



NEWSLETTER

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May Meeting

When: May 8, 2013

Where: DSC, Udvar Hazy Bldg, Room 220 (Note the new room)

Why: Samira Hall, field supervisor for Bighorn Archaeological Consultants, will talk about on some of their work and findings along the Fort Pearce Wash. They have excavated a variety of different sites and site types and recovered an interesting variety of artifacts.

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. This site is for you, the members. We'd like to hear what you think.

Field Trip Report

The April field trip was to Rosy Canyon where we visited a total of three different sites:

The **Basket Site** consist of 4 petroglyph panels plus some pictographs and a ruin – everything thing you could ask for including an adventurous climb.



No this photo was NOT taken from an airplane!

Go to <http://dixierockart.webs.com/Field%20Trip%20Reports/Rosy%20Canyon%20-%20The%20Basket%20Site%20v.%202.0.pdf> to find out more about the Basket Site.

Lowers Ravens Crack is located on the side of a hill in a slot canyon. It consists of 2 petroglyph panels plus a couple of “lone” glyphs at the entrance to the canyon.



When scouting out the trip we found a mountain lion print at the base of one of the petroglyph panels.

Go to <http://dixierockart.webs.com/Field%20Trip%20Reports/Rosy%20Canyon%20-%20Lower%20Ravens%20Crack%20-%20Revised.pdf> to find out more about Lower Ravens Crack.

Upper Ravens Crack is located in another slot canyon higher up the mountain. It consists of a single, unique petroglyph panel. The name Ravens Crack is well suited. During our scouting trip, a raven flew over and voiced his displeasure at our being in his canyon. What a scary and eerie sound he made.



It required a lot of climbing to get to the slot canyon...



...and even more climbing to see the glyphs once in the slot. Yes Lois, I censored some of the photos of your climb. Wayne said that climbing on the rocks and scrambling through the slot was the most fun he's had in a number of years.

Go to <http://dixierockart.webs.com/Field%20Trip%20Reports/Rosy%20Canyon%20-%20Upper%20Ravens%20Crack%20Revised.pdf> to find out more about Upper Ravens Crack.

Finally, a well deserved lunch after a hard day of hiking and climbing.

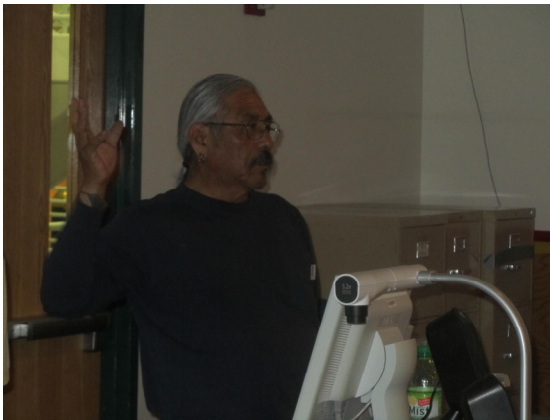


Field Trip Info

The May 18th field trip is tentatively scheduled to be to Snow Canyon State Park. There will be hiking under a couple of miles, but it will be on slick rock and there will be some scrambling required. Normal vehicles can be used.

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



Benn Pikyavit



Benn Pikyavit of the Kaibab Paiute tribe gave a talk entitled “Paiute 101: A Paiute Perspective – A Culture ... A History”. Benn talked about the history of the Paiutes and how their culture was/is dependent on the environment, the climate and the river. He talked about how the culture can advance or regress because of environmental changes. He introduced the Paiute’s concept of the “inverted world” where the stars and the constellations in the sky are animals, ancestors and spirits and how their death ceremonies take the spirit of the person back to the sky world.

Following his talk he gave a slide presentation of one of his trips down the river, showing photos of petroglyphs that are on the river and showing the Kaibab Paiute’s ancestral home –Deer Creek Canyon.

Go to <http://dixierockart.webs.com/Technical%20Presentations/Benn%20Pikyavit%20-%20DAS%20Presentation%20-%20April%202013.pdf> to see a summary of Benn’s talk.



Karen Monsen

Following Benn's talk, Karen Monsen gave a report on her work documenting solar interactions at the Tonaquint petroglyph site. This site is on state land and could be developed in the future.

Go to

<http://dixierockart.webs.com/Technical%20Presentations/Tonaquint%20Terrace%20Glyphs%20April%202013%20from%20Karen%20v2.1,%202013.pdf> to see Karen's presentation.

Thanks

Thanks to Benn Pikyavit for giving the April lecture. Thanks also to Karen Monsen for her work at the Tonaquint site. Thanks to Mel for leading the Rosy Canyon field trip. Thanks to Kat and Boma for sharing their expertise for the Rosy Canyon reports.

Final Thought

The weather is warming up and it's a great time to be outside. Be careful and make sure to drink plenty of fluids.

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John Mangels

