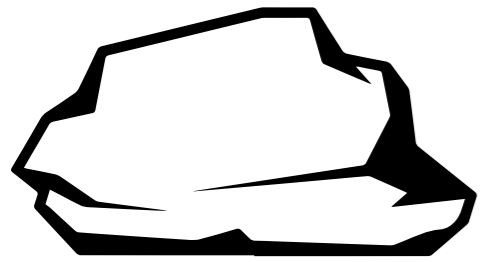


DAN DEVENY about DOOBY'S ROAD



Dan Deveny in front of Ground Zero. Photo credit: Flore Muguet, 2018.

Dan Deveny (born in 1950), a friend of DeWayne Williams (1918-1995), also known as Dooby, guides Flo along “Dooby’s Road.” This road is also referred to as “Dooby’s Lane,” “Guru’s Road,” or simply “the avenue” by Dan and Dooby. With a 32-year age difference, Dan was Dooby’s right-hand man. As he walks and drives Flo along the road, he describes and comments on each inscribed rock. Dan has a precise memory and extensive knowledge of each rock and art installation. The original display has changed over the years, as rocks have been stolen, moved, or altered by extreme weather, including floods and overgrown grass.

Dooby arrived in Gerlach in 1970. After visiting George Jaquith’s petroglyphs at the entrance to High Rock Canyon, Dooby was inspired to start his own project in 1978. He had already placed 50 rocks by the time Dan began assisting him in 1984. Together, they constructed the road with more than 500 inscribed stones. Dooby started carving using a hammer and chisel and later switched to an electric chisel for ease.

Dooby’s inscriptions on rocks and his art installations (Ground Zero, Elvis, Imagination Station-Desert Broadcasting System) were diverse, celebrating local Gerlach residents while also offering profound reflections on society, politics,

religion, economics, and media. Dooby had two daughters and a son. Dooby and Dan were occasionally assisted by DeWayne Williams Jr., Dooby’s son, known as “Dee” (1943-2024). An artist, Dee contributed to some stone structures and did major work on “Elvis’s cape.”

This interview was conducted by Flo, Flore Muguet, a French anthropologist, in 2018. Most of Flo’s questions have been omitted to improve the reading flow. In 2024, Flo extensively edited the final text and created the layout, incorporating her own photographs. The content has been organized into thematic sections, with words inscribed on the rocks presented in italics.

Special thanks to Philippe Steinman, known as “Fi,” Flo’s friend and longtime DPW member, for introducing her to Dan. Fi, a former neighbor of Dan’s in Gerlach, is now a member of the Stewards of Black Rock Desert, an organization dedicated to maintaining and restoring Dooby’s Lane and cleaning the roads around Gerlach.

For more information about the names on the Dooby’s Road tablets, refer to: Snyder, Gary. *Dooby Lane: Also Known as Guru Road, A Testament Inscribed in Stone Tablets by DeWayne Williams*. Catapult, 2016.

About Dan

DAN DEVENY I did get involved with the mining industry in early ‘90s... when I first came to town [Gerlach], I went over to Empire I thought about “Christ, I better go to work”. I went over to the factory over there, where they were making wall board. I guess I can do that, but I went over there, I wanted a tour. The plant was built in 1920 and by God the bearings and those things were vintage, it was horrible. There’s a loud place. I elected not to go to work there.

FLO I’m wondering how it was to help Dooby day by day. It was probably a lot of work and a lot of energy. Did you find yourself satisfied doing this?

DAN DEVENY I found it was good for me to do at the time. I’ve got no regrets about doing it at all. I didn’t have any income, so I was living lean. But I was able to live pretty lean, Dooby fed me off the stable or Bev fed me, I should say quite often; not like I was hitting him up for a meal all day, but

nonetheless Dooby was a gracious guy.

I left where I came from [in 1984], I was 34 years of age and I got married in 1995. And I didn’t think it was going to happen and I was okay with that. I’ve not had kids nor does my wife. Dooby died in 95. I would have been 45 years of age and him 77. [32 years difference].

Drew Barrymore made a movie here: *Far from Home* (1989). She’s an actress. Third generation actress. I worked on that movie. I got a credit in the listings. I was a carpenter.

I’ve helped Dooby picking up the rocks out to the grounds, loading it into this truck, off-loading it, bringing them out here and setting them out to display. Some rocks, all those dark brown ones, we would go get 50 miles away...

I still have my place next door to Fi, there’s my rockers seats. But I haven’t been here now for over 20 years. I

only came out to Gerlach four times last year, three or four times. I live in Winnemucca. This is, I think, the second time this year [2018]. Maybe third.

Some of these rocks are definitely out of order for sure. I kept it up for a couple of years after. I was in the country, and I’d come over here and chop the weeds down and whatever.

The only rock, I have ever written on and all I wrote in was a date, The date of Dooby’s death. The rock that he wrote his name on had his birth year. And he had spaces blank. And I filled in those spaces:

[Dooby’s years of birth and death rock] Here’s the stone we’ve been looking for. As you can see: Dee Wayne Williams, 1918. Dooby Avenue West. And he carved in the 1918 and I carved in the “95”, but if you look closely, I started pecking a four in here. So, I had to kind of redo it. Yes, that was one of his first stones on this avenue and there’s another

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large one back here that I think we’ll see too on the way back.

FLO “Always ready to lend a hand whenever he can, That’s Dan Deveny”. Well, that’s definitely you, for sure, helping Dooby for so long.

DAN DEVENY From my perspective I think that it would be pretty well received by the folks at Burning man if the road was built through so you could either walk it decently and if the displays were some sort of a holder.

I don’t think I could say I have a favorite of mine. For me it was the tenor of the whole thing, and it gave me a flavor of the guy. I was really hoping that a writer was going to put that flavor back together, redepicting the original creation. Dooby’s original flavor of his original creations and the rocks had already got buried and they had already robbed the cairn on the end when we went through there and had been for year.



"Always ready to lend a hand whenever he can, That's Dan Deveny." Photo credit: Flore Muguet, 2018.



Dan carved Dooby's year of death: 1995. Photo credit: Flore Muguet, 2018.

[Inscribed on a Rock by Dooby]

"Always ready to lend a hand whenever he can, That's Dan Deveny."

Dooby's Biography

DAN DEVENY Dooby worked various things. After the war, for example, he stayed in California for many years and there was a huge business, shipping all sorts of stuff off to Soviet Union and allies. And he shipped up crated up airplanes and got them on board ships.

Dooby ran for constable here. A guy probably still a constable here in town, Dave Carter. Dave worked for the GID, Gerlach Improvement District, [now called Great Gerlach Improvement District] for years and he's, I think retired now because the GID is no more, although it's sold to somebody else and they're doing different stuff there. Dooby ran for the position, but he says, "Christ, there's nothing to it. I could just as well as be getting 300\$ more a month than Dave. And you know, I can do nothing too." So, he ran, but he lost.

"The only rock, I have ever written on and all I wrote in was a date, The date of Dooby's death."

So, "a loss is a win, just knowing you have a hundred friends". He said thanks to the hundred people who voted for him. "Thanks again for your support", love you, Dooby.

Oh, this is Dooby's son's rock. He can draw very nice. He would've carved that in very nicely and that was his original paint too. That's the way he did.

"A straight shot to the Promised Land". There was a sign up on top of that post over there that used to say, "Dan and Dooby's North". And that's the direction to the Promised Land, right there. His daughter got that sign up.

Dooby's inspiration

FLO Those writings, just came out of Dooby's mind?

DAN DEVENY Absolutely, he interfaced with people, he loved people. He will get illuminated with some marijuana and about half the time, but we would go into Bruno's and Bruno would say: "You've smoking the wagon at the back in there." "Well, sure. Bruno, Christ. What do you think? Come in here to stir your soup up a little bit." ...and so he would pour Dooby a glass, not a shot, a glass of a whiskey. And Dooby would drink about half that glass of whiskey and then set the glass down and begin illuminating Bruno.

And after a while, Bruno would throw up his hands "blablabla" and he would walk out from behind the bar and leave the room. I mean, he had a bar full of people that was listening to it.

He wasn't crazy at all. To a lot of people.. there's something about his art that has been very appealing.

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The appellation Guru

DAN DEVENY The name guru was hung on to him by a niece. She came in from Florida, just a nice young gal. She loved her uncle and Dooby would eat up a certain amount of flattery and he liked his niece. She tagged him with it and so he took it and used it as “the guru of Gerlach”

FLO Did if he thought of himself as a guru and if some people named him as a guru, did he have any followers in a religious way?

DAN DEVENY No, he would laugh at the idea of being a guru. The idea of directing people’s direction is something that he would be absolutely opposed to. It’s not to say he wouldn’t engage anybody in conversation, but as far as telling anybody “You should be doing that”, not Dooby.

FLO He was politically engaged? He was philosopher in a way?

DAN DEVENY He was a philosopher in a way. He’s celebrating. This is a principle: Who keeps Gerlach smart daydream? That’s his principle. It gets a key power. Go for it!

FLO He seemed to be anti-structure, anti-hierarchy, anti-religion?

DAN DEVENY Well, he said this about religion; He and his wife read through the Bible together, twice. And they’d read parts of it and then talk about it. I wouldn’t call him a man by religion. I think he probably considered himself a...I don’t want to say a holy man, he had his fault. He would be the first to admit that without a doubt, but he hated the hypocrisy.

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The avenue

DAN DEVENY The road is probably a mile and a half at least with closer to 500 [rocks]. Dooby had started it before I came here. I came here in 1984.

It’s off the avenue a little bit, but this was the old wagon road going out to Wallaby and until they had big enough equipment to make fills and cuts, you got along with the topography as you could.

FLO So where are the stones coming from, those stones? From around here because they’re very black.

DAN DEVENY We picked up a lot of these over there. But these flat stones, these are probably just from over there and these are granite, so you can see these stains. [The red rocks were picked up 50 miles away]

There were a lot of rocks that have gone missing here for sure. I know some people were taking them. We caught up some guys taking a display down. And they got washed away in that downpour. Metric [Metric is a member of Black Rock friends and now a member of Stewards of the Black Rock Playa] was involved with some of the effort to recover the rocks. He got some people together.

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The relationship with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) of the Black Rock Desert

DAN DEVENY This next round rock was put up after the Bureau of Land Management. That’s whose land is recurring on. This was the old road to Gerlach used by wagons before they had enough equipment and power. Bud Cribley and Jeff McCosker working for the BLM out of Winnemucca said, “Well, we got to recognize this place or kick it off, one or the other.” And so, the BLM said, “Well, let’s give him a 35-year lease.”

Dooby was trespassing on public land. And he had not sought a permit or anything to do this. The road got very popular. The BLM had to recognize this place or kick it off, one or the other. So, the BLM said, “Well, let’s give him a 35-year lease.”

And somebody would, “Oh, we went out to Gerlach and checked out Dooby’s Avenue and met the guy and met the guru of Gerlach and what a great guy.” And you could hear every side of the story.



“People who are famous: Mary Minnitte, Dan Deveny, Patsy Stimarc.” Photo credit: Flore Muguet, 2018.

The Rocks

Celebration of Local People

DAN DEVENY [Bob and Marion Gooch] Dooby celebrated the local people. Bob Gooch ran the road department here. And when I came here, if you need a load of gravel, the County would haul it in for you. Bob Gooch headed up the road department. It was great. That’s his wife, Marion Gooch. It goes on and on. I can tell you a bunch of stories about any of these, for sure. Dooby tried to include everybody in this community on this road.

“People who are famous”. There’s two rocks there. That’s one of my rocks. See right there. “Dan Deveny”: That’s me.

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 And then he put up another rock that he later took down, and that rock said: ‘Don’t overload your ass.’ ”



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[**Kippen Vesey**] Kippen Vesey was a little girl. She snuggled up to Dooby and because he wanted to put something nice about here about everybody... She would write these little poems. And so “Kippen Vesey is my name and poetry is my game.” And that one’s done with a hammer and chisel. [She is the granddaughter of Al and Lucille Evans, daughter of Terry Vesey. (Snyder, 2016.)]

[**Helen Thrasher by The Iron butt**] Now, this belongs to a motorcycle group. Dooby has two daughters and a boy. And the one daughter is in Reno, and I don’t remember where the younger daughter is now actually. But after her dad died, this motorcycle club, Iron Butt did that “Helen Thrasher’s” rock. This is not a Dooby thing. This is after Dooby, but they asked Dooby’s daughter, if it’d be okay and she said okay.

[**Bill and Lola Sweet**] This gives you an example of what Dooby was working with. “How sweet are they? Bill and Lola Sweet.” Is there something in the name Bill and Lola Sweet Well, how sweet are those

people? So, you’d have to know them to even have an opinion of course.

[**Mikey Goldie**] “Please stand back I got gas, Mikey Goldie.” He delivered propane around.

[**Bruno Selmy**] He put up a rock about Bruno Selmy. Originally it says: “King Bruno Selmy likened unto Granite Mountain, a landmark for sure and I shall be known for my works.” And then he put up another rock that he later took down, and that rock said, “Don’t overload your ass.”

[**Joe Bugaldi by Dee**] Then that some of his son’s: “Living legend Joe Bugaldi.” Joe had the propane business here in town. I did some work for Joe, delivered propane for him.

[**Mary Manetti**] Mary Manetti is living with her daughter now. You might want to scrape that grass away to get the last part of the name there. That says “People who are famous.” Now, you won’t be able to dig that up. But Mary Manetti was a good friend

of Bruno’s. And Mary’s husband had died years before, and her husband had helped her out a lot. And after Mary’s husband died, Bruno’s wife died. Both of them are Italian and old-school and they went walking together, the fact that 85 years of age.

[**Skipper Douglas’s original display painted on stones, transposed on rock’s inscriptions by Dooby**]. This is an interesting display. I’ll tell you a little bit about it. In this avenue that Dooby was building quite early on – I came here in 1984— comes this display here, made out of concrete blocks and painted on stones [by Skipper Douglas]. It wasn’t carved into. It was in fact maybe the remains of some of these rocks. I can’t say, looks like these things here might have been them, just chicken chip stones. Anyway, a display got set up here and it said: “Lady Slippers says, Marie Morissey a Total Friend, Hamm’s Champion Drew Douglas.”

Dooby didn’t like the [original] display because it was not done on rocks. It was done on stones. So, he carved up all these rocks and replaced the stones ones with this. He thought about it a long time. I said, “What are you going to do with that Dooby?” and he says, “Well I don’t know. You know it doesn’t fit anything I got.”

So, he said [to introduce the new display on rocks], “A very good citizen, Skipper Douglas.” that was the woman who did this. He copied what she had but put it in rock. Copied what she had but put it in rock... Her husband’s name was Drew. He was the Hamm’s Champion. Hamm’s is a beer, a can beer. Dooby put up that rock: “A lot of PP”, because he says if Drew drinks a lot of beer, he’s a Hamm’s beer champion, he’s got to be pissing a lot. So, he put up this display which laughs at itself.

[**Roy Nish/ Nishiguchi**] This is Roy Nish [short for Nishiguchi], great story here. During World War II, Roy Nish’s dad, Mr. Nishiguchi was a foreman on the railroad. They had two section gangs here. One working east and one working west. Two sections in that little town of Gerlach is a division point for the railroad. They could turn engines around there they had a roundhouse. Roy Nish’s dad work for the railroad heading up one of those sections. And when World War II came, the railroad made him leave his job. And the town...I don’t know who is responsible, gave them a tent to live in out by the hot pool for a while. Roy’s brother, Art, went into the army and went all through Europe.

[**Memorial in vertical writing**] Now, this display here, Dooby started this one out. The vertical writing. He started putting people who died in town in vertical letters. See, there’s “Alberta Phillips” and then “Clifford Williams”, his brother. He’s not going to do that anymore. He said, “I’m out dealing dead people.” He gave up on that. [Alberta Phillips, now deceased, was from Gerlach. Her children are Barbara, Bernice, Jack, and Ralph. Barbara married Bud Conley, Bernice married Dave Iveson, Ralph married Evelyn, and Jack married Violet. (Snyder, 2016.)]



Dooby started a memorial in vertical writing but shortly gave up. Photo credit: Flore Muguet, 2018.



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"Best in the West, Beth Williams." Dooby's Wife. Photo credit: Flore Muguet, 2018.

Dooby's Family and Relatives

[Beth Williams, DeWayne Williams's wife] Now this is his rock's wife "Best in the West". And I can tell you a wonderful story about that. Do you see the bird shit on that rock? He sat that rock up and immediately bird started shitting on it. And it's still going on today and that pissed him off. He built a display that was designed to attract the birds; so that they would land over there and not on top of this rock so that they wouldn't shit on it. He would pick up dead rabbits that got run over on the road and throw them in behind the rock that the birds would sit up there. They'd carry a Kneaders, you know, and then jumped down and eat the rabbits and so forth. But they'd still come back and shit on that rock.

This is his wife. So, he did his wife and his daughters here for sure, and a couple of other people too.

[Dan Deveny's wife] And then the rock right to its right, it is my wife Sandy and a friend of my wife's.

[Sandy and Nettie were friends who met in Gerlach to go camping in the Black Rock. Dan Deveny introduced them to Dooby, who gave them a tour of the avenue. Two weeks later, Sandy returned to Gerlach to see Dan and she was able to see the rock that Dooby had engraved BOY HOWDY. Dan married Sandy a couple years later, and that was more than 20 years ago, and they are still married.(Snyder, 2016.)]

[Donna Pardee] So he celebrates Donna Pardee ended up marrying his son-in-law. [Donna Pardee married Dooby's former son-in-law Doug Watt after he and Dooby's daughter divorced. The stone is Yankee's First Bat Girl. (Snyder, 2016.)]

Various Thoughts

DAN DEVENY At the beginning of it...

FLO "Everybody must get stoned" [reading the rock]

DAN DEVENY Stone, Bob Dylan.

FLO That's very smart to put that out here.

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"The human race is like a watch. It takes all the parts to make it work."

DAN DEVENY This is one of his favorites, I think. "The human race is like a watch. It takes all the parts to make it work."

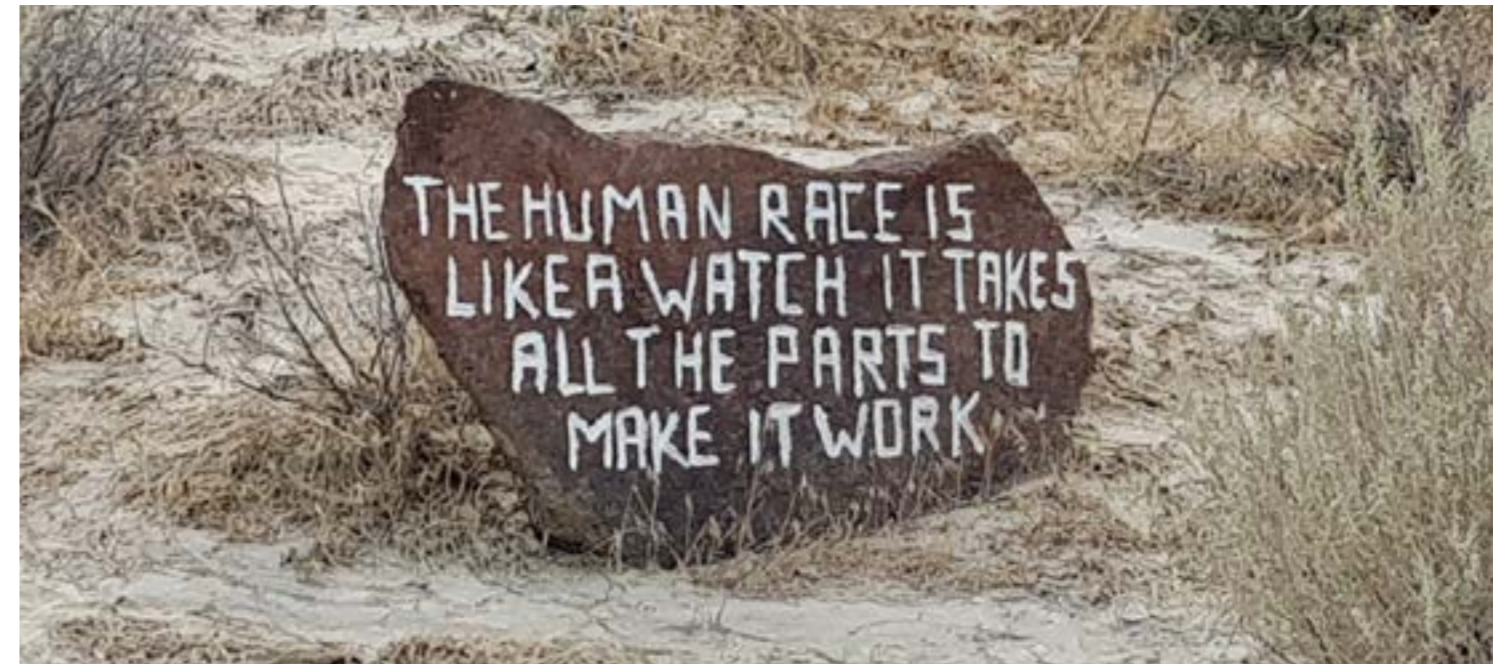
Now this one, he laughed at this one. He said, "This is how it is Dan. See there's the world, there's a planet, there's energy and there's man. That's my profound revelation. That's how it is Dan, just like that". So going through here must revive, like its invisible revival for many memories for you.

This is another Doobysm: "I'm only one but I am one, I can't do everything, but I can do something. What I can do, I will do, if I get time." He has some nice celebrations.

This is supposed to be "Hogs get slaughtered there." There's a display here that says, "Are you greedy?" Next rock says, "Hogs get slaughtered."

And this is her [Dooby's daughter] favorite stone: "The time we enjoy wasting, is not wasted time." She's a lovely lady.

Those are the first rocks that he did: "What one life to live?" That was that daytime soap opera: "You must have



"The Human Race is like a watch, it takes all the parts to make it work." One of Dooby's favorite rock. Photo credit: Flore Muguet, 2018.

something to do, someone to love, something to believe in, believe in yourself and be sure." I don't know if those were ever moved or not.

"Anger serves no purpose. It is a beast that devours its own." There should be art niche his name on that stone if I remember right.

Thoughts on Media and Sport

[A football brain] So Dooby put up this display and says: "What a brain use used to look like?" He

didn't throw this rock away. I told he misspelled a lot, but "a brain used to look like". And that's the brain. What a brain looks like now? You see it? The football [ball shape]. He talked about a bunch of meat heads. He says; "All we do is sit around and yell at the TV at some goofball, running down the field with the football."

I think that's my favorite... "What a brain looks like now and what a brain used to look like." What it looks like now? I don't like spectator sports too much. Not that I wouldn't watch

them, I bet I do very little of it. I like what the Greek attitude about it. Women were pretty much disallowed in all events, but the Greek males would participate in wrestling and various events. And when they didn't go to events as spectators unless they had been participants that's the only people who went to those events. So, if you had participated in the sport, then you could go there and say, "oh yeah." and watch it and make some comments, but it's not like spectators now watching a game on TV where they sit down with a 12-pack of beer.



"One life to live, You must have something to do, someone to love, something to believe in, believe in yourself and be sure." Dooby's first rocks on the avenue. Photo credit: Flore Muguet, 2018.



“What a brain used to look like. What a brain looks like now.” As the brain is shaped like a football, it’s a critique of TV spectator sports. This is Dan’s favorite rock.
Photo credit : Flore Muguet, 2018.

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“Attention all preachers have your fireproof suits handy at all times.”
A mailbox is set up to receive visitors’ comments, with the note: *“Thanks for the comments.”* Photo credit : Flore Muguet, 2018.

Thoughts on Politics

[AIDS] *“AIDS will unite us all”* When AIDS was coming up, when it was ravaging Africa as well as the major cities in this country. I looked at it, my god, here’s something that’ll kill us all. And I said to Dooby “Well, what the hell do you mean by that?”

FLO Well, because we have to unite through their adversity.

DAN DEVENY That’s right. He said, “Just think of it, when there’s only a few people left on earth, they’ll be so glad to see another human being instead of thinking about how to kill somebody else. They’ll be just glad to give them a hug.”

[Thoughts on politicians] Politicians. He says all they are is a bunch of ground up grass. There was a bunch of dried cow shit there. He didn’t call it shit, that’s the ground up grass. Then he went after George Bush; *“President George Bush wants a kinder and gentler nation. Let’s make it happen, start at home.”* I

think these rocks have been jiggled around again. *“Let the blood flow”*; all the wars associated...

[The ultra-rich] Check this out: *“the ultra-rich Herbert Armstrong, Jerry Falwell, Billy Graham, Jim Bakker, Jim Swaggert do not follow, Listen to the guru.”* That’s what he thought of them...

[Democrat Huey Long] *“No man should have too much, no man should have too little, Huey Long.”* Huey Long was a strong politician from New Orleans, nobody should have too much money, and nobody should have too little money. It’s got unbelievably worse now.

[Ronald Reagan Last Act] This one is Ronnie’s Last Act. Well Dooby thought that Ronald Reagan was out of it, was gone. *“Are you ready for Ronnie’s last act? Fire in The Sky, Mushroom Cloud.”* He put that out. I said, “Jesus Dooby, what are you talking about?” And he said, well the man’s out of it. He’s going to press the panic button and take all of his fans with him.

[Jesse Jackson] Jesse Jackson [American civil rights activist] keeps hope alive. *“Get high on hope, not dope.”*

[Dan Quayle] Then he went after Dan Quayle; *“harm nothing, fear nothing, kind of petition.”* [Republican, vice president of the United States (1989-1993) under President Bush.]

Thoughts on Religion

[Preachers] oh, this has definitely been moved around. This thing belonged way down there. And there were no rocks, no rocks on this side of the road other than this: *“Attention preachers have your fireproof suits handy at all times.”* He goes after the preachers down here. Attention preachers, that’s pretty much telling them you’re on the wrong path, but a word from space.

[New Testament] *“We are well on the road to extermination, do you believe that the blind are leading the blind, try this on for size, you must love your neighbor.”* New Testament stuff.

Oh, here it is: *“A rich man has the same chance of entering heaven as a camel going through the eye of a needle.”* That eye of a needle story in the New Testament.

[One’s reflection of God] So, there was a mirror set up on this one and it says: *“Step up and see the image of God”*. It was a mirror, and it was complete. Someone broke it. Because you see, we are created in the image of God. I think Dooby was dealing with a lot of this religious...

“As I understand God loves us all, not because of what we are, but in spite of what we are. The guru says, after all, you are my children, and you are only human.”

[David Koresh] So this rock doesn’t belong there: *“David Koresh.”* Do you remember who David Koresh is? David Koresh... [David Koresh (1959–1993) was the American leader of the Branch Davidians religious sect.]



“Step up and see the image of God” in the mirror, which was once set up but is now broken. Photo credit: Flore Muguet, 2018.

Tribute to Women

This is a celebration of women. There's beautiful woman everywhere. Dooby had this to say about beauty: "You gotta hold the mirror up and look at it and recognize that that's beautiful right there."

He built this. This is art on the ground...I haven't been up here for a long time: "Dedicated to beautiful women everywhere." And if you visualize these columns of these rocks here, they represent a flower: "The power lies with the many. The woman's place is in the house, the white house that is, let's make a clean sweep. Come on you can do it. Make a better world to live in. About face."

"You are truly the daughters of the son of God." And if I remember right, he had something to say about each of these daughters up here too, but it's been a while. And there's the female emblem. I don't remember seeing that before.

"Ladies you are stars in my eyes." So, these are the attributes he contributes to elements.

Rocks Dedicated to Specific Women

[Sparky Sallsbury] Let's see. Some of these it takes a little while to explain. Dooby loved women. And there's one gal came to town working for Bruno and she had a hell of a set of breasts on her. Either that or it was fake. And anyway, Dooby, what did he say about that?: "Sure, makes a shirt look good, sparky Sallsbury"

[Joanne Hartman] And this rock. Oh, this is another gal. This gal worked in the medical clinic. And Dooby said she's got the most beautiful skin. So, he put this rock out here: "Touched by the moon glow, Joanne Hartman." Well, she



Tribute to women: "Dedicated to beautiful women everywhere". Photo credit: Flore Muguet, 2018.

got done working for the medical clinic and for a while she was helping serve up meals at the senior citizen center. So, Dooby would hold court at the senior citizen center, and he had to announce that he delivered another stone out to the avenue and celebrating Joanne. Of course, Joanne was there and so he says, "I put this stone out for Joanne because she's got beautiful skin, I can just imagine her naked out when the full moon comes up, her skin would just glow". She turned beet red.

Thoughts on Celebrities

[Michael Jackson] Check that one out. Michael Jackson, you remember that song Beat It...

[Lucille Bald] Oh, you might like this one "Stop Ron's Wars, Elect A Woman, I Love Lucy." You get the humor of that? Do you know who "I love Lucy" was? Lucille Bald was a comedian, female comedian slapstick mostly.

Random Thoughts

And then wow, what a gift, if he had a hand, he had a carved a hand in and up: "pick your nose, scratch your ass, play hanky-panky, just a gift of a hand."

Oh here's: "When the time changes everything but The heart of art is a cute butt". Dooby was proud of that rock, because it can't be denied by God is what...you get right down to it.

[Gary Trospen] Let's see; "I'd never advocate sex drugs or rock and roll, but it's always worked for me, Gary Trospen."

Art Installations (in Order of the Walk with Dan)

[Ground Zero, nuclear explosion] Dooby was a Marine during World War 2, he was in the South Pacific. It was in Nagasaki just two weeks after the bomb dropped. This represents what happens in a nuclear explosion. That's "Ground Zero", that's where the bomb goes "Bang!". You see those concentric circles going: 10 miles, 30

miles, 35 miles... just destruction. This is what you get: "The alternative to negotiation."

Some on these rocks do not belong here, I don't think that: "Vengeance is mine and recompense..." belongs here but that may have been found. During the flood, the movements of rocks was tremendous The Minor's club had full of water running through it.



"Ground Zero", representing the Nagasaki nuclear explosion. Photo credit: Flore Muguet, 2018.

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“Elvis Rock and Elvis Cape”. Photo credit: Flore Muguet, 2018.

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[Elvis’s rock and Elvis’s cape] This thing was put up by Dooby’s son, Dee who is an artist in his own right. Dooby did the rocks. Those are beer cans that have been cape to cover that rock. So that represents the cape. It’s all blown away now. How many beer cans were strung together there to make the cape? I have no idea. Dee did some work out here...not so much pounding on rocks at all, but... I want to show you something in here. I told you that Dooby had put stiles of rocks.

[Elvis’s cape was a specific restoration effort within the overall project. Dooby’s son Dee spent many hours crafting a cape from 1,200 aluminum can bases. They were intricately woven together so that they would shimmer in the sun, and in a windy environment, the rattling of the can cape makes its own form of music. (Snyder, 2016.)]

He was able to get a grinder that was native diamond. He would hold it up there and those are...you can see the dynamic. We also see some rocks that have the evidence of that, all of these have been done with that grinding tool. He made them block letters. And Dooby’s son was responsible for getting a special paint that we poured inside these or came out here and painted them.

[Gerlach Weather Station] And this one is just a stupid thing in my view: “Gerlach Weather Station: *If rock is moving, wind is blowing, If it’s wet, it’s raining.*”

[Teepee] You might not want to go in here because this is all falling down. This was a display that robbers were going to haul it off and make a teepee for themselves, Dooby and I came along, and they were taking this thing apart.

This quite a bit different than what Dooby had made. All this crap



“The Teepee”: Step 1: “Leave your stickups here.” Step 2: Enter the Teepee and “Get ready for eternity.” Photo credit: Flore Muguet, 2018.



“You think about what your hang-up is. If you’re serious about it, and then you come in here [in the Teepee]. And if you’re thinking about getting rid of your hang-ups, leave it here. And get ready for eternity because you’re in it. I’m glad that *‘Are you ready for eternity’* is still there.”



Dan explains to me (Flo) the concept of the Teepee in Dooby’s vision as a “holy place.”
Photo credit: Flore Muguet, 2018.

mostly has been added. Obviously, he’s been dead for a while. But what’s supposed to happen here is: you leave your hang-ups here. Of course, people are putting hang-ups here all right, but you go into it, and in that box in there, it was a rock: “*Are you ready for eternity?*”. Very few people know that that rock is in here, and the whole intent of this has been subverted. This was kind of supposed to be a holy place in a way.

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[Gateway to life eternal] This next one, he was very proud of it. That’s the “*Gateway to life eternal*”. But you got to have a guide, and he’ll take you anywhere you want to go.



“Are you ready for eternity?”
A rock inside the Teepee’s box.
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[Vietnam Memorial: Richard Farnsworth, James Bruce McKnight] This thing was the Vietnam Memorial. And this thing has been bugged up quite a bit. He started stacking those rocks up and he was going to make a big hole in the middle of it. Because that’s what he thought of the Vietnam War. He just left a big hole in everybody’s hearts.

A lot of veterans came out here and there’s one guy in town still, he came to me. His name’s Richard Farnsworth and he told me; “my name isn’t out on the avenue yet.” and I said, “where would you like to be on the avenue?” and he said “there’s only one place I want to be on the avenue and that’s the Vietnam Memorial.” and I said, “why is that?” and he said, “it’s mine too.” so I told that to Dooby and that’s why he put on hit Richard’s Rock: “*Richard Farnsworth*”.

DAN DEVENY Do you know Beverly Osborn? The gal who used to have

The Miners Club? last year she sold it.

FLO Bev? I’ve met her last year at the closing.

DAN DEVENY “*James Bruce McKnight*”, her youngest son died in Vietnam. Randy is her other son.

[Lum Coleman, One of the walking dead.] I got to tell you about this guy: “*Lum Coleman*”. One of the walking dead. I got him out of the mud stuck right over there. He’s a black man from Oakland California. We were digging him [his truck] out of the mud. He and a buddy were stuck. After we got done there, I took him through the avenue and gave him a tour just like I’m doing you. He wanted a rock here. He said, he woke up in a body bag in Vietnam. He’d been involved in a fire fight, and he had got knocked out and they thought he was dead, well covered in blood and guts. They stuffed him in a body bag, and he woke up inside a body bag.



“Gateway to life eternal.” Photo credit: Flore Muguet, 2018.



Dooby's amendments. Photo credit: Flore Muguet, 2018.

[Tree Thought to Be Dead]

We dug this tree up. We thought it was dead. And he was going to put a rock up that says: "Last of the Gerlach Forest" or something. My god! it started growing here and so I hauled water out to that thing. I was a volunteer fire truck here, so Dooby and I came out here one day, right here sleeping right in the road.

[Reading a rock close by] "Where two flowers in the desert Sophie and Audrey. Beauty and light"; just two lovely ladies, just come out here to enjoy the desert.

[Dooby's Amendments] Here are Dooby's Amendments, not Commandments: "Do not waste. Stomp out greed. Wipe out envy. Never assume. Think health. Drink milk. Sex a lot." Some of these have been jiggled around. But that's kind of the idea.

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[Imagination station, the Desert Broadcasting System] We'll go around to the Imagination Station down here... [Reading rocks on the way to the Imagination station] "Love of the money saps the goodness from man." I'd like to see that home of Edwin Meese if we could...

This is the Imagination Station in Dooby's Vision. Here's the Playboy channel, flip the channel now, you get the life channel: top soil, air, water and sun. Stay tuned.

Now this one here is a Religion channel: "Heaven for sale." Then you go to this one and its "Inquirer found bunions turds." This one is the "Unbiased channel", and this is the "Truth channel", but it's "out of order". [One other channel says:] "The press only [shows] what the rich wants you to know."

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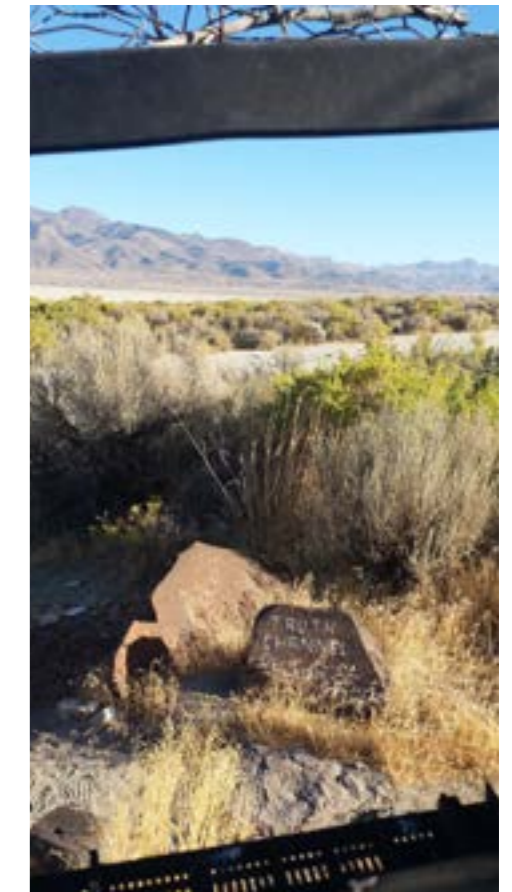
BLM had already put up the sign "don't build here", "don't build any structures". Dee didn't give a shit about that, so we started putting this thing up, so of course we had to help him and then Dooby got his thing going.

[Wedding chapel] I think this was the wedding chapel here, somebody's dumped tires there. I stood up for a couple of people getting married here. It used to have a justice of the piece here. I stood up for a couple of that married. I still get a Christmas card from them. They've got long teenagers now. They're ready to go to college.

[Misspelled rocks monument] He took all his misspelled rocks and put them in a monument at the end of this road. When people were putting this thing back together after the big event [Burning Man], some of the more industrious ones thought it would be nice to add some things and so the historical presence was screwed up. They should have left the monument there because Dooby intended it not to be displayed.



"Religion Channel: Heaven for sale." Photo credit: Flore Muguet, 2018.



"Truth Channel: Out of order." Photo credit: Flore Muguet, 2018.

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Dooby's Imagination Station: "The Desert broadcasting System". Photo credit: Flore Muguet, 2018.



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