



NEWSLETTER

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April Meeting

When: April 13, 2016

Where: DSU, Udvar Hazy Building, Room 121, 7 PM

Why: **Eva Jensen of Great Basin National Park will talk about "Archaeology With Altitude"**

Archaeology in Great Basin National Park ranges in altitude. The park offers a wide range of environment, from Fremont campsites at 5,350 feet elevation in Baker to the 1882 historic geodetic survey station at the top of Wheeler Peak at 13,063 feet. Over the past 14,000 years people have been drawn to the resources of the lower sage slopes, steep mountain canyons, glacier, cold snow melt springs and streams, and rocky mountain peaks above tree line. Exploring the past in the park is an adventure. As an archaeologist you never know what you might find next; stunning Fremont pictographs, aspen trees carved by Peruvian shepherders, 12,000 year old obsidian projectile points, or even a rusted Winchester rifle. Archaeology with altitude is always an adventure.

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.

Dues are Due

The 2016 dues are due. They are \$25 for an individual or \$30 for a couple. Please fill out the attached membership form – remember each person must sign the form. Bring the form and your dues to a monthly meeting or mail them to

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The dues are the primary way that DAS has to raise funds for our operations that include room rent, liability insurance, speaker honorariums, and social events.

The DAS membership is required to participate in field trips, social events and a monthly lecture by experts on an archaeological topic of interest.

Field Trip Report

The March field trip was to the Lions Mouth site, west of Cedar City and to a site in Pine Valley.

The trip began by visiting the Lions Mouth site, which consist of pictographs, Figure 1. Figure 2 shows George explaining some of the features of the site to the group.

We then traveled by back roads through the village of Pinto where we encountered the historic Page ranch House, Figures 3 to 5.

We had a picnic lunch in Pine Valley, Figure 6, adjacent to the petroglyph site, Figures 7 to 9.



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

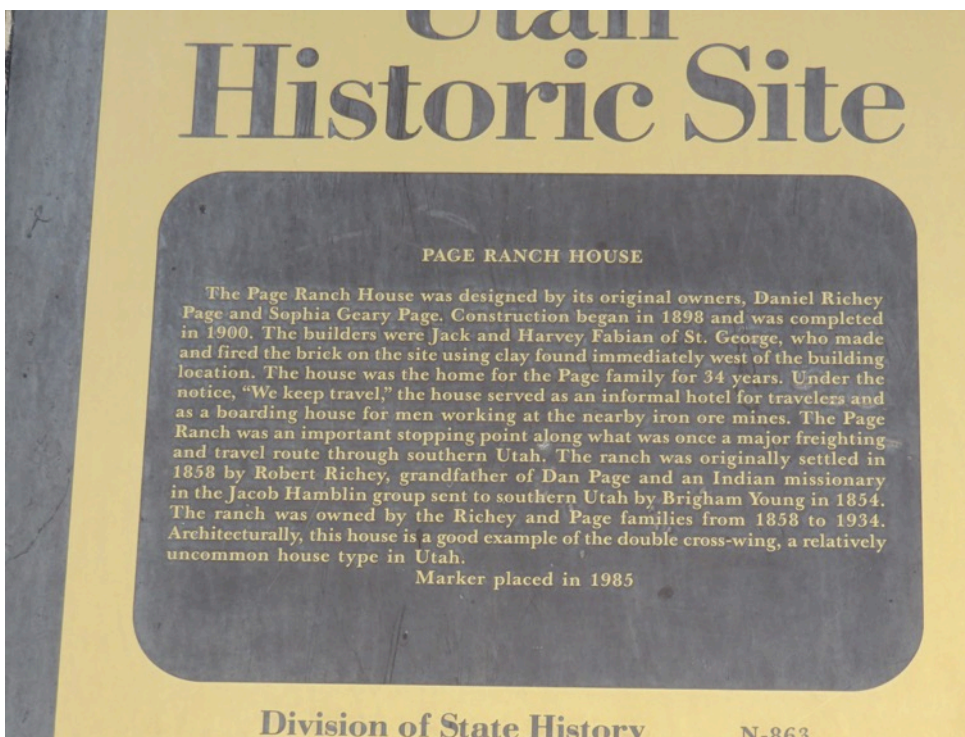


Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6



Figure 7



Figure 8



Go to <http://dixierockart.webs.com/Field%20Trip%20Reports/Field%20trip%20-%20Lions%20Mouth.pdf> and <http://dixierockart.webs.com/Field%20Trip%20Reports/Lions%20Mouth%20-%20May%202010.pdf> to learn more about the Lions Mouth site.

Go to <http://dixierockart.webs.com/Field%20Trip%20Reports/Field%20Trip%20-%20Pine%20Valley%20Site.pdf> to learn about the Pine Valley site.

Field Trip Info

The **April 23rd field trip (This is the 4th Saturday of April)** will be to sites in Lincoln County Nevada. This will be a long single day trip. Bring snacks, lunch and plenty of water. There may be some hiking or scrambling involved. A high clearance vehicle is generally needed to trips to these sites. Some members may elect to stay overnight in Alamo Nevada in order to visit more sites on Sunday.

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

Barbara Frank of SUU gave the March lecture titled “Little Creek; 1979 to 2004”.

Barbara discussed the people who populated Little Creek Mesa and discussed some of the sites that she and her team excavated.



Barbara Frank

Go to

<http://dixierockart.webs.com/Technical%20Presentations/Little%20Creek;%201979%20to%202004.pdf> to learn about Little Creek Mesa.

Thanks

Thanks to Barbara Frank for giving the March lecture.

Thanks to Jim King for leading the March field trip.

Final Thought

What a great group of people belong to DAS. You get to know the people on the field trips, where you can spend time talking about anything and everything, including rock art. The March field trip was a case in point. The sites were wonderful but the settings were outstanding. Everyone offered some observations about the pictographs at Lion Mouth and shared their experience. The picnic lunch that everyone enjoyed was unmatched - everyone enjoying the beautiful day, the scenery and each other's company. It doesn't get any better than that.

Join us on our field trips - you will be pleasantly surprised at the fun you will have.

Finally, this is very good hiking weather. Be careful out there and remember - "Leave No Trace".

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**Dixie Archaeology Society
(DAS)
RELEASE OF LIABILITY
Year 2016**



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I, the undersigned, participant(s) agree to abide by all rules and directions established by Dixie Archaeology Society (DAS), regarding all activities, tours, field trips, meetings etc. I do freely and voluntarily agree to release, save, hold harmless, and indemnify DAS from any and all claims of loss, injury or damage, suit action, demand, fine, judgment of decree and any expense thereof, including a reasonable attorney's fee, that may happen or occur to me as a result of or consequence of having attended and/or participated in any DAS meetings or activities. This release includes all representatives of said organization and/or sponsor(s), including the policy that only paid-up members who sign the Release of Liability form are allowed to participate in Field Trips and Activities. The undersigned named participant(s) agrees to bear the total cost of damages and fines resulting from his/her/their actions, thereby releasing Dixie Archaeology Society and its representatives from any liability whatsoever.

I understand that during my participation in the Dixie Archaeology Society outing, I may be exposed to a variety of hazards and risks, foreseen or unforeseen, which are inherent in each outing and cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique character of the outing. These inherent risks include, but are not limited to, the dangers of serious personal injury, property damage, and death (Injuries and Damages) from exposure to the hazards of travel: the Dixie Archaeology Society has not tried to contradict or minimize my understanding of these risks. I know that Injuries and Damages can occur by natural causes or activities of other persons, animals, trip members, trip leaders and assistants or third parties, either as a result of negligence because of other reasons. I understand those risks of such Injuries and Damages are involved in adventure travel such as Dixie Archaeology Society outings and I appreciate that I may have to exercise extra care for my own person and for others around me in the face of such hazards. I further understand that on this outing there may not be rescue or medical facilities or expertise necessary to deal with the Injuries and Damages to which I may be exposed.

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