



DAS April 2018 Newsletter

DAS Meeting, Wednesday, April 11, 2018, 7 p.m.

David Sucec of the BCS PROJECT will present "Intimate Relations: Associations of Animal, Bird, Snake, and Plant Images with Spirit Figures in Barrier Canyon Style Rock Art."

At some Barrier Canyon style rock art sites, representations of bighorn sheep, deer, dogs, birds, snakes and plants are seen in close association with spirit figures. Whether bird, snake or quadruped, they are seen hovering over the heads, off the shoulders or flanking certain figures. Some can also be seen moving toward and around spirit figures. In their apparent intimate association, these compositions differ significantly from the animal/anthropomorph compositions that are seen in other Utah rock art styles and exhibit a remarkable similarity to the images of some hunting/gathering cultures such as the Huichol and Inuit--with representations of shamans and associated zoomorphs identified as "spirit helpers."

This illustrated presentation will begin with a brief overview of the ancient Barrier Canyon style and conclude with an overview of the BCS PROJECT and its efforts, for more than 25 years, to compile an exhaustive photographic inventory of the style.

David Sucec is a visual artist, independent curator and scholar and is the Director of the BCS PROJECT. David received the Utah Humanities Council's Research Fellowship in 1991 to initiate the project. He lives in Salt Lake City.

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Udvar-Hazy Building on the Dixie State University Campus
Room 121 (Boeing Auditorium)

Please Preregister for Field Trip to Alamo, Nevada, Region, April 21-22

Trip leader: Jeff Allen

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Departure place: BLM office on Riverside Dr (west side parking lot):

Departure time: 7:00 am sharp

Limit: 16, must be a DAS member.

Description: Jeff Allen will lead a two-day field trip to the Alamo, Nevada, region to see four important petroglyph sites. Saturday's field trip will be to The Gathering and the Shooting Gallery. Both are extensive sites. The Gathering has a variety of styles including patterned body anthropomorphs and a

variety of zoomorphs. The location near the edge of a dry lake indicates that it has been used for important purposes over a long period of time. The Shooting Gallery is infrequently visited and may well be a hunting magic site with many petroglyphs scattered among rocks and brush, including a spectacular rayed deer (rayed, not antlered). Sunday's fieldtrip is to Mt Irish with its classic Pahranaagat style anthropomorphs and to White River Narrows with a half-dozen sites including extensive archaic, ancestral puebloan, and Fremont-style petroglyphs. These are full days but are very rewarding. Alamo is about a three-hour drive from St George, so an overnight stay will be necessary (or you can attend only the Saturday field trip if you wish).

Alamo is a small town but there are variety of motels, a couple of restaurants, a gas station, and a grocery store with take-out food. Camping is available at the nearby wildlife refuge (no reservations required).

Vehicle: 4wd high clearance is best; high clearance for all but one site; carpooling is almost always available for the more difficult sections.

Hiking distance: Roughly 2 miles per day

Level of difficulty: The Shooting Gallery requires cross-country hiking through rocks and brush at times; The Gathering can be seen from below, but some scrambling will be rewarding; Mt Irish and White River Narrows are short, level walks. All require no more than moderate abilities and the more difficult sections are optional.

Bring: Water, food, hiking boots, binoculars, and camera with telephoto lens and extra batteries, and warmer clothing since Alamo is higher than St George. The trip is weather-dependent since dirt roads are used.

Contact Jeff Allen at allenjeffrey@beyondbb.com or 435-668-8644 if you have any questions before the April 11 meeting.

Please preregister: Please email name and phone number to spencercarola@yahoo.com as soon as possible. Let us know what vehicle you will be using and whether you would like to carpool the short distances not suitable for your vehicle. Registration will also be available at the April 11 meeting if space is available. Further information is available upon sign-up.

DAS Memberships Due

Please renew your dues for 2018 if you have not done so already. Annual dues are \$25 for an individual or \$30 for a couple. This cost includes the monthly meetings and the field trips. You can find the form on our website, <http://dixierockart.com> or you can pick up the application form at the meeting. Please make your check payable to DAS. Forms and checks can be mailed to:

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