

Vista Acres Post-Meeting Hike October 15, 2022

Rim Country Chapter (RCC) of the Arizona Archaeological Society held an in-person public meeting on Saturday October 15, 2022, at the Payson Forest Ranger Station. Our Meeting Speaker was Jim Krehbiel, who spoke on astronomical alignments marked out by Prehistoric Americans, sometimes by marking the observation point with petroglyphs with a view of the horizon.

After the meeting RCC hosted a hike to nearby Vista Acres. This site has several clusters of boulders marked with petroglyphs put on them by Prehistoric Americans, all with views of horizons. Jim Krehbiel and his research associate astronomer Natalie Cunningham accompanied the participating members of the Rim Country Chapter on this hike.

All Photos and Captions by Dennis DuBose.



Some of the Hike Participants Exploring Vista Acres



A Small Boulder with Baby Footprints Petroglyphs in the First Boulder Cluster



A Small Boulder with a Petroglyph of a Possible Anthropomorphic or Animal Figure Holding or Pushing a Circular Object, Possibly Representing the Sun or Moon, Only the Original Petroglyph Maker Knowing for Sure



Astronomer Natalie Cunningham and RCC President Examine a Large Boulder Covered with Petroglyphs



RCC Hike Participants Viewing the Same Large Boulder with Petroglyphs from the other Side



Our Speaker Jim Krehbiel Prepares to Photograph another Nearby Boulder with Petroglyphs



A Small Boulder with a Petroglyph Figure Possibly Representing a Star or the Sun



Approaching the Second Cluster of Boulders with Petroglyphs



Hike Participants Viewing the Second Boulder Cluster with Petroglyphs



Hike Participants Photographing a Boulder in the Third Cluster



Closeup View of the Boulder



Two More Third Cluster Boulders with Petroglyphs



Hike Participants Beginning Departure from Vista Acres