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In-situ milling bins at Chimney Rock close to Pagosa Springs, Colorado. Room 1 at Site 5AA88.

*Photograph by Jerry Leatherman*



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**Next PAS meeting: *Wednesday, February 20th, 7 P.M.***

*At Wildcat Bluff Nature Center, 2301 N. Soncy, Amarillo, TX.*

Guest Speaker will be Ken Weidner, presenting "The History and Evolution of Silver and German Silver Ornaments".



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**Last PAS meeting:**

**PAS member Paul Katz presented a rather unique look at Coronado's Expedition.**



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**Remember this Amarillo News article November 8, 1959? Then AARP believes you are old enough to become a member of their organization.**



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# Pre-reservation Period German Silverwork of the Southern Plains Tribes

*Ken Weidner's presentation at the Panhandle Archaeological Society meeting on February 20th will examine the history and evolution of the use of Silver and German Silver ornaments used by the Southern Plains tribes. It will use primary sources, historic invoices, museum examples, and actual silver artifacts recovered from archaeological contexts. The principle focus will be on the pre-1874 period ornaments, not the later, more elaborate silver, which flourished during the later reservation era. Early trade in sheet German Silver, tools used in metalworking, and the decorative techniques used will be discussed.*

Ken Weidner is a farmer and rancher from Copeland Kansas. When he is not farming, you will find him conducting historical research or making reproduction Plains Indian artifacts. His interest began in grade school when he first began reading about the fur trade and battles of the Indian Wars. His main interest lies with the Southern Cheyenne, but he also studies surrounding tribes, both friend and foe alike.

Ken has taken the hobby from simply reading to learning how to tan hides, bead working, silver working, painting rawhide parfleche, and many other craft forms. His specialty is making Indian saddles and horse tack. By learning to actually make items, it helps him learn how they lived their life.

He and his friends also set-up tipi camps where they continue their search for answers. By wearing the clothes, sleeping on buffalo robes, riding Indian style saddles, and eating the foods of the time period they learn more than could ever be learned from a book. These Living History camps have led him to participate in many different activities, some of which include mounted battle reenactments against Cavalry, Infantry, Buffalo Hunters, and Crow Indians.

Other activities include mounted buffalo hunts using bows and arrows, butchering buffalo, games, dancing, etc. This is his preferred method of learning, actually living the part. One of his favorite recent events was setting up three tipis and riding with his son Tate and three other friends at the 2009 Symphony in the Flint Hills.

Ken has been asked to help design and equip many museum exhibits. Local museums in Kansas displaying his work include Grant, Finney, and Scott County Historical Societies and Fort Larned National Historic Site. The Oklahoma State Historical Museum and the Gene Autry-Southwest Museum in Los Angeles, California also has some of his art. In 2012 he produced two saddles for an interactive exhibit at the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington D.C.. His experience with mounted battles has also resulted in being in several films, including the *Postman*, *Ride with the Devil*, *Bloody Dawn*, and *Galileo* (a German version of Myth Busters).



**Ken Weidner wearing Dog Bonnet**

## January PAS Speaker Paul Katz Presented a Different View of the Coronado Expedition

During this season of political activity and its accompanying partisan divides, the Panhandle Archeological Society provided equal time for an alternative view of the famed and fabled Coronado Expedition. Attendees at the annual Studer Banquet were treated to a very scholarly and exceptionally well-presented account of this expedition by Richard and Shirley Flint.

“Coronado Slept Here” was a humorous account of the Coronado expedition, originally prepared in 1996 for a Plains Anthropological Conference symposium in honor of the late Dr. Clark Mallam. The presentation is in three parts. First, there is a review of the generally accepted details of the 1540-1542 expedition [Figure No. 1]. Then, efforts by National Park Service historians and archaeologists to uncover more specific details about the excavation are summarized [Figure No. 2]. Lastly, we present the results of our own research, based on the appearance of the name “Coronado” on street signs, buildings, and businesses of all types [Figures No. 3, 4, 5]. The high point of our research was the discovery of Coronado’s private journal, kept safe by his descendants for over 450 years [Figure No. 6]. Among other facts, it proved that Coronado never knew where he was or where he was going [Figure No. 7]. The presentation concludes with a tribute to this unforgettable failure [Figure No. 8].

Figure 2. The National Park Service conducted archaeological excavations searching for clues to the route of the Coronado expedition.

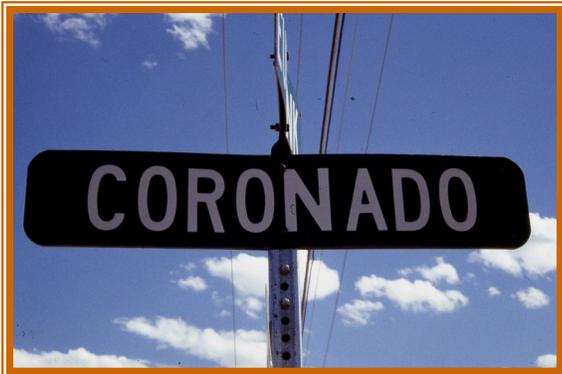


Figure 1. Coronado led a small detachment of soldiers from Texas to Kansas, looking for the fabled land of Quivira.



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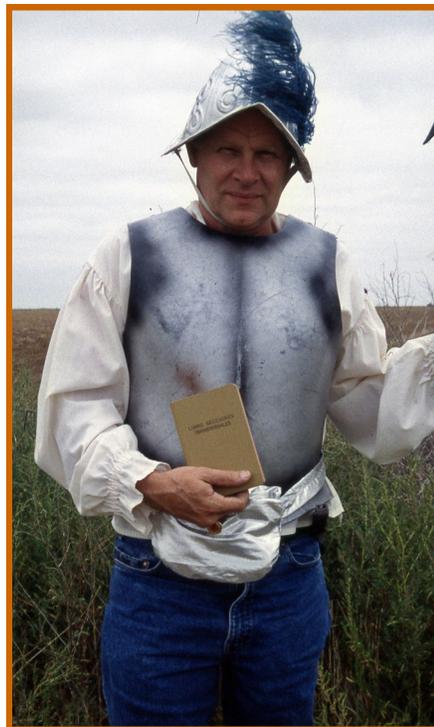
**Figure 3.** A Coronado street sign.



**Figure 4.** a Coronado building.



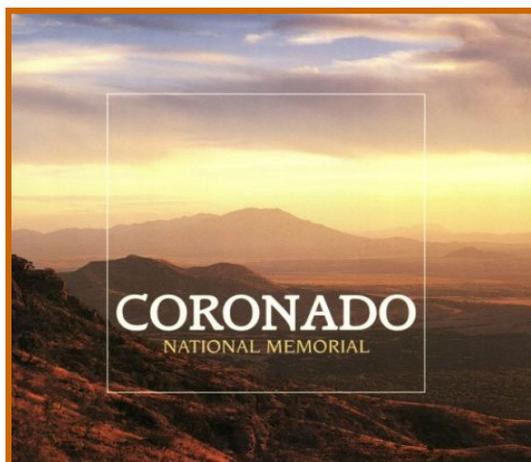
**Figure 5.** a Coronado business.



**Figure 6.** Our re-  
search uncovered  
Coronado's private  
journal, which he  
carried in a chain  
mail fanny pack.



**Figure 7.**  
Coronado  
was always  
lost; all he  
really knew  
was the year  
of the expe-  
dition.



**Figure 8.** Coro-  
nado National  
Memorial, Ari-  
zona.

*If you remember this and can give me some details, please let me know, because it resembles some of the now faded rock art we saw at Box Canyon last year. Thank you, Jerry Leatherman*

AMARILLO, TEXAS, SUNDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 8, 1959

## Thunderbird Found in Plains



—Sunday News-Globe Regional Staff Photos

Sandstone cliffs adjacent to the ruins of a pueblo, located north of Amarillo in the Canadian Valley, bear an unusually large number of petroglyphs (pictures which have been carved or pecked into the cliff). At upper left is the mythical thunderbird, whom, the Indian believed brought rain. The center panel is a maze of petroglyphs. The figure at lower left represents a buffalo with curved horns. To the right is what appears to be a shield. Above the shield is a figure with arms up-stretched. The arms are raised, probably because it was easier to draw them in that position. The bottom panel may represent a war party. The larger figure may be the chief. He is more elaborately drawn and even has fringe on his leggings. Jack Hughes, curator of paleontology at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon, says it's possible that there were four leaders in the war party. The marks to the left of the figures might indicate the number of warriors in the party.

## ***3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL PERRYTON STONE AGE FAIR***

**Fair 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Dinner and Raffle 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm, April 13, 2013**

*Co-sponsored by Courson Archaeological Research and the Museum of the Plains, Perryton, TX*

We are very excited to announce that the third annual Perryton Stone Age Fair will be held at the Museum of the Plains, Perryton, Texas on April 13, 2013! The fair will run from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. The fair will again be followed by a catered dinner and raffling of door prizes for exhibitors. The fair will again be free for all exhibitors and visitors. We will have a total of 100 tables (72" x 30" in size) available for exhibiting collections. This year exhibitors have the option of setting up their collections at the museum on either Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. Please let us know if you are interested in setting up on Friday so that we can plan accordingly. We have also learned from our mistakes last year and will label all of the reserved tables so that everyone will know where to set-up. Motel/Hotel discounts will be again available. Buying, selling, and trading of artifacts is prohibited. As always, armed security guards will be present at the fair. We will have additional information posted on the CAR webpage in the upcoming weeks. For additional information or to reserve table space contact Courson Archaeological Research by phone at 806-434-0157 or email at [sbrosowske@pphm.wtamu.edu](mailto:sbrosowske@pphm.wtamu.edu). Please pass on the word of our fair to all interested parties. We are looking forward to having another fantastic fair this year and seeing all of our old friends (and making new ones)! Take care.



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## CALL FOR PAPERS

### SOUTHWESTERN FEDERATION OF ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETIES

**The Southwestern Federation of Archeological Societies is issuing its Call for Papers to be presented at the Annual Symposium to be held at the Sibley Nature Center at 1307 E. Wadley in Midland, Texas on Saturday April 6, 2013. Beginning at 9:00 AM and continue till 5:00 PM. The Midland Archeology Society will serve as host society.**

**Papers should pertain to archeology within the Federation area. The papers shall be Power-Point Presentations limited to approximately 20 minutes. Each member society is requested to present at least one presentation. A short abstract on the topic and a short personal biography should be submitted by March 15, 2013 to the Federation. A CD/ DVD of the presentation is requested at the time of the meeting for later insertion into the 2013 Federation Transactions.**

**Should you be interested in presenting a paper, please contact Sammy Hunnicutt, email [shunnicutt@suddenlink.net](mailto:shunnicutt@suddenlink.net) or Teddy Stickney, email [stick711@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stick711@sbcglobal.net)**

**Midland is in the mist of heavy oil activity and most places providing accommodations are filled to capacity. If you plan to attend the meeting and need a room Friday evening, it might be wise to begin making reservations at the earliest possible moment.**

# Chimney Rock Archaeological Area

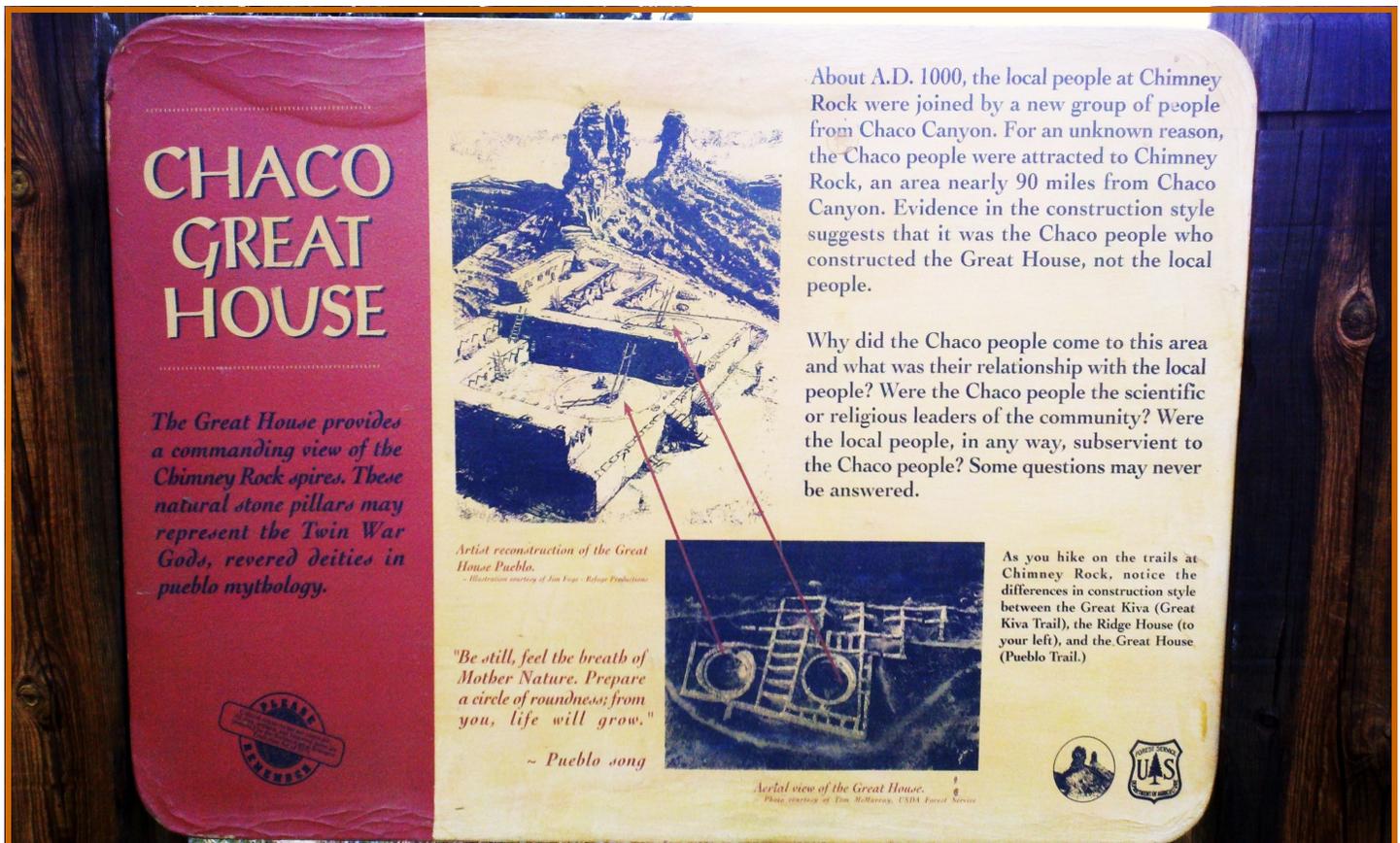
Chimney Rock National Monument is a 4,726-acre site located in San Juan National Forest in southwestern Colorado which includes an archaeological site. This area is located in Archuleta County between Durango and Pagosa Springs and is managed for archaeological protection, public interpretation, and education.

The Chimney Rock Archaeological Site has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1970. U.S. President Barack Obama created Chimney Rock National Monument by proclamation on September 21, 2012 under authority of the Antiquities Act. Its care, protection, and preservation are shared by the Pagosa Ranger District, USDA Forestry Service and the public, who contribute through tour fees, donations, and purchase of items from the Chimney Rock Visitor's Center. The Chimney Rock Interpretive Program, managed and staffed by the National Forest Service and volunteers of the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association, conducts daily guided walking tours and operates the Visitor Center during in-season, May 15<sup>th</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>.

The site was home to the ancestors of the modern Pueblo Indians 1,000 years ago and is of great spiritual significance to these tribes. Their ancestors built over 200 homes and ceremonial buildings high above the valley floor, probably to be near the sacred twin rock pinnacles. Since the 1960's, Dr. Frank Eddy of the University of Colorado and others have studied the site, and research continues.

The Great Kiva was believed to have been built circa 1084 as part of the Chimney Rock settlement. Originally, it would have had an adobe plaster exterior. It was rebuilt in 1972. The Great Kiva is chinked in comparison to lower structures

In 1921 J.A. Jeancon, curator of archaeology and ethnology at the State Historical and natural History Society in Denver, Colorado, launched a field expedition to the Chimney Rock site. Occupation in the area is believed to date back to the Paleo-Indian, Archaic Period, about 3,000 B.C. and carried forward through a number of occupations to the 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> Century Navajos or Pueblos and then to 19<sup>th</sup> Century Ute occupation.



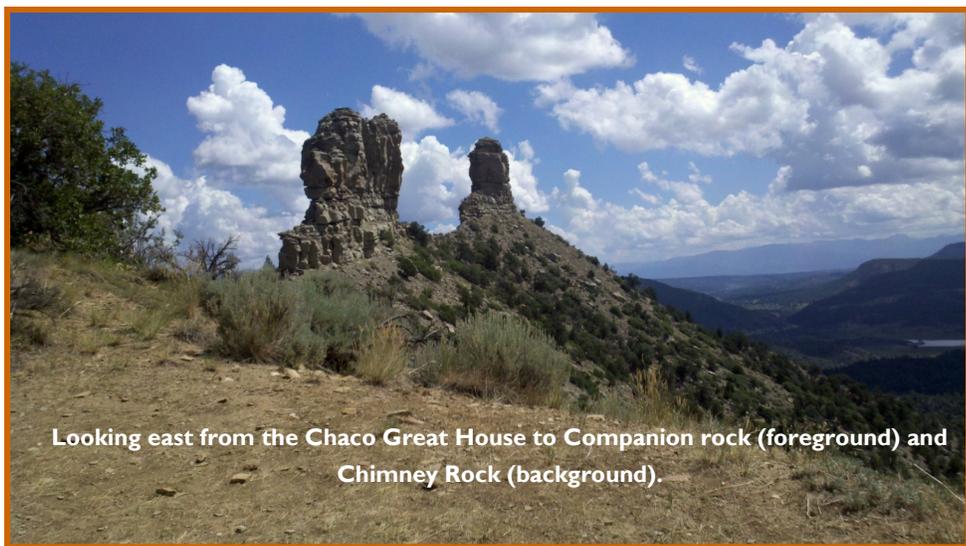
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Chimney Rock *continued from Page 9*



Overlooking part of the Great House, down the trail to the west.

Recommended reading on Chimney Rock is a book by Florence C. Lister, "In the Shadow of the Rocks".



Looking east from the Chaco Great House to Companion rock (foreground) and Chimney Rock (background).



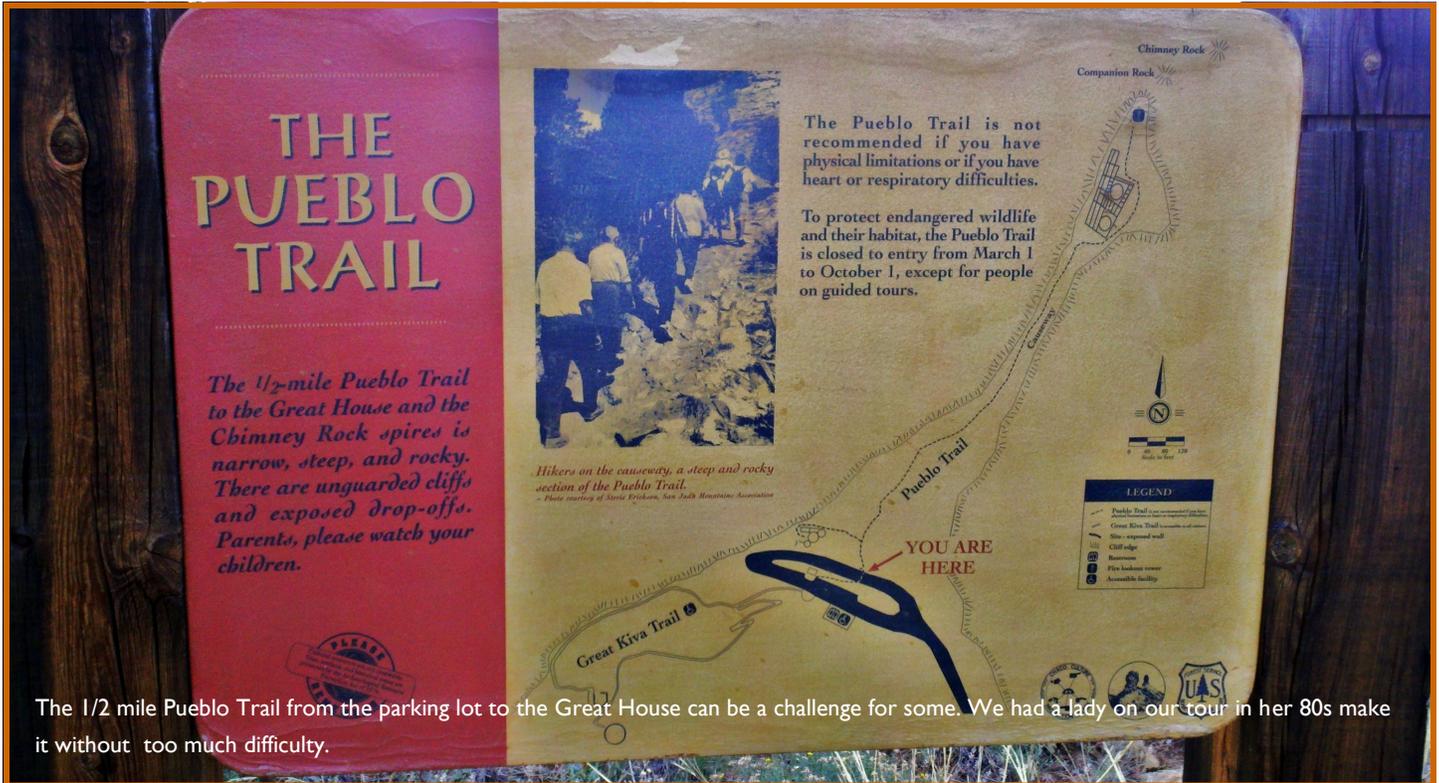
Inside Kiva.

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From Kiva with Companion and Chimney Rocks top right in picture.

Chimney Rock... (continued from Page 10)



The 1/2 mile Pueblo Trail from the parking lot to the Great House can be a challenge for some. We had a lady on our tour in her 80s make it without too much difficulty.



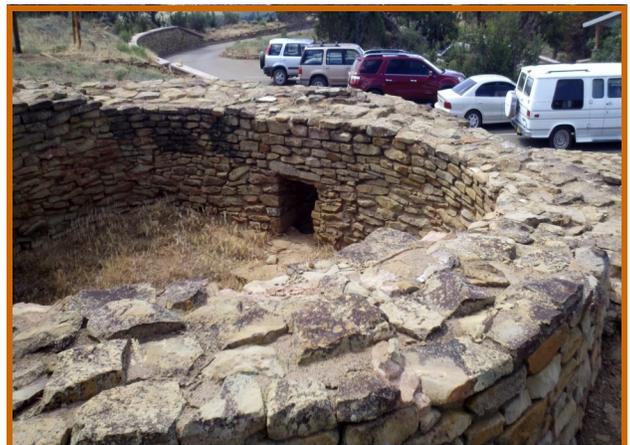
Great Kiva on lower trail.



Fire pit in Great Kiva with vent shaft at top



Left:  
Lower  
Dwell-  
ing



Right:  
Ridge  
House.

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# Upcoming Events

**Panhandle Archeological Society Monthly Meeting**

Wildcat Bluff Nature Center  
2301 N. Soncy, Amarillo, Texas  
February 20, 2013 at 7:00 pm

**Panhandle Archeological Society Monthly Meeting**

Wildcat Bluff Nature Center  
2301 N. Soncy, Amarillo, Texas  
March 20, 2013 at 7:00 pm

**35th Annual Flint Hills Conference**

Manhattan, Kansas  
March 22-23, 2013

**Southwestern Federation of Archeological Societies**

April 6, 2013, 9:00 AM -5:00 PM  
Sibley Nature Center, Midland, Texas,

**80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC)**

Palo Duro Canyon State Park  
Saturday April 6, 2013

**3rd Annual Perryton Stone Age Fair**

Museum of the Plains  
Perryton, Texas  
April 13, 2013 from 10 am to 5 pm

**Panhandle Archeological Society Monthly Meeting**

Wildcat Bluff Nature Center  
2301 N. Soncy, Amarillo, Texas  
April 17, 2013 at 7:00 pm

**Panhandle Archeological Society Monthly Meeting**

Wildcat Bluff Nature Center  
2301 N. Soncy, Amarillo, Texas  
May 15, 2013 at 7:00 pm

**Courson Archaeological Research Summer Field School**

Perryton, Texas  
May 26-June 7, 2013  
[http://www.coursonarchresearch.com/2013\\_field\\_school/index.html](http://www.coursonarchresearch.com/2013_field_school/index.html)

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**Texas Archeological Society**

Summer Field School  
June 15-22, 2013  
Hondo, Texas

**Pecos Conference**

August 8-11, 2013  
Flagstaff, AZ.

**Texas Archeological Society**

Annual Meeting  
October 25-27, 2013

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# PAS January Meeting Minutes

## PAS Minutes

January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012

- 19 members were in attendance with one guest
- No minutes from December meeting because of the Studer Banquet.
- Treasurer's report-current account balance of \$3,028.11. Studer Banquet was very successful, caterer provided discount. \$1,000 needs to be transferred to publications to cover costs of next publication.
- Publication report- current account balance of \$1,180.57 and CD account has balance of \$5,000.00.
- Paul Katz suggested working in conjunction with Alibates National Monument in hosting a conference. It was suggested that we host this as part of the 2014 Southwestern Federation of Archaeological Societies. It was suggested that we determine if this would be possible with the current by-laws and proceed from there.
- Alvin Lynn was honored at PPHM with a Ward-Burton Rifle donated in his name.
- Scott Brosowske suggested possibly using additional funding to bring speakers from outside the local area, notably NPS Battle of the Washita Site.

Meeting was adjourned.