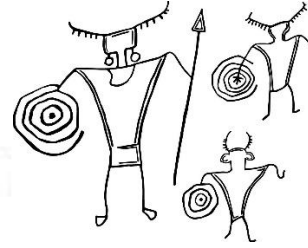


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From the Prez

Rick Mathews

I thought I'd tell you about my little adventure this February:

It was President's Day and I had the day off. The weather was good, the ground was dry and cloud cover was just right. So I left Provo and headed to Fremont Indian State Park.

Like any good tourist, I started at the visitor center. I toured the exhibits as a refresher in area's past. Then I started walking on the Parade of Rock Art Trail. I soon connected to the Court of Ceremonies Trail which connected to the Coyote Canyon Trail and finished on the Canyon Overview Trail. It was on the return hike I saw several images I hadn't seen before. (And if you're keeping track I skipped a few of the trails in that area.)

Now, I've been to Fremont Indian State Park before so it was like visiting with old friends you don't see that often. One of the reasons I love this place is there is so much imagery in a relatively small area. Visiting in Winter made me one of 10 or so visitors that day. I was able to take my time and go at my own pace.

I finished my short day trip in Skinner Canyon. I really had a good hike because I didn't pay close attention to the signs. This was also good, connecting with the scenery as the little rocks get stuck between your feet and your sandal. After my side adventure, I found the panel I came to see, the Drought Panel (Photo on the right, below).

I enjoy interacting with others you meet visiting sites. I always mention URARA and our mission. I don't know if anyone has ever joined because I talked about URARA but at least there are few more people who know about us and what we're trying to do.

I encourage you all to get out and visit sites as the weather and your abilities allow. Enjoy the sites. And when you can, share your knowledge and enthusiasm with others.



2025 Kanab Symposium Housing Info

Pat Sullivan

The plans for the upcoming Kanab Symposium are progressing. We will be sharing the Kanab Convention Center with another organization. Because they have the greater part of the convention center, we are restricted to a maximum number of people we can accommodate, which is 240. With our Symposium, the convention next door, and the number of people who visit Kanab that time of year, it puts a burden on the hotels, motels, and RV parks in the area. I recommend, if you are going to attend the Symposium, you make your reservations as soon as possible. I have no idea how quickly they will fill up. As far as I know, there are no other places near by that you can get lodging. Final arrangements have been made for the watermelon social late Friday afternoon. We have a large pavilion in their beautiful park and the use of a serving shack that has water and lots of counter space.

According to the Tourist Bureau, these are the various lodging places in Kanab:

Aiken's Lodge - 435-644-2625

Best Friends Roadhouse - 435-644-3400

Best Western - 435-644-2675

Canyon's Boutique Hotel - 844-322-8824

Canyons Lodge 844-322-8824

Comfort Suites - 435-644-8200

Days Inn and Suites - 435-644-2562

Flagstone Studios - 844-322-8824

Hampton Inn - 435-666-8282

Holiday Inn Express - 435-644-3100

Kanab Suites - 801-671-6196

La Quinta Inn & Suites - 435-412-6670

Perry Lodge - 888-289-1722

Quail Park Lodge - 844-322-8824

Quality Inn - 435-644-8888

Red Canyon Cabins - 435-767-9593

Red Rock Country Inn - 435-644-8774

Rodeway Inn - 435-644-5500

Sun & Sand Motel - 435-644-5050

Timber and Tin - 435-668-3955

Travelers Motel - 435-644-2228

Travelodge - 435-668-3955

The following are RV parks in the area. I do not know how close they are to Kanab. I am sure you can call and find out.

Coral Pink Sand Dunes - 435-648-2782

Crazy Horse RV Park - 435-644-2782

Dark Sky RV - 435-819-0992

Grand Plateau RV Resort - 435-657-6100

Hitch N Post RV 435-644-2142

J & J RV Park - 435-899-1956

Kanab RV Corral - 435-644-5330

Ponderosa Grove - 435-644-1200

Questions, contact me at: Pat Sullivan - 4rockart@gmail.com

New Patina Article

Dennis DeVore

A new paper has been posted to the Patina section of the URARA website. The author is Francois Gohier, who reexamines a panel in Thompson Wash near the ghost town of Segoe, Utah. At the 2013 URARA symposium Francois presented a paper describing the distinct anthropomorphs at the site as being Fremont-like. Since then some have claimed the petroglyphs are more recent and of Ute origin. In this recent paper, Francois defends his original claim, adds support, and concludes once again, that they are of Fremont origin.

Field Trip Leaders Needed for Symposium

Tina Tan

As you know, this year's URARA Symposium will be in Kanab, and we're working on lining up field trips (FTs). That means we need **Field Trip Leaders (FTL)** to make them happen!

If you're planning to attend the Symposium, why not lead a field trip while you're there? We can't run these trips without leaders—it's a great way to connect with fellow URARA members while sharing your love for rock art. It'd be a shame to have great trips lined up but no one to lead them, so why not step up and make it happen? I'd love to hear from you: tinatan07@gmail.com

Not attending the Symposium but still interested in leading a trip? No problem! If you'd like to organize a regular (non-Symposium) field trip, just send me an email with the site you have in mind, and we'll work together to get it on the calendar. Let's talk - email me at: tinatan07@gmail.com

Upcoming Field Trips

A big thank you to those who have already volunteered to lead field trips—your help is truly appreciated!

Planned trips will be posted on the calendar, but please note that details may shift—some trips might be added, others adjusted. I'll update the calendar in *Vestiges* each month so you can stay in the loop. Keep your eye on the calendar for planning purposes.

Registration for field trips typically opens **3-4 weeks before** the trip date.

Looking forward to another great season of exploring together!

DAS Inviting Speakers

Kaye Robinson

The Desert Archaeological Society (formerly Dixie Archaeological Society), St George, is looking for speakers for its monthly meeting. If you have a research topic or a book in progress, give Kay Robinson a call: (435)628-8987, <whitefeather7@gmail.com> .

DAS meets monthly on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Udvar-Hazy Building on the campus of Utah Tech in St George, September–May. DAS has been experimenting with on-line presentations and may get that up and running one of these days. They offer a \$100 speaker fee.

Some Musings

Troy Scotter

I'm shocked to discover that my age begins with a "6". I've retired, mom and dad have passed, and so it is time to think about what I want to accomplish with my remaining time and finances. I've spent the last decade trying to reduce my impact on global warming. Now it is time to turn my attention to things that I enjoy.

I hope to spend a lot more time in the field. I have three goals in that regard: (1) I want to document 1000 rock art or archeology sites using our Survey123 apps so that URARA and SHPO can benefit from what I am doing. (2) I want to find a Haskett point. (3) I want to get better at documenting archeological sites. I have discovered that in Utah if you are 63 or older you can attend any state university for \$20 per semester as an auditing student. So, I am currently enrolled at UVU and enjoying a class on Great Basin Archeology. I'm updating my reference tools: identifying pottery, projectile points and stone tools.

The next four years will be interesting. We have a President with a "drill baby drill" policy, bent on eliminating obstacles including the National Environmental Protection Act. I expect we are going to have a lot of proposed lease areas to comment on. And that will get me out in the field...which should help with the 1000 sites and maybe that Haskett Point.

If you want to help document sites with our Survey123 Apps but don't know quite how to do that please let [Kent Williams](#), [myself](#), or [John Diehl](#) know. We would love to help.

Rock Imagery in the News

Urbanization threatens ancient petroglyph in St George KSL.com 18 January 2025

<https://www.ksl.com/article/51232157/urbanization-threatens-ancient-petroglyph-in-st-george>

BLM seeks information about vandalized Buckhorn Draw petroglyphs KSLTV Feb 4, 2025, 3:11 PM

<https://ksltv.com/local-news/blm-seeks-information-about-vandalized-buckhorn-draw-petroglyphs/735342/>

Calendar, URARA Events and Field Trips

March 7-8	URARA Sand Island Alumni Reunion, Sand Island
April 12	URARA FT Horseshoe Canyon (Great Gallery) in Canyonlands
<u>April 15/16</u>	FT Cottonwood Canyon and Monument Valley (Robert Van Orden)
April 16-17	FT Monument Valley and Cottonwood Canyon (Robert Van Orden)
April 22	URARA Q2 Board meeting on zoom 6:00 Mountain time
May 17	FT Nine Mile Canyon (Layne Miller)
June 20-21	FT Vernal, Solstice Site, Cub Creek, McConkie Ranch McHugh/Koerner
August 15-17	URARA Summer Picnic, Flaming Gorge
Sep 17-19	FT Perfect Panel and sites nearby (Rein and Jan Van West)
Sep 29-30	FT Wells Preserve/Black Mesa, Santa Fe area (Bob Crifasi/Tina Tan)
October 9-13	URARA Symposium Kanab
Oct 15-18	GBAC Conference, Reno https://greatbasinanthropologicalassociation.org
October TBD	FT Gold Butte, Nevada (Deb and John Mitchell)
October TBD	FT Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site, Colorado (Bob Crifasi/Tina Tan)

URARA symposia and field trips (FT) are available to members only. All members receive an email notification when a field trip opens for registration. Email notifications go out 3-4 weeks before a trip. You can register for a field trip when you get the notification. If a trip is full when you try to register, your name is added to a wait list. You will get another notification if and when someone drops out and you can be added to the trip.

American Rock Art Research Association (ARARA) is hosting on-line events. Free access is granted to URARA members. Registration at: <https://arara.wildapricot.org/Lectures>

Desert Archaeological Society (DAS), St George, meets on the second Wednesday of the month. Accessible on-line via ICL. Saturday field trips once a month.

San Diego Rock Art Association (SDRAA) meets on line until further notice.
<https://sandiegorockart.org/meetings>

Colorado Rock Art Association (CRAA) will continue to present occasional webinars on Zoom
<https://coloradorockart.org/>

Crow Canyon Archaeological Center Weekly Webinars, Thursday, 4:00 Mountain Time

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