UNM RETIREE ASSOCIATION PROGRAM:
Petroglyph National Monument

OCTOBER 18TH AT 1 PM
PETROGLYPH NATIONAL MONUMENT VISITOR CENTER
6510 WESTERN TRAIL NW

DR LANCE CHILTON, UNM RETIREE WILL BE OUR GUIDE

Directions: From Interstate 40, take exit 154 to the north on Unser Blvd. about 3.5 miles to the corner of Unser and Western Trail. At the traffic light, turn left, then proceed up the long driveway to the Visitor Center, which is at the end of the road.

If everyone can get there about 1 pm, we'll watch the excellent park movie together, talk a little, and then head out in whatever number of cars are needed to the parking area at Boca Negra Canyon, about two miles further north and just off Unser. There are three trails there, one fairly strenuous half-miler to the top of the escarpment, and two shorter ones along the base of the cliff. All have petroglyphs. Those who wish could go afterwards to Piedras Marcadas, where there are considerably more petroglyphs, but a longer walk is needed to see them.

There is a $1 per car parking fee at Boca Negra, though that's waived if one person in each car has a parks pass -- senior, or otherwise. The trails at Boca Negra have rough pavement, those at Piedras Marcadas are mostly packed soil with some areas of sand, so reasonable shoes for those surfaces make sense. We don't have to worry about the fauna -- I've never seen a rattlesnake on any of the trails in the park, though we know they exist -- they'll stay away from us. Sun screen and a hat are a good idea; who knows what the temperature will be in mid-October, so dress according to the forecast. Bring water.