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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Mar 19** **Executive Board Meeting - 6:00 pm**
Business Meeting - 7:00 pm
CSU Veterinary Hospital, 300 W Drake Road
Program: Larry Todd, CSU
- April 16** **Executive Board Meeting - 6:00 pm**
Business Meeting - 7:00 pm
CSU Veterinary Hospital, 300 W Drake Road
Program: Alison McGhee and Tom Carr, Historic Preservation
- May 9** **Awakening Stories of Ancient Bison Hunting**
Grand Opening of the Traveling Exhibit, Windsor Museum
- May 10** **Re-Opening of the Fort Collins Museum**
- May 21** **Executive Board Meeting - 6:00 pm**
Business Meeting - 7:00 pm
CSU Veterinary Hospital, 300 W Drake Road
Program: Jim Zeidler

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Dues Due Notice

Note: There has been an increase in the State CAS portion of the dues.

Mary Painter - January - individual \$22.50
Margaret & Elizabeth Grant - Jan - family \$32.50
Elizabeth Springer - January - individual \$26
Jeff Eighmy - January - individual \$26
Agnes Dix - February - individual \$26
Robert King - February - individual \$26
Bill & Susie Sanchez - March \$32.50
Ron & Marian Wemple - March \$32.50

Ed Day - March - individual \$26
Doug Eldred - March - individual \$26
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Lucy Burris - February - individual \$26
Mary Lee Birmingham - March - individual \$26
Dick French - March - individual \$26
Brian & Heidi Short - March \$32.50

Treasurer's Report
Submitted by Betty Herrmann 3/12/03

Account Balances:

Checking Account:	\$ 771.43
Kaplan-Hoover Grant:	6840.48
Savings Account:	799.66
Scudder - Greenacre Scholarship:	1520.59

Total: **\$ 9,932.16**

Individual Funds:

General Fund:	\$ 1571.09
Greenacre Scholarship Fund:	1520.59
Kaplan-Hoover Grant:	6840.48

Total: **\$ 9,932.16**

**Update on the Grand Opening of
Awakening Stories of Ancient Bison Hunting
May 9, 2003 - Windsor Museum**

The Chapter has received a thank you from Candace Paterson, Windsor Museum Supervisor: "The Town of Windsor has received your donation of \$150 towards bringing American Indian performers to Windsor to be a part of our exhibit celebration on May 9. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Northern Colorado Chapter for both creating the exhibit, "Awakening Stories of Ancient Bison Hunting" and for helping to support and develop the opening event itself. We are so pleased to have the honor of curating the exhibit and are very excited to host such an exciting evening of events. So much of our thanks is owed personally to Mary Jo Zeidler for all of her hard work to make this exhibit a reality and for putting so much effort into developing the May 9 exhibit opening events. She has done an excellent job and has put hours of time and energy into this project that many communities will benefit from. This comes at a perfect time, as the Kaplan-Hoover site will be closing this summer right about the time that the exhibit becomes available. Thank you again for your generosity."

Opening activities at Boardwalk Park, North 5th Street in Windsor will include:
5:30 pm - Official exhibit opening; 6:30 pm - American Indian performances of traditional dance, storytelling, and singing; 8:30 pm - Outdoor showing of the National Wildlife Federation film, "American Buffalo; Spirit of a Nation."

Last Wednesday, March 12, Mary Jo Zeidler, Bev Goering and Marian Wemple met with Candace Paterson to discuss plans for the event and our Chapter's participation. Mary Jo is currently in need of volunteers to help with a number of different tasks in this project. Please contact her at 224-3609 or email her at jmzeidler@msn.com and let her know how you can participate.

Status of the Kaplan-Hoover Bison Kill Site

*Submitted by Dr. Jeff Eighmy
CSU Professor of Anthropology*

I thought the CAS membership would like an update on the status of CSU's efforts with respect to the Kaplan-Hoover Bison Kill Site near Windsor.

Mr. Lester Kaplan, current owner of the lot, agreed to let us excavate the site until the spring of 2004; so, we are nearing the end of the excavation phase. Most recently, I have been trying to find a way, agreeable to all concerned, to purchase the lot on which the Kaplan-Hoover Site sits. I am interested in preserving the lot from further development. I am not interested in any other type of development – no permanent display or open air-type museum. I just want to avoid building a house there, if I can.

I found a source of funds to purchase the lot – the State of Colorado Historical Fund. In order to qualify for these funds, I have had to get the site placed on the Colorado Register of Historic Properties; this was accomplished in October. This grant source requires a 25% match, and Lester Kaplan has agreed to come up with that match. So, the funding for the purchase is probably in place. I need, however, a non-profit agency to purchase the site. That is, I need to submit the grant application to the State Historical Society on behalf of some non-profit agency. For about a year now, I have been working with the Archaeological Conservancy to serve as the non-profit owner of the lot. However, last month I learned that they were backing out because they want to use their resources to preserve sites that are unexcavated and in their view, Kaplan-Hoover is too thoroughly excavated to be of interest to them. CSU offices decline to get involved because they only want to hold property that can be sold for the benefit of CSU; they are not in a position to hold property just of the “public” good. The most logical entity available to me at this time, is the River Ridge Homeowners Association. Next month I will meet with the HOA to find out if I could submit the grant on behalf of the River Ridge Homeowners Association.

What happens if River Ridge agrees to serve as the grant submitting entity? As part of the grant, I will request funds to restore the site back to its original grassy condition. River Ridge will become the owner of the lot, and I assume that the Association would treat the lot as part of its open spaces. The site area would be preserved for posterity as part of Colorado's prehistoric heritage.

What happens if River Ridge does not agree to serve as the grant submitting entity? Probably, I will give up on trying to preserve the site. I will request a small grant from the Historical Society to restore the surface of the site, and Mr. Kaplan will then sell the lot to some future homeowner.

Time frame? We will be out of the site for sure by May 31 of 2004. If we obtain funds for the Association to purchase the site, we will commence closing down the site this spring or next fall. There is an April 1st deadline for the next round of Historic Fund grants.

You can find an abstract of a preliminary report on the site at:

<http://www.ou.edu/cas/archsur/plainsanth/PA%20Journal/PA%20Contents/46176May01.html#May01>
Today

You can view some photos of the early stages of the excavation at:

<http://lamar.colostate.edu/~lctodd/fieldpht.htm>

Thank you for this opportunity to describe “what's up” with Kaplan-Hoover.

First Annual Tour of CAS
February 27 -March 2, 2003
Conducted by La Ruta de Sonora Ecotourism Agency
Submitted by Marian Wemple

THURSDAY, Feb. 27. Arrived Tucson airport. Met by representative from LaRuta, driven to Hotel Clarion, Tucson. Free afternoon. We chose lunch at El Charro restaurant, visiting the small Tucson Historical Museum, & exploring the streets of the neighborhood in a (successful) search for ice cream. 7 p.m. welcome buffet dinner of wine, chicken, rice, salad, apple crisp, coffee. Met our tour participants—3 of us from Fort Collins CAS, 1 reporter for Sunset Magazine from Scottsdale, Arizona, & 6 members or former members of Denver CAS. Introduced to our leader, Manuel Gonzalez. His LaRuta people gave Manuel a stuffed “Manuel” bear as a memento.

FRIDAY, Feb. 28. Buffet breakfast at the Clarion. 8 a.m. met our driver, Larry, of Ajo [garlic] Stage Lines. We loaded the passenger van & luggage trailer. Down the road for a quick view of San Xavier del Bac, the first (geographically for us, not chronologically) of a string of missions established from 1737-1797 by the Jesuit priest Father Kino, a native of Turin. We planned to visit it more extensively on our way back, but time didn’t permit. (Ron & I had already visited it ourselves in 2000.) It is now used by the Tohono O’odham tribe. A brief stop at the site of Tubac Presidio, built to protect the Tumacacori mission. This was the oldest European settlement in Arizona. We saw the outsides of a schoolhouse & St. Ann’s church later built there.

At Tumacacori National Monument we were greeted by a ranger, who was our guide & informant for the site. After gathering in the courtyard for an introductory talk, we visited the church, built from 1796 to 1808, & never completed. In 1828 it ceased functioning as a church. Outside, the churchyard had a round building built as an isolation area for the mortuary rites because of the high death rates from contagious diseases. In the churchyard we saw the bullet holes in the wall where a bunch of “traitors” had been lined up & shot. Their bodies would then have been buried outside the consecrated grounds. One grave, of a child, is still decorated by local descendents. The food storeroom would have stored & dispensed rations to the mission residents. A typical ramada had hanging gourd ladles & jars, & manos & metates on the ground. As we exited we sampled little tortillas with beans made on the spot by a local lady.

We crossed the border into Mexico at Nogales. This was a perfunctory experience for us, but not for one or two would-be immigrants into the US, who were being led back south, in handcuffs, by a Border Patrol officer. Manuel told us later that people trying to make the illegal crossing were at great risk from hazards of travel, especially vigilantes, but the Border Patrol treated people very humanely. One of Manuel’s volunteer projects was visiting Mexican nationals in Arizona prisons after being caught for the second time. His advice to them was to stay in Mexico from now on, because the third offense would net them 10 years in U.S. prison.

We stopped for lunch at elegant La Roca taqueria in Nogales, Mexico, built into the side of a huge rock. A highlight was watching Larry back out of a tiny parking lot, with the trailer, into a narrow one-way street. This is an area of many maquiladoras, factories taking advantage of a labor supply much cheaper than in the U. S. There was also quite a bit of agricultural produce. Nogales is in the border zone, & to cross into the rest of the country, we had to go through the checkpoint at Km. 21, the serious entry point for the country. We showed our passports & got our 3-day visas very smoothly. Signs in the parking lot warned against counterfeit documents that might be offered for sale outside the official office.

We drove to Caborca, Sonora, Manuel’s alternate home, & residence now of his sons & grandchildren. Caborca was named for a hill with smaller mound that resembled a turtle, which it was commonly called. Checked into Motel El Camino, with a swimming pool that tempted us not at all as we bundled up against the chill. There were residences above the motel rooms, which offered a lovely view of the area. As the sun set, we got a sneak preview of the Templo de Nuestra Senora de la Purisima Conception del Caborca, the mission church, & its plaza. Then, our welcome dinner cooked in a nearby spot by Senor Valenzuela—carne asada (beef), avocado, tomatoes, cucumbers, tortillas, rice, beans, onions, chilis, flan. More welcoming words. En route “home” we saw a quincinera party in progress. Those revelers later awoke some of our group at the motel about 2:30 a.m., when they decided to call it a night.

SATURDAY, March 1. Our trusty van took us to breakfast at Restaurant Duenas. In accordance with LaRuta’s mission, they spread our tourist business among several local concerns. We then took off for La

Provedora, a local petroglyph site in the hills nearby. This was on a trail en route to the Sea of Cortez, 2-3 days' walk away, a journey taken routinely between 800 & 1200 A.D. for obtaining salt, shells for personal use & trade, & feasting on the bounty of the sea. We passed a wealth of rock art, nestled among cacti of several varieties. Included in the images were anthromorphs, zoomorphs, geometric designs, labyrinths, heavenly bodies, & possible aquatic symbols. Manuel offered some interpretations of the symbolism, & showed us a rock tool for doing the pecking that he had found at trailside. One large panel he was sure was a sacred site for shamen, & in the cool shade behind the rock was a metate, for drugs or food (?) right in the rock. We climbed up & over, then back down the hill. Our host from last night was grilling a picnic lunch for us to enjoy on site—taquitos of beans or meat, grilled fresh asparagus, & drinks. That was the only time on the trip that the weather was room-temperature warm. After we got back in the van, we went through a cordan "forest", giant cacti resembling saguaro, but with a thick central trunk from which the "arms" grew upward.

Heading back towards Caborca, we stopped to visit Pitiquito Mission, with its didactic interior art, intended to instruct the congregation in Christianity. En route we drove through the town of Altar. Its plaza was filled with dark-skinned men, at least 100 of them, from Chiapas & other south Mexico regions, standing around hoping for someone to spirit them north to the USA. Legally or illegally, we were told, but I doubt if there would have been much legal traffic from such a source.

Back in Caborca we now truly visited the mission church, founded in 1688. The entire plaza area had been built as a focal point of justifiable pride by the local community, & Manuel assured us it is heavily appreciated & used, especially in warm weather. The mission had been built by the same architect who had built San Xavier del Bac, outside of Tucson. Through the years, the church had been subject to repeated flooding, & was now being lovingly restored. We learned about the infamous Henry Crabb, who in 1857 led a group of mercenaries from San Francisco into Caborca, with the intent of taking control, as Sam Houston had done in Texas in 1836. They didn't succeed, & were shot for their trouble. Manuel took us to a site away from the campo santo where they are believed to be buried in a mass grave. We finished our tour of the inside of the mission just in time to make way for a wedding. We stood around to admire the gathering nuptial party. They graciously invited us to join them, but we declined because of time pressure. The many female attendants in gold gowns & impossibly high-heeled shoes; the elegantly dressed parents; the uncle carrying the traditional box of food to be offered to the poor of the parish; the little boy in black tails & girl in white gown & headpiece, who were to carry the bride's train; the sedan decorated with flowers on the hood, all made a memorable picture. An unscheduled note occurred when the little train-bearer girl made a break for it, running lickety-split across the plaza towards the playground. She was intercepted en route & returned to her post, to our great amusement.

This evening we had dinner at Restaurant Las Taunas. It had been pre-ordered by Manuel, & included soup, shrimp & salad appetizers, fish in tomato-based sauce in foil (the only picante food of the trip, which was over the top for me & my tongue), rice, vegetables, & molasses pastries. After dinner he led us up onto the roof, next to the private family chapel built as a miniature of the mission church, & delighted us with a serenade of guitar music through the centuries.

SUNDAY, March 2, a wondrously long & full day. It was our last day, & we wanted to make the most of it. It happened to be primary local election day, so after breakfast at the same restaurant, we waited perhaps 20 min. in the van so Manuel could vote. (His preferred candidate lost anyway.) There was a line on the sidewalk to use the outdoor but curtained ballot boxes. He told us that only a given number of ballots was delivered to each site, & it was first come, first served; if you got there after the quota was reached, you couldn't vote. He showed us the stamp on the back of his hand that indicated he had used his turn to vote. He said that the ink was impossible to remove, & had to wear off naturally in 2 or 3 days. The next stop (well, after an intervening potty stop) was the village of Trincheras.

There we added the local historian & our pre-ordered box lunches to our caravan, & headed off to see Las Trincheras, or trenches, a 14th-15th century terraced hillside for irrigation control & habitation. We were told human remains had been found buried in some of the layers. Unexpectedly, to us, was a Mayan-style ballcourt, with rectangular stone walls & a stone circle on one side midway down the court. Beside the site was a ruin of a [goat?] herder's house, early to mid-twentieth century. Back in the village, we sat around the plaza & enjoyed our lunch—a huge tortilla, carne asada, beans, macaroni salad, 2 more molasses tarts, & drinks.

A high point of the trip, specially customized for us, was a visit to La Playa, the beach, recently designated a public monument. This site had been a settlement where people worked the shells, making jewelry & tools. There were human bones, shell pieces, & excavated & unexcavated burial mounds all over the place.

There is intention to develop it to allow controlled public access, build a visitor's center, & perform official excavations. On a more recent note, the trees had been cut down, & there were several charcoal-making pits left in the ground. At that point the wind came up so fiercely that our luggage in the trailer was coated in dust, & we feared a deluge would maroon us in mud. The car of the resident caretaker, who was accompanying us because he was responsible for supervising the site, broke down, so on our way out, we stopped at his home & relayed the message to rescue him.

Continuing on the mission route, we stopped at Oquitoa. Use of the consecrated graveyard had continued despite government orders to stop, in a move to secularize the state. We watched Manuel's mama ring the church bell. She graciously offered all of us a potty break in her 100+ year old house. Continuing on our way, we stopped at another mission church in Tubutama, where the cemetery was very colorfully maintained. Daylight was fading as we pulled into Magdalena. In the public square was a glass crypt containing the full skeleton of Father Kino, plus bones from two other people. We were told that he had been identified by historical records, plus DNA testing of some of the contemporary Kino relatives in Italy. Sunday night meant that many restaurants were closed, but Manuel found us a place a few blocks away for dinner. Back to the motel in Tucson close to midnight, then up early, if not bright, for the flight home.

Minutes of the February 19 Meeting

Colorado Archaeological Society, Northern Colorado Chapter
Submitted by Marian Wemple, Secretary

The meeting was opened at 7:15 p.m. at the CSU Veterinary Hospital by LesLee Ann Heusinkveld in the absence of Bev Goering, president. Seventeen people, plus our speaker, were present. The membership was referred to the newsletter for the treasurer's report. LesLee Ann then summarized the need, according to information from Mary Jo Zeidler, for CAS volunteers to help with the Island Grove Park Exhibition on March 1; the May 9 Grand Opening of the Kaplan-Hoover Traveling Exhibit, Windsor Museum (3 p.m. for the special ceremony and 5 p.m. for the public); and the May 10 Re-opening of the Fort Collins Museum celebrating its interior renovation, all day, with a 3-hour workshop.

The speaker for the evening, Bridget Amber, NAGPRA Liaison for the Colorado Historical Society, was then introduced. She gave a slide presentation on "Lindenmeier—A New Look at Old Rocks." A graduate of the CSU Anthropology Department, she gave a brief history of the Lindenmeier site north of Fort Collins, one of the best-known paleo-Indian sites in the U.S. At the time of its discovery in 1924, and excavation 1934-1938 by the Smithsonian, the land was owned by the Lindenmeier family. At present, it is owned by the Stone Grazing Association. They have been good stewards, saving the site from looting and destruction. Currently, Dennis Stanford & his colleagues are working on developing a good relationship with the owners, with an eye towards possible future scientific investigation of the area. Currently Ms. Amber is involved with investigation of comparative samples of lithics from the site, and anyone interested in helping was invited to contact her. Her group is also currently investigating contemporary Native American oral histories about the area, including the possibility of lots of other sites along the front range. The Fort Collins Museum has a collection of artifacts from the site, including only one intact projectile point. Other collections are at the Smithsonian, a few at Mesa Verde, plus the private collection(s) of the original excavators. Cheryl Donaldson, Assistant Director of the Fort Collins Museum, was present, and offered to show the museum collection [housed in the display case donated by our chapter] on request. We should phone her if we want to set up an appointment, either as individuals or a group. During the question period following the program, Rick Lippincott asked where the results from the Gemini and Sky Lab remote sensory documentation of the site are being stored. No one was aware of this, but we acknowledged that it was an idea worth pursuing.

Additional business was raised relative to the May 9 program in Windsor, "Awakening Stories of Ancient Bison Hunting." Maryel Lewis moved that the chapter donate \$150 for sponsorship of dancers and drummers, and Rick Lippincott seconded the motion. After discussion, including determining that such an amount was appropriate to our current financial status, and that we would be given recognition for our gift, the motion was unanimously passed. Treasurer, Betty Herrmann, will follow up, and send the check to Candace Patterson at the Windsor Museum.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

Colorado Archaeological Society

Code of Ethics

Members will uphold State and Federal antiquities laws and regulations.

Excavation of archaeological sites will be conducted only according to professionally accepted procedures developed in consultation with a professional archaeologist and with the written permission of the landowner. The investigator has the responsibility for publication of the results of his/her investigation and for making the collection available for further scientific study.

Members are encouraged to report archaeological sites to the Office on the State Site Report forms. Materials collected from the surface sites shall be catalogued and described in the site survey report. Collected materials should either be deposited with the State Archaeologist's office or made available for scientific study.

Members will not support illegal or unscientifically conducted activities by participating in or condoning the sale, exchange or purchase of artifacts obtained from such sites.

Members who exhibit artifacts will do so in an educational context. Items from burials and objects considered sacred will not be exhibited.

Members will cooperate with the State Archaeologist and other agencies concerned with archaeology and related fields.

Members will respect the dignity of groups whose cultural histories are the subject of archaeological investigation.

Members will not participate in conduct involving dishonesty, deceit, or misrepresentation about archaeological matters.

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