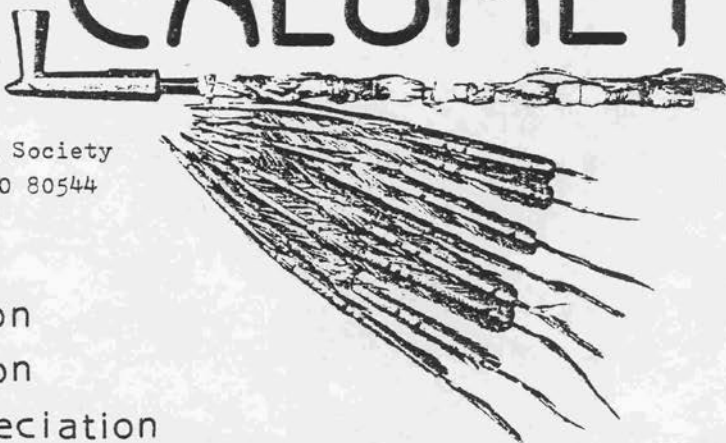




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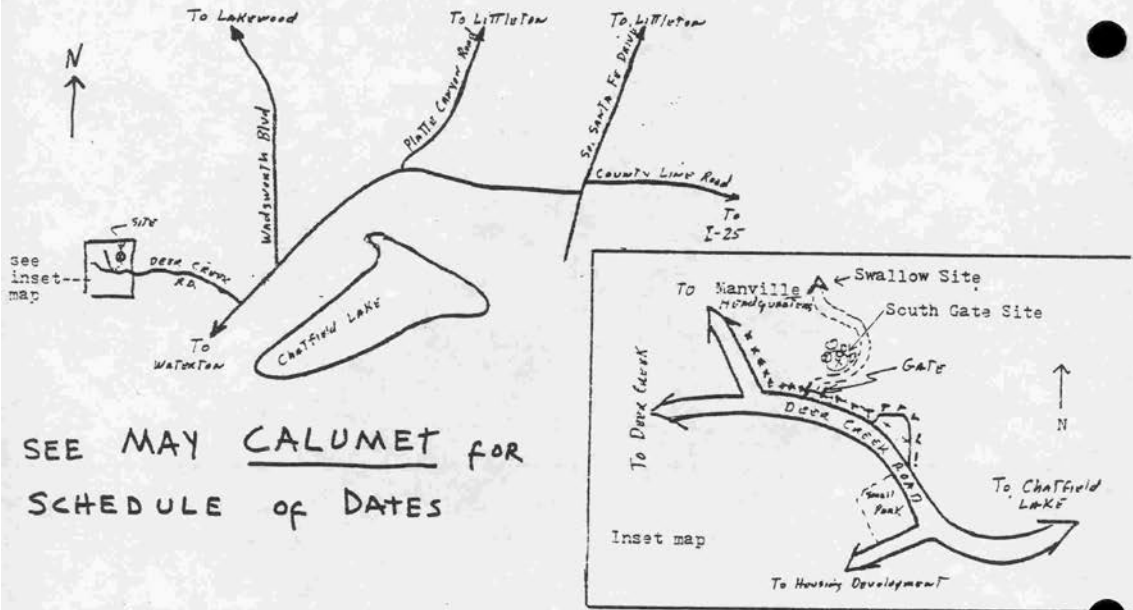
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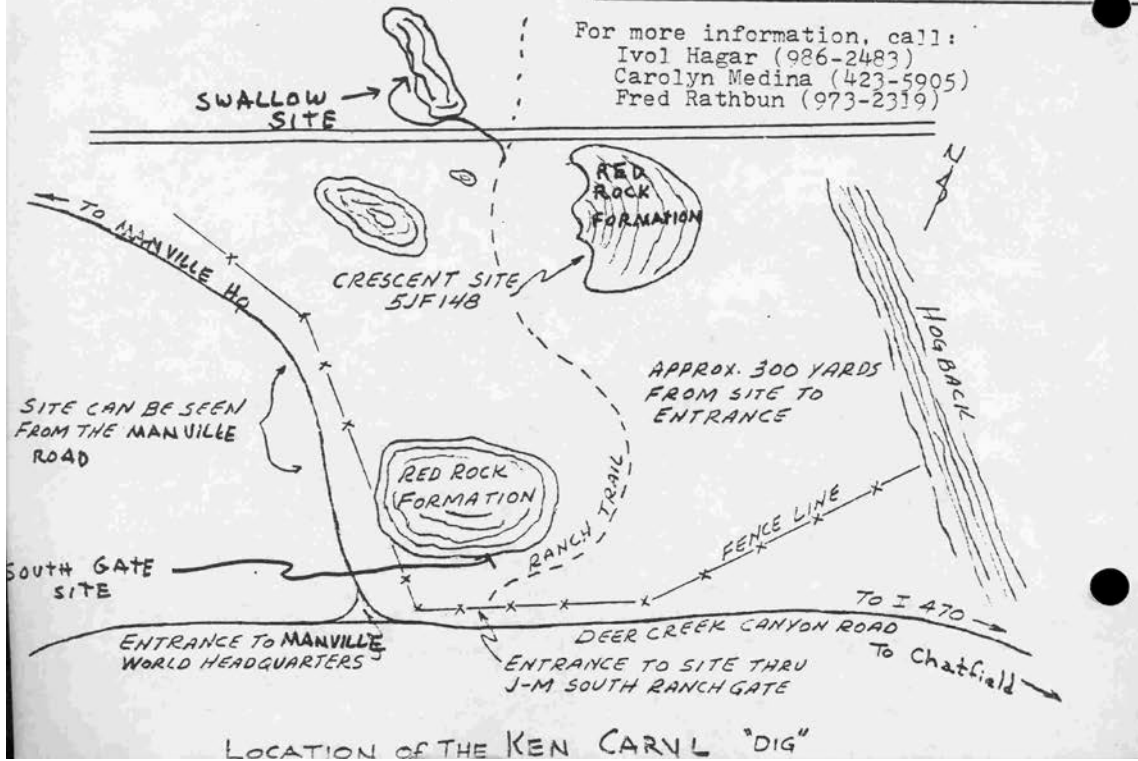
- June 23/24 Dig at Ken Caryl (see information inside and in May edition of Calumet).
- June 26 Executive Meeting, 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m., 212 Henderson Museum, Boulder.
- June 26 NO REGULAR CHAPTER MEETING will be held due to vacations, overseas trips, etc. of most officers and members.
- June 30-
July 8 Week-long dig at Ken Caryl. Plan to join the Denver Chapter for a week of digging, camping, and fun!
- July 4 Denver Chapter All-Chapters Picnic. Lyons Chapter invited to attend the picnic and meeting at Ken Caryl.
- July 21/22 Dig at Ken Caryl.
- July 21 State CAS Executive Meeting, Grand Junction.
- July 20-22 Camp Paleo Flintknapping demonstrations and 4th Annual World Open Atlatl Contest, Saratoga, Wyoming.
- July 31 Lyons Regular Chapter Meeting: Chimney Rock pretrip orientation and movie (see inside application for trip); Donation drawing for Dallas John print (see May Calumet for details); Time and place for meeting to be announced in July edition of Calumet.
- August 4/5 Chimney Rock Trip (see inside application and questionnaire).
- Dig at Ken Caryl
- August 18/19 Dig at Ken Caryl
- Sept. 15/16 Dig at Ken Caryl
- Sept. 29/30 Dig at Ken Caryl
- Site closing in October to be announced.

MAP TO 1984 KEN CARYL DIG



SEE MAY CALUMET FOR SCHEDULE of DATES

For more information, call:
 Ivol Hagar (986-2483)
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 Fred Rathbun (973-2319)



RABBIT MOUNTAIN SURVEY

The Rabbit Mountain Survey is over for the summer season. After getting snowed or rained out and re-scheduled several times, we finally had perfect weather on Saturday, May 19th at which time about a dozen Lyons CAS members showed up to join forces with Bob Nykamp and his CU Anthropology Club colleagues to complete this first phase of the survey. Bob expressed his appreciation to everyone who was able to help out this spring on the survey. He will be teaching a class at CU for the next five weeks and then will head up to Manitoba Canada for a survey there. This fall, however, he will be back in Boulder and would like to do more survey work out at Rabbit Mtn. Watch for more late news concerning this in the September Calumet. A big THANK YOU TO Bob Nykamp for conducting and including CAS-Lyons in a most interesting and well run survey!!

"BOULDER'S TRUE NATIVES"

The display case in the hallway along the north side of the Packer Grill in the University Memorial Center currently has an exhibition entitled "Boulder's True Natives". It includes a cache of artifacts found at Chautauqua, a beautiful knife out of Boulder Creek, and an Archaic projectile point from Rabbit Mountain just to name a few. Check it out soon!

BIG LARAMIE RIVER VALLEY PROJECT

If there are enough interested CAS-Lyons members, we could go back to the Big Laramie River Valley and surrounds this summer to survey and record the many sites that were located but not written up from last summer's survey. The official part of the Laramie River Survey is completed and the report is now being written. However, many sites outside of the random-sampling transects of the survey still remain unrecorded, including both prehistoric aboriginal and historic pioneer sites. Additionally, there is much "oral history" work that could be done by interviewing the local "old timers" that remain in the area. Peter Christensen worked extensively with Keith Abernathy and Paul Heinrich on last summer's Laramie River Project and would be happy to help familiarize folks with the area, sites yet to be recorded, and the local ranchers. Sharon Pay also stated that she would help with the coordination of any such efforts; so if you would like to go to a most interesting archaeological district not too far from home, please contact Sharon Pay at 443-8584.

WHITE CLIFFS SURVEY PROJECT

Sharon Pay is in the process of writing the final report on the White Cliffs survey. If you are interested in assisting her with this report, contact her at 443-8584.

HELP WANTED

The following contract archaeological firms are desperately looking for experienced excavators:

WCRM (Western Cultural Resource Management); contact Tom Lennon at 449-1151.

Powers Elevation, Denver, CO (check phone book for address and phone number).

Metcalf-Zier, Eagle, CO

Gilbert Commonwealth Associates, Denver, CO (check phone book for address and phone number).

They want experienced excavators only. This is a PAID job...none of this volunteer stuff. They variously offer lodging, food allowance, and daily wages. The excavation is Sand Dune Archaeology and is very interesting work. They want people IMMEDIATELY. All of the above are working at Kemmere, Wyoming, west of Rock Springs, Wyoming.

BOOKS AVAILABLE THROUGH CAS (LYONS) LIBRARY

Listed below are books available to CAS members on a check-out basis:

- From Paul Heinrich: Excavations at Magic Mountain by Cynthia Irwin-Williams and Henry J. Irwin
- Handbook of Rocky Mountain Plants by Ruth Ashton Nelson
- An Archaeological Inventory in North Park by Bureau of Land Management
- From Colorado Historical Society: Archaeology Contexts by various authors. This set consists of six volumes and deals with the prehistoric context of the State divided into areas such as the Colorado Plains, West Central, Southwest, Colorado Mountains, Northwest and Colorado Historical Archaeology Context.
- From Andi Barnes: A number of issues of El Palacio, Magazine of the Museum of New Mexico and also issues of Archaeology magazine.

This list will be made available at each CAS meeting. If you are interested in checking out any of these books, etc., let Cleo Barnes know and she will bring them to the next monthly meeting or you can make arrangements to pick them up at her home.

CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY PAUL HEINRICH

The Lyons Chapter of CAS would like to thank Paul Heinrich for his donation of 8 rolls of flagging tape and books for our Chapter library. Paul was one of the original Lyons-CAS members and was the State representative for our Chapter. In collaboration with Keith Abernathy he helped organize and conduct the Laramie River Survey. We all wish Paul good luck in his new job and we will miss his geological expertise. Thanks again, Paul, for all your contributions to our group. Anyone wishing to get in touch with Paul can contact him by writing:

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TREASURER'S REPORT

BALANCE AS OF APRIL 23, 1984		\$ 261.88
<u>INCOME</u>		
Dues	30.00	
T-Shirts	7.50	
Books	<u>80.00</u>	
		117.50
<u>EXPENSE</u>		
Books	44.85	
Supplies	14.37	
T-Shirts	4.77	
State Dues	<u>95.00</u>	<u>(158.99)</u>
BALANCE AS OF MAY 26, 1984		\$ 220.39

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CHIMNEY ROCK FIELD TRIP

Application and Questionnaire

On August 4th and 5th, a trip is tentatively planned to visit the Chimney Rock Archaeological Area. A guided tour will be given by Forest Service rangers. We need your cooperation to help us complete the planning phase. Anyone interested in attending is asked to complete the Application and Questionnaire below, and send it to (or call) Kay Evatz with the following information by June 22nd.

CHIMNEY ROCK FIELD TRIP

August 4 and 5, 1984

Application and Questionnaire

Please check one of the following in each category:

DO YOU PREFER: camping _____ car pool _____
 motel _____ bus _____
 own transportation _____

Please fill out the following information:

Total number of people in party _____

Total number of children in party _____

Your name _____

Your address _____

Your phone number _____

After completion, tear off and send to: Kay Evatz
2121 Squires
Longmont, CO 80501
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(by June 22nd)

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THE "RING MAKERS" (Continued)

by Jack Moomaw

In a few places these stone circles overlap or intersect one another, and some are on slopes, which presents a confusing problem if the circles were bases of structures. It has been suggested that these "tipi rings" might be sepulchers. Excavation shows that they are not graves in the sense of the word as we use it, but they may have been symbolic or spirit houses for the dead. Many tribes to this day in northeastern Asia do not bury their dead, but carry the bodies out onto the wasteland and leave them there. This could account for many of the rings being located out on the plateaus. Often there is a small pile of stones and in some cases small circles of stone just outside the larger circles, but like the larger circles, these small appendages contain no evidence of fire. Could these have been spirit houses for a child or wife?

Some of the stones in these circles seem to have been scattered beyond what could be expected from natural causes. These scattered stones are as deeply sodded as the stones in the circles, indicating that some of the circles may have been destroyed soon after they were made. It has been postulated as an explanation that these stone circles were used by primitive man to hold down animal hides for curing. I have tried it with the stones from a "tipi ring" and it does not work.

Very few of these stone circles show any evidence of a doorway, and the ones that do have a gap show no consistent direction of an opening as should be expected. The few "doorways" that do exist may easily have been made by natural causes during the years since the circles were laid down.

The shelters and dwellings of primitive men all over the earth were and are nearly always dome-shaped. Could these "tipi rings" be the sites of dome-shaped, yurt-like dwellings such as the Mongolians use—that is, wicker framework huts covered with hides, grass, or leaves? It is almost certain that they were not covered with earth or sod, since enough earth to cover that large a structure would have left a discernible mound. Local material of the foothills, such as willows and cottonwood sprouts and limbs, could have supplied material for wicker framework and would have been the logical stuff for construction, while the stones around the base held the timber in place as it was bent into a dome. These structures could also have been made of woven reeds, they are today in some parts of Asia. Furthermore, the probability of this increase as one realizes that the area surveyed was much swampier in the past than it is today, thus supplying an abundance of reeds. North of Fort Collins, Colorado, these reeds can be seen partly petrified several feet below the present surface.

If these rings are the remains of dwellings, the fact that they are often located on mountain tops, ridges, and terraces, where they could be seen from miles away, could indicate that the "Ring Makers" had little or no fear of enemies. Perhaps during the "archaeological blank" there were long periods of time when the inhabitants of the area were undisturbed by hostile invasion. (To be continued....)
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