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September Meeting

- When:** October 12, 2016
Where: DSU, Udvar Hazy Building, Room 121, 7 PM
Why: Dr. Kevin Rafferty, Chairman, Department of Human Behavior College of Southern Nevada will speak on "Archaeological Survey in Valley of Fire: Training Students and Deducing a Settlement Pattern Model for Valley of Fire in Southern Nevada"

The archaeological program at the College of Southern Nevada (CSN) has been conducting archaeological survey and site recording in Valley of Fire State park since 2003. This has resulted in the inventory of over 5 square miles of the southern portion and the recording, or re-recording, of nearly 100 archaeological sites in the park. These range in age from the Lake Mojave period (ca. 10,000-7500 B.P.) to 20th century phenomena. Over 60 students have been exposed to the best practices in inventory and recording techniques. This effort has also allowed for the construction of an area-specific culture history based on the results of the surveys. This talk will discuss the different survey effort by year and result, and present a model of prehistoric settlement and subsistence that will hopefully be tested by future researchers in the area. Here is a short bio if you wish to use it. Dr. Kevin Rafferty has been an archaeologist for over 40 years, with 35+ of those years being spent conducting research in the Great Basin and eastern Mojave Desert. He has been at the College of Southern Nevada for 28 years and has been proud to have had a part in training and teaching numerous students, and sending a number of them to four year schools and to jobs in the contract archaeology

industry.

Changes

In the spirit of transparency, I want to inform you, the membership of DAS, that I will be resigning as president of DAS at our October board meeting. I have informed the board of my intention today – September 25th. I am doing this in an attempt to simplify my life. I have taken on too many projects and I need to cut back. I am cutting back on my role in DAS because the organization is in a good position – it has a strong membership, a good financial balance sheet and strong leadership with our current board. Also I have been serving as your president since 2010 and I feel that new leadership is needed with new ideas to continue to grow DAS and fulfill our organization's objective – preserving our cultural resources through education.

I will continue to assist the board with the transition to new leadership. It is now up to the board to determine the future direction of DAS.

I am sure that they will make good decisions and DAS will continue to be a voice in the archaeology of the St. George area. However I am also sure that they will need new people to assist them by volunteering to become board members. The current board will now consist of six individuals and that is NOT enough to keep current programs running and to continue to grow DAS. **They need your help.** Please contact any board member or me if you are willing to become a DAS board member.

I am honored to have had the opportunity to serve DAS for the past 6 plus years. During this time I have met many wonderful friends and learned and experienced many things that I never dreamed possible prior to living in St. George. Thank you!

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 field trip to Fremont Indian State Park was cancelled. Only one person signed up.

Field Trip Info

The field trip for October will be announced at the October member meeting.

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

John Mangels gave the September lecture about the rock art along the I-15 corridor in Washington County. He also discussed a number of points about rock art and the need to understand the native cultures that created the rock art.

Final Thought

The September field trip was canceled due to lack of participation. This is not the first field that has been canceled due to lack of participation in the last year or so. People dropping out at the last minute or just not showing up after signing up have also plagued recent trips. This is discouraging to the leaders who have spent time in planning and scouting the trips. Consequently, the DAS board will be discussing the field trip program in depth at its upcoming meeting. There are here a number of options available:

- Continue with a field trip every month as we have been doing for a number of years
- Modify the field trip program with a trip every two or three months
- Suspend the field trip program for an undetermined time period

To continue the program in any form Jim King, the current and only field trip leader, will need help with additional new leaders to plan, lead or assist with leading trips.

The field trip program has been a keystone of DAS since I joined nine years ago. However the program is only useful if you, our members, want it. Please email the board members with your ideas about this program.

It's beautiful hiking weather. Be careful out there and remember - "Leave No Trace" and "Visit with Respect".

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John Mangels



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

Name(s): Last First

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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.

I certify that I have read the Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk Agreement, fully understand its terms and sign it freely and voluntarily without any inducement. I freely and voluntarily assume all risk of such Injuries and Damage, notwithstanding such risks. I (we) certify that I am of legal age and competence to act in this manner. If any participant is a minor, the legal parent or guardian will certify that he/she is acting in behalf of each of them in this release.

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