

Welcome new members of the Sublette County Chapter of the Wyoming Archaeological Society (WAS) and perspective members,

I would first like to introduce myself. I'm Sam Drucker and I will serve as the president of our Chapter for the first year. We also have volunteers for vice president, Bob Diehl; secretary, Betty Gifford; and treasurer, Les Margo. These officers are in the process of organizing for our meeting to be held on April 21 at the Museum of the Mountain Man, 5:30-7:30. In order to be a viable chapter we need ten members who have paid their yearly dues (see attachment).

Our meeting planned for April 21 will include speakers from the State WAS staff, the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and professional archaeologists who work in the Upper Green River Basin. It should prove to be an interesting and vibrant evening and I hope many folks can attend.

Why should you be a member? Because you understand there must be an organized approach to collect, conserve and convey local history, without such an organization, pertinent information, artifacts and documentation may be lost forever. As with most things in life, you get out what you put in. Members who take the role of passive support get satisfaction from enabling our work to continue. Members who take an active role find history comes alive.

Does your membership matter? Collective concern for our objective of local historical preservation is a potent force to induce government, corporate, and private involvement. Without members, our organization ceases and conservation efforts die.

Future plans include: field trips to important archaeological sites, possible field work including surface collections and excavations on private lands, stewardship and volunteer programs associated with SHPO and the BLM and presentations given by knowledgeable archaeologists. We will rotate our meeting locations between Pinedale and Big Piney (both to be held at local museums).

I look forward to meeting everyone and getting to know you. This should be a fun and educational venture. Participation from all of our members is highly important to the development and sustainability of our chapter.

See you soon at a "Meetin' on the Green",



Sam Drucker