



NEWSLETTER

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December Meeting

When: December 13, 2013
Where: Green Spring HOA Clubhouse, 6 PM
Why: **Holiday Party**

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.

Holiday Party

The Holiday Party will be held on Wednesday, December 11th at 6 PM. There will be a pot luck dinner (bring a dish to share) along with entertainment and lots of good fun.

RSVP to Dave Evans if you plan to attend. Spouses are welcome.

Field Trip Report

The November field trip was to a site near Summit Utah. The day started clear and cool in St. George but as the group went north the conditions deteriorated to cold and windy. But the group persisted and had a great adventure.



The first climb



Ron says "Hi"



Look – Petroglyphs



"Santa Dave" leads the trip



What are we doing here? I'm cold!



But I want to go this way



What rocks?



"Gold" – lets go!



Best be careful – my dogs will lick you to death!



Yes – there really were petroglyphs at this site – some good ones too!

Go to

<http://dixierockart.webs.com/Field%20Trip%20Reports/Field%20trip%20to%20Summit%20-%20November%202013.pdf> to see more images from this site.

Go to <http://dixierockart.webs.com/apps/photos/album?albumid=15230141> to see a complete log of Wade's photos from the trip.

Field Trip Info

The December 21st field trip will be to Little Black Mountain to see a “Winter Solstice” event. We will leave early in the morning in order to be at the site by sunrise. High clearance vehicles are recommended. Bring water and snacks and dress warmly.

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

The November meeting featured Jason Bulkley, a Law Enforcement Ranger with the BLM, talk about “Archaeological Resources and Public Lands law Enforcement”.

The BLM enforcement role is to

- Enforce the Antiquities Act of 1906 and the Archaeological Resource Protection Act (ARPA) of 1979
- Protect public resources
- Public safety of public land users



Jason Bulkley

Jason described the various aspects of the two resource protection laws. The Antiquities Act of 1906 was determined to be constitutionally vague in a court case in 1974. In 1979 congress passed ARPA. This act essentially protects material remains of past human life or activities of archaeological interest of at least 100 years of age. A key passage of this law reads “The purpose ... is to secure, for the present and future benefit

of the American people, the protection of archaeological resources. Archaeological resources on public lands are an irreplaceable part of the nation's heritage”.

The BLM rangers perform their duties in one of two ways.

1) Proactive patrols focus on

- Site monitoring and documentation
- Site steward ride along patrols
- Focused patrols
- Prevention through signage, education and outreach with the focus on education.

2) Reactive Activities include

- Responding to reported activities
- Investigations

Jason believes that there are two types of people who will cause damage to archaeological resources. The first is someone who does something on the spur of the moment. He believes that these people best benefit by an education program. The second type of person is the “full time collector” who he believes should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

The law enforcement ranger program is understaffed. There are currently 3 rangers assigned to the Arizona Strip (4 million acres), 2 assigned to Southern Utah (650,000 acres) and 0 in Cedar City (5 million acres). The rangers need your help. You can help by becoming Site Stewards and by reporting any observed damage directly to law enforcement – caution is a must.

The contact information for Jason and his colleagues is:

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Thanks

Thanks to Jason Bulkley and Curtis Racker for a great lecture and for all you and your colleagues do to protect the archaeological resources in Utah and Arizona.

Thanks to Dave Evans for leading the field trip and to Wade Norton for taking the photos that I used in the field trip report and in the newsletter

Final Thought

It's Thanksgiving and I have much to be thankful for – a wonderful family and especially our first grandchild – Will who is now 5 month old, good friends and great home in beautiful St. George.

I am also thankful for the great group we have in DAS. I am thankful for our wonderful board that has helped me a great deal this year, and for you, our enthusiastic members without who DAS would not exist. But mostly I am thankful to have the opportunity to serve you as best I can. I truly look forward to our meetings and field trips and the opportunity to relive those events by preparing the newsletter and website.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families!

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John Mangels