

area. An old steamboat was also visited across the river from the post, and further inquiry is underway to determine its name and history.

An exciting part of the trip was the team's "discovery" of the location of Innoko City, a gold rush boom town that flourished from June to September of 1908 and was then abandoned. A metal detector was instrumental in locating dump sites, and from there the keen eyes of the group began picking out foundation outlines. Deep pit sites across the river have been identified as possible earlier Athapaskan sites, but more work will need to be done to determine this officially.



Gravesite at Dishkaket, located on the upper Innoko River on the Refuge (SC 8/94).

The group also visited the Athapaskan village site of Dishkaket, which during the late teens and early 20's also served as a gold rush townsite and post office point. Remains of several buildings plus outlines of many foundations, and the presence of a graveyard kept the team busy measuring and surmising. Students and staff from the Environmental Education Science Camp also visited the site and were told some of the history and significance of the site.

Lending their rural lifestyle expertise and providing logistical support for the four day boat trip were Darren Walker and John Nikolai, Rural Alaska RAPS students from Holy Cross and Telida respectively. A fifth crew member was Volunteer Capitan.