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- ❖ **How to Use Zoom**
- ❖ **Feature:** *What Did They Say?" (Reading the Writing on the Walls)*

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October Webinar

Thursday, October 16, 2025
 7:00 PM MST

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CRAA October Presentation:



Anne Whitfield

(Anne is the current president of CRAA)

Anne and her husband moved to Colorado from North Carolina in the 1970s. One trip to Chaco Canyon and she was “hooked” on rock writing. Gainfully employed as a full-time science teacher in Pueblo Co., most of her experience with rock writing has come from nearly 20 years of summer volunteering with the US Forest Service, BLM, and Parks Services. She credits Don Owen as her primary mentor in the art of surveying. She has also done project/seasonal work for professional archaeologists. Also, as an occasional professional artist, she has been involved in two-dimensional art of other kinds. Anne is a University of North Carolina graduate, with a BS in Secondary Education Science. She also earned an MA in Applied Natural Sciences. At various times, since the inception of CRAA, she has been Vice President, Treasurer, Board Member, Fieldtrip Chair, Membership Chair, and CAS Representative. Primary Chapter involvements included coordinating rock art recordation and monitoring projects. Many of them were Forest Service-supervised efforts in Picketwire Canyon. She did similar work at Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site. She had the pleasure of recording “arborglyphs” (carvings **on** trees) at Bryce Canyon National Monument. Additional rock art recording work was done on private ranches. For nearly ten years, Anne has been a volunteer at the Colorado Rock Art Association Archive, preparing rock art photographic collections for digitization. Most recently, she has partnered in the coordination of survey work on a spectacular rock art site on private land. This work required the excellent help of some 30+ volunteers, mostly members of Pueblo Archaeological and Historical Society. The rock art site consists of 25 panels along a one-quarter mile long canyon wall in eastern Colorado. Field work is mostly complete. Some of the survey results featured in her upcoming webinar will be shown to the public for the first time.

“What Did They Say?” (Reading the Writing on the Walls)”

Presented by: Anne Whitfield

October 16, 2025 @ 7pm (look for email with the link)

A SPECTACULAR rock art site on private land in eastern Colorado is in the final stage of site recording. The project is sponsored by the CAS Chapter, Pueblo Archaeological and Historical Society. This webinar about the site is one of the first given to the public. There are 24 panels involved. The panel series is unusual in image concentration, complexity, time periods, and variability of contributors. Simply put, many Plains Indigenous Peoples came to this spot. They often left their stories on the walls! Site panels are introduced by their apparent themes. Simple math reveals an implied hierarchy of concerns, suggesting what issues may have been most on the minds of the image makers. It is hoped that this approach gives us a glimpse into their world view and personal concerns. . . in other words, “What they were thinking?”



President's Perspective

Westcliffe Is Site of CAS Quarterly-3 Board Meeting

This article seeks to recognize the abundant help, time, and effort given by the CRAA Board members in hosting this event! They made the meeting a memorable event.

Starting with Bob (and Carmel) Huestis. These two folks found the venue. It is one of the best I have ever encountered! They located and purchased the food, ran down open restaurants, motels, local events. Wow! Then Jerry, Craig, Darwin, and Janet put up a poster presentation, CRAA information, and even made a video available! Carol P. and Suzy T. helped with general set up and welcoming duties. Suzy also took photos of the event. Craig was the go-to guy for setting up the field trip.. Ian Hartley (PAHS) supplied tech support despite several personal misadventures. Everyone simply pitched in and did whatever needed doing. It was a privilege to collaborate with them all!

Thank you!

Anne Whitfield, CRAA President





In Remembrance...



Dr. James Mitchell Jefferson

September 24, 1933 — July 12, 2025
Ignacio, Colorado

Dr. James Mitchell Jefferson, 91, of Ignacio CO, born on September 24, 1933, passed away peacefully on July 12, 2025, in Durango, CO.

He is survived by his sons: Dan, Tim & Gary Jefferson; Sister Misty R. Jefferson; nephews Robert M. (Teena) Jefferson & Jeffery L. Jefferson; nieces, Robbi (Jefferson) Mann & Tileta Jefferson; Granddaughter's: Lyndsey Jefferson, Christina Jefferson (Justin) Mhley; great-grandchildren: Ryder Hanna, James, Joshua, Lucas & Gaby Mhley. And numerous cousins, great-nephews & great-nieces.

He is preceded in death by his parents: Lee Joe and Jessie Richards Jefferson; wife Ingrid Webster Jefferson; son: Joel Jefferson; brothers: Robert R. Jefferson & Jeffery Lee Jefferson; and nephew: Rick Jefferson.

Jim is a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and lived on the Southern Ute reservation most of his life.

Jim graduated from Ignacio High School and was always involved in all sports activities. After High School he enlisted in the Army where he was stationed in Germany during the Korean War Conflict. After his discharged from service, he returned home and began working in various Southern Ute Tribal programs. Jim had an extensive educational career earning his Bachelors, Masters and his PhD degrees. He loved to do research which took him all over the country.

Jim was one of three founders of the Native American Sacred Trees and Places, which he was currently the President of this organization. This organization made awareness and preservation of sacred sites and trees. He traveled all over the country teaching and sharing his knowledge of Native American culture. His passion was to make sure that the youth were always involved in different projects

Jim's hobbies included hunting, fishing, farming & ranching, rodeo, traditional dancing and playing basketball with the Southern Ute Braves. (Durango Herald, July 17, 2025). Dr. Jefferson and I were finishing up a ten-year project writing an updated book on the history of the Southern Ute Indians.



The History of Colorado Utes 1700 to 1881



Dr. James Jefferson
Ignacio, Colorado,
Draft, June 2025
(230 pages with 36 illustrations)

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Bibliography

I am truly grateful that I was able to show it to him in a completed volume just the weeks before he passed. It will be up to the Tribe to publish it.

Dr. Jefferson left instructions for me to write up the history of the Northern Utes and their petroglyphs of the Uncompahgre Plateau. He wanted Rebecca Hamond of the Ute Mountain Utes to write up the history of the Weminuche, Capote and Moache Utes (and their petroglyphs in Ute Mt. Park) So hopefully this will all come about in the next few years.

-Carol Patterson



Announcements/Classifieds

❖ **Seeking Any Reports or unpublished documentation of anything related to Trinchera Cave!**

Jaimie Adams is conducting research in Southeastern Colorado and is looking for any type of documentation (published or unpublished), records, reports, etc. relating to Trinchera Cave in Southeastern Colorado. Rest assured, all submissions will be handled with the utmost care and discretion. Please send any images to Jaimie.adams@enmu.edu. Thank you in advance!

❖ **Photo Favs-We will show you ours, if you show us yours!**

Please participate in the newsletter's Photo Favs, where your favorite rock imagery photos could be featured our newsletter each quarter!

Join us in selecting the 1-3 images/panels that you consider favorites. For each one, tell us:

1. The name of the panel if it has one. If not, suggest one!
2. What year was the photo taken?
3. The location of the panel (county and state.) **Note:** The location can be redacted if desired.
4. Tell us why this is a favorite of yours. It need not be long. We are interested in what your choices mean to you (i.e., What panel got you "hooked" on rock art? What panel was most inspirational? What was the most beautiful? Funny? etc.)
5. Tell us if we would have permission to place your images in the CRAA ARCHIVE.

Send to Jaimie Adams (jadams48@uwyo.edu) or Anne Whitfield (annewhit45@gmail.com)



Upcoming Events & Webinars

Webinars:

- October 16, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Board Meetings:

- November 20, 2025, at 7:00 PM
- January 15, 2026, at 7:00 PM

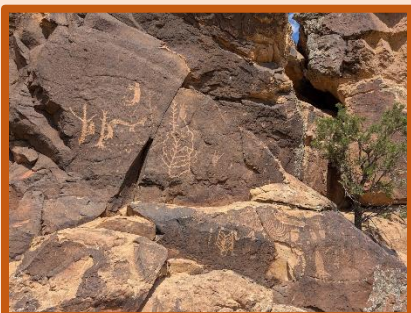


Nine-Mile Canyon, Carbon County, UT. Photo Credit: Peter Faris, Aug. 1993



Foto Favs

Please email your favorite Rock Imagery photos to Jaimie.adams@enmu.edu to have them featured in our newsletter!



Shavano - Montrose,
Colorado - August
2025 Credit: Eric Nyre



Gunnison River Alcove - Delta,
Colorado - August 2025-Photo
Credit: Eric Nyre



Weatherman Draw, Montana - June
2025-Photo Credit: Eric Nyre



Committee Reports

CRAA Financial Report Summary

Darwin Thompson Treasurer

Report Period: June-August 2025

June 31, 2025 -

CD Savings Account Balance --\$ 4,569.59

Checking Account Balance ----\$ 7,409.74

Total \$11,979.33

July 31, 2025 -

CD Savings Account Balance - \$4,569.59

Checking Account Balance- \$7,540.74

Total \$12,110.33

August 31, 2025 -

CD Savings Account Balance - \$4,569.59

Checking Account Balance - \$7,400.74

Total \$11,969.33

* The following expenses were paid in August for the CAS/ CRAA

Conference and Business Meeting in Westcliffe, Co. 7/25/25

Facility Rental Fee \$180.00

Video Equipment Fee \$35.00

Refreshments \$300.00

Miscellaneous Gifts (Totes, pens, pads) \$100.00

Total Meeting Expenses - \$615.00

Outstanding Bills not yet paid – Rock Art Trunk Expenses



CRAA Board Meeting Minutes

June 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Board President Anne Whitfield.

ATTENDEES – 10 individuals attended the meeting. These included: Anne Whitfield, Mike St Clair, Jerry Grandel, Bob Huestis, Carol Patterson, Tamara Estes, Darwin Thompson, Kimberly Field-Littleton, Craig Brazeau and Jaimie Adams.

MINUTES – The April 17, 2025, meeting minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – The Treasurer's report was approved.

The Following Action Items Are Noted:

- Need to formalize photo permission policy with Carrie (PCMS) and work with Carrie to create a reusable permission framework for publishing images in newsletters and chapter materials.
- Meet with Jerry to assemble the first Wildcat trip and coordinate member outreach using the list from Jamie.
- Publish Sep 24 Shavano trip details and manage signups. Announce date, open signups (prioritize first 10), and target a total of 20 attendees; confirm Carol as potential co-guide.
- Jamie will publish the July newsletter
- Release first-week-of-July issue including PCMS/Wildcat writeups and approved images; coordinate any additional promo assets.
- Jerry will prepare a short video/trifold for transformational panel and a concise video excerpt and/or optional trifold display for use at quarterly or annual meetings.
- Jerry will explore portable wheeled cases for trunk transport (e.g., Home Depot options/ice-chest on wheels) to reduce transport burden.
- Jerry and Craig will meet the day after the board meeting to scope out the large-format poster for the transformational panel.
- Craig will request an 8-minute slot at CAS Quarterly Meeting for trunk demo



- Need to ask the CAS president to add a brief trunk program show-and-tell the quarterly agenda to recruit chapter participation.
- Need to align webinar dates with alternating board meetings and work with Carol and Craig to schedule webinars to not conflict with board-meeting months.
- Darwin will order 50 tote bags and assemble welcome kits ($\leq$ \$250) Purchase totes and contents (pens, cups, keychains, info) without logo if needed to stay under budget.
- Darwin and Bob will work on chapter/state awards nominations and submit by the September 1 cutoff.
- Identify printing options and work with Jerry and Craig on a poster that visually highlights the transformational panel.

Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site - PCMS Field Trip Recap: There were 12 attendees; images to use photos cleared for the next newsletter (Jamie holds the images); permission process to be formalized with Carrie (PCMS).

Next Field Trip Set: Shavano on Sep 24; aiming for 20 attendees; potential co-lead by Carol.

Education 'Rock Art Trunk' Program: Inventory finished; logistics (storage, duplication, transport) pending; board guidance requested; 8-minute slot to be requested at CAST quarterly.

Transformational Panel: Jerry has PowerPoint + video; considering a poster/trifold for meetings; a short video excerpt planned.

Webinars & Newsletter: Sept–Nov speaker lineup in motion; schedule to align with alternating board mtgs; newsletter early July.

Advocacy: Concern over History Colorado funding/staffing; encourage members to contact representatives (as individuals).

CAS Quarterly Meeting Prep: Board Approved up to \$250 to buy 50 tote bags and welcome-bag materials; awards nominations to proceed; Sunday mining trip and historic ranch visit possible.

Newsletter To Include Write-Ups On PCMS Trip And Wildcat Field Trips; Craig and Gary to schedule first Wildcat trip using member list from Jamie. Next field trip: Shavano, 24 September; target 20 participants; first 10 confirmed; second guide



pending (Carol offered). Recommended stops: Indian Museum in Montrose and Museum of the Mountain West; Carol to be notified of date; her guidance praised.

Transformational Panel Assets and the education trunk program materials completed: PowerPoint, video; poster/trifold option; short cut possible. Presentation plan set: 8-minute CAS Annual slot requested; show-and-tell at CAST quarterly.

Trunk Program Inventory Completed; education page update pending board guidance. Logistics under review: largest case ~27×14×17 in; weight high; evaluate wheeled cases/ice chest/dolly; consider regional month-long rotations.

Trunk Funding Explored: Perhaps there is a potential of \$200 per trunk from CAS – Needs to be confirmed.; a plan for replenishing consumables is needed and duplicating trunks statewide may be considered.

Tentative Webinar Lineup: September – Rick Matthews (Smith Reserve Conservancy); October – Anne Whitfield (What Did They Say); November – Bob Kovasi (Topic To Be Determined). December – No webinar (Christmas party); resume regular schedule in January 2026.

Support for History Colorado and Member Advocacy Strategy: Federal funding delays risk closing History Colorado; staff loss halts permits, and restricts federal land/rock art access. Members are encouraged to contact Congress (emails/calls effective); Congressional interns tally for/against. Share guidance to avoid tax-status issues; do not cite CAS; use personal impacts (e.g., museum access).

Board Approved Purchase: order 50 tote bags and welcome materials; budget up to \$250; logo printing \$50–\$60 will likely omitted. Welcome bags include gifts and local Westcliffe information, CAS tote availability uncertain.

Awards Nomination Timeline Set: write-ups are due by Sept 1; presentation on Oct 3; Bob and Darwin will draft letters; nominations prepared.

Optional Conference Activities have been arranged: These include a field trip of the Westcliffe area on Sunday, and a tour of a historic ranch visit near Westcliffe on Saturday.

Bob Will Be Away until July 23rd; planning meeting set before departure.

Next Meeting Scheduled: July 10; adjournment confirmed.

July 2025 Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Board President Anne Whitfield.

ATTENDEES – 10 individuals attended the meeting. These included:



Anne Whitfield, Mike St Clair, Jerry Grandel, Bob Huestis, Carol Patterson, Tamara Estes, Darwin Thompson, Kimberly Field-Littleton, Craig Brazeau and Jaimie Adams.

Board Meeting Summary

Note: Most of the July 10th meeting agenda was devoted to preparing for the Quarterly CAS Meeting in Westcliffe. **These** minutes are being prepared **after** that meeting and the Quarterly Meeting plans and discussions are **not** included in these minutes.

I, for one, would like to congratulate the CRAA Board for hosting a GREAT CAS Quarterly Meeting. I'm thankful for the excellent venue, the participation by CRAA board members, the food and snacks, and the quality input provided to the CAS President during the pre-meeting meeting.

Key discussion points during the regular business meeting included:

- Need to align webinar promotions with the newsletter for better outreach.
- Promotional materials for the September 11 webinar to be sent to Jamie and Tamara by August 14.
- Additional promo materials for other events are due September 20 for newsletter inclusion.
- Decisions were made on upcoming webinar topics: the choices were between hydrology and serpents. The votes resulted in scheduling the hydrology webinar first, with the serpent topic suggested for later in the year.
- A need was expressed for board members to help find and invite speakers for future events. A suggestion to require each board member to recruit or present a webinar; this idea was tabled for future discussion.
- There was a discussion of having a mentor for Jamie by an indigenous supervisor (perhaps Mary, who is Comanche and Santa Clara).
- There was a discussion on the challenge of involving more Native members in the organization and sensitivity around terminology ('rock art' vs. 'rock writing' vs. 'rock images'). It was suggested that language and vocabulary updates could foster inclusiveness, with possible newsletter article as a starting point for this undertaking.
- There was an announcement of several field trip opportunities including the Ute petroglyph site near Montrose (20 attendees planned), the Westcliffe area fieldtrips as part of the CAS Quarterly meeting, and wildcat field trips.



- Craig and Jerry were acknowledged for their significant efforts in organizing multiple field trips.
- Concerning the Trunk Program and Resource Sharing, chapters will be updated on educational “trunk” programs at the Quarterly CAS meeting.
- A proposal was made to share the Rock Art Trunk templates and digital resources instead of the physical trunk due to logistical challenges.
- There was a discussion about “Trunk” funding: i.e., \$200 earmarked in a trunk fund, though current budget status of this is unclear and needs to be clarified with CAS.
- There are plans for a PowerPoint presentation to introduce other chapters to the trunk idea in order to encourage and maintain momentum for program growth.
- Concerning CAS Publications and Communication, there was a recognition of the Smith Fork recording project (72 panels over two years, funded by a \$1,500 grant), that is now published in "Southwest Lore."
- There is guidance for members on accessing online editions of "Southwest Lore" via the CAS website under "Journals."
- The issue was raised about lack of a state CAS newsletter due to the absence of an editor. Note: Our own Jaimie Adams volunteered at the Quarterly CAS Meeting to prepare the State CAS newsletter going forward! **NICE!**
- Concerning recognition of achievements, it was acknowledged that board members and volunteers undertook significant fieldwork and publication activities, notably the Smith Fork project.

Closing and Next Steps

- Next scheduled meeting set for September 18, with an aim to revisit rock art trunk discussions and address additional member concerns.
- Reminder to submit questions, concerns, or requests for follow-up to Carol.
- Important Dates: Promo materials due: August 14 (September 11 webinar), September 20 (newsletter inclusion)
- Motion was made at its was voted to adjourn the meeting.

CAS 4th Quarter Meeting Summary

Quick recap



The board meeting covered various administrative and financial matters, including membership issues, treasurer's reports, and expense reimbursements, with discussions about potentially increasing the standard reimbursement amount. The group reviewed several educational initiatives, including rock art documentation, webinars, and a controversy surrounding terminology, while also discussing upcoming field trips and conference planning. The conversation ended with plans for future presentations, promotional materials, and scheduling of the next board meeting.

Next steps

- Darwin: Forward a recommendation to Geoff about increasing the CAS reimbursement amount for chapter meetings beyond the current \$250
- Darwin: Forward a recommendation to Geoff about increasing the budget allocation for chapter expenses
- Jerry: Continue discussions with Lori V. regarding the Rock Art Trunk program options
- Jerry: Follow up with Lori V. about the Rock Art Trunk program and update the board via email
- Jerry: Consider adding a blurb about the Rock Art Trunk program on the CRAA website under Education
- Jerry: Collect receipts for expenses incurred and submit them to Darwin for reimbursement
- Anne: Explore how to include the D-stretch poster presentation information on the CRAA website
- Tamara: Add Rick Matthews to the CRAA membership list
- Carol: Write a review of Larry Lorendorff's book on documenting rock art
- Carol: Take notes at the URARA conference discussion about rock art terminology and prepare a smaller article for the newsletter

Summary

Membership and Meeting Minutes Update

The meeting covered several topics, including a discussion about meeting minutes and corrections, particularly regarding a meeting with Gary that was actually with Jerry. Anne and Mike addressed a membership issue with Rick Matthews, who claimed to be a member of CRAA but was not found in the membership list. Tamara agreed to add him to the list. Darwin provided a brief update on the Treasurer's Report, confirming that the August report had been sent to all members.

CAS Reimbursement Policy Discussion

Darwin reported that the chapter spent \$615 on expenses for the West Cliff meeting, which will be reimbursed by CAS with their standard \$250 payment. The chapter has \$11,900.69 in outstanding bills, with Jerry's expenses still to be covered. Anne suggested inquiring about increasing the reimbursement amount beyond the current \$250 standard, as Karen Kinnear noted that expenses have become more expensive over the years, particularly for food. Darwin explained that he submitted all receipts for \$1,615 in expenses to Michelle, who is following the current CAS policy of reimbursing \$250. Mike inquired about the rounded amounts for refreshments and



miscellaneous expenses, to which Darwin clarified that some expenses without receipts were not included, and Bob and Darwin absorbed some costs personally.

Chapter Funding and Program Updates

Anne discussed the need to increase funding for chapters that cannot afford certain expenses, and Darwin agreed to forward a recommendation to Geoff. The board reviewed the success of the Q3 meeting and praised the efforts of the organizing team. Jerry and Craig decided not to present their science activities poster at the upcoming CAS meeting due to time constraints. The board agreed to put the poster presentation on hold and consider adding its contents to the website. They also discussed the Rock Art Trunk update, with Jerry clarifying that Peter's email was about a grant proposal for the transformational panel, not the trunk program. Lori from the Northern Colorado Chapter expressed interest in the trunk program, and the board considered offering it as a download from their website or through a USB drive.

Rock Art Digitization Planning Meeting

The group discussed digitizing rock art trunks, with Jerry noting that while some materials can't be digitized, a \$200 budget would likely only cover thumb drives and posts. Anne suggested involving other chapters and proposed referring the matter to the Long-Range Planning Committee and Education and Outreach Committee. Jerry mentioned sharing the digitized trunk program with Suzanne Denlinger, the president of their chapter, and Mike suggested doing the same for Lori Vagunas. The group agreed to follow up with interested parties and potentially add information to their website.

Rock Art Education Webinar Planning

Anne proposed organizing a webinar on rock art and education, suggesting it could include various topics such as Pikes Peak and Jerry's rock art video. Carol mentioned writing a review of Larry Lorendorff's book on rock art documentation and suggested including it in the CAS newsletter. They discussed the challenges of using the term "rock art" and considered alternatives like "rock images" to avoid potential misunderstandings. Anne and Carol explored the possibility of collaborating on a webinar, with Jerry potentially contributing his video, to promote educational efforts related to rock art.

Rock Art vs. Rock Writing Debate

The group discussed a controversy surrounding the term "rock art" versus "rock writing," particularly in relation to Native American perspectives. Carol shared that an upcoming Urara conference will host a roundtable discussion on this topic, with 4-5 Native participants. The group considered creating a webinar or newsletter article to address the issue, though Jerry suggested this might be better for the future. Carol mentioned she could create a shorter article based on the conference outcomes, and Darwin agreed this would be a good approach to start the conversation.

CAS Conference Information Update

The group discussed the CAS board meeting and general conference. Darwin confirmed that information about the conference, including registration details and early bird pricing, was sent to CAS members. Anne noted that Jamie has the



information and is supposed to include it in the newsletter. Tamara agreed to resend the conference information to all members. Mike mentioned he missed the information but won't attend the conference as he'll be in New York City at the time.

Field Trip Planning and Updates

The group discussed upcoming field trips, with Craig reporting a successful Pinon Canyon trip and planning a smaller group visit next week. Carol offered to share her detailed documentation of the East Douglas Creek sites, which included color pictures and drawings from a two-year project. The group also discussed the possibility of a multi-day trip to northwest Colorado in April, with Craig and Carol planning to discuss logistics over lunch next week, including whether to stay in one or two locations. Anne suggested revisiting Montrose due to low attendance at the recent trip and mentioned that Sally Cole's report on Pinion Canyon rock art is available for download in the archive.

Webinar Planning and Presentation Strategies

The board discussed strategies for organizing webinars, with Carol suggesting a list of existing webinars from organizations like Crow Canyon and URARA, while Anne proposed encouraging board members to identify potential presenters or topics. Anne shared her upcoming presentation on rock art panels, which involves analyzing themes and patterns to understand ancient communities' beliefs and experiences, and requested Carol's help in marketing it. Carol agreed to assist by providing feedback on images and helping promote the webinar.

CRAA Events and Planning Updates

The board discussed upcoming events and tasks, including a presentation on November 13th and the need for promotional materials by Saturday for the newsletter. They clarified that there will be no December Christmas party for CRAA. The group also touched on webinar attendance and YouTube viewership data, which will be used to guide future choices. They mentioned that a presentation on Lake Powell flooding will be available online in about two weeks. The board agreed to wait for Jamie's presence to discuss the Native American contact list further. The conversation ended with plans for a field trip next week and a reminder of the next board meeting on November 20th.



Field Trip Reports:

By Craig Brazeau

Ute Petroglyph Site and the Smith Fork Canyon Site

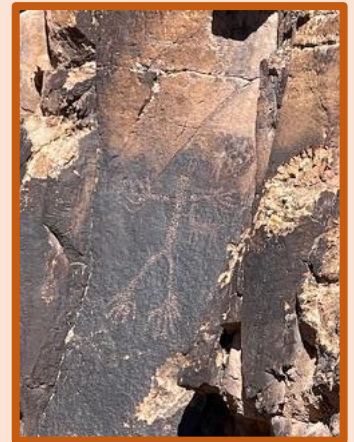
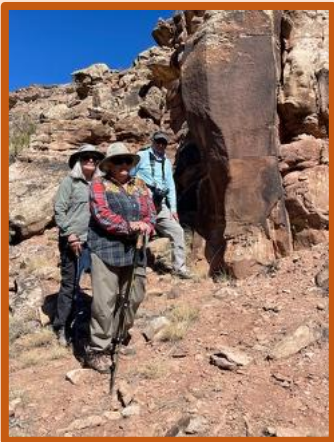
The CRAA Field Trips to the Ute Petroglyph and Smith Fork Canyon sites near Montrose, Colorado on September 24-25, 2025, were held bright and early on sunny Fall days. On September 24th, we met at the Ute Indian Museum in Montrose at 9:00 AM and began our 20-minute drive to the trailhead for a roughly one-mile hike to the Ute petroglyphs above Shavano Valley. The trail, which was unimproved and rated moderately difficult, included an elevation gain of about 600 feet from the trailhead. Our guide for the day was Dr. Carol Patterson.

On the morning of September 25th, we gathered in Hotchkiss, Colorado, for the drive into Smith Fork Canyon. Once again, Carol served as our guide, joined by Joe and George. The petroglyphs and pictographs along the river were truly remarkable, making for two memorable days filled with incredible rock imagery and great company.

Looking ahead, the next field trips are planned for early 2026. Bob is organizing an Arizona trip for March, while Carol and Craig are planning a northwest Colorado trip for April. Both will be multi-day excursions — more details to come soon!

Field Trip Photos

By: Craig Brazeau





PCMS Volunteer Archaeologist Assistant Program

CRAA Members are being granted the opportunity to volunteer to be Archaeology Assistant at the Pinion Canyon Maneuver Site (PCMS). Volunteers would coordinate their availability with Kari Pittman, the head archaeologist at PCMS on an as needed/as available basis depending on Kari's needs. The program is still being developed, however, if you wish to volunteer to assist the on-site Archaeologists at PCMS the following information is provided.

1. You must complete in-person training for volunteers held at Fort Carson on the last Wednesday of every month, 1:340-3:00 PM at the Army Community Service (ACS) Main Center, their phone number is 719-526-1082. The ACS is Building #1526, located at 6303 Wetzell Avenue, Fort Carson, CO 80913.
2. You can register for the course at the following website:
 - a. Carson.armymwr.com
 - b. The Army Volunteer Corps website will be displayed.
 - c. To register for the in-person training, note in the second paragraph where it says "... click here to email us..." Click "here" and the email for the folks who conduct the training will come up. Fill out the required information and send it along. You should be contacted with a training date.
 - d. If you don't have a DOD ID card, you can get on base by going to the Visitor Control Center at Freedom Gate (Gate 1) off of Highway 115 to obtain a visitors pass prior to proceeding to the training location. You must present a Driver's License, Vehicle Registration, and Proof of Insurance to gain access to Fort Carson with your vehicle. I suggest using a map application to guide you to the appropriate building in Fort Carson.
3. Kari is busy setting up the procedures for her volunteers in her efforts at PCMS. I will keep you advised as to when she is ready for our contributions. Please let me know when you have completed the Fort Carson training along with a phone number and email contact information. I will ensure that Kari has your information.
4. If I can help in any way, please feel free to contact me with questions.
 - a. Craig Brazeau
 - b. 719-651-6172
 - c. 67chevypu@msn.com



CRAA Online Archives

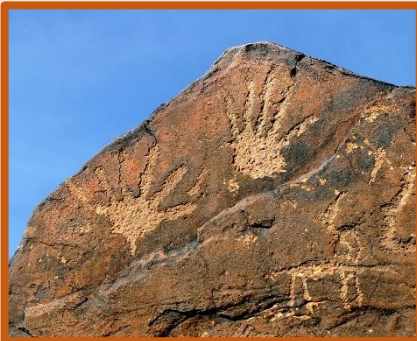
To explore the archives:

1. Visit [Pueblolibrary.org](https://pueblolibrary.org)- This opens "The Digital Collection at Pueblo City-County Library District. Link is: <https://cdm16620.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/?page=5>

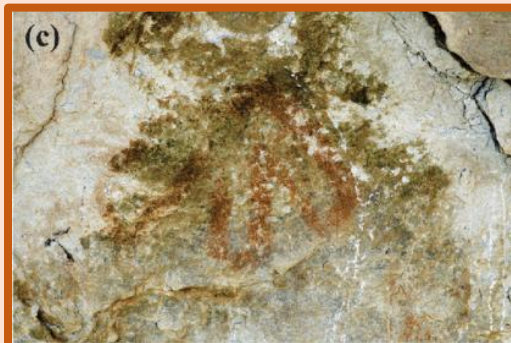
If you have rock art images to include in the archive, please mail your files on a disc or thumb drive to:

Alisha Cunzio, Manager of Special Collections and Museum Services
Pueblo City-County Library
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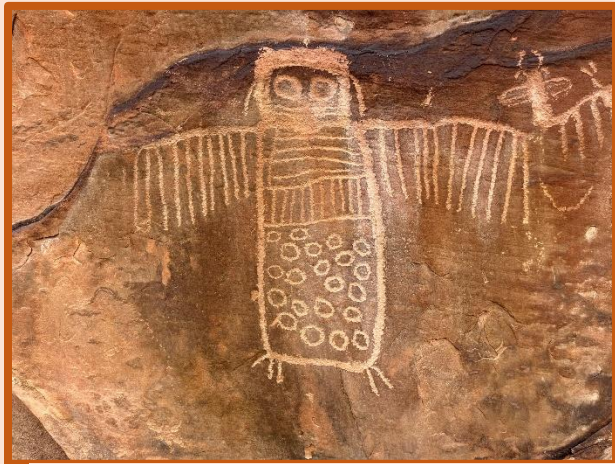


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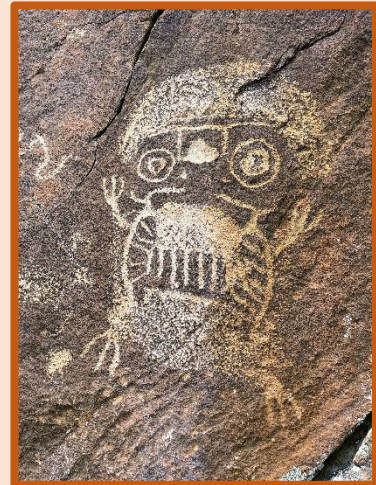
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