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President's Letter

Submitted by Ben Everitt

I'm afraid the pres doesn't have much to say this month. He's been busy with the Page Rendezvous and other stuff. The Rendezvous weekend is on its way to being a huge success. We have more than 50 registrants. Art and Marie Cloutier have put in a huge amount of work organizing field trips and rounding up leaders, along with Joe Brame at this end. Y'all come on down. There are still a few openings on field trips. And the weather? Well, it's April.

Planning Calendar

April 4-6	URARA Rock Art Rendezvous, Page, AZ Signup via e-mail to urara.joe.brame@gmail.com
May 3-10	Utah Archaeology Week
June 5-8	USAS Convention
July 4-7	ARARA Conference, Rock Springs, WY www.arara.org
August 7-10	Pecos Conference, Blanding, UT www.swanet.org/2014_pecos_conference\
August 15-18	URARA Picnic (Tentative)
October 10-13	URARA Symposium Kanab, UT

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URARA Rock Art Rendezvous

Submitted by Joe Brame

This three-day weekend of field trips near Page, Arizona runs Thursday April 3 through Sunday April 6.

53 URARA members have signed up for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday field trips. There are openings for 16 on easy trips, for 8 on moderate trips, and for 14 on difficult trips. There is one opening on the Colorado River Trip to two sites (\$85) and two openings on the Lake Powell 1776 Inscription trip (free courtesy of the NPS except for the park entrance fee; bring your old timer's pass). To sign up for any of the remaining trips, please contact Joe Brame at urara.joe.brame@gmail.com or 801-993-4007.

The evening schedule:

Thursday, April 3, 7:00 PM at the Page Townhouse - Orientation meeting for field trips and presentation by Art Cloutier on the rock art on the Colorado River below the dam. If you want to sign up for a field trip at the last minute, be sure to attend this meeting.

Friday, April 4, 7:00 PM at the Page Townhouse - Paul Ostapuk describes the discovery and authentication of the Escalante 1776 inscription.

Saturday, April 5, 7:00 PM at the Page Townhouse - Art Cloutier discusses Navajo Cosmology.

The Page Townhouse is located at the intersection of 6th Avenue and S. Navajo Dr., Page, AZ, just west of John C Page Park, which has street parking for 20-30 cars.



2014 URARA Fieldtrips

Submitted by Steve Acerson

April 4-6	URARA Rock Art Rendezvous, Page, AZ Signup via e-mail to urara.joe.brame@gmail.com
May 17-18	Salina UT Oscar Olson and Steve Acerson
June 14	Fruitland UT Oscar Olson and Steve Acerson
July 12-13	Fillmore UT Oscar Olson and Steve Acerson
August 15-18	URARA Picnic, Elk Ridge or Natural Bridges, UT (Tentative)
September 27-28	Price UT BLM Site Documentation TBA
October 10-13	URARA Symposium Kanab, UT TBA
November 1-2	Delta UT Oscar and Steve Acerson
December 6-7	To be Announced

Oscar Olson and Steve Acerson have submitted these fieldtrips, which are principally in northern Utah except as noted. Steve and/or Oscar will provide further information including meeting time and meeting place and road conditions. To sign up for the April or May fieldtrip, please contact Oscar Olson at 801-485-0862 or Steve Acerson at 801-423-7044 or whiteh20rockart@gmail.com.

Call for Symposium Papers (URARA)

Submitted by Margaret Grochocki and Ben Everitt

34rd Annual Symposium, Kanab, Utah, October 10-13, 2014

The symposium program committee announces a call for presentations and papers for the Utah Rock Art Research Association's 34th annual symposium, October 10-13, 2014. Papers will be delivered on Saturday October 11th and Sunday, October 12th.

We are particularly interested in papers relating to the Kanab area and southwestern Utah. We are interested in a broad range of subjects, including those which

- Bring historical understanding to rock art studies
- Heighten the experience of visiting rock art both culturally and aesthetically
- Report on rock art preservation projects, preservation issues, or current threats

Please submit abstracts to Margaret Grochocki by July 1, 2014

Email: margaret.grochocki@gmail.com or phone 801-282-5850

Abstracts should be 150 words or less. Presentations, with the exception of keynote speakers, will be a maximum of 30 minutes. Reports will be 15 minutes. Presenters will use PowerPoint software that will run on a PC laptop. Contact Troy Scotter (troyscotter@gmail.com) for technical questions. The committee will review abstracts for suitability, subjects balance, and time allotted.

Presenters will have their registration fee waived, be a guest of URARA at the Saturday evening banquet, and receive a \$100.00 stipend.

URARA does not intend to hold copyright to your presentations. It does not retain electronic copies of presentations longer than necessary for symposium purposes. Modern communications being what they are, if your presentation contains sensitive material or photographs, we advise that you request your audience to refrain from taking photographs. Printed copies of abstracts will be available at symposium for attendees.

Following each symposium, URARA publishes a symposium proceedings volume. Presenters are strongly encouraged to submit a written version of their paper for publication in the proceedings to provide a permanent public record.

Call for Symposium Fieldtrip Leaders

Submitted by Ben Everitt

We are also soliciting field trip leaders. Symposium field trips will be scheduled Friday, October 10 and Monday, October 13. If you would like to lead a field trip, contact Joe Brame at <mailto:urara.joe.brame@gmail.com> or 801-993-4007. Field trip proposals are welcome, including proposals for multi-day trips before or after the conference. To be sponsored by URARA, field trips must be approved by the landowner or land manager. A bonus trip for field trip volunteers only is planned for the Thursday before symposium.

Kanab Accommodations and Camping

Submitted by Ben Everitt

Bus tours to Zion, Bryce, and other National Parks book large blocks of rooms in Kanab, so rooms are not plentiful. October is high season for Kanab, so book as soon as you can.

We have secured special rates at:

- Best Western Red Hills - \$99.99 + tax per room. Call 435-644-2675 and mention the Utah Rock Art Research Association rate before September 9, 2014. After that date, rooms are subject to going rates and availability.
- Days Inn Kanab - \$89.99 + tax per room. Call 435-644-2562 and mention the Utah Rock Art Research Association rate before September 1, 2014. After that date rooms are subject to going rates and availability.

Kanab has several in-town campgrounds with restrooms, water and electrical hookup, and wi-fi, but most get highway noise. Google "Kanab Utah camping". We are looking at group camping options at several locations.

March Fieldtrip Report

Submitted by Steve Acerson

Lake Point Field Trip, March 15-16

The weather again was something to be considered. Members are visiting places all over the world. Most in warmer locations, and probably on bucket lists. I think Ed Delay gets the prize, with a visit to Antarctica. Eight people signed up for the adventure, but when the day arrived, only four showed up. Oscar Olson, Steve Acerson, (Trip Leaders), Walt Layton, and Steve's wife Diana.

Walt informed us about the geology formations, and Oscar had all the old trail locations. Steve always seems to find one or two symbols no one remembers. The wind slowly ended, and the sun's warmth made the day very comfortable. Yes, Steve was in shorts and sandals. The group wandered around Scott's spring and enjoyed the boulder scatter display of rock art. Oscar left for a birthday party, while the rest of the group drove to the next hike.

With a permission slip on the dash, we drove to Stansbury Island. We could have walked across to the island as low as the water is. Walt was excited to get a chance to finally see if there is actually rock art there. He had heard about it for years, but hadn't made the trek out. By the time 4:00 rolled around, Walt was tired of taking pictures, and the blue tape didn't stick to the surface anymore.

On Sunday morning, Steve used Diana's dropped scarf as an excuse to return with Oscar and Diana to explore a few more places on the island. There is a lot of shooting of firearms in this area. Luckily, there was a ranger patrolling, and the people were cleaning up their spent shells and targets.



We are enjoying these fieldtrips and invite everyone to join us.

Gold Butte NV Temporary Closure

Submitted by Joe Brame

Public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Northeastern portions of Clark County within the Gold Butte, Mormon Mesa, Bunkerville Flats Areas will be subject to temporary closures beginning **March 27, 2014**.

The BLM Southern Nevada District Office and the National Park Service's (NPS) Lake Mead National Recreation Area are taking steps to resolve a long-standing cattle trespass on federal lands. As cattle that are in trespass are removed, specific geographic areas within the overall closure boundary will be temporarily closed as necessary for the safety of the public, federal employees and contractor personnel. Areas temporarily closed to public access will be posted with signs and a temporary closure notice. Some areas may also be temporarily fenced off to members of the public.

Additional details:

Federal Register at www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-03-27/pdf/2014-06826.pdf

daily updates at www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/lvfo/blm_programs/more/trespass_cattle.html.

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