DIXIE ARIZONA STRIP INTERPRETIVE ASSOCIATION

TENTATIVE 2017 FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

JANUARY 26 – CEDAR LIVESTOCK AUCTION, UT

Cedar Livestock was started in the mid 40's by three or four livestock men. Sales were held on Saturdays and mostly sold cattle and a few sheep. In the mid 60's, the sale barn was purchased by a local cattle buyer, Fred Levanger. Later, Fred sold the barn to a man from Delta named Knight. LW Gardner from Richfield bought the barn from Knight and he hired Met Johnson to run the sale in the mid 70's. Met took over and bought the barn from Gardner and made many improvements. The Market Grill was added as well as new pens. In 1989 Bret and Margo Whittier bought the barn from Met and Lana Johnson. Cedar Livestock Market continues today with the support of the great livestock people of Southern Utah, Northern Arizona, and Southeast Nevada.

FEBRUARY 23 – GOLD BUTTE, NV

Gold Butte is located between the Grand Canyon Parashant National Monument, Arizona, and Lake Mead National Recreation Area, just south of the City of Mesquite. It is over 350,000 acres of historical, cultural, and biological resources. Gold Butte is named for the historic mining town and tent city of 1,000 miners in the early 1900's.

MARCH 23 – TASSI RANCH, NV

North of the Grand Canyon in the Mojave Desert lies Tassi Ranch, approximately 200 acres of creosote bush ranchland in Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument. Today, the remnants of the early twentieth century ranch can be found under the shade of an oasis of cottonwood trees, fed by the Tassi Springs near the center of the ranchland. The adaptations the ranchers undertook as they worked to establish agriculture in an extreme, remote desert are still visible in the landscape today.

APRIL 27 – CLOVER VALLEY, BARCLAY/PIOCHE, NV

Pioche is an old town by western standards, with many of the buildings predating the turn of the 19th century. Boot Hill, the million-dollar courthouse, the Thompson Opera House, and the town museum are must stops. Clover Valley is a remote valley settled by families from southern Utah, with a charming restored school house.

MAY 25 – GRAND GULCH MINE, AZ

This abandoned copper mine was once the richest in Arizona. At the peak of production, the site employed nearly 80 people. Various mining buildings can be seen, all in varying stages of deterioration. Most of them were constructed around the turn of the last century. The site included a rock bunkhouse and a rock cookhouse. Mining continued until 1918.

JUNE 22 – HIDDEN CANYON, AZ

An exceptionally scenic 4WD road through Hidden Canyon crosses the Grand Wash Cliffs. Small canyon cliffs appear four miles in, then become higher and higher as the road winds downstream along the canyon floor, repeatedly

crisscrossing the normally dry streambed. Juniper and pinyon pine on the Shivwits Plateau in the upper canyon give way to Joshua trees in the desert country below.

JULY 27 – MT. LOGAN, AZ

Mt. Logan is an area of interesting volcanic activity. It includes basalt ledges, cinder cones, ponderosa pine forests, pinyon-juniper woodlands, and a large, colorful, naturally eroded amphitheater known as Hells Hole. The area provides habitat for deer, turkey, and Kaibab squirrels

AUGUST 24 – NAMPAWEAP/WITCHES POOL, AZ

One of the largest known rock art sites on the Arizona Strip is Nampaweap (Billy Goat Canyon). The site is 1/2 mile long and contains thousands of individual rock art elements on hundreds of boulders. On the flank of Mt. Trumbull, a reliable water source holds much of the human history found on this plateau. This pool of seemingly permanent water is referred to variously as Witch Pool or Witches' Pocket. Near the pool on the lava wall, a white cross has been painted onto the surface.

SEPTEMBER 28 – HOUSE ROCK VALLEY RANCH/BISON HERD

This 60,000 acre wildlife area is one of only 2 sites in Arizona where one may see state-managed bison herds. House Rock Valley, along the eastern edge of the Kaibab Plateau, has good views into the Marble Canyon portion of Grand Canyon National Park.

OCTOBER 26 – BIG SPRINGS, AZ

Big Springs Administrative Center is on the National Register of Historic Places and has been used by homesteaders, and later the Forest Service, since the 1800's. The complex consists of an historic office, dining hall, shower house, group kitchen, seven residential units, and several administrative structures

NOVEMBER 30 – JUMP UP CANYON, AZ

Since the 1900s, Jumpup cabin has been used by ranchers as well as the Forest Service, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. With a panoramic view of Kanab Creek Wilderness, the cabin sits on the edge of Jumpup canyon. From the front door you take in a wide open expanse of red rock descending into canyon walls below, lined with juniper, pinyon, yuccas, sage and cliffrose.

IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING REGISTRATION TO PARTICIPATE IN FIELD TRIPS:

Due to limited group size and high demand, you must register to participate in field trips. Sign up begins one month prior to each trip at approximately 1:10 p.m. on each Friday at the conclusion of the Brown Bag lecture. Participants must provide their own vehicles and fuel. Many trips will require a high clearance vehicle and four-wheel drive capacity. Lunch is provided by DASIA for a cost of $10 per person.

THIS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON WEATHER, ROAD CONDITIONS AND SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS. PLEASE CONACT THE PUBLIC LANDS INFORMATION CENTER FOR ANY SCHEDULE OR LOCATION CHANGES.

Reservations may be made by calling the Public Lands Information Center at 435.688.3200