth World Archaeological Conference (WAC-5) will be held June 21-26th, 2003 at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Early registration will run through January 1, 2003 (\$335.00 for WAC members and \$200.00 for students). There is a call for theme and session proposals. Theme proposal will be accepted for consideration through July 1, 2002, and session proposals through January 1, 2003. For more information, visit the web site <http://www.american.edu/wac5>, e-mail WAC5@american.edu, or contact Program Committee, c/o Dr. Joan M. Gero, Academic Secretary WAC-5, Department

of Anthropology, American University, Washington, D.C. 20016, U.S.A.

BOOK REVIEW

Corbett Mack: The Life of a Northern Paiute. As told to Michael Hittman. Lincoln and London: University of Nebraska Press, 1996.

Reviewed by: Oyvind Frock

Corbett Mack was born in 1892 in Wellington, Nevada. He lived in the Wellington area until his death in 1974. Dr. Hittman has many ties with the University of Nevada Reno and the Smith Valley Paiute. He has compiled a Paiute-English dictionary among other books. He is currently on the Anthropology Staff at Long Island University.

Mack and Dr. Hittman had a series of interviews between 1965 and 1973. This book is not written in "smooth" English, but in Mack's own words as told to the author. Corbett's daily life as a child, Stewart Indian School attendee, and adult is set forth as he reminisced these sessions. His jobs on local ranches and his relationship with "... them Taivo (Whites), Attayays (Italians), and Chinamans ..." are interwoven throughout the book. Much Paiute ethnographic information is presented as various items arose in their conversations. Witches, wine, whiskey, women, Washoes, tobacco, opium, morphine, the Ghost Dance, and folk tales are among the topics talked about.

Nevadans familiar with the Yerington-Wellington area history will find this book particularly interesting. The general reader interested in Nevada history likewise will find the book worthwhile. *Corbett Mack* is available in the Washoe County Library.

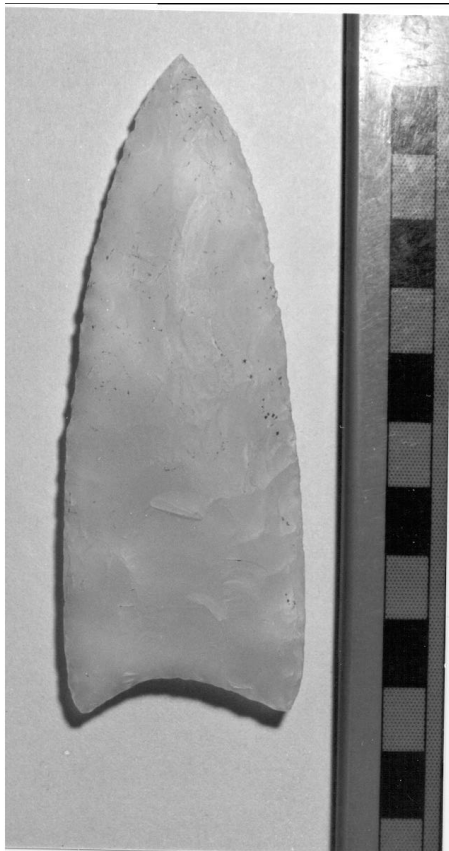
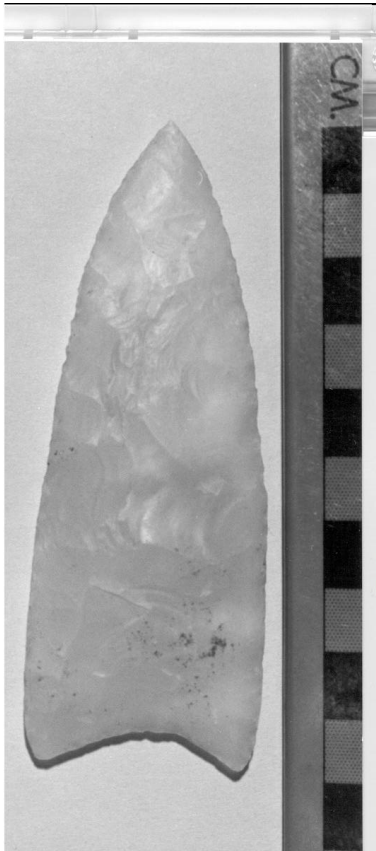
A Wondrous Find!
Teresa Panter
BLM, Elko Field Office

It was a hot, dry, horrible day. With no trees around for miles, the few clouds that were in the sky were a welcome relief. It was an area where a single tall sagebrush would have been an oasis, if there were one. The only relief was from an occasional, light, hot, dry breeze. The project area is flat and covered in cheat grass, an extremely invasive, non-nutritional, flammable weed. We were doing a death march that we knew would yield little. The pre-field for the area showed no signs of finding anything of significance. If anything was going to be located it would be small lithic scatters, isolated lithics, or the ever-prevalent tin can scatters from sheep and cattle herders that traversed the area or from the teenagers that used to have parties in the area. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Elko field office commissioned the survey as apart of fire rehabilitation. They wanted to do a prescribed burn in the area to help reduce the amount of cheat grass in the area. The project was huge, approximately 4800 acres needed to be walked.

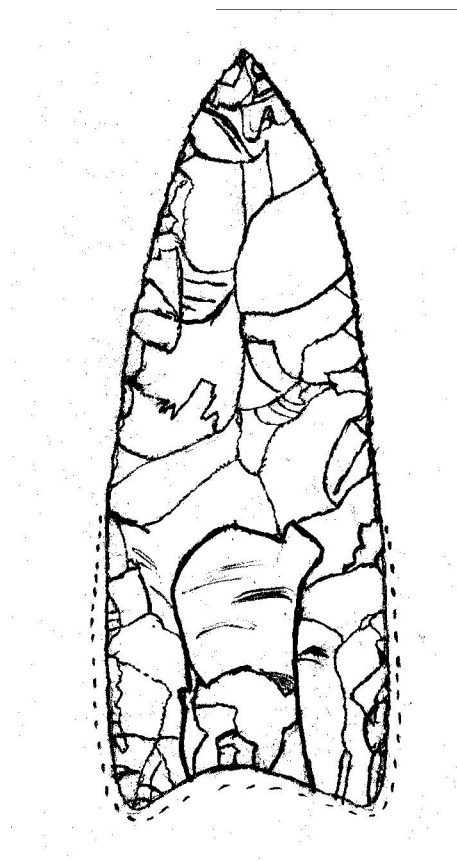
It was day four of the march and so far only a few lithic scatters, tin can scatters and a few isolated finds had been located. At the end of the first transect, we stopped so that another isolated find, an Elko series projectile point base, could be recorded. We all began to walk north so that we could get back in line, via looking at the point base, when it was spotted. The white chert caught the corner of my eye. I did a double take. Was it really what I thought it was? Impossible! Shawn Gibson (another BLM Archaeologist) was called over to confirm the point type. She grudgingly came towards me. She looked at the point, and then looked at me, neither of us said a word – later I found out that she was waiting for me to say what it was and I was waiting for her to confirm my thoughts. We yelled to the others, who were about forty meters away, to come to us. Some were a bit irritated because this was dragging out this horrible day. They kept waving at us; saying that they would be there in a minute, just hold on. But, we were insistent. Shawn finally went to Bill Fawcett and brought him to the point. When he finally got to the point and me, he looked at it and very promptly, simply and calmly stated that it was a Clovis. Finally someone else, verbally, confirmed my thoughts. Upon hearing that it was a Clovis, Kat Russell, the project lead, came to record the point. I do not remember much more of the rest of that day while we were in the field. But, I do remember that it took me the entire day to calm down. Let me just state that I was a little excited, a huge understatement of my actual behavior. Although it was an isolated find, it made this survey that was dreadfully long, SO incredibly worth it!

It was originally thought to be the first Clovis that had been located in the Elko district, but later, through some research, it was discovered that there have actually been two other finds; one complete basalt point and a base of another. This Clovis point is 9.866 cm x 3.628 cm x 0.943 cm, made of white translucent chert, the bottom four centimeters are edge ground. The point is in excellent condition. See photograph and sketch below.

If you have any questions you can contact me, by e-mail at: Teresa.Panter@nv.blm.gov.



Photograph of Elko County Clovis Point



Sketch of Elko County Clovis Point.