



NEWSLETTER

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May Meeting

- When:** May13, 2015
Where: DSU, Udvar-Hazy Bldg., Room 121 – NEW ROOM
Why: Samira Hall of Big Horn Archaeology will talk on “Toquer Reservoir and Ash Creek Pipeline”

Dues are Due

The 2015 DAS dues are due. They are \$20 for an individual membership and \$25 for a couple. These amounts are unchanged from 2014.

Please fill out the membership form <http://dixierockart.webs.com/Membership%20Information/1.%20Release%20of%20liabilityForm-DSA%20%202015.pdf> and either bring it along with your payment to the January meeting or mail it to

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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 April field trip was to three sites – Paiute Cave, Nampaweap and the Unikaret pueblo ruin, all on the Arizona Strip.

Paiute Cave is a Lava tube with remarkable pictographs in various colors – white, red and yellow.



Go to <http://dixierockart.webs.com/Field%20Trip%20Reports/Paiute%20Cave.pdf> to learn more about Paiute Cave.

The Nampawep site, located near Mt. Trumbull, is one of the largest petroglyph sites on the Arizona strip. It is about 1/2 mile long and it contains thousands of images on hundreds of boulders.



The Unikaret pueblo, located near Nampawep, is a large pit house complex consisting of many rooms blocks in a circular pattern around a center courtyard.



Unikaret Pueblo

Go to

<http://dixierockart.webs.com/Field%20Trip%20Reports/Field%20Trip%20Report%20-%20Nampawep%20-%20September%202011.pdf> and

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6nAVUsaxj2I> to learn more about Nampawep and the Unikaret pueblo ruin.

Field Trip Info

The May 16th field trip will be to Cave Valley. This trip requires an easy hike of about 1/2 mile one way on a well-prepared trail. Normal vehicles may be used. This will be about a 1/2-day trip. Bring a snack and plenty of water.

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 April lecture was “The Big Horn Medicine Wheel” by Virgil “Woody” Baston. Woody discussed his personal experiences with the wheel that date back to his childhood and as a cowboy in the Big Horn Mountains of Wyoming.

Woody described the wheel and the various solar alignments predicted by the wheel.



He gave his theory for the purpose of the wheel – a calendar that predicted when it was time to leave the mountain before the winter storms arrived.

Go to

<http://dixierockart.webs.com/Technical%20Presentations/The%20Big%20Horn%20Medicine%20Wheel.pdf> for a detailed summary of Woody’s talk.

Thanks

Thanks to Woody Baston for giving the April lecture.

Thanks also to Larry Carlson for leading the April field trip.

Final Thought

This month's final thought is a book review of Stephen Lekson's new book "The Chaco Meridian - One Thousand Years of Political and Religious Power in the Ancient Southwest" - Second Edition. This is a revised version of the original book published in 1999. This version has new ideas and discussions about Chaco Canyon, Aztec Ruin and Paquime that are not included in the original text or in his book "History of the Southwest" published in 2009. If you are interested in Chaco Canyon or are a Stephen Lekson fan, this is a must read.

This is good hiking weather. Be careful out there and remember - "Leave No Trace".

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