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## Summer Picnic and Fieldtrips

Submitted by Bob Reed

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Last reminder of the annual URARA picnic at Singletree Campground off Hwy 12 on Boulder Mountain near Torrey, Utah. Arrival is to be on Friday, August 23. Fieldtrips will be finalized Saturday. We will have a potluck that evening and some followup fieldtrips Sunday. Bring a dish for Saturday. I will bring chili. My phone number has changed to (801) 441-2177. Come escape the heat and socialize. Drop me an email or call to let me know you are coming.

## URARA 2013 Symposium

By Troy Scotter

Our annual symposium will be held in Moab October 11-14 at the Moab Valley Inn.

### Agenda

Thursday October 10

- Field trip for field trip leaders
- Documentation project field trip (Crescent Junction)

Friday October 11

- Fieldtrips
- Watermelon Social

Saturday October 12

- Presentations

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Sunday October 13

- Presentations
- Business meeting
- Dinner and auction

Monday October 14

- Fieldtrips

**Accommodations**

I moved to Utah in 1990 and remember Moab as a sleepy little town. There weren't that many hotels, but there were fewer tourists. Restaurants were few and their food wasn't that exciting. Things have sure changed. Our big concern with symposium is the lack of hotel rooms and the high prices. If you haven't made your reservations, it is imperative that you do so now. I have been traveling in Asia for the past month and haven't followed up on accommodations since prior to the trip. But at that time there were rooms available at the symposium location: The Moab Valley Inn. Here are the details:

Price \$116.95 or \$143 for a suite. Use group code is AS102013

<https://bookings.ihotelier.com/bookings.jsp?groupID=1065698&hotelID=75490>

Diane Orr reported that the Virginian had rooms available for \$79. The local tourist board did a survey of all accommodations and found the following:

Name	# Rooms	Rate	Contact
?		\$139-149	Adobeabodemoab.com
Holiday Inn Express		\$189	435-259-1150
Casa del Canyon	1	\$125	<a href="http://www.amoabhouse.com">www.amoabhouse.com</a> 435-260-9172
Moab Property Management	59		<a href="http://www.moabutahlodging.com">www.moabutahlodging.com</a> 800-505-5343
Rim Vista townhome	1	\$235	<a href="mailto:debhenderson@frontier.com">debhenderson@frontier.com</a>
Vista La Sal	1	\$275	<a href="http://www.vrbo.com/118079">http://www.vrbo.com/118079</a> 801.631.5797
3 Dogs and a Moose Cottages	1	\$125	<a href="http://www.3dogsandamoosecottages.com/cottages.cfm?mode=detail&amp;id=7908556235691">http://www.3dogsandamoosecottages.com/cottages.cfm?mode=detail&amp;id=7908556235691</a> 435-260-1692
Red Rock Lodge	20	\$68	<a href="mailto:redrocklodge@frontiernet.net">redrocklodge@frontiernet.net</a> 877-253-5431
Moab Realty	3		<a href="mailto:beckymbyrd@gmail.com">beckymbyrd@gmail.com</a> 435.260.2842
Best Western Plus Canyonlands	Some		<a href="mailto:reservations@canyonlandsinn.com">reservations@canyonlandsinn.com</a>
Sorrel River Ranch	?	Expensive	<a href="mailto:stay@sorrelriver.com">stay@sorrelriver.com</a>
Moab Dreams	A couple		<a href="http://www.moabdreams.com/">http://www.moabdreams.com/</a>

For people who are traveling with friends, the condominiums may represent a good value where you can share accommodation with other couples.

## **Field trips**

Dell Crandall reports that fieldtrips are progressing well. He says we currently have enough leaders, although if anyone would like to put their name on the list he would appreciate some backup leaders in case someone needs to drop out. Contact Dell at: [dcglyphs@etv.net](mailto:dcglyphs@etv.net) . A list of field trips will appear in the August Vestiges.

There are some special trips being organized. On Thursday Oct 10 there will be a special trip just for field trip leaders. A little "thank you" from URARA. Also on Thursday we will be organizing a documentation trip to Crescent Junction. The Bakers will be preparing photos of the site so that we can use the drawing technique used at Sand Island. It makes documentation very easy and intuitive. Walt Layton will show us how to do that part of the process. Leigh Grench, a BLM archeologist from Moab, will help us identify the archeology, prepare site maps, and complete the IMACS form. This is a great opportunity to learn about documentation. Sign-up information will be in the August Vestiges.

For those of you who prefer a more individualized approach to viewing your rock art Dell is preparing several self-guided rock art tours.

We have one final special event. Francois Gohier will be spending the entire day on Friday Oct 11 at the Thompson Wash rock art site, often known as Sego Canyon. I consider this Utah's best rock art site with spectacular Ute, Fremont, and Barrier Canyon images located within a few yards of each other. I hope that many of you who are interested in a less intense field trip will drop by to talk to him about this fantastic site.

## **Presentations**

Nina Bowen announces that there will be a great lineup of speakers at this year's symposium. Sally Cole has agreed to be one of the keynote speakers this year, and will be sharing her insights on the Mill Creek Moab recording project. The Moab area is a melting pot of cultures, and maybe she can help enlighten us on the subject. Larry Loendorf will also be a keynote speaker and address the topic of "Medicine Wheels, Buffalo Caves, and the Will of the Sun."

We will also feature Steve Manning, David Sucec, Francois Gohier, Jim Farmer, Chris Oravec, Mary Gilliam, Leticia Neal, Carol Patterson, and Robert Dundas, as well as others. Don Montoya and Richard Jenkinson will be local speakers.

Saturday's theme will be Barrier Canyon Style rock art (what else), and Sunday will focus on preservation. There will be subjects of interest to many.

## **Auction**

Carol Garner reminds us that it's time to think about donations for the silent auction. Think of something rock art-related and interesting, educational, exciting, or just plain funny that you can bring to add to the fun(d)raising. As usual, Dell Crandall and Larry Evans will be reigning, explaining, and entertaining! For any questions or to send a donation if you are not able to attend, contact Carol Garner at [gypschoar@aol.com](mailto:gypschoar@aol.com)

## **Registration and Sign-Ups**

The August Vestiges will contain a detailed agenda, list of field trips and speakers, and registration forms for members and vendors.

## **Our Volunteers**

It is difficult to understand the level of work and number of people required to organize our annual symposium. We'll have 15 to 20 speakers who spend their time to prepare a great presentation and a similar number of field trip leaders who will be out driving the roads prior to

your arrival to ensure you have a good experience. Another 5 to 10 people will keep you well fed and a similar number will be helping with registration, managing vendors, making sure the technology works, assigning you to field trips, creating T-shirts, making the auction a success, and printing name tags. Dell started working on the field trips last year in Vernal and Nina and Diane have been working on speakers for the last six months. The local tourism agency has been very proactive in helping us and the motel representative has worked hard to open up rooms for us and to make sure we have a good experience. As always, our friends at the BLM and National Park Service collaborate with us to review sites we will visit to make sure we are doing the right things. It isn't quite a cast of thousands, but sometimes it feels that way. I wish to thank all of you who cheerfully pitch in to make our event a success.

## Calendar of Events

Postponed	Mansard Site Documentation, Kanab, UT - Paula Reynosa
Aug 8 - 11	Pecos Conference, Flagstaff, AZ
Aug 23 - 26	Annual Picnic, Boulder Mountain, Singletree Group Campground
Oct 11 - 14	URARA Symposium, Moab, UT

## Pecos Conference

Submitted by Ben Everitt

This year's Pecos Conference is in Flagstaff, August 8 - 11. Put it on your calendar. See [http://www.swanet.org/2013\\_pecos\\_conference/](http://www.swanet.org/2013_pecos_conference/). First inspired and organized by A.V. Kidder in 1927, the Pecos Conference has no formal organization or permanent leadership. It is run much like the mountain man rendezvous of old, for archaeologists to knock the dust off their fedoras at the end of the field season, sit around the campfire, review their work and swap stories.

## Proposed Potash Mine in Pilot Valley

Submitted by Ben Everitt

URARA has been invited to work with the Oregon-California Trails Association (OCTA) to review a proposal for a potash mine in Pilot Valley. Pilot Valley is on the branch of the Immigrant trail across the Bonneville Salt Flats called the Hastings Cutoff. Seldom used after the Donner-Reed Party's famous adventure in 1846, the route still shows a surface trace (see the Crater Island 7 1/2' topographic quadrangle). There is reputed to be rock art near Donner Spring, on the west side of Pilot Valley. Oscar Olson is looking into it.

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