

2009 Field Trip Review

March 20, 2009

Red Cliffs of McElmo Canyon

Leader: Rae Haynes

Participants: 11

Judy Lane guided the group into Canyons of the Ancients National Monument from a private ranch east of Sand Canyon. They visited several cliff dwellings and a kiln site.

Participants: Rae Haynes, Letha Cagle, Linda and Richard Robinson, Beth Cugini, Eliane and John Viner, Barb and Lyle Hancock, Vicki and William Coe

March 27 – 29, 2009

Bluff Area

Leader: Lyle Hancock

Participants: 12

After meeting at the Sand Island BLM campground just before noon on Friday, we set-up camp in the reserved group campsite, ate lunch, and then drove into Bluff to tour the old Mormon Fort, Bluff cemetery, and the Bluff Great House. We then hiked to the Sand Dune petroglyph panel where we spent the rest of the afternoon. We enjoyed a wonderful happy hour at camp and then stayed close to the campfire as the temperature plummeted.

On Saturday, we drove through Comb Ridge to Comb Wash where we drove south toward the San Juan River on the historic Hole-in-the-Rock Trail. We stopped to explore some abandoned Navajo ranch buildings and continued toward the river. After negotiating a rough section of road, we explored a great kiva site and some nearby P-I foundation walls. Then we drove along the Hole-in-the-Rock road to where it takes off up Comb Ridge. We hiked the historic wagon trail to the top of the Comb, passing the Mormon inscription, "We thank thee oh God." After hiking down, we ate our picnic lunches while relaxing on a bluff above the river, visited the nearby Barton trading post site, and walked a half mile to the River House, a P-III cliff dwelling. We returned to the campground for another fun happy hour and camp dinner.

We woke up Sunday morning to an approaching storm with freezing temperatures, and lots of wind and dust. After breaking camp, we headed over to the Bluff landing strip where we parked and hiked down to petroglyph panels in the sandstone cliffs along the floodplain. There were hundreds of petroglyphs in many panels. At this point the weather was turning, so we went to the Twin Rocks Café in Bluff for lunch and to warm up. After lunch, we viewed several petroglyph panels on the cliffs above the highway just east of Bluff. Then a dust storm arrived and we headed for home.

- by Lyle Hancock

Participants: Barb and Lyle Hancock, John Sanders, Carl Gutknecht, Joe Griffith and Dianne Donovan, Debra Van Winegarden, Nancy Mead and David Wright, Bill Cagle, Kristine Johnson, Irene Wanner

May 3, 2009

Dinetah Petroglyphs and a Pueblito

Leader: Rich Robinson

Participants: 8

Participants: Rich Robinson, Jerri Lincoln, Gail and Marlo Schulz, Bob Powell, Gail LaDage, Bill Cagle, Beth Cugini

May 8 – 11, 2009

Navajo Culture - Crown Point Rug Auction, Hubbell Trading Post, Canyon de Chelly

Leader: Gail and Marlo Schulz

Participants: 13

See separate report.

Participants: Gail and Marlo Schulz, Bev and Bob Danielson, Letha and Bill Cagle, Diane Skinner, Pam and Lyn Butler, Bob Powell, Janice and Brooks Taylor, Erma Ruth

June 6, 2009

Ute Tribal Park Service Day

Leader: Jim Shadell

Participants: 11

Participants: Jim and Kathleen Shadell, Andy Gulliford, Brigette Stehlik, Richard Robinson, Lyle Hancock, Richard and Gail Grossman, etc.

July 11, 2009

Telluride Museum and Telluride Blanket

Leaders: Jan and Ralph Blanchard

Participants: 26

Our group visited the Telluride Museum with Fred Blackburn to see the Telluride Blanket and other exhibits.

Participants: Jan and Ralph Blanchard, Letha and Bill Cagle, Kathleen and Jim Shadell, Rae Haynes, Gail and Marlo Schulz, John Sanders, Rhonda Raffo and Jim Mueller, Eliane and John Viner, Linda and Rich Robinson, Eliane and John Viner, Rick and Rae Moeller, Dorothy Nevill, Jeff Davis, Beverly and Paul Dittmer, and Margo and Ernie Cotton

July 30, 2009

Pigg Site Excavation and Lowery Pueblo

Leaders: Rhonda Raffo & Jim Mueller

Participants: 10

Our group visited the Fort Lewis College field school excavation at the Pigg site and Lowery Pueblo.

Participants: Jim Mueller, Rhonda Raffo, Linda and Rich Robinson, Letha and Bill Cagle, Gail and Marlo Schulz, John Sanders, Jim Shadell

August 21 – 22, 2009

Mining Museum in Creede and Summitville Superfund Site

Leader: Bruce Howard

Participants: 20

Our group toured the Underground Mining Museum in Creede with a retired miner as our guide, drove the Bachelor Historic Mining Automobile Tour, attended the Creede Repertory Theatre, and visited the Summitville Superfund Site.

October 17 – 20, 2010

Tonto Basin, Arizona

Leaders: Bob Danielson and Richard Robinson

Participants: 19

Participants: Bev and Bob Danielson, Bev and John Moore, Rhonda Raffo and Jim Mueller, Letha and Bill Cagle, Rae Haynes, Jill Ward, Eliane and John Viner, Margo and Ernie Cotton, Linda and Rich Robinson, Gail and Marlo Schulz, Bob Powell

November 6 -9, 2009

Santa Fe – Galisteo Basin

Leader: Richard Robinson

Participants: 17

Participants: Linda and Richard Robinson, Rae Haynes, Beverly and John Moore, Eliane and John Viner, Letha and Bill Cagle, Gail and Marlo Schulz, Marion and Andy Simon, Irene Wanner, Beth Parisi, Jose Olivares, E. Ruth