



Sacramento Archeological Society, Inc. Newsletter

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Sept/Oct - 2015

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 19- 25, 2015 – “*Bonanza of Trails - The California Emigrant Trail and Cutoffs*”, OCTA National Convention, Sparks, NV

September 25-27, 2015 – “*Sierra Rock Art Tour*”, contact Dan Foster, VLFosterDesign@gmail.com

October 11- 26, 2015 – “*Texas Archaeological Tour of Pre-Clovis, Clovis and Paleo-American Sites*”, contact Dennis Fenwick, dennis.t.fenwick@msn.com

November 7, 2015 – “*Talking Stone and Sacred Stories*” featuring two films and Dr. Garfinkel Gold at Maidu Museum & Historical Site, Roseville, CA

December 5, 2015 – SAS Annual Meeting

Sierra Rock Art Tour

Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27, 2015

9:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Departure from Rainbow Tavern & Lodge

50080 Hampshire Rocks Road

Soda Springs, CA 95728

530-562-5060

Sacramento Archeological Society and Friends of Sierra Rock Art have teamed up to offer a two day field tour of rock art sites in the Soda Springs area of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Archaeologist, **Dan Foster**, a rock art specialist and **Kate Harper**, President of Friends of Sierra Rock Art have made site selection. The following is a list of sites to visit:

Saturday, September 26, 2015

1. CA-PLA-26, Soda Springs (Chickering) Style 7 site
2. CA-PLA-555, Log Cabin Creek Style 7 site
3. CA-NEV-4, Donner Pass Site

Sunday, September 27, 2015

1. CA-PLA-504, Bear Valley Style 7 site
2. CA-PLA-XXX, Bear Valley Cupules/BRM Style 1 site
3. NEV-426, Spaulding Ridge Style 7 site

Agenda for each day

8:30 a.m. - Gather at Rainbow Lodge and organize carpools

9:00 a.m. - Depart from Rainbow Lodge - Provide your own water and lunch to be enjoyed in the field.

9:00 – 5:00 p.m. - Drive to and visit three rock art sites per day

5:00 p.m. - Return to Rainbow Lodge

6:00 p.m. - No-Host Dinner at Rainbow Lodge

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. - Evening slide talks at Rainbow Lodge (Friday and Saturday nights)

Tour may be fully booked but contact Dan Foster at VLFosterDesign@gmail.com for questions and availability. Signed Release of Liability forms will be required from all participants.

Texas Archaeological Tour of Pre-Clovis/Clovis/Paleoamerican Sites

Sunday, Oct. 11, 2015 to Sunday, Oct. 25, 2015

Starting at **Austin, TX** concluding at Houston, TX with variable ending points depending on your schedule
Archaeologist, **Mike Collins, PhD**, tour host

Sacramento Archeological Society is pleased to offer an extensive archaeological tour of 29 locations in Texas, including 19 Paleoindian sites (three Pre-Clovis sites, 10 Clovis sites and 6 Late Paleoindian sites). These date from 15,500 to 500 B.P.



The tour is hosted by Mike Collins, PhD (Research Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, Texas State University, San Marcos) and director of Gault School of Archeological Research (GSAR).

Sites planned to be visited include: Gault, Friedkin, Wilson-Leonard, Spring Lake, Knibbe, Kincaid, Arenosa, Devils Mouth, Seminole, Eagle Nest, Bondfire, Big Lake, Midland, Shifting Sands, Lubbock Lake, Plainview, Black Water Draw, Horne, and McFaddin Beach. Additionally, we will visit University Museum and Private Collections that came from these sites.

Tentative Itinerary: The below dates and order of sites are best estimates. Some sites may take longer, some less, and some may not be open. To the extent possible, persons who did original work at the sites and/or persons presently in charge of the sites will be invited to participate with us.

To see more information on some sites go to <http://www.texasbeyondhistory.net/>

10/11	N/A	stay	HILTON Hotel AUSTIN/BERGSTROM Airport
		7:30	Brief Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
10/12	1	0:45	4:00 UNIV TEXAS TARL & VP LABS + LUNCH
	2	0:30	0:45 WILSON-LEONARD SITE
	3	0:30	1:20 INNERSPACE CAVERN
		0:15	stay LA QUINTA, GEORGETOWN & DINNER
10/13	4	0:30	4:00 GAULT & FRIEDKIN SITES + LUNCH
	5	1:30	2:00 SPRING LAKE, C.A.S. & MEADOWS CENTER,
		0:20	stay HOTEL IN SAN MARCOS
10/14	6	0:20	2:00 Gault School of Archeological RESEARCH (GSAR)
	7	1:00	1:00 KNIBBE RANCH + LUNCH
	8	1:15	2:00 Richard Beene Site
	?8?		[Kincaid Rockshelter]

		0:45	stay	UVALDE MOTEL
10/15	9	2:30	2:00	[Devil's Mouth] & SEMINOLE CANYON
	10	0:10	1:00	ARENOSA OVERLOOK + LUNCH
	11	0:40	4:00	EAGLE NEST CANYON, BONFIRE, EAGLE CAVE
		0:10		
		or	stay	SHUMLA CAMPUS OR DEL RIO
		1:10		
10/16	12	2:45	1:20	BIG LAKE PLAYA + LUNCH
	13	1:45	2:30	meet Richard Rose & collection
		0:15	stay	MIDLAND DOUBLETREE HOTEL
10/17	14A	0:40	2:00	Scharbauer Site??
	or 14B	1:20	2:30	Shifting Sands Site??
		2:30	stay	LUBBOCK; LA QUINTA NORTH
10/18	15	0:20	3:00	LUBBOCK LAKE SITE
	17	0:45	0:45	PLAINVIEW LOCALITY + LUNCH
	?	0:30	1:00	MARKS BEACH SITE??
		2:45	stay	CLOVIS, N.M.
10/19	18	0:30	4:00	Blackwater Draw Clovis type site & Museum + LUNCH
		3:30	stay	TURKEY? AMARILLO? TAMPA?
10/20	19	0:20	1:00	LAKE THEO/CANYONLANDS
	20	2:00	1:30	MIAMI MUSEUM + LUNCH. Discuss Horance Rivers
	21	1:40	1:45	ALIBATES FLINT QUARRIES
		0:45	stay	AMARILLO
10/21	22	0:30	1:30	PANHANDLE PLAINS MUSEUM
		5:00	stay	ABILENE [LUNCH ?LUBBOCK OR POST
10/22	23	2:45	1:30	BOSQUE MUSEUM + LUNCH
	24	0:30	2:30	HORN SHELTER
		0:40	stay	WACO
10/23	25	0:15	1:00	MABORN/STRECKER MUSEUM
	26	0:30	1:15	WACO MAMMOTH + LUNCH
	27	2:00	2:00	CENTER FOR STUDY OF FIRST AMERICANS. Possibly Long collection.
		1:45	stay	HOUSTON
10/24	28	2:00	2:30	McfADDIN BEACH + LUNCH
	29	2:00		OPTIONS: TEXAS ARCH SOC MEETINGS; DEPART; stay HOUSTON

Reservations: If you are interested in joining any part of this tour, contact **Dennis Fenwick** at dennis.t.fenwick@msn.com or **916-373-1465** (cell).

Limit of Participants: The limit of participants is about 30 if we have a bus. We now have 11 plus Mike Collins and a representative from GSAR, for a tentative total of 13.

Participants may the leave tour or leave and rejoin, at their convenience.

MAJOR AIRPORTS providing DEPARTURE OPTIONS

AUSTIN	Oct 13, 14
MIDLAND	Oct 16, 17
LUBBOCK	Oct 17, 18

AMARILLO
HOUSTON

Oct 20, 21
Oct 23

Motels: Dennis Fenwick has a list of tentative motels. Unless a participant desires to make his or her own reservations, the reservations will be made for everyone once their preferences are requested and received by the Hosts. The intention is to make as many reservations as possible together and preferably with as few motel chains as possible, in order to obtain the lowest rates as possible. Each participant will pay his or her own motel bill as they occur.

Bus. We may hire a bus or van, depending on how many folks go on the tour. Our goal is to have a system on the mode of transportation that allows our presenters an opportunity to talk to us and to answer questions while we are driving; and to allow other participants to also make just vocal or PowerPoint presentations. The cost of the transportation will be divided by the number of participants.

- **Bus** can take up to 50 persons and cost between \$1,200 to \$1,500/day.
- **Vans** for 12 to 15 persons at Budget were \$932/week = \$133/day.

Contributions: Participants are requested to make tax exempt contributions to both the **Center for the Study of First Americans** and the **Gault School of Archeological Research, Inc.**

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Presents

TALKING STONE AND SACRED STORIES

Saturday, November 7, 2015
10:00 -11:30 a.m. and 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Hosted by Maidu Museum & Historical Site
1970 Johnson Ranch Drive, Roseville, California 95661

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - SUGGESTED DONATION \$5

Program

- 10:00 a.m. - Tour of Maidu Rock Art
- 11:00 - Screening: **A WALK THROUGH TIME: A STORY OF ANDERSON MARSH**
- 11:30 to 1:00 - Lunch break (Bring your own lunch or get lunch in the area and enjoy museum)
- 1:00 p.m. - Screening: **TALKING STONE: ROCK ART OF THE COSOS**
- 2:00 - **Guest Speaker Lecture with Dr. Alan Garfinkel Gold:** *“Stone Age Metaphors: Sacred Stories and Symbolic Songs of the Immortal Bighorn”*

[A WALK THROUGH TIME](#): A documentary on the rich history of native people and preservation of Anderson Marsh. The film runs through the 14,000 years that the Koi Nation occupied Anderson Marsh. It was directed by Dan Bruns, a nominated filmmaker from Chico and is entered in this year's American Indian Film Festival. Copies of the documentary will be available for a suggested donation (\$15).

[TALKING STONE](#): Hidden away in the canyons of a top secret military base on the edge of the Mojave Desert is the largest concentration of rock art in North America. Created over thousands of years by a now vanished culture, it represents the oldest art in California. The leading expert on the rock art of the Cosos, Dr. Alan Garfinkel Gold, has teamed up with the accomplished filmmaker Paul Goldsmith ASC, to explore and explain this ancient and elegant rock art.



Guest Speaker - Dr. Alan Garfinkel Gold

Ph.D., RPA; Principal Archaeologist; Pacific Rim and Western United States UltraSystems Environmental Inc. / WBE/DBE/SBE/WOSB

“Stone Age Metaphors: Sacred Stories and Symbolic Songs of the Immortal Bighorn”- The context for understanding the Native views of the bighorn sheep are many and varied. It appears that these animals were something more than a simple subsistence resource. Archaeological sites and specialized features with bighorn bones are documented in the Desert West and these prehistoric expressions are explored. A review of ethnographic accounts, native oral traditions and indigenous cosmology aid our understanding. Bighorn figurative sculptures rock art are also a data set that helps us explore the religious and ceremonial significance of this animal to the aboriginal people of the Far Western United States.



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SPEAKER BIO: [Dr. Alan Garfinkel Gold](#) is a California and Great Basin anthropologist and archaeologist. Garfinkel is currently employed as the Principal Archaeologist for the Pacific Rim and Western United States for UltraSystems Environmental, Inc. a full service engineering and environmental compliance firm headquartered in Irvine California with branch offices in six locations throughout California. UEI is a 20 year old environmental compliance firm that provides the full spectrum of cultural resource management services.

Garfinkel is also founder and director of the California Rock Art Foundation, a scientific and educational non-profit corporation dedicated to the conservation and research of the rock art of Upper and Lower California. Garfinkel has authored five books including: [Archaeology and Rock Art](#) and the [Handbook of the Kawaiisu](#) and has formally published 50 scientific articles. He is the recipient of the 2008 and 2011 California State Governor's Award for Historic Preservation. See his [website](#) for related online articles and additional information.

Books and DVDs will be available for purchase

The event is **free**, but we would welcome small voluntary **donations** to be forwarded for the maintenance of the [California Rock Art Foundation](#) and [Sacramento Archeological Society's Scholarship Fund](#).

Questions? Please contact John Foster at parkarky@yahoo.com or refer to [SAS website](#) or [Mythological RoundTable® Group of Sacramento](#).

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OCTA's (Oregon-California Trails Association) 33rd Annual National Convention is being held September 21-25, 2015, at Harveys, Stateline, Nevada. This year's theme is *A Bonanza of Trails - The California Emigrant Trail and Cutoffs*.

Prior to and during the convention 2- and 4-wheel tours, bus tours and hikes are being offered. On September 18th and 19th two tours are offered: Johnson Cutoff and Opening of the Carson River Route convention. On September 18th Footsteps of John Fremont Hike is scheduled. During the conference on September 23 and 25th all-day bus tours to 1- Donner Memorial State Park - Truckee River Route, 2- Carson River Route - Johnson Cutoff Loop, and 3- Coloma, the gold discovery town, and Placerville with a stop at the El Dorado County Historical Museum or 4- an all day hike on Hawley Grade/Luther Pass trails and viewing of pristine trail remnants.

Other convention activities include presentations on fur traders, pioneer women, the Carson River Route, J. Goldsborough Bruff, Sutter's Fort, Nisenan Indians, Donner-Reed Wagon Party, and the history of people and places on and along the California Trail and its opening and its cutoffs. Add to all that, workshops, special events, book vendors, Authors' Night, exhibits and more.

This year's host is the California-Nevada Chapter. It is one of eleven chapters of OCTA, an organization dedicated to the preservation, appreciation, and enjoyment of all transmigration trails to the west; the trails that made the United States an ocean-to-ocean nation.

For more information visit the chapter website <http://www.octa-trails.org/activities/octa-2015-annual-convention> and link to the registration booklet and register online. Contact Mary Ann Tortorich with questions 209-296-7242 or annamae1846@gmail.com, Convention Publicity Committee member.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL REFERENCES

[“Ancient DNA pinpoints Paleolithic liaison in Europe”](#)

In 2002 Erik Trinkaus found the jaw of the oldest modern human in the Pesteră cu Oase cave in Romania. He argued that “the fossil, 37,000 to 42,000 years old was the product of generation of mixing between modern humans and our extinct cousins”. Now DNA testing verified that the Oase man inherited as much as one-tenth of his DNA from a Neandertal ancestor.

(Ann Gibbons, 2015-5-22, *Science*, p. 847)

[“Signs of ancient proteins seen inside dinosaur bones”](#)

Using a new tool called a focused ion beam to slice ancient fossils and high-resolution imaging to study the samples Matthew Collins, an archaeologist and biochemist at the University of York in the United Kingdom observed soft tissue in dinosaur bones. (Robert F. Service, June 12, 2015, *Science*, p. 1184)

[“Kennewick Man was Native American”](#)

Kennewick’s DNA has been sequenced and it is closely related to at least one of the five Washington-area tribes that claimed him: the Colville. (June 26, 2015, *Science*, p. 1404)

[“Development threatens home of early humans”](#)

“Early humans were so drawn to South Africa’s Sibudu Cave, a rock shelter chiseled into a cliff face high above a river, that they lived there nearly continuously for tens of thousands of years. They left the first recorded evidence of many crucial technologies—including bedding, bows and arrows, and snares to catch small animals—and their artifacts offer crucial clues as to how early human culture developed. But now 21st-century humans seek to live next door to the formerly secluded cave, and archaeologists say a priceless record of our ancestors is in danger.” (Michael Balter, July 3, 2015, *Science*, p. 11)

[“Ancient bobcat had human burial”](#)

About 2000 years ago, a group of Native Americans buried a young bobcat in the outer edge of large mound of dirt in what is today southern Illinois. Just a few months old and wearing a necklace of bear teeth and marine shells, the bob-kitten is the only animal ever found in these funeral mounds”. (July 3, 2015, *Science* p. 10)