

Introduction

Shorah, welcome, thanks for coming!

m.a.x.2.0 has asked me to speak about a couple of my research projects.

My understanding is that I have a 15-minute window for both my talk and a Q&A session, so I will present overviews of my Cleft Location Project and All Things Uru web site.

This should allow a decent time interval for any discussion afterward.

Cleft location research

Back in 2008 after the last cavern closure, I began a couple of surface Uru projects.

The first was the beginnings of my research about the true Cleft and cavern locations in New Mexico.

I started with researching D-ni lore, New Mexico history and geography/geology, Navajo mythology, the DRC records, and research done by other explorers.

Although I was, and still am, convinced that the caldera we have seen photographed by the DRC is a genuine location in New Mexico, our available clues are shrouded in deliberate misdirection as well as Wingrove-s artistic license and wild guesses about a number of details.

I eventually became distracted with an even more interesting and important branch of research, which I documented in several of my journals (available in my Relto library),

and so the Cleft location became somewhat dormant until two years ago when I began the MOULa forum thread dedicated to this topic (<http://www.mystonline.com/forums/viewtopic.php?p=385655>).

Since a number of explorers expressed their interest in this project through the forum, I resumed my research, started mapping out likely locations based upon an analysis of the evidence

and began a series of road trips to explore various parts of New Mexico for candidate volcanoes and D-ni-related petroglyphs.

I believe I have narrowed down the possible caldera locations and hope to continue surveying these areas over the coming months.

However, the weather thus far in 2014 has been frustratingly uncooperative, making it difficult to predict how many road trips I will be able to do this year.

All Things Uru

My second Uru project in 2008 was putting together a collection of Uru-related topics and designing a web site to host them: All Things Uru (<http://www.allthingsuru.com>).

Sadly, shortly before I was ready to deploy the Nexus area, the web standards changed and a number of the site-s javascript features no longer functioned.

So I had to set this project aside until I could discover a solution.

In the meanwhile, the cavern reopened, I began exploring the Ages again and discovered a fellow Age researcher on the forums, Larry LeDeay (larryf58).

I had so much fun documenting the zoology of the Ages on Larry-s thread (<http://www.mystonline.com/forums/viewtopic.php?p=380126>) that I decided to continue researching the Ages, this time focusing on botany, anthropology and archeology.

This did not go unnoticed and Nev-yn of the D-ni Museum of Arts and Sciences approached me on behalf of Professor Almaron with a request to do a thorough survey of the original five Ages.

With the help of some fellow researchers (Nev-yn, DLordofTime, Deck15 and KathAveara), I managed to complete the two garden Ages before the project went dormant.

However, it became clear that all this research was in dire need of an archival library.

I realized that the Relto portion of All Things Uru would be the perfect location for this information and so began the ongoing process of refurbishing the hut, adding in bridges and collecting historical records, artifacts, and a number of zoological specimens (<http://www.mystonline.com/forums/viewtopic.php?p=388620>).

The library and museum are always in the process of being updated, though much of this work by nature remains unseen until it is ready for community use.

Summary

There you have it! Are there any questions or comments?