



## 2022 ICF Road Trip

Six ICF team members went on a road trip early in 2022. We visited historic sites as tourists, worked known areas, met new archaeologists, and worked several projects along the way. Along with our five certified dogs, we had three dogs in training who got valuable field experience. We went from California through Northern Nevada, Northern Utah, Southern Utah, Arizona and back through southern California to get home to the Bay Area. The picture below is our convoy at Terrace Cemetery Utah with Zia standing in the foreground.



## Proposal for an Archaeology Park in St. George, Utah

On top of a hill overlooking St. George, Utah, is a known archaeological Ancestral Puebloan site that is over 1000 years old. This site contains many features representing two eras of habitation. Local archaeologist, Greg Woodall, is working with local tribes and city officials to create an archaeological park that will feature the prehistoric and pioneer heritage of this

area. Ideas for this park include hands-on exploration opportunities for school groups, researchers, visitors, and local residents. Educational opportunities would provide a replica of a pithouse, interpretive signs, a kiosk and smart phone apps, as well as observing the actual site. One of the goals is to provide students with a better understanding of their heritage and local history.

Earlier this year, while working other sites in Utah, we found out about this project and connected with Greg. He was new to our dogs and was interested in observing them work. We were excited to participate in a very different survey for us. We were given the opportunity to work known burials at a Pueblo I Period (700 to 900 CE) site as well as having our dogs explore the area. We also believe we have identified a few other locations that might be burials. You can read more about this site in [The Spectrum](#) newspaper.

This project is truly a creative way of honoring our diverse heritage and we look forward to revisiting it as the concept takes form.

~Adela~



*John and Lynne talk to archaeologist Greg Woodall about about his vision for the park.*



*Concept drawing for the park: Adding a realistic 1000-year old Room Block & Pithouse where students could envision and explore what life was like 1000 years ago.*



*Above: Echo and Karen work the area looking for possible burials. Bottom Right: Jasper working. Bottom Left: Piper alerting.*



## **Terrace Cemetery**

Construction of the transcontinental railroad changed America forever. In 1869, the East- and West-bound tracks finally met up in Utah. Small towns sprouted up all along the route to support the railroad workers, and many of those towns have disappeared over time.

The town of Terrace UT was established in 1869 and at its peak had as many as 1000 residents. It was an important railroad maintenance and repair

headquarters for the entire Salt Lake division. In 1904, the Southern Pacific Railroad completed the Lucin Cutoff, bypassing many small towns including Terrace. Today only the cemetery, railroad ties, scraps of lumber, broken bottles and glass remain where the town was.

John Grebenkemper had been talking to Chris Merritt (Utah State Historic Preservation Officer) for several years. John planned an ICF road trip to "see history" and meet with Chris. One of the questions Chris asked was could ICF survey outside of the Terrace Cemetery fence as he believed there were more burials. Time's effect on wooden markers, along with vandalism, had left the cemetery with very few makers.

Chris was right, we found several potential burials outside of the current cemetery fence. A new fence is planned to encompass a larger area that will contain all the burials.

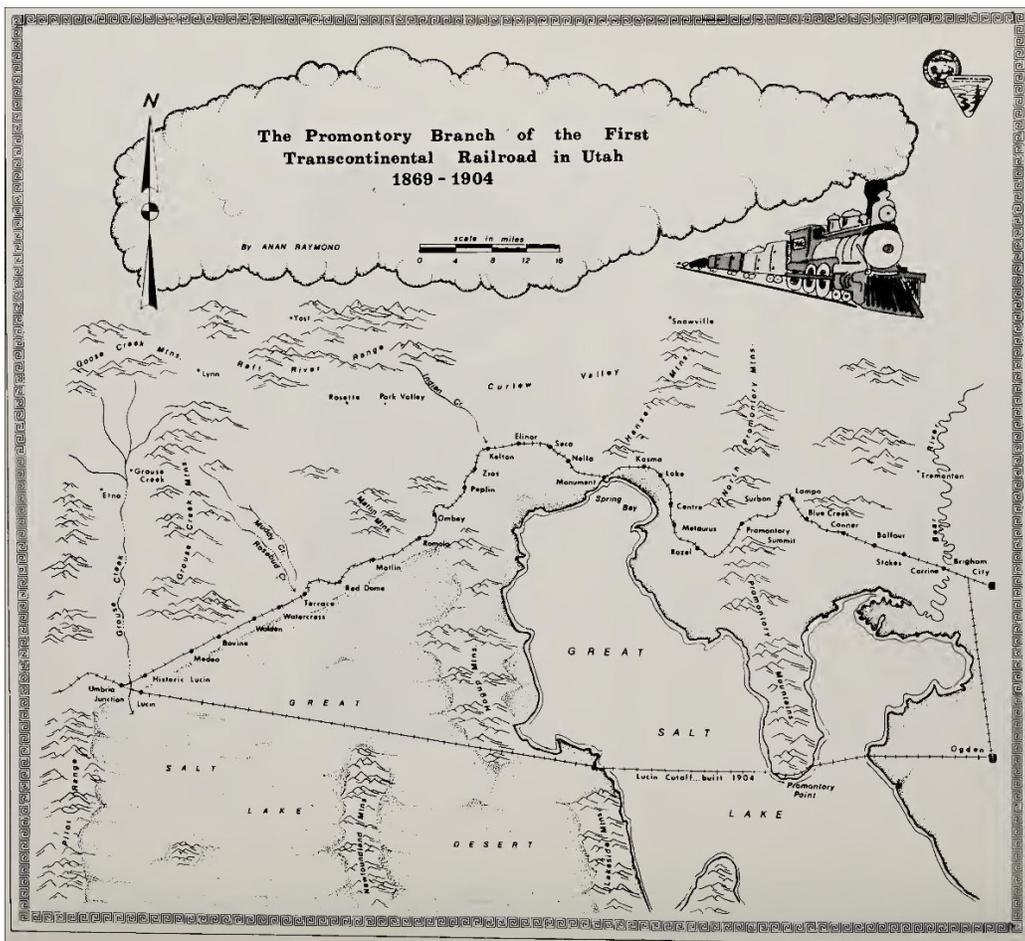
~Adela~



*The famous picture of the transcontinental railroad meeting up in Promontory Utah.*



The tracks running through the city of Terrace are no longer there, only what remains of the bridges and ties.



In 1904 the Lucin Cutoff was finished eliminating the tracks around the Great Salt Lake and causing the demise of many small towns along the original route. The new route was shorter and also straighter so the trains could go faster.



*Top: Teams work grids outside of the fenced Terrace cemetery to locate any unmarked burials. Jasper and Adela on the left, Piper and Lynne on the right. Bottom Left: Zia alerting Bottom Right: Jazz alerting*

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