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President's Message

The 2011 URARA Symposium will be in Price at the Carbon County Events Center with presentations on Saturday, September 24 and Sunday, September 25. Field trips will be on Friday, September 23 and Monday, September 26. Our preliminary speaker's list is printed later in this issue as well a preliminary list of field trips and leaders. Please use these at this time for your planning prior to registering in August.

The Carbon County Recreation Department is offering one guided trip into Range Creek on Friday, September 23 and one guided trip into Range Creek on Monday, September 26 for a discounted fee of \$50, which includes transportation and lunch. The regular fee for residents is \$80. Layne Miller, a longtime resident of Price and past president of URARA, will be your guide.

Registration materials will be in the August edition of *Vestiges*. There will be a separate sheet for the symposium registration and a separate sheet for field trip registration. Signup for the field trips is first come, first served. Field trip descriptions will be sent to URARA members as a file attachment to the email informing you that the August *Vestiges* is online.

Lodging and camping information is listed later in this issue. Since Price is an oil and gas hub, you should make your motel reservations soon.

We still need field trip leaders for the Price symposium. If you are interested, send an email to allenjeffrey@beyondbb.com. If you are interested in volunteering for one of the many jobs at the symposium, such as registration, field trip information, and assisting serving food during the breaks, please contact Barbara Bergman at bergperson@bajabb.com.

Jeff Allen
2011 URARA President

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In Memory: Al Scholl

By Jeff Allen

Longtime URARA member Al Scholl passed away on June 14. He was 81. Al was a distinguished economist, financial manager, aviator, author, sailboat racer, and avid rock art explorer. He could cook on an automobile engine's exhaust manifold, and he modified an old hearse to be the ultimate camping vehicle.

Here are John Macumber's recollections of Al.

"Many of you older URARA members I'm sure remember Al, as he was always friendly and respectful to everyone, with a subtle sense of humor. We always enjoyed being on a field trip with Al. He served on the URARA board of directors and was chairman for the 2002 symposium held in St. George. He was a site steward for several sites on the Arizona Strip. He even wrote a book, *Rock Art and Ruins for Beginners and Old Guys* to introduce people to public rock art sites, rock art etiquette, and campgrounds. There are even recipes so you can prepare your own food. It was all done with a humorous slant.

We will miss you Al. We know your spirit lives forever! With fond and joyful memories!"

John Macumber

Past president URARA 2002

URARA Publications Editor

By Jeff Allen

Nina Bowen has agreed to be the URARA publications editor. Nina is a founding member of URARA, and she has done every job that URARA has to offer. Boma Johnson, Richard Jenkinson, Galal Gough, and Bernie Jones are publishing articles in the biennial 2010-2011 volume. Nina will be contacting presenters at this year's symposium to see if they want to publish their presentations.

Sand Island Rock Art Site Preservation

By Pam Baker

As many of you know, the rock art panels located on the east end of the Sand Island campground and boat launch site in San Juan County Utah are now more accessible due to a tamarisk and Russian olive removal project by the BLM. This has provided an increased number of folks the opportunity to visit the area without much hardship, as you can now easily walk right to the sites along the river without battling the thick vegetation that was once there.

We are very lucky in that some sites also have a midden pile. Keeping these middens intact is of utmost importance if we are to gain further information concerning these sites.

Due to the importance of protecting this resource, the BLM has closed the numerous trails leading up to the rock art panels in this area. Using a low profile technique the BLM is asking viewers to please bring binoculars and view the images from below the midden mound. Photographing the images is actually better at this point as you are not worried about your footing while you are

trying for the perfect shot. Currently the trails have been brushed over and signs installed at ground level, reminding viewers to stay off the mound. True, it is possible to bypass these simple barriers or make new trails; however, the point is to protect the resource. Rock art preservation and resource protection go hand in hand.



Speaker Preview, Price Symposium

Saturday

Polly Schaafsma, "Revisiting the Barrier Canyon Style: The Shaman's Plight"
Jim Farmer, "What's NOT in Barrier Canyon Art and What Does (or doesn't) It Mean?"
David Sucec, "Barrier Canyon Style: Findings of the BCS Project, 1991-2011"
Michael Firnhaber, "Why is There (BCS) Rock Art Rather Than Nothing?"
Ryan Breslawski, "Rock Art and Travel Along the Colorado River"
Dito Morales, "Barrier Canyon Style and Ancient American Anthropomorphism"
Don Montoya, "Before We Were Tribes"
Charmaine Thompson, "The Ferron Pot and Cultural Trade"
Ekkehart Malotki, "Precursors of Figurative Depictions in the Western Rock Art Tradition"
Carol Patterson, "Ute Rock Art Maps of the Uncompahgre Plateau and Gunnison Gorge"
Bob Mark, "Gigapans: Using Super-High Resolution Panoramas to Document Rock Art"

Sunday

Jerry Spangler, "New Perspectives on Nine Mile Canyon and the West Tavaputs Plateau"
Lynda McNeil, Western Basketmaker and Fremont Headdresses: Similarities and Differences
Layne Miller, "Ute Rock Art of Nine Mile Canyon"
Steve Manning, Fremont Rock Art
Galal Gough, "Moon and Stars in Native American Rock Art"
Dorde Woodruff, "Utah's Four Oldest European Inscriptions on the Rocks"

Preservation section to be determined.

Field Trip Preview, Price Symposium

**(All trips are 15 persons unless otherwise indicated)
Subject to Revision**

Friday field trips

Anne Carter; Buckhorn Draw, base of Cedar Mountain sites
Kerk Philips; Short Canyon, Moore Cutoff, Rochester Creek
Troy Scotter; Sid and Charlie's, Short Canyon Area Sites
Lois Mansfield; Rochester Creek, Moore Cutoff, Ascending Sheep
Layne Miller; Range Creek (22 persons, \$50 fee includes transportation and lunch)
Ben Everitt; Virgin Springs pictograph and other sites on the San Rafael
Pam Miller; Rock Art of Nine Mile: Battles We've Won and Battles We've Lost
Dennis Willis; Head of Sinbad, Fox in a Box, Swazy Cabin. Mussentuchit
Diane Orr; Nine Mile Canyon

Monday field trips

Francois Gohier; Ferron Box, Moore Cut Off, Buckhorn Wash, Head of Sinbad
Charles Molina; Rochester Creek, Molen Seep, Quitchapa
Oscar Olson; Base of Cedar Mountain sites, Spanish Trail and Railway History in the Swell
Jeff Allen; Short Canyon Area Sites
Layne Miller; Range Creek (22 persons, \$50 fee includes transportation and lunch)
Dennis Willis; Nine Mile Canyon
Michael Firnhaber; Prickly Pear Flat and Buckhorn Draw
Richard Jenkinson; Molen Seep, Ascending Sheep, Sid and Charlie's
Nina Bowen; Ferron Box, Quitchupa, Ivie Creek

Social Events at the Price Symposium

The opening reception will be on Thursday, September 22 at the CEU Museum in Price and will be co-hosted with the Nine Mile Coalition. Our traditional Watermelon Feast will be on the evening of Friday, September 23 in Pioneer Park. The Saturday banquet and auction will be at the Carbon County Events Center on Saturday night, September 24. The banquet will be catered by the Carbon County Country Club and will feature London broil with mushrooms, chicken with artichokes and pepper and orange dream dessert. An informal social will be held Sunday night, September 25 at the Pioneer Park.

Auction Donations and Helpers

With the symposium in Price just a couple of months away, it's time to think about what you can donate to the annual fundraising auction. Dell Crandall and Larry Evans have agreed to continue in their roles as auctioneers (and comedians), and I am going to organize donations for the live and silent portions of the event. If you have books, art objects, or any rock art related items that you are willing to donate, please let me know at gypschoolar@aol.com. If you can donate some time helping set up the silent auction first thing Saturday morning or help to mark bid sheets and take payments at the end of the afternoon, let me know what time works best for you. Any help is deeply appreciated. Thanks! Carol Garner

Lodging and Camping in Price

Be sure to make motel reservations well in advance.

Accommodations

Budget Host Inn & Campground

145 N. Carbonville • Price800-283-4678

Carriage House Inn • Best Western

590 East Main • Price800-528-1234

Greenwell Inn

655 East Main • Price800-666-3520

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites

838 Westwood Blvd • Price800-465-4329

National 9

641 West Price River Dr. • Price800-524-9999

National 9 & Campground

720 East Highway 6 • Wellington800-524-9999

Nine Mile Ranch

25 Miles NE of Wellington435-637-2572 • 435-613-9794

Pillow Talk Motel

430 East Main St • Wellington ..435-637-7706 • 888-636-7706

Riverside Motel

69 North Main Street • Helper...435-472-2006 • 877-901-2006

Super 8 Motel

180 No. Hospital Drive • Price800-800-8000

Tavaputs Plateau Ranch

P.O. Box 1736 • Price435-637-1236

Camping for RV's is available at the Carbon County Events Center parking lot. Details in next Vestiges.

Camping is also available for tents and RV's at Nine Mile Ranch in Nine Mile Canyon, 435-637-2572, www.ninemilecanyon.com.

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