President's Corner

With a month left until the annual meeting in Glenwood Springs, I am left wondering where the time has gone since the last meeting. More than ever before, it seems like individuals and organizations are overextended. Those of us involved with the Prehistoric Contexts have had a great deal of difficulty setting aside the time needed to do a good job. Most contractors have just had one of the busiest, if not the busiest year on record. And regional SHPOs have characterized last year's project load as the greatest since the energy boom days on either side of 1980. Federal agencies have been trying to do more with less for a number of years now. Which leads to the point of this brief essay. Aside from a significant amount of work accomplished on the Prehistoric Contexts, there is very little to report on CCPA activities. The electronic communications committee has met and generated some ideas, but it will take a major commitment from CCPA to accomplish the work of completing the web page and setting up the mechanisms for electronic mailing and messaging.

The extent of over commitment in our organization can be measured by the difficulty the board has had in getting people to run for CCPA office. Past-President Bob has had a number of people decline his invitation to stand for office. My sincere thanks to those people who stepped up to run this year. And to those who took cover this year, be forewarned. The nominations committee is chaired by the past-president, who in another month will be another busy person, sometimes known as 5EA1550, who doesn't seem to have much of a sense of humor lately.

I am really looking forward to this year's symposium on historic archaeology. As a principal in a CRM firm that records a lot of historic sites, I would identify the recording and evaluation of historic sites as one of the weakest areas in current practice. Many of us carry a prehistoric bias in training and primary interest, yet historic sites of one kind or another make up a significant percentage of the sites we record. As with prehistoric sites, it is not the sites with obvious significance that are problematic. It is the deteriorated homesteads from the 1920s, the road that shows up on the GLO that may or may not be the one in your project area, the ditch with a long history, but a modern appearance, the mining site with little or no superstructure left that we struggle to place into context and properly evaluate. At the summer board meeting, Richard Carrillo suggested that CCPA should begin the push for a new historic archaeology context. I agree that it is important, a logical next step, if CCPA chooses to stay in the context business. Bring your thoughts to the forum following the symposium. And thanks to Carol Gleichman and the participants she recruited for this symposium.

Finally, I would like to encourage your participation in the meeting this year. I know I am ready to unwind, have a good time with colleagues I see too little of, and to buy something really stupid at the silent auction. See you in a few weeks!

Mike Metcalf
Editor's Note

Beginning with this issue, we have a new feature called "Profile of a Colorado Archaeologist," suggested by Susan Chandler. In each newsletter, a different member of CCPA will be profiled. The archaeologist profiled gets to choose the person for the next issue. I think this a good way for us to get to know each other a little better. Submissions for the next newsletter are due by May 31, 1999 and can be sent to me at the address below. Thanks to all who contributed material for this issue!

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(please send your submissions on diskette or by file attachment on email)

Results of Computer/Internet Access Survey
by Carole Graham

In the June issue of this newsletter, I sent out a short survey to the CCPA membership. The survey was meant to gauge feelings about a possible change to an electronic format and about computer access among the membership. I cited high production costs and the inability to distribute time-sensitive information to the membership as problems with the newsletter. Based on the few responses received (a total of nine), it would appear that these are not issues that the general membership feels very strongly about. The questions and responses received are provided below.

Q: Do you presently have access to a computer with internet access? This can be at home, work, school, or at a public library.
A: Yes: 8 No: 1

Q: If you do have internet access, what is the speed of the modem you use?
A: Responses included: 14.4K, 28.8K, 56K, T-1 line, and instantaneous.

Q: Would you be willing, at some time in the future (not at present), to receive your CCPA newsletter in an electronic format -- either by viewing it on a web page or by receiving it by e-mail?
A: Yes: 8 No: 1

Q: Do you have any ideas or comments about the future format of the newsletter?
A: "Update web page - old newsletter (last fall); old officers (1997)."

"How about a discussion list? Similar to the New Mexico Archaeological Council List, NMAC-L or ACRA-L? This is an easy way for folks to keep in touch and respond to urgent issues facing CCPA and Colorado Archaeology."

"I have no problems with receiving the newsletter by e-mail, or an e-mail message that a new newsletter is ready on the web page."

"My only comment about the newsletter is that I support its conversion to an electronic format. Perhaps, we may want to phase in the conversion; that is, have both paper and electronic versions available for maybe a year."

"Some form of web page or e-mail is needed to distribute information in a timely fashion."

"Re: expense - Newsletters have lots of waste space. Tightening the entries up would save paper and maybe mailing costs."

Profile of a Colorado Archaeologist

Name: Todd McMahon

Current Position: Archaeological Survey  
Mapper/Librarian or Staff Archaeologist

Hometown: Denver, Colorado

Degrees/Institutions: B.A. Anthropology University of Colorado at Denver. Attended: University of Colorado at Denver, Metropolitan State College of Denver, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona

How I Became an Archaeologist: My parents were very interested in antiquities and archaeology and the outdoors. My parents took me on many tours of National
Parks and Monuments in the Southwest. My dad, Robert McMahon, in particular held a keen interest in archaeology, taking my sister and me to many sites and the Denver Chapter of the Colorado Archaeological Society's meetings. I remember visiting the Colorow Cave site near Willowbrook in the early 1970's where my father, sister, mom and I participated in site survey and test excavations outside the cave which was being excavated by students from the University of Denver. Although I originally intended to pursue a degree in architecture, this upbringing must have had a deep impact because both my sister and I are archaeologists. My sister, Nancy McMahon, is the State Archaeologist for Kaua'i County, Hawai'i and the archaeologist for the Kaho'olawe Island clean up project in Hawai'i.

Current Projects of Interest: I am continuing to research Pueblo - Fremont interactions in the Paradox Valley of Colorado in my spare time and at work I continue to work on Archaeology and Historic Preservation Week coordinations.

Favorite Hobbies: I enjoy listening to and collecting music, writing music, gardening, hiking, walking, reading about archaeology around the world, computer games and playing with my 3 year old son, Andrew.

Most Recent Good Book I Have Read: I really haven't had time to read any fiction books lately however I just finished reading The Cities of the Ancient Andes by Adriana Von Hagen and Craig Morris, which I found to be very good.

Most Challenging Archaeological Experience: Digging a trench through 3 meter layers of hard packed clay and banana muck on the windward (rainy) side of O'ahu in Hawai'i.

Most Dangerous Archaeological Moment: While finishing testing a terrace system for the day near Luluku State Park on O'ahu for the Interstate H-3 project, three of us were separated from the rest of the group and suddenly, less than 5 meters from our two units, were standing two wild boars with sharp tusks ready to disembowel us. One stopped and looked straight at us, ready to charge. Luckily, we all stood still and remained quiet, then the boars slowly backed away and ran off.

Most Rewarding Archaeological Experience: Working in the Acari' Valley on the South Coast of Peru, where I had the pleasure of excavating a ceremonially-interned llama, hundreds of painted pot sherds, many small remains of guinea pigs, and a large ceramic urn which we believe was left as an offering dedication to a Ica-Inca domestic structure.

The Most Exciting Thing in Archaeology Right Now: The growing perception from the historic preservation community on the importance of archaeological resources which has indirectly affected the perceptions and views of the general public.

What Colorado Archaeology Needs Most at Present: Partnership with developers who can plan, preserve and promote new development that includes archaeological resource preservation.

Things I'd Really Like to Do Before I Die: Travel around the world visiting archaeological sites, conduct research and perhaps write a book.

Next Victim: Meg Van Ness (I'm sure she will be thrilled!! Although I'm a little afraid of the repercussions.)

Call for Papers!!

If you are interested in presenting a paper at the Annual Meeting, during the general session, please send the title and abstract (on diskette or by file attachment) to:
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Abstracts are due by February 19 and should be in Word or WordPerfect format.

1999 Colorado Archaeology and Historic Preservation Week

The Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation with the Colorado Interagency Archaeological Education and Anti-Vandalism Task Force will again be coordinating Colorado Archaeology and Historic Preservation Week. May 8 through May 16, 1999 are the dates in which the celebration will take place. Last year, archaeological and historic preservation organizations held more than eighty-five events across the state. The Colorado Historical Society will again be providing small grants of up to $200 to help organizations hold an
event for the week. The deadline for receipt of a grant application is February 19, 1999. We are also gathering all event information for the Colorado Historical Society’s newspaper and the OAHP web page. A calendar of events form must be filled out and returned to our office by March 12, 1999. Both forms are available from our web site or by calling 303-866-4607. The poster for this year will focus on southeastern prehistoric resources, with the Cramer stone circle site being the main focus. This is an excellent opportunity for the archaeological community to promote the preservation of archaeological and historic resources and to inform the public about our discipline. Please help spread the word about the week’s celebration.

Thanks!

Todd McMahon

Archaeological Excavations at the Fallen Deer Site (5SM2578)
by K.E. McDonald, Ph.D.
Metcalf Archaeological Consultants, Inc.

Metcalf Archaeological Consultants, Inc., (MAC) conducted excavations at the Fallen Deer Site (5SM2578) to mitigate negative impacts to the site from a proposed land exchange between Craig Jackman (represented by Western Land Group, Inc.), and the USDA Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forest. Data recovery included one twelve m sq block, four test pits, and fifteen shovel probes. The excavation was designed to recover an adequate sample of the cultural remains in order to provide cultural resource clearance for the land exchange. No features were revealed in the excavations. The larger block excavation revealed a single activity area, although the array of artifacts included an Archaic point excavated from a test pit approximately 35 meters away from the larger block excavation.

Cultural material included chipped stone debitage, five flake tools, two bifaces, four projectile points, seventeen sherd's, and animal bone. One of these points is stylistically similar to Pinto Shouldered points, which date to the Early Archaic period. A second point is similar to an Elko Corner-notched, although it is slightly smaller than the average. The last two points most closely resemble points of Anasazi affiliation. Analysis of the chipped stone flaking debris and tools recovered from 5SM2578 suggest that flintknapping activity at the site was focused on the production, and possibly rejuvenation, of tools used in the procurement and processing of animals.

An obsidian flake was submitted to Geochemical Research Laboratory for x-ray fluorescence analysis. Geochemical data indicate that this flake shares the trace element profile of volcanic glass from the Polvadera Peak (A.K.A. El Rechuelos Rhyolite) locality in the Jemez Mountains, northern New Mexico.

Seventeen sherd's were excavated from the main block; an additional sherd was collected from the surface during the original site inventory. Differences noted between the three rim sherd's suggest that at least three vessels are represented in this small collection. Based on the character of the sherd's, two gray wares, one white ware, and two grouped types are represented including Mancos Gray, Mancos Corrugated, Painted White ware, Plain Gray and Corrugated body sherds. Previous analysis of the sherd collected from the surface described it as Uncompahgre Brown Ware. However, upon comparison with a larger sample, this sherd falls into the Plain Gray grouped type. The Mancos Gray, Mancos Corrugated, and Painted White Ware rim sherds date the activity area to ca. AD 910(930) to 980.

Faunal material totaled 95 pieces. None of the bone was burned. Identifiable taxa includes two bison bones, and seven mule deer bones. At least two individuals are represented among the seven deer bones. Of the categorized bone, large artiodactyl bones comprise more than 62% of the entire collection. This size category includes bison, elk, and mule deer. The medium/large mammal category represented almost 14% of the collection. Small mammals are conspicuously absent in
this collection, and less than 8% of the collection are medium mammals.

The shallow nature of the archaeological deposits, along with the sparse surface scatter of artifacts, suggests that this was a brief faunal processing locale, or possibly a hunting camp lasting only a few days. Typically, short-term faunal processing locations would be less likely to contain ceramics, especially ceramics that are less impact resistant, such as those collected at the site. Therefore, it is probable that the hunting party included a family unit, and they may have camped at this location for several days.

The information gleaned from the Fallen Deer Site contributes to the growing picture of Anasazi settlement and subsistence patterns during the late PI/early PII period. Current environmental and population studies are revealing a less than optimal environment for corn horticulture at this time. Further, the risks associated with a more tethered lifestyle centered on domesticated plants could be very high; a more mobile lifestyle encompassing hunting large animals and gathering wild plants may have mitigated these risks. Social ties would also have played a part in mitigating the risks associated with corn horticulture, and except for a single obsidian flake which matches the chemical signature of the Polvadera Peak obsidian source in the Jemez Mountains, New Mexico, no cultural material was excavated which would illuminate this avenue of research. Based on the excavations, it is unclear whether the occupants of the Fallen Deer Site collected the obsidian at the source, or whether it was traded for.

Silent Auction Donations Needed

This year at the Annual Meeting, we will be having a silent auction following the banquet. Proceeds from the auction will benefit the Ward F. Weakly Memorial Scholarship Fund. The fund provides small scholarships to students conducting research in Colorado archaeology. If you have an item that you would like to donate, please contact Carole Graham or Kae McDonald at (970) 328-6244. If you would like more information about the Ward F. Weakly Memorial Scholarship Fund, please contact Dr. Adrienne Anderson at (303) 969-2846.

CCPA "Prehistory of Colorado" Seeks Author for Popular Edition

CCPA is seeking a professional writer to author the Popular Edition of the prehistoric contexts. This person will be responsible for working with a publication-layout individual to produce a camera-ready publication, complete with graphics and photographs. The Popular Edition author will work closely with the context authors to insure an educational and enjoyable publication. Five thousand copies of the popular edition will be distributed free to interested individuals and institutions and will be available through the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation and the Colorado Historical Society's regional museums.

The Popular Edition author will be paid two lump sum payments of $4,800 (a total of $9,600). That amount will cover all labor and direct expenses. Statements of qualifications and writing examples should be sent by no later than April 30, 1999 to Susan Chandler, Project Coordinator, c/o Alpine Archaeological Consultants, Inc., PO Box 2075, Montrose, CO 81402-2075. Selection will be made by May 14, 1999. The draft of the popular edition will be due on September 8, 1999, and the final product is to be submitted by October 1, 1999.

Moved? Changed your name? Found an error?
Please send changes in your membership information to the CCPA Treasurer/Membership Chair:

Mary Sullivan
Office of Archaeology & Historic Preservation
1300 Broadway
Denver, CO 80203

CCPA ELECTIONS

The officers of the Council and the other members of the Executive Committee will be elected by a mail ballot of the membership, requiring a simple majority of the votes cast. Mail your completed ballot to Mark Mitchell, CCPA Secretary before March 1, 1999. Results will be announced at the Annual Meeting in Glenwood Springs.

President: Carol Gleichman, as the current Vice-President, will assume the duties of CCPA President at the 1999 Annual Meeting. Her duties, as defined by the by-laws, are to serve as the Council's representative in all its official affairs and transactions, to preside over the meetings, and to appoint committees as necessary with the assent of the Executive Committee.
Vice-President: The Vice-President is the CCPA President-Elect. The person elected to this office will be CCPA President, beginning at the 2000 Annual Meeting, and will serve as an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee the following year. The duties of the Vice-President are to act with the powers of the President in the event that the President is unwilling or unable to perform appointed duties. The Vice-President will act as Parliamentarian and will resolve all procedural disputes.

Kae McDonald and Gordon C. Tucker Jr. are running for CCPA Vice-President/President-Elect.

Kae McDonald: After remaining unconvinced by family members that I would never find a job in archaeology, I began my career in 1983 by receiving a B.S. in archaeology from Brigham Young University. My first experience as an archaeologist was excavating a site next to the sewage treatment facility outside of Blanding, Utah, in February, when the temperature never reached above 10°F. Undaunted, I have been employed by various CRM firms in Utah and Colorado since 1983, although I have had the fortunate experience of being employed by Metcalf Archaeological Consultants, Inc., in Eagle, Colorado, since 1991. I also served briefly as the Director of the Frontier Historical Society Museum in Glenwood Springs, Colorado, in 1995 and 1996. My educational experience has also been advanced, receiving an M.A. and Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of Colorado in 1989 and 1994, respectively. I welcome and support the opportunities for the dissemination of research through the vehicles of both academia and cultural resource management. I served as the CCPA Newsletter Editor from 1994 through 1997, and I currently am the Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission in Glenwood Springs. The experience from both of these positions has given me insight into how organizations function, and the direction archaeology is headed in the future. I feel that CCPA is a dynamic group, supporting all who participate in Colorado archaeology, and I would be honored to serve as President.

Gordon C. Tucker Jr.: Gordon C. Tucker Jr. holds a doctorate in anthropology (archaeology emphasis) from the University of Colorado at Boulder and is a Registered Professional Archaeologist (RPA). He has worked as a professional archaeologist for 25 years on hundreds of projects in a variety of environmental settings across the United States. He is employed as Senior Archaeologist with Golder Associates Inc. in the Denver office of Golder Associates Inc., an international employee-owned consulting company. Dr. Tucker has been an active member of CCPA for 10 years and has served as Treasurer (1992-1994). He is presently a member of CCPA's Grant Advisory Board, which selected the authors and editors of the updated Colorado prehistoric contexts and oversees the production of those contexts. He writes, "Since its founding 20 years ago, CCPA has served a vital role in representing the professional archaeological community of Colorado and helping to protect the state's abundant cultural resources. If elected President, I pledge to further the goals of CCPA and expand its influence within the state, and beyond."

Secretary: The duties of the Secretary are to announce all meetings to the membership of the Council and to maintain minutes of all meetings. The Secretary, who serves a one-year term, is responsible for maintaining the official files of the organization. Mark Mitchell is running unopposed for a second term in this office.

Mark Mitchell: Mr. Mitchell began his career in Colorado archaeology in 1982 with the Dolores Archaeological Program. He first worked for the Forest Service as an archaeological volunteer on the San Juan National Forest in 1984. Between 1986 and 1991, Mr. Mitchell worked as a wilderness guide in southeastern Utah. In 1991, he received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Utah. Mr. Mitchell returned to archaeology in 1993 on the Routt National Forest in north-central Colorado. Since that time he has worked for a variety of private archaeological contractors in Colorado and for three National Forests and four National Grasslands. In 1997, he received a Master of Arts degree from the University of Colorado at Denver. Mr. Mitchell's graduate research focused on the 11th and 12th century archaeology of the Trinidad area. Mr. Mitchell is currently the Heritage, Recreation, and Public Interpretation Program Manager for the Comanche and Cimarron National Grasslands.

Treasurer: The duties of the Treasurer are to keep membership rolls of the Council, to maintain records of financial transactions in accordance with standard bookkeeping practices, to disburse funds, and to serve as the Chair of the Membership Committee. The Treasurer serves a two-year term. Mary Sullivan was elected Treasurer in last year's election and has another year left in her term of office.

Executive Committee: The CCPA Executive Committee is composed of all officers, Newsletter Editor, one American Indian Voting Member of the
Council, plus four Voting Members of the Council to be
elected to the Executive Committee by the membership.
The Executive Committee is responsible for the day-to­
day operation of the Council. The President becomes an
ex-officio, nonvoting member of the Executive Committee
for the year following his/her presidency. The Newsletter
Editor is also a non-voting member of the Executive
Committee.
Continuing Executive Committee members are Richard
Carillo, Jon Horn, Leigh Kuwanwisiwma, and Mike
McTearf (as past-president). The following candidates are
running for the two-year seats that are up for election this
year: Dulaney Barclay, Minette Church, Priscilla
Ellwood, and Todd McMahon.

Dulaney Barclay: I have been a voting member of CCPA
for seven years. I received my Bachelor’s Degree in
geology from the University of Wyoming and my
Master’s Degree in anthropology from the University of
New Mexico. Early in my career, I spent a year and
several summers working as an archaeological technician
and archaeologist for the U.S. Forest Service in West
Central Colorado. Since then, and for the last six and half
years, I have worked as a crew member and staff
archaeologist for several private consulting firms in the
state of Colorado. My most recent and current
employment is as a staff archaeologist with McTearf
Archaeological Consultants, Inc. The CCPA provides
several excellent services and programs to its constituency
as most of you are aware. However, beyond our own
community, these services and programs go largely
unknown and unrecognized. As we enter the 21st Century,
CCPA is faced with many challenges including increasing
our visibility and interaction with a variety of publics
throughout the state, expanding the numbers and diversity
of our membership, and dissemination of information of
interest to the archaeological community, students,
avocational organizations, and the public through
publications and public outreach programs. If I am
elected to the Board of Directors, I will strive to make
progress on these and other important issues.

Minette Church: Minette received her B.A. in
Anthropology and History from the University of
Colorado, Boulder and is currently a Ph.D candidate in
Historical Archaeology with the University of
Pennsylvania (expected May 1999). She is currently
employed as a Visiting Instructor in the Anthropology
Department at the University of Colorado, Colorado
Springs. Minette writes, “While I have only been a
member of CCPA for a short time, I have been engaged in
archaeological research in this state, in some capacity.
every year since 1986. In those years I began as a
student, worked in CRM, then at the State Historic
Preservation Office, and now have a hand in training
students, some of whom are interested in a career in
Colorado archaeology in the future. Most recently, I
have been working on 19th century homestead sites in
the southeastern part of the state, but if all goes well I
will be branching out to work with students on a military
site this summer (Ft. Wise). In the future, I will be
running field schools on prehistoric sites as well. If I am
elected, I believe my varied experience in Colorado
archaeology will help me to understand and fairly
represent the interests of the full breadth of the CCPA
membership.”

Priscilla Ellwood: Priscilla is a long time member and
former secretary of CCPA. She received her M.A. from
the University of Colorado and is the Curator Adjunct of
the University of Colorado Museum. Her long term
research interests involve prehistoric ceramics,
particularly the pottery of eastern Colorado. Priscilla has
been involved with many CCPA activities, including the
1991 ceramic symposium and the 1995 CCPA
Occasional Paper No. 2 volume on the archaeological
pottery of Colorado. She looks forward to serving on the
Board of Directors if elected.

Todd McMahon: I graduated with a B.A. from the
University of Colorado at Denver. While in school I had
the opportunity to excavate in Peru, Chimney Rock, and
at the Aurora Reservoir. After graduation I spent a year
working for the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum where I
did fieldwork and monitoring mostly for the Interstate H­
3 project on the island of O‘ahu. I returned to Colorado
and worked various jobs including the USGS Water
Quality Lab, Paleo Research Laboratories and as a
property manager for a 35,000 square foot office
building. I then joined the Colorado Historical Society’s
Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation in 1992
first as a database encoder of sites and then of surveys. I
also manage the research library and coordinate
Archaeology and Historic Preservation Week. I look
forward to serving as a board member if elected.
March 6, 1999  8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Symposium:  EXPLORING ETHNICITY, GENDER AND CLASS THROUGH HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY

8:30 Richard Carrillo (Cuartolejo HP Associates)  On the Edge of the Spanish Borderlands (Southeastern Colorado in Context): A Consideration of Archaeological Evidence in the New Millennium.

8:55 Jonathon Horn (Alpine Archaeology)  Ute Material Cultural During the Historic Period as Represented by Sites in the Montrose Area.


9:45 Margaret Wood (SWCA)  On the Edge: An Examination of a Multi-Ethnic Working Class Neighborhood in Downtown Denver.

10:10 BREAK

10:30 Steve Mehls (Western Historical Studies)  Tommyknockers, Two Tons, and Tombstones: Historical Mining Related Sites.

10:55 Minette Church (U of C, Colorado Springs)  160 Acre Sites - Consideration of Landscapes in Homestead Archaeology.

11:20 Steve Baker (Centuries Research Inc.)  Defining the Chief Ouray Focus of the Uncompaghre Utes Late Contact Period

11:45 – 1:15  LUNCH BREAK


1:40 Bonnie Clark (U of Calif, Berkeley)  Probably Euroamerican: The Gordian Knot of Ethnicity, Material Culture, and Colorado’s Cultural Resources.

2:05 Don Hardesty (U of Nevada, Reno)  Discussant

2:30 DISCUSSION ON CONTEXT DEVELOPMENT FOR HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY
Lead by Mike Metcalf (Metcalf Arch. Consultants)