

# DIXIE ARIZONA STRIP INTERPRETIVE ASSOCIATION

## TENTATIVE

### 2019 FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

#### JANUARY 24 – LOGANDALE, NV MUSEUM

The Old Logandale School Historical and Cultural Society (OLSHACS) has restored a historic school that includes a museum of pioneer artifacts and library. It was constructed of native stone and consisted of four classrooms, a bell tower, a gym and stage. We will be visiting with Beezy Tobiason, a local champion of Moapa Valley historic preservation.

#### FEBRUARY 28 – LYTLE RANCH PRESERVE & WOODBURY DESERT STUDY AREA

Thirty-six miles west of St. George, Utah, across the Beaver Dam Mountains, is a natural oasis known as the Lytle Ranch Preserve. This remarkable area of beauty and biological diversity - one of Utah's most delicate and unique ecosystems - is preserved for study and enjoyment. Consisting of more than 600 acres the Preserve is situated along the Beaver Dam Wash drainage at an approximate elevation of 2800 feet, one of the lowest points in Utah.

#### MARCH 28 – SILVER REEF MUSEUM AND YANT FLAT

Silver Reef was a mining boom town in the late 1800's with the discovery of silver in sandstone- a geological rarity. Silver Reef still displays some of the ruins of the former boomtown. Once called the finest stone building in Southern Utah, the restored former Wells Fargo Express office, now serves as a museum. If weather and road conditions allow, the group will also travel on to Yant Flat at the base of Pine Valley Mountain. High clearance vehicles are strongly recommended.

#### APRIL 25 – RAINBOW CANYON & CALIENTE, NV

The Rainbow Canyon Scenic Drive is a relaxing and enjoyable ride on a paved road through Rainbow Canyon, a deep canyon located just south of the town of Caliente. What makes Rainbow Canyon an enjoyable drive isn't tall mountains, but instead the colored rock and interesting rock formations along the road. Throughout the drive, the traveler will see large formations of red rock and rock formations that defy easy description.

#### MAY 23 – PINTO & PAGE RANCH, DIXIE NATIONAL FOREST

Pinto, with its lush meadows and clear stream of good water, was a natural stopping place on the Old Spanish Trail. Another historical stopping point along what was once a major freighting and travel route was Page Ranch. The house served regularly as an informal hotel for travelers and as a boarding house for men working in the nearby iron ore mines

#### JUNE 27 – TASSI RANCH, GRAND CANYON-PARASHANT NATIONAL MONUMENT

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. High clearance vehicles are required.

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★ **AUGUST 22 – SKUTUMPAH ROAD, GRAND STAIRCASE ESCALANTE**

★ Skutumpah captures the beauty of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument with its rugged 34 mile dirt road that winds past some great slot canyons. When you pass over a narrow wooden bridge at the Bull Valley Gorge Trailhead, you might want to look around and see if you are able to see the old jeep stuck down in a crevice. Also look for Willis Creek and Lick Wash, both wonderful slot canyons. This trip will be an extended, long day. High clearance vehicles are strongly recommended.

★ **SEPTEMBER 26 – PAROWAN GAP ROCK ART/AUTUMN EQUINOX**

★ The Parowan Gap is an incredible area with a plethora of prehistorical and historical values. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Parowan Gap includes many petroglyphs of native people, markings from Spanish explorers and 19th century pioneers. The area today is still used for livestock grazing. The petroglyphs found at the Gap are speculated to have many possible meanings depending on who interprets them. The autumn equinox takes place earlier in the week, but will still be evident in the layout of some ancient markers on the site.

★ **OCTOBER 24 – MARBLE POINT, KAIBAB NATIONAL FOREST**

★ Marble Viewpoint offers a spectacular, panoramic view of House Rock Valley, Vermilion Cliffs, Marble Canyon, North Canyon and Saddle Mountain Wilderness, with excellent opportunities to view such wildlife as deer, fox, turkey, squirrel, grouse, hawks, eagles and a number of songbird species. Fall colors should be abundant. High clearance vehicles are strongly recommended.

★ **NOVEMBER 21 – KAIBAB PAIUTE COMMUNITY & PIPE SPRING NATIONAL MON.**

★ The Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians is a federally-recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act. The Kaibab Indian Reservation, which is adjacent to the Arizona-Utah border, lies within the Tribe's vast aboriginal territory and encompasses approximately 121,000 acres. The reservation is surrounded by a wonderland of historic recreation and geological sights. Pipe Spring National Monument is located immediately adjacent to Tribal Headquarters.

**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 CONTACT THE PUBLIC LANDS INFORMATION CENTER FOR ANY SCHEDULE OR LOCATION CHANGES.**

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