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The Dixie Arizona Interpretive Association (DASIA) held a field trip to the Paria/Pahreah townsite on April 26, 2018. Pahreah was first settled in 1865 by a Mormon group led by Peter Shirts. In 1867 settlers began to arrive at a rapid pace. Farming produced good crops for several years, but irrigation was very difficult. Pahreah grew through the 1870s, gaining a general store, a church, a number of sandstone houses, and many log houses. The Paria River flooded every year from 1883 to 1888, washing away fields and even some buildings. People started to move away. By 1892 there were only eight families left. A lone bachelor prospector held out until 1929, then Pahreah was empty. In later years the film industry became interested in using the picturesque ghost town, with its canyon vista background, as a location for making Westerns. It fell into disuse after the filming of The Outlaw Josey Wales in 1976.

This trip lasted from 9:00 am to 5:30 pm. These maps show the route followed:

<http://wchsutah.org/flyers/2018-04-26-dasia-field-trip1.jpg>

<http://wchsutah.org/flyers/2018-04-26-dasia-field-trip2.jpg>

<http://wchsutah.org/flyers/2018-04-26-dasia-field-trip3.jpg>

We took the I-15 freeway up to Highway 9. Then out to Hurricane. From there we took Highway 59, which changed to Highway 389 at the Utah/Arizona border. Just past Colorado City, we turned onto Kane Beds Rd (Mohave County Road 237). We stopped there (A on the map; 36° 56' 49.14" North Latitude, 112° 57' 49.14" West Longitude; about 10:11 am) to make sure we had everyone. Then continuing east and northeast on the newly paved road, we crossed back into Utah where the road became Coral Pink Sand Dunes Rd (Kane County Road 43).

We stopped again at the Elephant Cove Kiosk (B on the map; 37° 1' 28.35" North Latitude, 112° 48' 11.26" West Longitude; about 10:22-10:33 am), a BLM interpretive site. There were some interpretive signs and Milt Hokanson told us about what we were seeing.

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03662.php>

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03663.php>

<https://www.recreation.gov/recreationalAreaDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&facilityId=257176#mapviewportanchor>

<http://www.utazatvclub.org/index.php/projects/elephant-cove>

From there, we continued on to and along the northern border of Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park. We stopped at a point along the highway (C on the map; 37° 3' 12.28" North Latitude, 112° 42' 46.80" West Longitude; around 10:50-11:10 am) where we could climb a sand dune and look out over the park.

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03664.php>

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03665.php>

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03666.php>

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03667.php>

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03668.php>

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03669.php>

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03670.php>

Continuing northeast, we turned right from Coral Pink Sand Dunes Rd (Kane County Road 43) onto Hancock Road (D on the map; 37° 4' 34.77" North Latitude, 112° 42' 9.54" West Longitude; 11:13 am).

We stopped at BLM's Ponderosa Grove Campground (E on the map; 37° 5' 20.64" North Latitude, 112° 40' 20.16" West Longitude; about 11:17-11:24 am).

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03671.php>

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03672.php>

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03673.php>

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/ponderosa-grove-campground>

<https://www.recreation.gov/recreationalAreaDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&facilityId=257187>

Continuing on, we turned right onto US Highway 89 southbound (F on the map; 37° 8' 42.60" North Latitude, 112° 34' 6.17" West Longitude). We turned left in Kanab to continue east on US Highway 89 (G on the map; 37° 2' 28.4" North Latitude, 112° 31' 34.82" West Longitude).

We turned off US 89 at a place where there was a monument and some interpretive signs (H on the map; 37° 11' 9.78" North Latitude, 111° 59' 44.28" West Longitude; about 12:20-12:28 pm).

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03674.php>

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03675.php>

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03676.php>

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03677.php>

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03678.php>

Along the dirt road to Paria we saw:

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03679.php>

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03680.php>

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03681.php>

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03682.php>

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03683.php>

We stopped at a campground or picnic area with benches and a restroom (I on the maps; 37° 14' 13.49" North Latitude, 111° 57' 27.84" West Longitude; about 12:44-1:55 pm). There Ken Sizemore served us a lunch.

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03684.php>

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03685.php>

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03686.php>

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03687.php>

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03688.php>

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03689.php>

At various times, people went over to check out the old Paria Cemetery (J on the maps; 37° 14' 35.09" North Latitude, 111° 57' 27.69" West Longitude).

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03690.php>

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03691.php>

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03692.php>

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03693.php>

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03694.php>

Our last stop was at the river's edge (K on the maps; 37° 15' 2.29" North Latitude, 111° 57' 21.78" West Longitude; around 1:55-2:45 pm).

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03695.php>

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03696.php>

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03697.php>

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03698.php>

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03699.php>

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03700.php>

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03701.php>

We were not able to cross over the river to the town site on the other side, but I understand there isn't much left there. Susan Bieseles's mother, Betty Clegg, has provided us with some photos taken there in the 1970's:

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03702.php>

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03703.php>

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03704.php>

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03705.php>

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03706.php>

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03707.php>

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03708.php>

Our return trip was via Kanab, Fredonia, and Hurricane (map points H, G, and L).

We are continuing to solicit additional information about the subjects of these field trips. DASIA Executive Director, Ken Sizemore, and trip leader, Milt Hokanson, have agreed to offer a free field trip lunch for the best photo submitted from each trip. This month's winner is Susan Bieseles for:

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03687.php>

This and previous trip reports can be found as links in the Calendar History or Flyers webpages on the WCHS website:

<http://wchsutah.org/calendar-history-2018.php>

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<http://wchsutah.org/flyers/flyers.php>

The next DASIA field trip is on 5/24/2018 to Mt. Dellenbaugh on the Arizona Strip. This will be an extra long trip, leaving at 8:30 am and not returning until around 7:00 pm. This small volcano atop the Shivwits Plateau offers a great panorama of the Arizona Strip. You can see other mountain ranges in Arizona, Nevada, and Utah as well. Frederick Dellenbaugh served as artist and assistant topographer on Major John Wesley Powell's second river expedition through the Grand Canyon in 1871-72. The Dunn inscription is located on Mt. Dellenbaugh. Oramel and Seneca Howland with Bill Dunn were the three who left the Powell party in August of 1869, They were killed before reaching the Mormon settlements. Future trips are listed on the WCHS online calendar, <http://wchsutah.org/calendar.php>

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