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July Meeting

- When:** July 10, 2013
- Where:** Pizza Factory, St. George @ 6 PM
- Why:** Summer 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.

Field Trip Report

The June field trips were to Anasazi Ridge to view the morning solstice and to Parowan Gap to view the solstice sunset.

Anasazi Ridge:

There was a large crowd present on the Ridge to see the solstice events. Paul Taylor and Feather Robinson were there to provide information and to lead a discussion of the events. Feather also discussed the “Creation Panel”



Paul Discussing the Bird Shaman



Light arrives on the Bird Shaman



Paul photographing the Bear Shaman



The “Creation Panel”

Go to

<http://dixierockart.webs.com/Technical%20Presentations/Observations%20of%20the%20Solstice%20and%20Equinox%20Events%20at%20Anasazi%20Ridge.pdf>

to see more images from the solar events at Anasazi Ridge.

Go to

<http://dixierockart.webs.com/Technical%20Presentations/Tales%20from%20the%20Ridge.pdf> to see a summary discussion of the “Creation Panel” at Anasazi Ridge.

Parowan Gap East

The petroglyph site at the East End of Parowan Canyon was a new visit for DAS (at least in recent years).

Located near the entrance to the Parowan Gap Canyon are a series of petroglyph panels. The glyphs consist of anthros, circles, concentric circles, spirals, ladders, wavy lines, and angular shapes. There’s even a “V” glyph similar to the “Zipper Glyph” at the Gap site.

The following are photos of the main panels at the Parowan Gap East site.





Go to

<http://dixierockart.webs.com/Field%20Trip%20Reports/Parowan%20Gap%20East.pdf>
to learn more about the glyphs at the Parowan Gap East site.

Parowan Gap:

One of the largest crowds in recent times, over 300 people, were present to hear Nal Morris describe the “Zipper Glyph” and to view the sunset.



The “Zipper Glyph”



Crowd watching the sunset



The sunset at the Gap – June 22, 2013

The sunset at the Gap never gets old. It was a great way to end a long day.

Go to

<http://dixierockart.webs.com/Field%20Trip%20Reports/Field%20Trip%20to%20Parowan%20Gap%20-%20June%202011.pdf> to see learn more about the glyphs at Parowan Gap.

Field Trip Info

There will be no field trip in July or August due to the hot weather. Field trips will resume in September.

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

Paul Taylor presented a progress report on the results of his research into the “Solar Events on Anasazi Ridge”. His presentation covered the events on the summer and winter solstices and the equinox. He showed time lapse photography for each time period for a number of panels including the “Bird Shaman”, the “Bear Shaman”, the “Hero Shaman”, the “Baby Shaman” and the “Sheep Panel”.

His research showed that the events are sequenced time wise – when one event stops another one starts. This is especially true of the summer solstice interactions on the “Bird Shaman” and the “Hero Shaman” panels.

He stressed that he did not know the stories of the different panels, he was certain that the light and the timing of the light interaction was a key part of the story.

Paul plans to continue his research on the site ad promised to provide updates on his research.

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Thanks

Thanks to Paul Taylor for a great lecture.

Thanks also to Paul and to Feather for their presence at Anasazi Ridge for the solstice. Their stories and discussion made the event meaningful for the large number of visitors that were present to view the solstice.

Final Thoughts

It's been a great field trip season. Thanks to everyone who participated. We went to a number of great sites and saw some beautiful examples of rock art along with some of the best scenery in the world. We are in the planning stages for next years trips – please contact me if your have any suggestions for future trips. We'll do our best to fit your ideas into the schedule.

I hope to see everyone at our annual summer party. This year it will be a Pizza Party in air conditioned St. George. We've learned that the mention of food always generates a good turnout. What a great way to spend an evening – with your archaeology friends.

I've said this many times – be very careful when hiking during the summer. It's always hot in St. George, but this year seems like it is even hotter than normal – 110F+ as I write this newsletter.

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