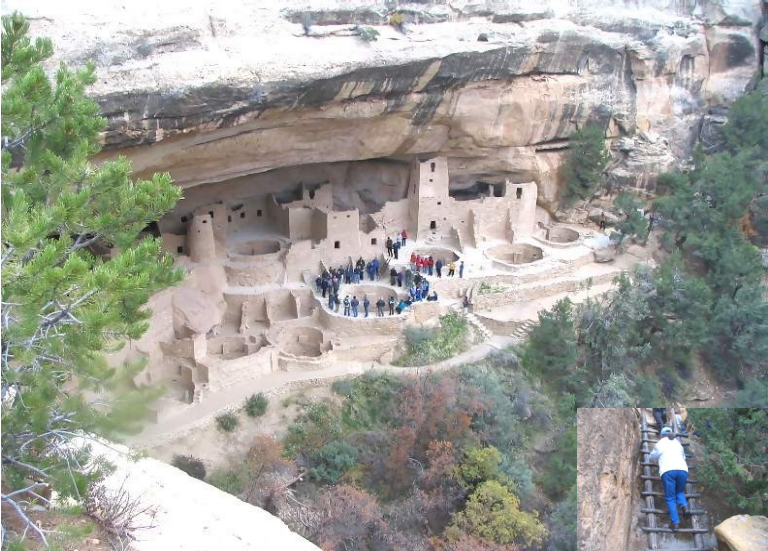
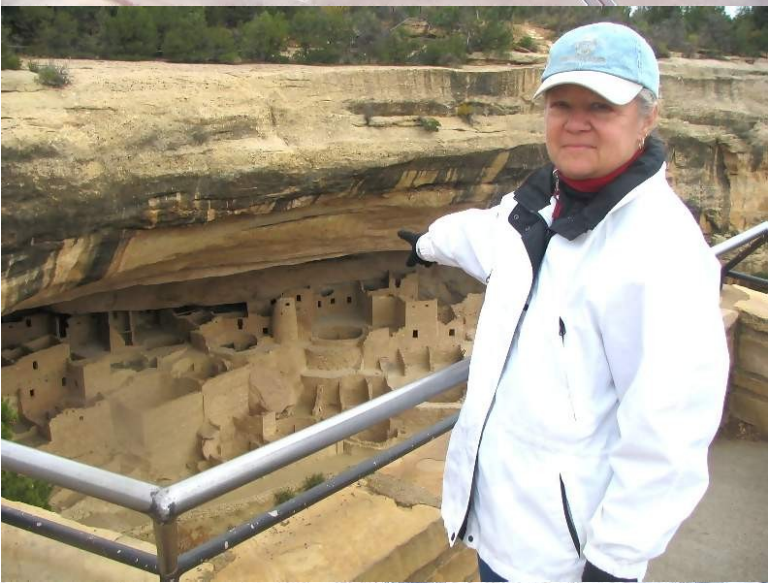


Well, it is November again, which means celebrating Thanksgiving, but no pictures available this year, so I decided to pick up where I left off from my September Newsletter with Key West in 2004. The picture below is from our visit to **Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado.**

I chose to revisit Henefer, Utah, which I think you will find very interesting. This area is the location of the Nations most spectacular ancient ruins. The state of Utah was named after the Ute Nation, of Native Americans. They are one of three Federally recognized tribes in Colorado.

In the next picture I am standing in the center of a circle. That circle represents the exact spot where the SW corner of Colorado; the NE corner of Arizona; the SE corner of Utah; and the NW corner of New Mexico come together. All four states become the stage for a significant amount of Native American History.

The picture below of the valley and cliffs shows the type of landscape that invites the construction of ancient sheltered communities.



I set the pictures up to reflect our approach to the center of this Historic Site. You can see through the picture to the left, how the ancient settlements were built on the side of the cliffs. In the corner is my Bob climbing the ladder, which is the entrance to the dwellings.

On this page, I have added some additional pictures so you can get a better idea of what we saw. In the pictures below you can see the openings in the cliffs and in the next picture the sheltered construction inside the caves. Much repair had to be done to preserve what was done by the native population so that we could see what they did. The final picture is of the office and museum.

