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President's Message

My best wishes to all for the holiday season. I am sorry we have not yet been able to join with the members for the traditional December gathering in Salt Lake City. No doubt, it will be an enjoyable experience for those who are able to attend. A special treat this year will be the program presented by Bob Reed.

On behalf of our board and all the URARA membership, I extend our grateful appreciation and "Thank You" to Troy Scotter for his diligent, excellent efforts as our principal representative regarding Nine Mile Canyon developments. He has followed the issues closely, especially regarding issues relative to the attenuation of the damage to the rock art there caused by the truck traffic supporting the Bill Barrett Corporation's research and drilling activities.

Please see Troy's update in this issue.

Also, look for "Unsung URARA Heroes", which honors some of those who consistently work behind the scenes. We are fortunate to have many talented, knowledgeable members who willingly contribute to our effective organization. Only a few are recognized in this issue, but to all named, or unnamed, known or unknown--THANK YOU!

As noted in my November message, the board of directors will meet in St. George on January 16 and 17. The 2010 board members are listed near the end of this issue. A new president will be elected at this meeting. Unless otherwise noted, the board meetings are open to all members. Anyone having suggestions or issues to recommend for discussion at this January meeting, please contact me at SLRMAR@cox.net or by phone 310-378-0320.

Happy Trails,

Steve Robinson
2009 URARA President

Annual December Meeting and Potluck

December 4, 2009

Contact persons: Barbara Saxon, 801-262-4432 and Barbara Green, 801-466-7702

The December meeting and potluck will be December 4, 2009, at 6:00 pm. The location is the traditional place--the First Unitarian Church, 569 South 1300 East, Salt Lake City, UT. It will be hosted by the two Barbara's, i.e., Green and Saxon, who will do their always excellent job of organizing the potluck dinner. They will be calling members and coordinating the food selections for the potluck. A honey-glazed ham will be provided by URARA.

Robert Reed, who chaired the symposium in Cedar City, will be presenting the program. He has created a DVD with many pictures from the symposium, plus some pictures from the summer picnic. In addition, he may share some nice footage of the dinwoody images from the trip he and wife Carol took to Wyoming last summer.

Nine Mile Canyon Update

By Troy Scotter

It appears that an agreement regarding vehicular traffic associated with drilling around Nine-Mile Canyon has been reached. URARA has been involved for over a year in the development of this agreement along with many other interested groups including the BLM and the Bill Barrett Corporation. The URARA board of directors is now reviewing the agreement and is deciding whether to sign the agreement to indicate their support.

The nomination to the National Register has passed the initial phase of review by the federal authorities. It is now in a public comment period. We hope to hear a final announcement regarding National Register of Historic Places status by the end of the year.

Here is an article from the SL Tribune about the nomination:

http://www.sltrib.com/ci_1376304

Unsung URARA Heroes

Editors

There are members of URARA who contribute excellent and valuable service and receive little or no recognition for their efforts.

One of these persons is Tom Getts, a member from Colorado, who set up and maintains URARA's website. He is truly an unsung hero. And an uncomplaining one! Every month he posts the latest issue of *Vestiges* and is always responsive when there are other changes to be made.

Shortly after the symposium, in preparation to listing the new volume of UTAH ROCK ART, he called to our attention that the publication chart was not up to date.

As usual, without hesitation, Tom undertook the task of updating the chart from five years ago. This included posting the cover of each volume plus the Table of Contents, so that it is possible to get a clear picture of what is included in each volume. This creates a valuable reference resource.

Three other unsung heroes are Anne McConnell, Elaine Holmes and Anne Carter who together edited, created art work, and succeeded in being published as UTAH ROCK ART, the papers from the last four years of symposia.

Then there are the two Barbara's--Barbara Saxon and Barbara Green--who undertake the responsibility of making the December potluck meeting such a success.

All these people have worked behind the scenes to make URARA the outstanding organization that it is.

Good News for Southern Utah's Public Lands

Contributed by Ben Everitt

Signed into law on March 30, 2009, the "Omnibus Public Land Management Act" designated two million acres of wilderness and more than 1,000 miles of wild and scenic river segments in nine

states. Section O of the Act brought significant changes to BLM's St. George Field Office, which manages approximately 630,000 acres of public land in Washington County, Utah; these lands preserve thousands of archaeological sites, including rock art sites, many as yet undocumented, and provide habitat for many threatened and endangered species.

Through this legislation, two National Conservation Areas, the Red Cliffs NCA and Beaver Dam Wash NCA, 14 Wilderness areas, and approximately 19 miles of designated wild and scenic rivers were designated on BLM managed public lands in Washington County. The St. George Field Office has recently hired additional staff, including a law enforcement ranger, two recreation technicians, an outdoor recreation planner, and a biologist to help with the additional workload created by the new special management areas.

For further information, see http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/fo/st_george.html.

Field Trip Report -- Salt Creek, Oct 20-25

By Ben Everitt

I'm just back from a Jeff Allen special backpack trip to Salt Creek. Here is a short report of the fall 2009 trip. What a fabulous place!

Salt Creek is in the Needles section of Canyonlands National Park and is known for its scenery, ruins, and unique pictographs. Four of us, Jeff Allen, Lois Mansfield, Joe Brame and myself, went from the top down, starting at the Cathedral Butte trail head on October 20 and coming out at Squaw Flat on October 25.

Permits are required, with all kinds of rules and regulations designed to make the trip as unpleasant as possible. No fires, no matter how hard it rains. In the upper canyon, campsites are assigned. Our spot (SC2) is locally referred to as "the parking lot" for the quality of the sleeping surface. It has barely room for four tents, counting the hill of big red ants in the middle. Fortunately, because of the rain, the ants were not active. SC2 could just as well be called "A river runs thru it", so actually the ground wasn't as hard as it usually is.



Waterfalls everywhere



White dots and handprints are the dominant motif



The All-American Man.



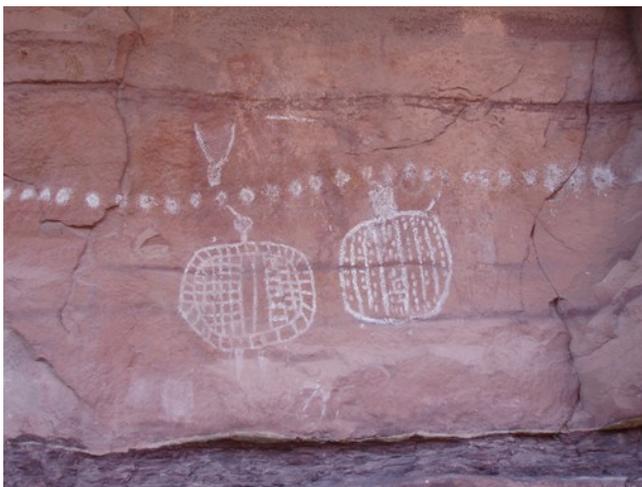
Waiting for the morning sun to melt the ice off the tents.



The three musketeers at Angel Arch.



Our patron, the rain god Tlaloc, wearing his fringed raincoat.



Past the gatekeepers with their wicker shields



Then up over the rim



If you get lost, there are signs pointing the way up. Joe is firing up his Magellan, to read his coordinates relative to the north pole or some mythical spot that has nothing to do with water, food, or shelter. [Actually Ben provided 25 pictures of the trip. To see more contact Ben at rockdoc@xmission.com]

Field Trip Proposal - El Paso, Texas - February 12-16, 2010

Leader, Glenn Omundson, jgomundson@yahoo.com, 915-584-7862

The time has arrived to collect some preliminary information leading to the organization of a field trip to the El Paso, Texas area in February, during the Presidents' Day weekend. Glenn Omundson, URARA member living in El Paso, would like to organize a field trip and show off the numerous glyph sites in his area.

Areas in the designing of this trip could include: Pony Hills, 500+ glyphs of archaic and Mogollon; Massacre Peak, 100+ glyphs of Mogollon; Diversion Dam, 3 sites of Mogollon glyphs and pictographs; San Diego Peak, aka TONUCA, 300+ glyphs of archaic Mogollon; Rincon Site - owls and "goggle eyed" glyphs; Centipede Caves, glyphs of archaic, Mogollon, and Apache; Haas Canyon, aka Little Cunningham Tank, desert archaic, Jornada Mogollon with Meso America influences; Alamo Canyon Sites including Site 4 featuring a 28' long Story Teller Panel of at least 100 glyphs; possibly Alamo Mountain, 10,000+ glyphs of desert archaic, Jornada Mogollon, and Apache; and more. This preliminary inquiry is to identify those who are interested in joining such an adventure.

Glenn would like you to e-mail him with your response and questions to this offering. He can be reached at jgomundson@yahoo.com.

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Membership Reminder

The universal renewal date for URARA is October 31 of each year. The current rates are \$15 Student; \$25 Single; \$30 Family. You may download the form from utahrockart.org and mail it to the suggested PO Box or you can mail it to the Membership Chair, 26717 Grayslake Rd, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA. Thank you and we welcome your continued membership.

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