



NEWSLETTER

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May Meeting

- When:** June 12, 2013
Where: DSC, Udvar Hazy Bldg, Room 220 (Note the new room)
Why: Paul Taylor will talk about the “Solar Events on Anasazi Ridge”.

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 May field trip was to Little Creek Mesa.



The gang – be careful don't back up!



Everyone studying a water glyph



Archaeology dogs Kramer and Sitka



All the glyphs were on flat surfaces. Watch where you're walking – watch your shadow.



At the pit house ruins



The day started sunny but ended with a rain storm. Not the safest place to be – on the highest point of land in a potential thunder storm. Sometime petroglyphs trump common sense!

Go to

<http://dixierockart.webs.com/Field%20Trip%20Reports/Little%20Creek%20Mesa%20-%20Part%202.pdf> to learn more about Little Creek Mesa.

Field Trip Info

The **June 22nd** field trip **(Note the date)** will be to **Anasazi Ridge** to observe the morning solstice **and** to **Parowan Gap** to watch the sunset in the Gap. The morning trip will be about 2 – 3 hours and the afternoon trip will end after dark. 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



Samira Hall and her son James (front row in the orange shirt). James likes rock art!

Samira Hall of Bighorn Archaeology Consultants gave a talk on the “Archaeology in the Fort Pearce Wash”. She described six sites that Bighorn Archaeology excavated for the BLM in the early 2000’s. The sites were dated from Archaic to Prehistoric indicating that the Wash has been occupied for a very long period of time. All of these sites are now on private property.

She also discussed another site that Bighorn Archaeology investigated that was dated to the Paleo Indian period. Carbon dating placed this site at 10,000 years old! This site was found during the construction of the Southern Parkway and is not far from the Fort Pearce Wash.

St. George has been a popular destination for a very long time.

Go to

<http://dixierockart.webs.com/Technical%20Presentations/Archaeology%20along%20the%20Fort%20Pearce%20Wash.pdf> for a summary of Samira’s talk.

Thanks

Thanks to Samira Hall for her talk and to Bighorn Archaeology Consultants.

Thanks to Mel and to Joe for leading the trip to Little Creek.

Thanks to all who worked trying to set up the aborted trip to Snow Canyon – It's a long story.

Final Thought

A discussion came up this past month about how much information about rock art sites, and archaeology sites in general, can and should be published on the internet. There are no rules, but guidelines that DAS uses are as follows:

Name of sites - yes

General Site Location (i.e. Little Creek Mesa, Gunlock Road, Anasazi Ridge, etc.) - yes

Pictures – yes

Interpretations - yes

Cultural significance – yes

Specific Location – no

Hiking directions - no

GPS coordinates – no

GPS route map – no

I would ask all DAS members to follow these same guidelines. I would also ask DAS members to discuss these guidelines with their friends and associates.

I know that there is a lot of specific information about various sites on the internet – I use this information as do many people – but that does not make it a wise thing to do.

There is no right or wrong with this discussion, but let's be prudent and err on the side of caution. We want to protect our cultural resources and we try to do that through

education. I feel we can achieve that goal without giving away specific site locations. Many feel that providing site locations make it too easy for someone to locate the site and potentially do harm.

I have debated both sides of the argument with many people for hours since I became President of DAS. The above guidelines are the compromise that seems to satisfy all.

I would like to hear your opinion on this topic.

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John Mangels