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EVENTS DESCRIPTION

Times, leaders and some topics or locations are tentative or TBA. Check back on the website as the conference dates come near.

FRIDAY, October 7th

Early arrival field trips

**Colorado National Monument** escorted driving tour (private cars) 3-5 PM Leader: Zeb Miracle, Curator of Curiosity at Gateway Canyons Resort

**Shavano Rock Art** panel 15 minutes from downtown Montrose (do this on your way to GJ) 2-4 PM Leader: Carol Patterson, Ph.D. author of 2 books on rock art interpretation from Ute and Hopi legends

**Rubidoux Inscription** and Ute-Fremont rock art (~1 hour west of GJ) Noon – 5 PM Leader: TBD from among 2 or 3 CAS-GJ members very familiar with this history and rock art

Behind the Scenes guided tour at **Museum of the West** (history & archaeology) 4-6 PM. Leader: Dave Baily, curator of history for this museum

Reception

6-8 PM Meet & greet, possibly early sign-in

5-8 PM CAS Quarterly Board Meeting and dinner. Location TBD

8 PM Colorado-made film (~45 minutes) "**Waking the Mammoth**" by Larry Ruiz. Location TBD

Dinner will be on your own Friday evening

SATURDAY, October 8th  CONFERENCE

Registration:  8 AM following by a day of speakers ~8:30 – 4:15 PM

Location:  Colorado Mesa University, **University Center Ballroom**, Free parking garage or nearby surface parking.

Coffee, tea, fruit, pastry assortment morning and afternoon. Full, on-site buffet lunch is part of paid registration.

**CAS Annual General Membership Meeting** 4:30-5:30 PM in same ballroom
BANQUET & KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Steve Lekson, Ph.D. University of Colorado illuminating his latest Chaco Canyon theories and research

SUNDAY, October 9th  FIELD TRIPS & WORKSHOPS

Field Trips and Workshops – These will be pre-registered and will expect a minimum of 6, maximum 12 participants. There may be a few exceptions. Registrations will also be taken Saturday as space on trips allows.

We are not ready as of this time, May 11, to take field trip registrations. We would appreciate hearing from you by email letting us know which field trips look most interesting to you. Please let us know what you think about Friday afternoon field trips and/or the Sunday-Monday 2-day field trips idea.

Would you prefer to attend one or more workshops and if so, which ones? Email to CASGinfo@gmail.com.

Cost:

Field trips are free unless there is an admission charge. Workshops may have materials fees to be paid by each participant.

Some field trips may be as short as half or as long as full day. If there is sufficient interest/registrations there may be one or two, 2-day Sunday-Monday overnight field trips. Expenses for accommodations or camping and food would be responsibility of each participant.

Unless otherwise noted field trips will involve easy to moderate walking difficulty and short distances:

Escalante Canyon - Cowboy era and Ute-Fremont rock art panels. Leader: Bill Harris, CAS Chipeta Chapter

Rubidoux Inscription - Ute-Fremont rock art (may go beyond where similar trip went on Friday). Leader: TBD

Canyon Pintado rock art north of Grand Junction along Highway 139. Leader: John & Lynn Green

Uranium in Unaweep Canyon & Calamity Camp - mining and old west history. Leader: TBD

Shavano Petroglyphs - A rock art and interpretation adventure near Montrose (a repeat of Friday) Leader: TBD

Eagle Rock Shelter 6th oldest habitation site in North America Leader: Glade Hadden, Ph.D. BLM archaeologist

Wild Horses and History in Coal Canyon national wild horse preserve Leader: CAS-GJ horseman Jerry Searcy

Historic Ft. Uncompahgre in Delta and Montrose Historical Museum. Leader: Curtis Martin, DARG principle investigator

Unaweep & Gateway Canyons combo archaeology & paleontology Leader: Zeb Miracle, Gateway Canyons Resort

2-DAY FIELD TRIPS - Sunday and Monday (Columbus Day, holiday for some) October 9th & 10th

We expect 2 of the 3 may be a “go” based on numbers of registrations. Overnight can be camping or motel in nearby towns. Each of these is about 2.5+ hour drive from Grand Junction.

Nine Mile Canyon - the longest rock art gallery in the world Leader: Layne Miller, Ute-Fremont rock art expert associated with both the museum and university in nearby Price, UT.
Paradox Valley- western Colorado almost on Utah border (depending on participants this may be a strenuous to very strenuous ‘adventure’) Leader: Pete Davis, archaeologist & discoverer.

Vernal, Utah-area- May include such locales as McConkie Ranch, Dry Creek or other well documented sites as the group may choose. Leader: TBD from a rock (art) star list of possibilities.

PROPOSED WORKSHOPS:

A new offering at the CAS conference, we will see how workshop pre-registration goes. We have been told Yes do workshops by some CAS members and No, everyone wants to go on field trips, by others. We will see how much pre-registration interest there is and plan accordingly. We are open to workshop ideas and leaders. Please suggest both or better yet, please volunteer.

Flint knapping- following ancient traditions of making rock scrapers, knives, spear and arrow points. This will be a hands-on ‘you will be doing it’ workshop. Participants must pay a materials fee, bring-wear thick leather protective gloves and wear eye protection. Leader and location: TBD

Illustrating Your Archaeological Finds- learn the basics then draw various types of artifacts or possibly document rock art with sketch pad and pencils. Materials list &/or fee art supplies. Leader: Leigh Ann Hunt, Retired US Forest Service archaeologist and accomplished illustrator. Location: TBD

Site Steward Training This has been proposed though not yet finalized. One possible training opportunity might come through the Site Steward Foundation located in Santa Fe, NM.

HOW to GET to GRAND JUNCTION:

Grand Junction sits on Interstate I-70, just 20 miles from the Utah state line. Many ‘locals’ drive from parts of the Front Range to and from GJ in less than 4 hours. You may want to budget your time to take a little longer. From other parts of the state there are well maintained US and state highways. Travel time and distance can be searched on Google by typing in, example: Castle Rock, CO to Grand Junction, CO. That result is 4 hours and 21 minutes for 271 miles.

You can also fly from Denver or take the train. Rental cars are available at the airport. Numerous hotel/motel options are available near either of these modes of travel. Let us know you are coming either of these ways and local chapter members will help out in getting you around town if you let us know you want that assistance.

ACCOMODATIONS:

Grand Junction is a city of 65,000 with all levels and types of accommodations. Since we are meeting on the Colorado Mesa University campus there is not one specific suggested hotel. Trip Advisor and many other Internet resources can point you to motels, hotels, B&B’s or air B&Bs, as well as campgrounds in your price range.

Two suggested camping (tent or trailer/RV) suggested camping locations that have limited space but great views are Colorado National Monument where some sites in the campground look down on the majesty of the Grand Valley. The Monument is a 30-45 minute drive from the conference location. James Robb State Park along the bank of the Colorado River is a rather idyllic very near town camping location. This is a 20 minute drive from the conference.

WHAT ELSE IS THERE TO DO IF MY FAMILY COMES ALONG: The information below is borrowed from the Visitor & Convention Bureau. They say:
From breathtaking red rock scenery and thrilling outdoor adventure, to cultural attractions and farm-to-table dining, Grand Junction is a premier destination on Colorado’s Western Slope. Don’t miss the opportunity to explore local trails at the Colorado National Monument or Grand Mesa from a bike or horseback. Skiing, golfing, rafting and hiking abound in Grand Junction. Local wineries and produce growers supply restaurants and farm stands with fresh flavors. There’s something for everyone to enjoy here.
REGISTRATION & PAYMENT TODAY
CAS 81ST CONFERENCE & ANNUAL MEETING
October 7-10 (Friday – Monday, Columbus Day holiday, for some), 2016
Hosted by the Grand Junction Chapter and held in our hometown

Printed Name(s) _____________________________________________   ________________________________________

Address ___________________________________________ City _______________ State ___ Zip __________

Phone _____________________________ Home or work (circle one)   Cell Phone ____________________________________

Email Address(es) __________________________________________ __________________________________________

Local CAS Chapter ______________________ Other archaeology associations you belong to __________________________________________

WHAT WILL THIS COST ME? $ Price  #attending  $ Total

$45  -- Conference Early Registration for Saturday including lunch and snacks $ 45  _______  $ ________

$55  -- Conference Registration after September 5 $55  _______  $ ________

$20  -- Student Conference Registration (one price, any time) $20  _______  $ ________

$25  -- CAS Board members dinner Friday during quarterly board meeting $25  _______  $ ________

$25  -- Banquet buffet dinner Saturday and keynote speaker, Dr. Steve Lekson $25  _______  $ ________

$10  -- Keynote Speaker only
       (this option available Saturday evening, no pre-registration for this option)

TOTAL _______  $ _______

Please grab your checkbook, write out your check for registration and mail the check and this form today. Make the check payable to CAS-GJ. In the memo box, lower left, please put: CAS 2016 Conference.

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We hope to have a website and shopping cart up so in the future payment can be accepted online; but please do not delay waiting for that. Register today. The first 25 registrations will receive an extra Saturday door prize drawing ticket.