



NEWSLETTER

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June Meeting

When: May13, 2015

Where: DSU, Udvar-Hazy Bldg., Room 121 – NEW ROOM

Why: Nal Morris will talk about Parowan Gap

Dues are Due

The 2015 DAS dues are due. They are \$20 for an individual membership and \$25 for a couple. These amounts are unchanged from 2014.

Please fill out the membership form

<http://dixierockart.webs.com/Membership%20Information/1.%20Release%20of%20liabilityForm-DSA%20%202015.pdf> and either bring it along with your payment to the January meeting or mail it to

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Web Site

The Dixie Archaeology Society web site (www.dixierockart.webs.com) is up and running. Please consider signing up as a site member. Site members should receive email updates whenever anything on the site is updated.

Please post your comments on the blog that is part of the site. Please add your archaeology related photos to the photo blog. This site is for you, the members. We'd like to hear what you think.

Field Trip Report

The May field trip originally scheduled to cave Valley was cancelled due to poor weather. However an alternate trip to view the glyphs at Toquerville that were discussed by Samira Hall during her May lecture was scheduled.

The Toquerville site consists of six panels. One of the panels is shown.



The site also displayed some unexpected beauty. The “Ressurrection Moss” was in its glory and it covered a good portion of the lave ridge surrounding the glyphs.



Go to <http://dixierockart.webs.com/Field%20Trip%20Reports/Toquerville%20Petroglyph%20Site.pdf> to view the glyphs.

Field Trip Info

The June 21st field trip will be to Anasazi Ridge to view the summer solstice event. There will be about a $\frac{3}{4}$ mile hike (one way) with the total distance being up hill at the start. This will be about a 3-hour trip. Normal vehicles can be used. Bring plenty of water.

Remember, you must be a member of DAS to participate in a field trip. You must be at the meeting in order to sign up for a field trip.

Meeting Report

The May lecture was by Samaria Hall of Big Horn Archaeology Consultants.



Samira hall

Samira talked about her work in Toquerville doing survey work in preparation for the construction of the Ash Creek pipeline and the Chief Toquer reservoir. Her work involved both historic and prehistoric sites.

Her work with the historic sites allowed her to gather the history of Toquerville from both historic documents and oral history from area residents.

She worked various Southern Paiute representatives when surveying the prehistoric sites. She discussed various artifacts found and gave her view of the purpose of the prehistoric sites.

She also showed images of the rock art in the area of the construction project. While not in danger from the reservoir, the rock art is very near to a proposed construction road that will be used to transport lave rock to the reservoir construction area that could damage the rock art.



The site of the proposed construction road lies next to a boulder with rock art.

Go to

<http://dixierockart.webs.com/Technical%20Presentations/Ash%20Creek%20Pipeline%20and%20Chief%20Toquer%20Reservoir%20.pdf> to see a summary of Samira's talk.

Go to

<http://dixierockart.webs.com/Field%20Trip%20Reports/Toquerville%20Petroglyph%20Site.pdf> to view the Toquerville glyphs.

Archaeology in the News

A number of archaeology stories relating to the St. George area have been the news this month:

A Developer donates land to same an archaeology site in Dameron Valley -

http://www.kcsg.com/view/full_story/26641465/article-Developer-donates-site-of-pithouse--in-Dammeron-Valley-to-preserve-heritage-?instance=more_local_news1 .

The City Council tours the Archaeology Park site -

http://kcsg.com/view/full_story/26630859/article-Discovery-of-ancient-native-dwellings-envisioned-as-future-city-park-?instance=more_local_news1 .

A story about the Southern Paiutes - <http://www.sltrib.com/news/2529919-155/after-washington-nfl-teams-gift-scandal> .

A story about Parowan Gap - <http://dixierockart.webs.com/Technical%20Presentations/Earth%20Sky%20Union%20a%20View%20thru%20Parowan%20Gap%20MayJune%202015%20issue.pdf> .

Thanks

Thanks go to Samira Hall for presenting the May lecture.

Thanks also to Feather Robinson for leading the May field trip.

Thanks to Karen and Chris for the news stories.

Final Thought

This month's final thought is another book review – this time of David Roberts new book “The Lost World of the Old Ones”.

This book continues in the same vane as his previous book “In Search of the Old Ones”. In his new book, he visits a number of places in Utah including Range Creek and a number of locations on Cedar Mesa. He also journeys to Chaco Canyon with Stephen Lekson.

This is another excellent read and really brings you to the location so you can get a feel of the many locations populated by the “old ones”.

This is good hiking weather. Be careful out there and remember - “Leave No Trace”.

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