

We can have two concurrent sessions for presentation of papers (if needed) and we can have a poster area. Our lecture halls accommodate 100 people and we will facilitate electronic presentations as well as the usual slides. We will plan to publish a peer-reviewed proceeding of both meetings, preferably as a journal issue rather than a book.

Please come to Montata!

Jack Stanford

**ANNOUNCEMENT of 2003**  
**North American Plecoptera**  
**Society Meeting**  
**7<sup>th</sup> North American Plecoptera Symposium**  
**6-8 June 2003**  
**Western State College, Gunnison, Colorado USA**  
**General Information**

**Tentative Schedule:**

Thursday night (June 5) – registration, preconference greetings and program on the geology, natural history and culture of the Gunnison country.

There will be information at registration on a spouses and/or accompanying persons program.

Friday (June 6) – symposium papers and posters.

Saturday (June 7) – symposium papers and evening at Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory.

Sunday (June 8) – Area field trip.-- and possible evening BB

Monday (June 9) – departure and goodbyes.

**Location:** Western State College, at 7,703', is the highest elevation, four-year college in the United States. Nestled in the Gunnison Valley, the College is within minutes of vast stretches of high country wilderness, sage-brush steppe and a variety of streams. The Sawatch and West Elk ranges of the Rockies shelter Gunnison on the east and west while the Elk and San Juan ranges border it to the north and south. The area provides vast recreational, research and exploration opportunities. In fact, a Western Professor of geology has called the Gunnison Country "one of the world's great natural laboratories."

The beginning of June is a beautiful time of year in the valley with high temperatures typically in the low 70's F (22° C) and the lows in the 30's F (1° C). The days are typically clear and sunny but an occasional rain or show shower is possible.

Nearby activities include a visit to the Black Canyon National Park or the historic mining and ski town of Crested Butte. Trout fishing is available on the world famous Gunnison and Taylor Rivers or at a variety of high elevation streams. Arrangements can be made for guided fly-fishing trips through a local stonefly enthusiast who works as a fishing guide.

This valley has been a center for much research on Plecoptera and should make an exciting setting for the meeting. To complete the meeting we are planning on spending an evening at the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory (weather permitting) located in the historic mining town of Gothic, and a day collecting stoneflies at several sites in the Gunnison Basin.

**Getting there:** Travel to and from Gunnison can be made by automobile on U.S. Highway 50 which passes through some of the most beautiful scenery in the United States. The airport in Gunnison is served by several flights daily from both United and Continental Airlines. Flights into the Gunnison Airport can be expensive at times so if the prices are out of your price range you may want to consider flying into another airport and renting an automobile for the remainder trip.

Approximate drive times from other cities with airports to Gunnison:  
Denver International Airport (4 hours)  
Montrose, CO (1.5 hours)  
Colorado Springs (3.3 hours)  
Grand Junction (3 hours)

**Lodging:** On-campus lodging in the Ute Hall dormitory is available and represents your most economical lodging option. The dorm lodging includes your linens and can be either single or double occupancy.

Off-campus lodging is available through a variety of hotels, motels, bed-n-breakfasts, condominiums, cabins and campgrounds. Information on prices and availability can be found at <http://www.gunnisonchamber.com/availability/lodging.cfm>

It is recommended that you stay in Gunnison due to travel times between the location of symposium and surrounding towns. You can send e-mail to [kalexander@western.edu](mailto:kalexander@western.edu) for more information and personal recommendations.

**Meals:** A variety of restaurants can be found in Gunnison and for a short 30-mile drive; Crested Butte offers more selections. The campus cafeteria will be closed during the conference so all meals will be off-campus. Also, there are two supermarkets, City Market and Safeway, where food can be purchased.

**Climate and local conditions:** The beginning of June is a beautiful time of year in the valley with high temperatures typically in the low 70's F (22°C) and the lows in the 30's F (1°C) but there can be a heavy freeze any night during the summer. The days are typically clear and sunny but an occasional rain or snow shower is possible. It is recommended that you dress in layers and come prepared for a variety of weather conditions.

The region is arid so be prepared for the dryness by drinking plenty of water and the sun is very strong so sunscreen, long sleeves and hats are strongly recommended. Also be aware of altitude sickness which affects many people when they first arrive in Gunnison.

**Field Trip and Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory (RMBL) night.** RMBL is the site of world class ecological research and this valley has been a

center for much research on Plecoptera and should make an exciting setting for the meeting. Our field/collecting trip will cover a variety of stream types across a variety of elevations and biomes. You should be able to see and collect a variety of stonefly and other invertebrate species. We can supply a limited amount of collecting equipment and waders for our trip.

For information on your stay at RMBL please see the attached information that they provided to assist in your stay.

For additional information or if you have questions, please contact:

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**Call for Papers**

We are planning on an introductory session on Thursday night to introduce symposium participants to the geology, natural history and culture of the Gunnison country. We will then have two sessions on Friday, June 7 and one on Saturday, June 8. The symposium will then move to the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory ([www.rmbll.org](http://www.rmbll.org)) on Saturday night for a dinner and evening program. The symposium will conclude on Sunday with a field trip to local collecting sites.

**Abstract Format for Papers and Posters**

Please submit abstracts as MS Word or Wordperfect files in 12 point, Times New Roman font, left justified only, and include the following:

- a. A brief yet descriptive title.
- b. A list of all authors and their addresses.
- c. An abstract of 300 words or less.
- d. A clear indication of preference for poster or oral presentation.
- e. Poster size is flexible. Please indicate space needed.

**Abstract example:**

*Title:* Stoneflies of the Great Basin: history and biogeography.

*Author:* Andrew Sheldon, Biological Sciences, University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59819.

*Abstract:* This statement will be used to evaluate selection for sections within the symposium. Problem statement, significance, objectives, findings and conclusions should be relayed in 300 words or less.

*Preference:* oral presentation

**Other Activities or Presentations**

We are flexible and welcome other activities or presentations that you feel would be beneficial to the symposium. Please contact us individually with any suggestions. Possible activities include: workshop, computer simulation/demonstration, new techniques demonstration, etc.

**Please submit abstracts to:**

Kalexander@western.edu (Preferred method referencing NAPS in the subject line.) Or Kevin Alexander/NAPS meeting  
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Registration**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Country:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail (for confirmation and announcements):**

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**Registration Fees = \$75 (current University students and accompanying spouses \$25.)**

1. admits 1 to the conference.
2. snacks and beverages during conference.
3. conference program.
4. Symposium field trip on June 8.

Check all of the following that apply:

\_\_\_\_\_ I will present a poster.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will give an oral presentation.

Media requirements: \_\_\_\_\_ Powerpoint, \_\_\_\_\_ Slides,  
\_\_\_\_\_ Overhead, \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please list):

\_\_\_\_\_ Overnight at Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratories  
(RMBL) in Gothic, CO = **\$50**

- a. includes overnight stay at Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory (1/7) and evening program.
- b. includes dinner on June 7 and breakfast on June 8.
- c. van transportation to RMBL and on collecting trip.
- d. station fees at RMBL.
- e. You must bring a sleeping bag and/or linens.  
Please dress for cold/cool weather.

\_\_\_\_\_ On-Campus Lodging = **\$47** (double occupancy)

Roommate: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ On-Campus Lodging = **\$60** (single occupancy)

- a. includes housing in a campus dorm on the nights of **June 5, 6 and 8.**
- b. Includes all linens.
- c. Check in during registration on June 5 and checkout 8-10 a.m. June 9

\_\_\_\_\_ I will make my own arrangements for lodging. See lodging on general information page.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will attend the symposium field trip. (including # persons accompanying me \_\_\_\_\_).

**Please mail checks and registration materials to:**

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## History of RMBL and Gothic, CO

For a brief time in the latter part of the 19th century Gothic became such a well-known boisterous mining town that in 1880 Ex-President Ulysses S. Grant came for a personal visit. The excitement began in May 1879 when brothers John and David Jennings discovered a rich silver lode at nearby Sylvanite Basin. Hundreds of eager prospectors rushed to the area, seeking their own quick riches. By August "Gothic City" was officially organized. Along its streets quickly appeared numerous log and frame residences, two hotels, three restaurants, several saloons, two general stores, a school, law and medical offices, a bank, two saw mills, other merchants' buildings, and a post office. Yet, as revealed in Gothic's newspaper, *The Gothic Miner*, the feverish venture effectively lasted for little more than two years because it became evident that too few diggings yielded ore rich enough for processing.

Gothic's decline started in the summer of 1881 and, although the town government lived on for a time, it was virtually abandoned by 1890. From then until 1928 few people remained. The notable exception was the colorful Garwood Hall Judd --"The Man Who Stayed"-- who until his death in 1930 was the wily self-appointed Gothic caretaker. Seeing chance for Gothic's revival, Judd played a key role in aiding Dr. John C. Johnson, Founder of the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory (RMBL), in obtaining personal title to part of the abandoned townsite.

Dr. Johnson, then Professor of Biology and Dean at Western State College (WSC) in Gunnison, first saw Gothic in July 1919. From then through 1927 he regularly took college biology students on overnight field trips to Gothic. During those years he became convinced not only that a high-altitude field station was needed, but also that Gothic, with its abundant diverse biota and spectacular location, would be the ideal site.

Since Colorado's political climate at the time barred WSC from providing support, Dr. Johnson went ahead on his own. By 1928 he had persuaded Dr. A. O. Weese and Dr. Aute Richards of the University of Oklahoma, and Dr. L. A. Adams of the University of Illinois, to join him and his wife, Vera, in forming RMBL, an independent Colorado Corporation. He assumed all initial financial responsibility and turned over his Gothic properties to the promising new institution that later acquired additional land. RMBL's first session began in June 1928.

The dilapidated Gothic Hotel and several other ancient buildings remaining from the silver-mining days were repaired and used in RMBL's earliest years until new residences, classrooms, laboratories, and service buildings could be constructed. Three buildings from the 1880s, including the old Gothic Town Hall (now the Gothic Store), and two from about 1910, have been preserved.

During the following years, with essential aid from family and numerous devoted scientists, and with strong support of many persons in Crested Butte and Gunnison, Dr. Johnson, Director of RMBL for its first thirty years, built its instructional and research programs while improving its physical facilities. Students and prominent biologists from all over the United States and other countries come to Gothic to study and gather research data concerning the biota within the area's unique ecosystems. Through the

substantial contributions of many outstanding scientists, RMBL continues to grow in academic stature.

Now in its 75th year, RMBL has become a renowned high-altitude field station dedicated to excellence in biological education and research

## **General Information**

### Housing

Housing at the RMBL is rustic. The nights can be very cold so we suggest warm sleeping bags (see below). In early June there should be running water in the cabins, but we cannot guarantee it. While not all cabins have running water, there is a shared bathhouse (which should also be open). Most of the cabins will have wood stoves. If you do not know how to build a fire properly in your wood stove please ask for help. Your first fire should be small in case of a problem in the stove or stovepipe. Do not use anything but paper and kindling to start fires.

### Suggested Personal Items

Listed below are some personal items you should bring with you to Gothic .

- d. sleeping bag comfort rated to at least 20 degrees F (we provide a cot and pillow)
- e. sleeping pad (makes the cots much warmer)
- f. broken-in, waterproof hiking boots
- g. toilet articles (including towels)
- h. flashlight
- i. rainwear
- j. warm outer clothes, including gloves and a hat
- k. day pack
- l. sunscreen
- m. alarm clock
- n. sunglasses
- o. water bottle

### Suggestions

When deciding on clothes to bring to Gothic consider the climate and rustic conditions. Casual and rugged clothes are the rule. Expect some rainy days, but also remember how strong the sun's rays can be at 9500' elevation. During the day it can be as warm as 75 degrees, but once the sun goes down it cools off rapidly, and can freeze any night of the summer. The most successful way of dressing is in layers so you can keep up with the rapidly changing weather.

If you wear contact lenses you should be prepared for the possibility that your eyes will be too dry to be comfortable with your lenses. At our elevation the humidity is very low, and our roads are unpaved and dusty. Be sure to bring extra eyeglasses just in case. You will also notice that the air dries out your nose, lips and skin so consider bringing some moisturizers and lubricants, like Vaseline and lip care products.

## Altitude Sickness

Some people experience nausea, fatigue, dizziness, insomnia and/or headache when they first get to RMBL's 9,500ft. The best way to combat altitude sickness is to take it easy and drink more water than you've ever drunk in your life. You should avoid drinking caffeine, alcohol and sugary drinks during these first few days. If you get headaches, you can take aspirin or ibuprofen. Remember to drink lots of water even after the altitude sickness wears off.

Altitude sickness can obviously be induced and exacerbated by mountain climbing. The following symptoms are signs of life-threatening altitude sickness. If you experience any of them, you must descend in elevation immediately and seek medical help. They are persistent headache (that isn't relieved by pain killers), persistent vomiting, altered mental status or coughing up fluid from your lungs. Fluid in the lungs is also a symptom of possible Hantavirus infection. So in either case, you should see a doctor.

## Meals

We generally have dinner 6-7 pm and breakfast 7-7:30.

## Phones

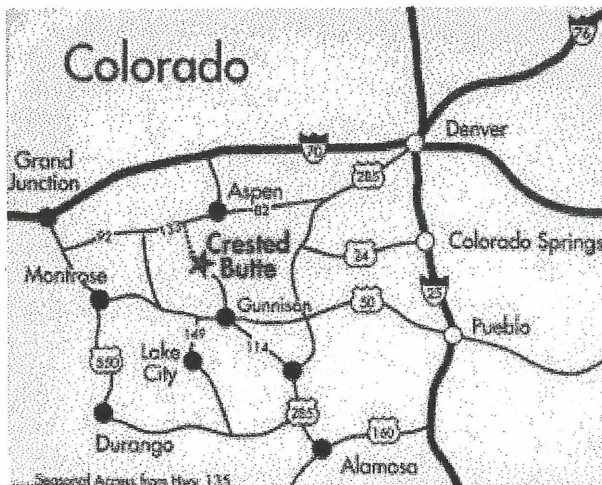
There will be a pay phone available. If anyone needs to have a message left for them, the number is 970 349 7481.

## Pets

No pets of any kind are allowed within the Gothic townsite. Dogs may be walked on the county road through Gothic but not on RMBL property. Dogs should be under owner control at all times to avoid disturbing animals in town (e. g., marmots and ground squirrels) that are the subject of research by Lab investigators.

## Smoking

Smoking is not allowed inside any building at RMBL. Please distinguish your smoking materials thoroughly and dispose of them in proper containers. Be aware that smoking bans exist during high fire danger periods.





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