



NEWSLETTER

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April Meeting

When: April 13th @ 7 PM

Where: DSC
Udvar-Hazy Bldg.
Room 203

Why: Gardiner Dalley, archaeologist, BLM – Cedar City

Gardiner will speak to “The Legal Framework for the Protection of Cultural Resources”. This would include some material on the better known aspects of illegal digging (“pot-hunting”) and trafficking (per the recent happenings in SE Utah), as well as some thoughts on site/visitor etiquette. Particularly, though, he will address some of the lesser known factors involved with surface collecting, especially the rather fuzzy nature of the applicable legalities, and with particular focus and emphasis on the problems “arrowhead hunting” presents to the professional archaeologist.

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 March field trip was to the Fort Pierce wash. Fifteen members participated on this trip. The day was overcast and windy, but still a good day for a hike.



Group photo



Libby leads the way

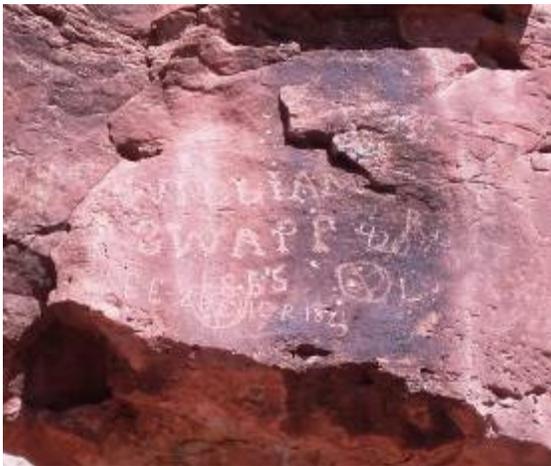
Starting in the Fort Pierce parking lot, we experienced a wide range of archaeological sites, beginning with the Fort Pierce ruins. Hiking west along the wash we encountered pioneer signatures, pioneer rock art and Anasazi rock art in a number of locations, some of which required scrambling to the top of the talus slope.



Ft. Pierce Ruin



Pioneer Signatures



Pioneer Petroglyph



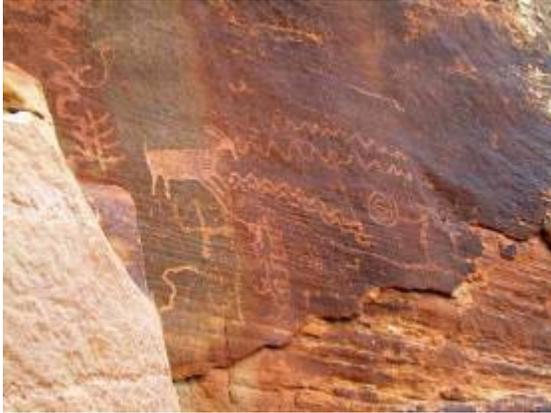
Necklace Rock



Flat Rock



High Panel 1



High Panel 3



High Panel 3

The end destination was the Red Man pictograph.



The Group at the Red Man Site



The Red Man

We then traveled east about 1 mile to a small site near the Fort Pierce trailhead. The petroglyphs were much eroded due to their exposed nature and the “poor” quality sandstone.



Fort Pierce Trailhead site

We then continued to travel east to the Dinosaur Tracks.



The group at the Dinosaur Tracks



Libby – “I can make tracks too!”

All in all this was a great archaeology trip. In the space of about 5 miles we traveled back in time to the 1870’s, then to the 1000’s and then way back over 200 million years and we did it in less than a day. Time travel through archaeology is a great experience. I’m pleased that so many of our group got to enjoy the day.

Go to the “Field Trip” section of the web site for a more detailed description of the sites in the Fort Pierce Wash.

Field Trip Info

The next field trip will be Saturday, **April 16th**. It is scheduled to be to **Indian Canyon** located near the Coral Pink Sand Dunes near Kanab. The road to the site is about 6 miles and is sandy. High clearance vehicles with 4WD are required. Participation will be limited due to limited parking (4 to 5 vehicles) at the site. The hike to the site is about 2 miles round trip with an elevation change of about 200 feet. You will be going down into a canyon, but there is a well marked trail. It will be an all day trip so bring food and lots of water. There will be at least one stop in Rosy Canyon on the way.

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

Marion Jacklin, archaeologist and Heritage Program Manager for the Dixie National Forest in Cedar City spoke to us about “Community Connections to the Past”.

The National Forest Service was initially established in the early 1900's by President Teddy Roosevelt. The Dixie National Forest was established as a combination of five national forests in the 1940's. These included the Powell/Sevier, Aquarius, Markaquit (?sp) Plateau, and the Dixie Forests. It also included Mount Charleston and the Sheep Range in Nevada and the much of the Arizona Strip, including Mount Tumble. It also originally included Cedar Breaks and Bryce Canyon. It now contains 2 million acres and has one archaeologist.



Marion Jacklin

Within the Dixie Nation Forest, there are sites from:

Paleo Indians – 8000+ years BCE

Archaic – 8000 – 2000 years BCE

Formative Cultures (Anasazi & Fremont) – 500 – 1700 AD

Numic Cultures (Ute, Paiute, Gosute) –

Spanish – 1700- 1840's AD

Anglo – 1840 - present

The first portion of Marion's talk covered the archaeology of the "High" country – over 8000 feet. Initially she was told by "experts" that there would be no ancient sites above 8000 feet. However she has found spear points dating to paleo times and an extremely large site composed of lithic scatter dating to paleo and archaic time. This later site began with the investigation of a 300 acre site near Brian Head. Over time the site was expanded to include an area 13 miles long by 2 miles wide with 13 areas with a high concentration of artifacts. The scatter of the sites is due to the topography and soil conditions which caused the artifacts to spread by natural erosion.

She described the National Forest's initial goals; to protect water sheds and live stock. In the 1930's that goal was expanded to include campgrounds and recreation. Much of the development of recreational sites can be attributed to the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC).

She discussed programs that have been successful, including one that got 3-5th graders involved in an Archaeology Camp with the support of local teachers and the Dixie National Forest. This program has run from 1998 through 2010.

She showed numerous photos, past and present, that document the activities of the Dixie National Forest Programs. Many of the photos compared the “Old” scene with “Current” photos from the 2000’s. These photos are in the SUU archives and can be found online at www.li.suu.edu/library/digitization/DNF.html.

This summary of Marion’s talk will be achieved in the “Technical Presentation” section of the web site.

Thanks

Thanks to Marion Jacklin for her presentation. Also thanks to Mel Langness and Bob Rhee for leading the field trip to the Fort Pierce Wash and to Boma for initially showing us the way. Special thanks go to Libby for her leadership and companionship on our hike. Without her, we would have gotten lost for sure.

Final Thoughts

DAS Membership

The attached table shows the DAS membership for the years 2007 through this year. The membership has remained generally constant and is currently near its all time high. This affirms that we are going in the right direction with our approach to archaeology and rock art – that is stressing preservation through education. I want to thank everyone for their continued support for DAS and our programs. Please contact me or any of the board with any ideas you may have that could improve our organization.

DAS Membership Statistics (through March 10th)

| Year | Members | Households |
|------|---------|------------|
| 2011 | 77 | 51 |
| 2010 | 64 | 43 |
| 2009 | 72 | 44 |
| 2008 | 83 | 53 |
| 2007 | 73 | 49 |

Damage at Anasazi Ridge

A recent hike to Anasazi Ridge showed some damage on one of the large rocks – see photo.



Damage at Anasazi Ridge

Fortunately the person did not damage a rock with petroglyphs, however the rock was adjacent to one with petroglyphs. So if you know “Bob” or someone who “Loves Bob”, please contact BLM.

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