

# Announcing the Annual FCGS Picnic!!



**Event:** Annual FCGS Picnic

**Date:** August 29, 2009

**Time:** noon to 8:00 pm

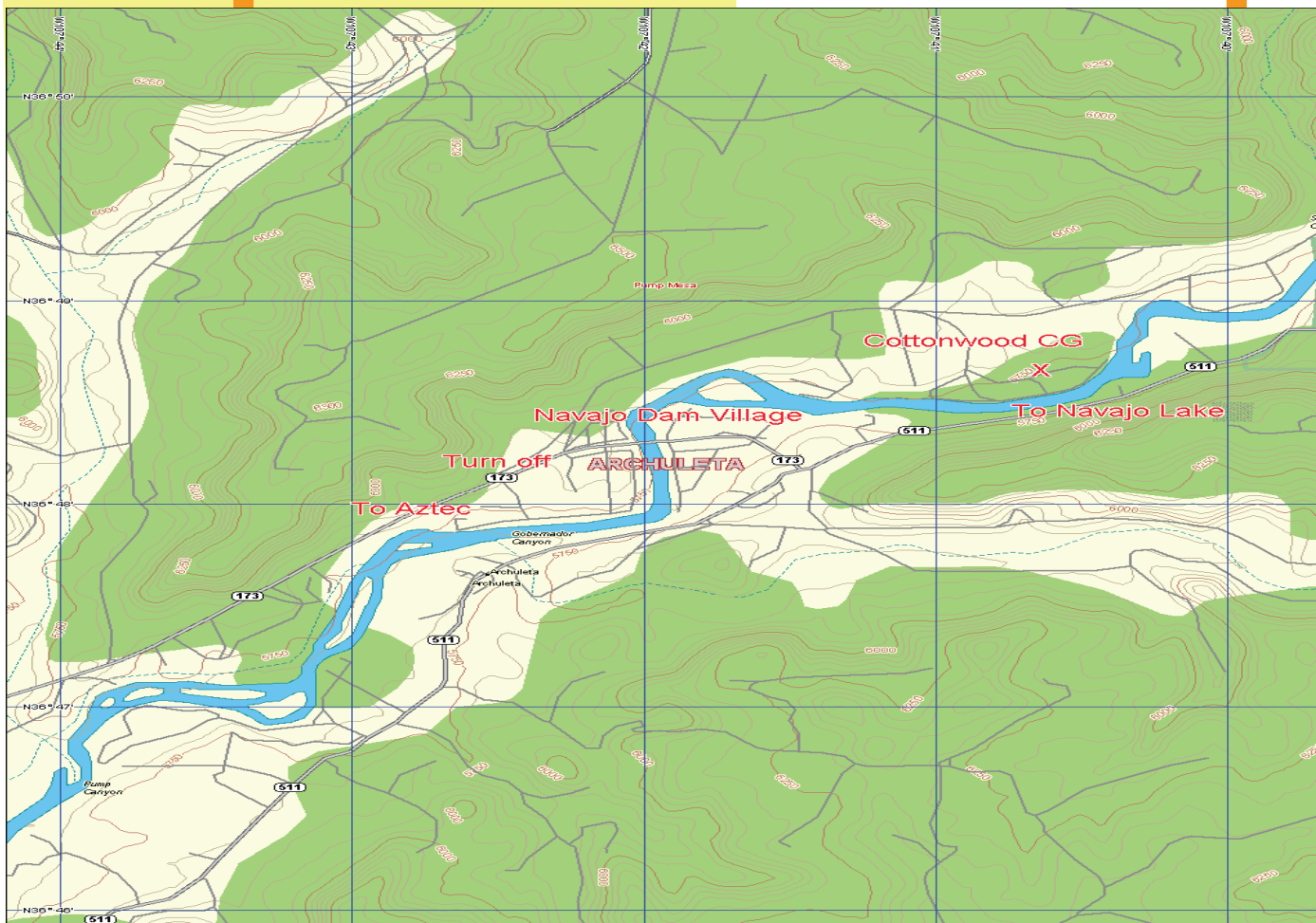
**Location:** Cottonwood Group Shelter, Navajo Lake State Park, on the banks of the San Juan River

**Driving Directions:** (see map)

**FCGS is providing:** Meat, drinks (beer, wine, and soda), plates, napkins, utensils

Members are asked to bring: A side dish

Fishing (with a New Mexico license) and swimming are permitted at the campground. In addition, a horse-shoe tournament will be held during the picnic with all participants competing for one of Steve Hayden's magnificent hand-made knives. The entry fee is \$20/person. The combined pot will go into a fund for dinner costs for Fort Lewis College geology students attending our upcoming winter talks. Practice hard now for this year's bragging rights!!



Prez Sez,

Hello to all of our FCGS members!

This is my first of many opportunities as President to keep you informed of the Society's news and developments (of which there are several starting out the fall, 2009 season). I look forward to a very rewarding and active year.

Several major events are in the making, not the least of which is the Annual Picnic on August 29, at Cottonwood Campground on the San Juan River, just below Navajo Dam. Steve Hayden and Chip Head graciously offered to organize this year's outing and many thanks are in order for their help.

The hour glass has been turned and time is marching towards the Society's hosting of the 2010, AAPG Rocky Mountain Section meeting in Durango next June (10 months and counting!). I know that the general chair-people, Kim Gerhardt and Jim Fassett, have been busy behind the scenes through the summer gaining "traction" in organizing and getting things into place for a great meeting with the help of lots of other volunteers. To that end, if you haven't been collared by anyone to help out and are interested, please give Kim or Jim a call/email. I know that there are still plenty of areas where some additional help would be appreciated.

We have (what I believe is) an excellent opportunity to scan and digitally archive all of the FCGS's publications at no cost to the Society through an on-going program with the AAPG. A canvassing of officers indicates they are all in agreement in principal. We are currently waiting on the actual contractual documents to fully understand our obligations with AAPG in order to move forward. This seems like an excellent opportunity to increase our sales from our website and perhaps (?) reduce our book storage costs. Tom Ann Casey is our contact with AAPG on this matter.

The FCGS Foundation awarded 3 - \$750 grants in late spring; 2 to masters candidates working on thesis in the area out of Northern Arizona University and 1 to the geosciences department at Fort Lewis College to aid with senior's theses projects. Joe Hewitt is preparing an update regarding the Foundation's fiscal soundness for an upcoming newsletter.

I will hint that we are attempting to put together a scenic fall (October) field trip to a great geologic spot (close to tree line) and hopefully we'll have the details for our September newsletter!

Finally, on a somber note, it is with sadness that I report that Henry "Hank" Pohlman, a longtime FCGS member and supporter passed away July 1, in Farmington. Hank is remembered for his generous contribution of time and artistic talent in creating the front cover artwork for the 3 volume set "Oil and Gas Fields of the Four Corners Area" as well as his many years as a consulting geologist.

Also, from the Albuquerque Geological Society we learn of Dr. Rob Bowman's passing, also this summer. Dr. Bowman was a Professor of Hydrology and had chaired the Earth and Environmental Science Department at New Mexico Tech where he began in 1987 and will be missed by all.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Regards,

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