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## President's Letter

Richard Jenkinson

I just returned from the ARARA conference in Laughlin, NV. There were several URARAnS there as well as ARARA members from around the country. It was my first time to visit the Colorado River corridor and its rock art. There were no organized field trips, but several of us went to Grapevine Canyon and other sites in the mountains west of Laughlin. We also went on a long ride through Oatman, AZ and over Sitgreaves Pass east of Laughlin. If you haven't been to Oatman, you've missed, well . . . something. The presentations were interesting and I won \$8.50 gambling in the casino.

Our own symposium will be in Escalante the first weekend in October. Don't forget to make lodging reservations soon; Escalante is a small town and October is a busy month for them. See you there!

### Lodging Options in Escalante

1. Canyons Bed & Breakfast 120 E. Main St. 435-826-4747 [canyonsbnb.com](http://canyonsbnb.com)
2. Canyons of Escalante RV Park 495 W. Main 888-241-8785 [canyonsofescalantepark.com](http://canyonsofescalantepark.com)
3. Circle D Motel & Eatery 475 W. Main 435-826-4297 [escalantecircledmotel.com](http://escalantecircledmotel.com)
4. Cowboy Country Inn 25 S. 100 West 435-826-4250 [cowboycountryinn.com](http://cowboycountryinn.com)
5. Escalante's Grand Staircase B&B/Inn 280 W. Main 866-826-4890 [escalantebnb.com](http://escalantebnb.com)
6. Escalante Outfitters & Bunkhouse 310 W. Main 866-292-0041 [escalanteoutfitters.com](http://escalanteoutfitters.com)
7. Escalante's Wild West Retreat 269 S. 200 East 866-292-3043 [wildwestretreat.com](http://wildwestretreat.com)
8. Kiva Kottage Highway 12 Milemarker 73.8 435-826-4550 [kivakoffeehouse.com](http://kivakoffeehouse.com)
9. La Luna Desert Retreat 580 S 600 West 435-826-4708 [lalunadesertretreat.com](http://lalunadesertretreat.com)
10. La Luz Desert Retreat 680 W 600 South 435-826-4708 [laluz.net](http://laluz.net)
11. Padre Motel 20 E. Main 435-826-4276 [padremotel.com](http://padremotel.com)
12. Prospector Inn 380 W. Main 435-826-4653 [prospectorinn.com](http://prospectorinn.com)
13. Rainbow Country B & B 585 E. 300 South 800-252-8824 [bnbescalante.com](http://bnbescalante.com)
14. The Shooting Star RV Resort 2020 West Highway 12 435-826-4440 [shootingstar-rvresort.com](http://shootingstar-rvresort.com)

15. Slot Canyons Inn North Creek Lakes Exit on State Highway 12 866-889-8375  
slotcanyonsinn.com

16. Southwestern Retreat 600 W. 600 South 435-826-4708 southwesternretreat.com

17. Red Rock Ranch Escalante 450 East 300 South 801-619-6434 redrockranchescalante.com

In addition to the options above, camping is available on surrounding BLM lands in any area that is already disturbed. There are also many houses available for short term rental. Real estate agent Leslie Venuti (435-668-0540) can inform you regarding availability of rentals and help you make arrangements.

## Call for Papers, 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium

Richard Jenkinson

The symposium program chair announces a call for presentations and papers for the Utah Rock Art Research Association’s 35<sup>th</sup> annual symposium, October 2-5, 2015, in Escalante. Papers will be delivered Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. We are particularly interested in papers related to the Escalante area in southern 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 Richard Jenkinson by July 1, 2015.**

Email: [rcjenkinson@yahoo.com](mailto:rcjenkinson@yahoo.com) or phone 435-260-0918

## Calendar and Field Trip Schedule

June 12/13.	Sawmill and Coalville sites
July 11/12.	Fillmore and Delta Areas
Jul 31-Aug 2	URARA Summer Picnic, Blanding*
August 6-9	Pecos Conference Mancos, Colorado
September.	Connor Springs, Box Elder Canyon
October 2,3,4,5.	URARA Symposium, Escalante
November 7/8.	Bluff
December 5/6	Nine-Mile and Argyle Canyons

\*For summer picnic details, see May Vestiges

## TreadLightly-BLM Regional Stakeholder Meetings

The non-profit organization Tread Lightly! and the Utah State Office --Bureau of Land Management have partnered to address the issues associated with looting and vandalism of archaeological and paleontological resources in Utah. Engaging stakeholders with various interests across our community is key to developing a compelling and persuasive education and communication campaign regarding archaeological and paleontological resources. Stakeholders should represent a broad array of interests in archaeological and paleontological resources, provide input on priority issues and message development, and identify communication avenues and outlets.

Three Anti-looting/Vandalism Stakeholder Meeting are scheduled for June:

PRICE, Wednesday, June 17, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM, Utah State University Eastern Prehistoric Museum  
155 East Main, Price, Utah 84501 | (435) 613-5060

MOAB, Thursday June 18, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Moab BLM Office - 82 Dogwood Avenue, Moab,  
UT

ST GEORGE, Friday June 19, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, St George BLM, 345 E. Riverside Drive, St.  
George, UT 84790 | 435-688-3200

URARA members are encouraged to attend one of these neighborhood meetings to voice opinions and offer suggestions. **RSVP:** <http://tinyurl.com/UtahArchPaleoMtgs>, or contact Dianne Olson at [dianne@treadlightly.org](mailto:dianne@treadlightly.org) or 801-627-0077 ext. 13.





# Colorado Field Trip Report

Dennis DeVore

The Colorado trip was May 1-3. Twenty URARA members made the trek to Grand Junction, which served as headquarters for the long weekend. We had great weather--blue skies, cool sunshine and fortunately, our timing was ahead of the month-long rainy cycle that started just as we finished. Day one saw us heading for Glade Park, which is only 12 miles southwest of Grand Junction, but 1500 feet higher in elevation. Our destination was Sieber Canyon to see the variant Fremont figures found only in this area. Glenn and Margaret Stone were day leaders, they know this area well, which is nice when the hike is about 6 miles roundtrip. As a bonus, Glenn even led us to the elusive '4th Owl' which could also be called the 4 foot owl, a finely rendered, but stylistic petroglyph. Perhaps it had been painted at one time, but the remaining pecked portion is still impressive. Day two was a driving day, through Unaweep Canyon to the resort town of Gateway. Our destination was the Dolores River valley. Day leaders Randy Johnson and Ed Horton showed sites all along the river. The most extensive was the Rock Creek rock shelter overlooking its confluence with the Dolores River. We ended the day at the Hummingbird Site, then back to Grand Junction for the night.



Day three is best described as "potpourri day" with myself the day leader. First we dropped into a slot off the top of Colorado National Monument, then back under the rim to an archaic rock shelter to see some faded old petros that only rock art fans can appreciate. Then on to Glade

Park, to a unique painted rock shelter with figures that, shall we say 'are not quite BCS' and leave it at that. Then west into of all places--Utah. Yes, across the border into the little known Dolores Triangle, which can be accessed only from Colorado. The triangle is formed by the convergence of the Colorado and Dolores rivers. We visited the Stateline panel, then turned around and headed back to Grand Junction. To wrap up the day, we made a quick stop at one of the few Western Message Petroglyph panels known to exist (there are only 30 or 40 sites in several western states). These historic sign language glyphs have been documented for years, and are approximately 100 years old. They are precise and consistent, yet no one knows their origin. If interested, three Utah WMP sites are listed in Castleton Volume Two: Fillmore, p65; Nephi, p91; and Cedar City, p115. Either you appreciate them or not; for me it has taken awhile, but I like the mystery surrounding them. If any group can find more, it will be members of URARA. According to Glenn Stone, a new

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set of WMP figures has been confirmed near Moab, at the Squaw Park site recorded earlier this year. So...there are more out there.

Next year, if URARA wants us on the schedule, our group intends to offer a Colorado Trip Part 2. We just couldn't see it all this year. We would plan to base out of Naturita and explore the upper Dolores and San Miguel, which includes Paradox and Big Gypsum. This trip will include some genuine Barrier Canyon figures along the Dolores and you can see the gradual transition to Basketmaker style rock art, plus all the nice Ute sites.

Attendees included Oscar Olson, Joe Brame, Barbara Green, Terry Swanson, Dave Manley, Leigh Grench, Nina Bowen, Steve & Diana Acerson, Richard Jenkinson, Ed & Mary Anne Delay, Paula Derevensky, Keith Fessenden, Glenn & Margaret Stone, Ed Horton, Randy Johnson, Dennis & Judi DeVore.



## URARA Facebook Page

**Ben Everitt**

If you are a face-bookie, Paula Quay has set up a new facebook page to replace the old unused one. She and Richard will be the monitors. The new one is "URARA Utah Rock Art Research Association". Check it out. Use it for impromptu trip announcements or last minute changes. Post pictures (but not GPS coordinates!)

*June 2015*

## New Books on the Anasazi

### Joe Brame

05/15/2014 ISBN-10: 0826354785, David Stewart, 2014, *Anasazi America: Seventeen Centuries on the Road from Center Place*, 2nd Edition

03/19/2015 ISBN-10: 1442246456, Stephen Lekson, 2015, *The Chaco Meridian: One Thousand Years of Political and Religious Power in the Ancient Southwest*, 2nd Edition

04/13/2015 ISBN-10: 0393241629, David Roberts, 2015, *The Lost World of the Old Ones: Discoveries in the Ancient Southwest*, 1<sup>st</sup> Edition

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