

SAN JUAN BASIN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Chapter of Colorado Archaeological Society



FIELD TRIP REPORT

Date: **July 11, 2012**

Destination: **Carson City Ghost Town**

Leader: **Richard Robinson**

Number of Participants: **8**

On July 11, 2012 eight SJBAS members met Rudy Davison at the Silverton Visitor center for a trip over Cinnamon Pass to Carson City. Rudy has a radio receiver/mike system allowing for communication along the way. We also made stops for explanation about mines, geology and flowers, visiting Burrows Park and Sherman town sites as well and the Tabasco mine and mill which operated around 1901 – 1904. The area was rich in mining activity and just happens to be scenic as well. Sherman town site was a convenient way station for traffic between Animas Forks and Lake City. A 150-foot dam collapsed in 1900 and removed most of Sherman. Burrow Park town was a mining camp around 1877 near Tellurium, Whitecross, and Sterling. Peoples' hopes were high, both in altitude and dream wise, but few aspirations ever materialized. The group made it up a rough road to Carson City another active mining town, with Carson #1 being built in 1881 after the discovery of silver over the divide, to be followed by Carson # 2 on the N side of the continental divide where gold was the item of interest in 1896. The group walked through a large motel/boarding house with many outside entrances. The walls were covered with the names and initials of recent visitors who left their marks to the disgust of the group. Four spent the night camping and took Engineer Pass back to Animas Forks the next day, with only one flat tire. The break allowed for lunch and a rest stop. It was a long trip to see some unique sites and scenery. Rudy, as always, added something special that no one else can provide.

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