

June 92

**PROFESSIONAL VOLUNTEER PARTICIPATION
IN THE
WHOOUP CANYON PROJECT:**

June 29 - July 3, 1992

Several WAPA members have expressed an interest in volunteering their time and expertise toward completing the petroglyph inventory, recording and evaluating petroglyph panels and associated sites, conducting excavations, drawing panel illustrations, or mapping and producing local topographic maps of the canyon. To date, much of the project has largely been undertaken with the assistance of non-professional volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering your expertise during the week proposed, please contact Dianne Berrigan at 307-235-7018.

The Fountain Motor Inn is located on the eastern edge of Newcastle, at the intersection of Highway 16 East and Highway 85 North.

SUMMER MEETING DATES: July 3-4, 1992

SCHEDULE: Friday, July 3, 1:00 pm - 6 pm, General Business Meeting

Saturday, July 4, 9:00 am Site tour of Whoopup Canyon

Petroglyphs

PLACE: Fountain Motor Inn, Newcastle, WY

MOTEL RATES: These are their regular summer rates; no meeting rates available.

\$57.00 single

\$67.00 double

Call 307-746-4426 for reservations.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT:

The agenda for the summer meeting will include an open discussion on the merits and definitions of Category 1 and Category 2 sites as currently provided for in the BLM's Programmatic Agreement with the SHIPO. This categorization of sites will be pertinent to a Programmatic treatment of reports that will not be considered for Section 106 reviews. The BLM is soliciting our input on this topic, so start thinking now whether you could consider some classes of sites not eligible for nomination to the NRHP under any circumstance (these would be considered Category 1 sites).

Dianne Berrigan and Alice Tratebas are organizing the Site Tour of the Whoopup Canyon, located in the southern Black Hills, approximately 10 miles east of Newcastle, WY. The canyon is nearly five miles long and much of the rock art can be seen in a day (Saturday). Additional photographs can be taken on Sunday on your own. We will have informal discussions on Saturday evening pertaining to the cation-ratio dating program, mapping panel provenience using the Global Positioning System, etc.

A campsite with limited facilities and space will be set up in the canyon. If you plan to camp, Call Alice Tratebas (307-746-4453) or Dianne Berrigan (307-235-7018) to make advance arrangements. Space is limited since we are camping with permission on private land. Participants should bring their own food and camping gear. Extensive hiking should be anticipated. The Fountain Motor Inn is located less than 10 miles from Whoopup Canyon. Maps to the site will be provided at the Business Meeting on Friday.

Hope you can make it!!!
Dianne Berrigan, WAPA President

ARCHAEOLOGY WEEK UPDATE FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE STATE:

The talk provided by Dr. Dennis Stanford and Ms. Margaret Jodry was a great success in Rock Springs and Kemmerer. There were 100 people present in Rock Springs and nearly 80 in Kemmerer. All who attended were excited and very interested in the presentations. The discussions following the talks were informative with numerous questions from the audience. Those of us involved in the planning for this event would like to extend a special thanks to WAPA and all who supported our effort financially and by coming to the event- THANKS!!!

Russ Tanner reports that the Archaeology Week Fair at the White Mountain Mall in Rock Springs was also a tremendous success. It was estimated that 800 to 1000 people viewed the displays. The arrangements for the Oregon-California Trail Association annual meeting are coming together. Russ reports that there is a new positive relationship with OCTA and the professional archaeology community. They have organized a very active archaeology committee with three Wyoming archaeologists as members. OCTA is becoming much more sensitive to the value of professional input on the archaeology. The workshop for the meeting in August is shaping up nicely and there is a great deal of interest. Registration for the field school is a little slow, possibly the result of an \$80.00 registration fee for the three days. Overall, the OCTA meeting will be very interesting and informative and should be a great success.

Wyoming Association of Professional Archaeologists
Spring Meeting, 27 March 1992 Thermopolis, WY

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by the president. The minutes, as they appeared in the newsletter, were approved and passed unanimously. The treasury report was presented by Julie Francis. With the new format for the newsletter to include Federal Agency reports, this business was dispensed with at the meeting. The following committee reports were presented:

Policy Committee: Judy Wolf announced there would be a 106 Compliance seminar to be held 7 May 1992 in Cheyenne, WY. Handouts were provided prior to this meeting concerning new policy proposals at SHIPO. Gary Stephenson addressed the membership concerning the changes and problems in SHIPO. They are trying to evaluate the program and set goals. Working within the NPS guidelines and regulations is difficult. One of their primary goals is to spread limited resources throughout the state and not use up so much money in administrative costs. The NPS is trying to streamline the working relationship with each SHIPO, the NRHP nominating process, and eliminate red tape. In working with CLG's the SHIPO will try to improve funding matches and the review process. Any letters concerning problems and ideas for change should be addressed to Mr. Ridenaur at the NPS in Washington, D.C.

Governmental Affairs Committee: Dianne presented a legislative update. The preservation bill died in committee. Everyone was relieved. Jamie Schoen was unable to attend the meeting and asked Dianne to request a WAPA representative on the B/T Forest wilderness task force. Dave Vlcek is already a citizen representative and volunteered to double as the WAPA rep.

Jim Welch reported on the BLM Cultural Resource Task Force meeting held 12 February 1992. He felt it was a constructive meeting. Mr. Brubaker's concerns over lack of data synthesis were discussed. No paraprofessionals will be used by the BLM. They requested a representative from WAPA on their Data Management sub-committee. Anthony Swenson was nominated; passed unanimously.

The MOU between the BLM and SHIPO is taking shape. They are considering a change in definition of sites and the possible use of a short form for recording non-eligible sites. The concepts of prehistoric and historic contexts for sites and contractor guidelines are also being considered by the SHIPO.

Jim Welch reported on the Grass Creek Resource Area RMP meeting in Cody. A copy of the memo he wrote to Dianne is on file. He was the only one to appear for the scheduled meeting; several Native American Representatives came first thing in the morning the day of the meeting, instead of 1:00 p.m. The document will be released for comment in July, 1992. Jim will comment on it for WAPA.

Russ Tanner noted the Rock Springs District RMP will be available for public comment probably by October, 1992.

Membership Committee: The following people and institutional membership requests were presented to the general membership for consideration: The Black Hills National Forest, Ron Rood, Terry Del Bene, Lance Rom, and Anton Hoffman. A motion was made and seconded for their approval; it was passed unanimously.

Paul Miller introduced Carol Agard, the new archaeologist for the Black Hills National Forest, and Sarah Hinds, a Forest volunteer. Carol commented briefly on the contract requirements for the Black Hills. The prices will go up and the specs are a little more complicated, but she felt it was workable. The Forest is now requiring that all who submit bids must use the GPS system for plotting site datums. This involves using satellites to plot map locations and requires specialized equipment. Jim Welch commented that the scope of work is not bad, but it cannot be done within reasonable costs because of the need for specialized equipment. It was noted that the National Forest Service is working up rapidly to using GPS Service wide.

Old Business

At roughly the same time we were meeting the governor was signing the official proclamation for Wyoming Archaeology Week. Julie commented that orders for T-shirts were being taken. She modeled the "We Don't do Dinos" shirt (\$11.00) and the WAS shirt (\$10.00) was on display. Additional orders can be placed through Mary Hopkins. Checks are to be made payable to WAS.

Russ Tanner displayed the rock art posters that will be raffled off by the Rock Springs Chapter of WAS during Archaeology Week.

Brochures are available. It was noted that many events are scheduled throughout the summer and not just in April. Mike Bies noted that he would like to provide public site tours in the Worland District of current excavations. Contact Mike if you are planning excavation projects this summer. The new interpretive facility at the Medicine Lodge Creek will also be dedicated this summer. Russ Tanner noted that displays are needed for the Archaeology Fair to be held in Rock Springs the first weekend of Archaeology Week at the White Mountain Mall.

Beth Sennett presented a thank you letter to the membership for their support of the lecture by Dr. Dennis Stanford during Archaeology Week in Rock Springs and Kemmerer.

Ballots submitted from the newsletter were counted concerning the change in by-laws. As of that day there were 73 paid members. A total of 44 ballots were needed to make the vote valid. Only 31 ballots were received; therefore the changes did not pass. A brief discussion followed. It was noted in the Executive Board Meeting that we discussed the problems with the By-laws and it may be time to re-write them to make the organization more flexible.

Nominations were taken for new officers:

VP	Craig Smith, Chris Arthur
Treasurer	Julie Francis, John Albanese
Secretary	Beth Sennett, Judy Wolf
Member at Large	Alice Tratebas, Tim Nowak

Motion made to cease nominations, seconded and passed unanimously.

A special meeting request was made of the Executive Board for a meeting the weekend of July 4th in Newcastle. It was seconded and passed with one opposition by Dale Austin. It will be 3 July 1992 at 1:00 p.m. This will be in conjunction with work in Whoop Up Canyon recording rock art with Alice Tratebas and other volunteers.

Announcements: Newsletter Deadline is 23 May 1992. In the future it will be approximately six weeks prior to be scheduled meeting date.

The SAA meeting will be 8-10 April 1992 in Pittsburgh, PA.

Was Archaeological Society will have their annual meeting in Torrington 2 May 1992.

There will be an Historic Preservation Workshop in Denver 18-20 June 1992 on "Accessibility and Historic Preservation".

Through a cooperative agreement with the Black Hills Forest there will be a 'Project in Time' event excavating a stone circle site on the Forest 18-30 July 1992.

The 50th Plains Conference will be 11-13 November 1992 in Lincoln, Nebraska at the Hilton.

The Washakie Resource Area will be announcing an archaeology position vacancy soon. Contact Mike Bies or the personnel clerk for the announcement date.

There is also a vacancy announcement published for the Deputy SHPO position in Cheyenne. Copies are available.

Terry Del Bene is putting together a 'How to' book for cultural resources and would like WAPA input and comments. Craig Smith and Ted Hofer volunteered to offer comments for WAPA.

Presentations: Rheba Massey, SHPO, discussed numerous handouts which were made available prior to the meeting. This centered on the goals the SHPO would like to achieve. She pointed out there is a questionnaire in the planning goals handout that they would like returned by 20 April 1992 to have compiled prior to the 106 seminar to be held 7 May 1992. Rick Bryant briefly discussed the Prehistoric Contexts handout. This is an attachment to the State plan. Rick would like people to review the document and see if their previous comments have been incorporated and make any new comments in writing by the end of April. These are guidelines for developing areal contexts as opposed to the thematic contexts in the State plan. The actual writing of the contexts will most likely be contracted out because SHPO does not have the time to write the document. The thematic/areal contexts should be interrelated. Nominations to the register will supposedly be easier by being able to make references to the areal context for a portion of the research. An example of an historic context that should be considered was the idea of a Union Pacific railroad corridor. This will be discussed in Evanston 11-13 June 1992. The National Trust for Historic Preservation is also considering a National railroad corridor.

Craig Smith presented an interesting overview of the excavations conducted at Bairoil by Mariah Associates. The general feeling was it was good to see progress being made in the area. Tim Nowak discussed the management recommendations for CRMP. WAPA will be commenting. Basically, Amoco is slowing down major development over the next five years. Based on the history of industrial development and the Class III inventories an industrial zone will be written off from further archaeological investigations. It is being suggested that trenching, probably lines less than six feet deep, not be monitored. Flowlines will be put into disturbed areas. Pre-pleistocene geologic deposits within all Class III survey areas will be examined to determine the need for trench monitoring. Tim presented a schedule for completion of the document: the CRMP by Feb 1991, which was extended to Feb 1992; draft and scope of work for predictive model will be finalized by June 1992 then put out for bid. The CRMP cannot be finished without the required predictive model.

Alice Tratebas gave a slide presentation on the work to date at Whoop Up Canyon. Cat-Ion dating was used on several panels with some very surprising results. More panels need to be dated, but over the years several have been chalked and vandalized in other ways which makes dating questionable. Right now the range of dates runs Paleo through the Archaic, 11,500 to 2395 B.P. The July workshop was also discussed. Everyone was encouraged to attend the July meeting and workshop.

A motion was entered to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Sennett, Secretary

REMINDERS FROM THE SECRETARY:

The deadline for the newsletter for the fall meeting will be **SEPTEMBER 15, 1992**. For all of you who missed this one, please try to make that one!!!! The Fall newsletter will include the ballots for the fall elections mentioned in the Spring meeting minutes. The turnout for this summer meeting will be a factor in whether or not we reconsider the bylaws change to have meetings in the Summer and Winter, instead of Fall and Spring. Hope to see you all in Newcastle, July 4th!!

Thanks, Beth Sennett