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FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

Well, here it is some 3+ months after the first Colorado Archaeological Council meeting and I have yet to hear from anyone concerning the activities of their organizations. From my point of view I view the newsletter as serving a somewhat more useful function than a gossip column. If one were to know what previous work had been done in an area more easily than is now the case it would be a boon. I know that I have had trouble tracking down previous work and reports and I therefore urge you to contribute to future newsletters. Information should be sent to:

OFFICE OF PUBLIC AND CONTRACT ARCHAEOLOGY  
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Anyway, I have been able to glean the following:

Laboratory of Public Archaeology--Dr. Calvin Jennings, Director)

1. Survey for the Bureau of Reclamation near Rifle. Forty-four sites were found in Garfield County and two in Mesa County.
2. Mitigation (test excavations) and proton magnetometer survey near Craig for Colowyo.
3. Testing of sites in the Canyon Pintado Historical District for the BLM.

Dr. Joseph Lishka is continuing a survey for the BLM in North Park.

Office of Public and Contract Archaeology--(Dr. Bruce Lutz, Director)

1. Survey for the Public Service Company consisting of 3+ sections. Forty sites were found including an historic-aboriginal campsite consisting of flaked bottle glass. Most of the other sites which could be attributed to a tradition were Woodland. Several of the Woodland sites appear to be large, major camps. This survey took place on Wildcat Creek, which flows into the South Platte from the north.
2. The field survey for the BLM Eagle Planning Unit was recently completed. About 3300 acres were surveyed in Eagle County and several hundred acres in Routt County. Thirty-three sites were located. Among the most interesting was a site along the Colorado River. A cut in the site revealed an ash lens of about 10 meters long x 20 cm. thick. Extending below this were two hearths. Several hearths were also eroding from the surface. We hope to test excavate this site in the fall.
3. Analysis is proceeding on the site of 5 ME 217 which we test excavated for the BLM in 1977. C-14 dates show that this site, in Cactus Park near Grand Junction, was occupied from ca. 300 B.C. to 410 A.D.
4. We have completed the analysis of the results of the test excavations of two sites in the Blanca Wildlife Preserve (BLM) in the San Luis Valley. The report is in the process of being typed and should be available soon.
5. A small survey was completed in an area just west of Newcastle. The survey was on Main Elk Creek, near its confluence with the Colorado River. Four sites and several IF's were recorded.

And finally, I will leave it to Arlo ("Alice's Restaurant") Guthrie to introduce the last piece of news:

And there, there, on the other side,  
 In the middle of the other side,  
 Away from everything else on the other side,  
 In parentheses, capital letters, quoted,  
 Read the following words: "Kid,  
 Drs. David Breterneitz and William Lippe  
 Received the Dolores River Project from  
 The Bureau of Rec."

See CAC minutes  
 attached



10 March 1978: First Colorado Archaeological Council  
 Meeting in Glenwood Springs CO, as called by the  
 State Archaeologist. Left to right: Al Jennings  
 U.P. (CCSU-LOPA), Bruce Ripstein (State Archaeologist),  
 Doug Scott Pres. (BLM-Montrose), John Beardsley  
 Treasurer (BLM-Gañon City), and Bruce Lutz  
 Newsletter Editor (UNC-OPCA). Dave Stewart  
 Secretary, not shown (OSAC). Photo by  
 OSAC staff Bob Ryan.