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January General Meeting

Thursday January 16th, 2020

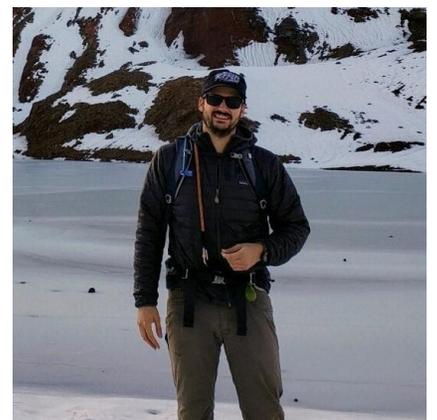
Guest Speaker: Michael Boero
Topic: "Black Butte Cupola Lookout"

Doors open @ 6:30pm; Meeting at 7:00pm with Speaker to follow

Location: OSU – Cascades Tykeson Hall (TYKH 111)
1500 SW Chandler Ave, Bend, OR 97702

Our January 16th Guest Speaker will be Michael Boero, speaking on restoration of the Black Butte Cupola Lookout:

The D-6 Cupola Fire Lookout on Black Butte has stood watch over Central Oregon for nearly a century. Built in 1922, the Cupola was the first standardized lookout designed for the Forest Service's Pacific Northwest Region. As its use diminished and decades of exposure to harsh elements took their toll, the Cupola fell into disrepair and difficult access thwarted many attempts to make substantive repairs. However, in 2018, a collaborative effort by the Deschutes National Forest and the Friends of the Metolius to restore the lookout began. This collaboration culminated in the September 2019 volunteer-led work to



restore the Cupola and transform it to an interpretive use for Central Oregonians to enjoy for decades to come. Despite countless logistical issues, poor weather, and a helicopter fiasco or two, crews completed the first phase of the restoration project and are already preparing for the next phase to take place in summer 2020.

Sisters Ranger District Archaeologist Mike Boero coordinated the project and will talk about the rich history of fire lookouts on Black Butte and the Pacific Northwest, as well as the Cupola itself. He will also discuss the trials and tribulations of the 2019 restoration project and what's in store for the Cupola moving forward.

Mike Boero is the District Archaeologist for the Sisters Ranger District of the Deschutes National Forest. Before working in Oregon, Mike worked in the Sierra Nevada studying contact-era historical archaeology, eventually landing a job on the Umpqua National Forest. Before that, he received a Bachelor's degree in Anthropology from Chico State and later a Master's degree in Applied Anthropology from San Jose State University for his work on anthropogenic fire in the Sierra Nevada.



At our November meeting, we had the pleasure to have Dick Tobiason speak about artifacts left in the Central Oregon Desert during WWII.

Airbases in Redmond and Madras provided flight training for the Army. Klamath Falls provided a training hospital for the Navy and Marines. Pendleton provided training for B-25 aircraft.

The Oregon Maneuvers was a training exercise to train the Army to be prepared for the conditions that were similar to the battle conditions they would face during WWII. The area encompassed over 10,000 square miles of Central and Eastern Oregon, and over 100,000 people, including soldiers and locals, were involved. The event occurred in the fall of 1943.

Artifacts large and small can still be found scattered across the desert. Mr. Tobiason's main focus was in the recovery of lost dog tags. Many tags have been found and a few returned to the family members. A display of found dog tags is now in Prineville at the BLM Office. One interesting fact about the dog tags was that they were modified in 1943 to exclude the parents name and religion.

The desert holds at least two downed aircraft. A P-38 and A-6 have been documented. Rumor has it that a tank was also left in the desert.

Mr. Tobiason also spoke about Camp Abbott, which was an important site for the training of engineers in building bridges. Though the camp was only active for a short time, its most prominent feature was the Great Hall, which can still be enjoyed today.

Mr. Tobiason has a wealth of information and is now a member of ASCO. We welcome him and his knowledge to our organization.



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From the ASCO Public Outreach Committee:

Education is the key to preserving archaeological sites and our Committee is preparing to do just that! For our first project, we will be creating a display for the next Archaeology Roadshow in Bend, which will be held on Saturday, May 23rd (Memorial Day weekend).

The theme this year is “Water”, so our committee is researching the influence of water in central Oregon 10,000 years ago, 100 years ago, and the present. If you would like to participate, please contact Eileen Gose. Help us make a difference!

Upcoming Archaeological Programs of Interest:

Oregon Experience: Luther Cressman: Quest for the First People
In the 1930's, Cressman uncovered the Ice Age Sandals in an Oregon Cave. Tuesday January 6, 2020 9:00pm on OPB

Oregon Experience: Thomas Condon: Of Faith and Fossils
The pioneer geologist discovered the significance of the John Day Fossil Beds. Monday January 20, 2020 9:00pm on OPB

At the High Desert Museum: Archaeology of Paisley Caves
The Paisley Caves, formally known as the Paisley Five Mile Caves, are largely recognized as one of the earliest, most important archaeological sites on the North American continent. Join us to hear from Dr. Dennis Jenkins, senior research associate in the Department of Archaeology, University of Oregon, about the latest research from the site where he discovered human coprolites (fossilized dung) that date back 14,000 years. Thursday February 20th 6:00-7:30pm, doors open at 5:00pm; Café open 5:00-6:00pm; \$7, Members receive 20% discount. RSVP: <https://highdesertmuseum.org/events/paisley-caves/>

Happy New Year!

- From your ASCO Stewardship Coordinator, Emily Pritchard

This last year went by in a flash, but our ASCO Site Stewards still managed to do some great work. 28 stewards visited 44 sites for a total of over 240 hours of volunteer time and over 3,350 miles driven.

As always, the information passed between the stewards and archaeologists was invaluable, providing feedback about new graffiti, trash, and other human disturbances. Thank you to all our stewards for helping keep an eye on some of our most precious resources.

If becoming an ASCO steward is on your list of potential resolutions for 2020, please consider joining me for training to be held in February. In this training session, we will go over everything you need to know to become a steward and answer any questions you might have. If you are interested, please email me.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This spring, we will have a change in schedule for our March General Meeting. In order to accommodate our Guest Speaker from England, Lisa-Marie Shillito, who will speak on her work at Paisley Caves, we will be holding the March General Meeting on THURSDAY, APRIL 9TH. The meeting location, Tykeson Hall - Room 111, and time, 7:00pm, will remain the same.

We do apologize for any inconvenience this change may cause for your travel plans and hope to see everyone at the meeting for this exciting speaker.

The May General Meeting will be held as usual, on Thursday the 21st.

Please remember to visit us online at the ASCO website for changes in our Calendar, as well as background information about the ASCO Stewardship Program, Field Trips, and past copies of the eMidden:

www.ascoinfo.net

2020 MEMBERSHIP

ASCO membership is for the calendar year, January through December. Benefits include many excellent Speakers, Workshops and Field Trips, and Stewardship Opportunities. All of these activities are available to members for the \$20 membership fee. New members are always welcome. For a new membership, or to renew for 2020, please use the application form posted online or pick one up at the next General Meeting. Only ASCO members in good standing are eligible to participate in Workshops, Field Trips, and the Stewardship Program. Please remember that neither guests nor persons under 18 may attend ASCO functions.

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