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Castle Valley "Raptor" Chapter Newsletter

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### NEW OFFICERS

On May 5, elections were held. Officers elected were Duane Taylor - President, Roger Crowe - Vice President, Vicky Crowe - Secretary, Clark Warren - Treasurer, and Barbara Warren - Historian. Congratulations and thanks to these people for their willingness to donate their time.

### MEETING CANCELLATION

No meetings will be held in July and August. Instead, we will plan a field trip each month. The first field trip is scheduled for Tuesday, June

8, to Price Canyon where we will remove a dinosaur track from a shallow seam of coal. This track was discovered by Bob Payton while hiking. He obtained permission from the property owner to excavate this track and donate it to the museum.

We will meet at the museum at 5:30 PM, leaving the museum at 5:45 in a caravan. Bring a bag lunch and we will picnic at the site.

Roger Crowe has volunteered to lead our July field trip. The site will be announced in the next newsletter.

We need a volunteer to plan and lead the August field trip. Contact Duane Taylor if you have an interesting trip in mind.

### QUARRY PLANS

Listed below are the tentative dates for quarry digs this summer. We wanted to announce them early so you can make plans. Locations for each dig will be decided as we get closer to each date.

June - None scheduled

July 5-9  
12-14

Aug. 15-21 Forest Service  
Survey - North Horn  
25-27

30-Sept. 3

Sept. 13-15

20-24 \*

27-30 \*

Oct. Possible weekdays,  
weather permitting.

1 8 - 2 3 N o n e  
scheduled

\* Require prior approval to attend.

Persons interested in digging for Dinosaur bones should contact the CEU Museum office at (435)637-5060 for final scheduling or John Bird, Quarry Supervisor, at (435)613-5645. It is not known yet which quarries will be worked on what dates. Individuals who are not members of Utah Friends of Paleontology (UFOP) must submit a \$50 registration fee on arrival at the museum in Price, 155 East Main, Price UT 84501.

Of particular interest might be the week long camp out, Aug. 15-21, at the Pavilion on the south shore of Joe's Valley Reservoir. It is a beautiful place to camp. Bring your own trailer, tent, food, and musical instruments. Nights are cool. Plan on rain. We will be assisting the Forest Service Paleontologist, Jeff Defriest, on a survey to locate as many paleo resources in the North Horn Formation as possible.

We would like to extend an invitation to all UFOP chapter members to participate in our digs this summer.

## CERTIFICATION

At the UFOP Convention in Ogden, President Clark Warren outlined the certification program offered by the College of Eastern Utah. This program will satisfy all classroom requirements for Level I and Level II Certification. There was enough interest expressed by state members present to make it possible for CEU to offer this program this fall. It will be held on two weekends (Saturday & Sunday) at the College of Eastern Utah in Price. More information to come in July - contact Duane Taylor at the CEU Museum at (435)613-5062.

## UFOP CONVENTION

Those of you who did not attend the UFOP Convention in Ogden missed a great time! It was held at the Ogden Dinosaur Park, courtesy of Brooks Britt. If you have not taken your family through the park, Do It! You will not be sorry. It features over 100 life-sized dinosaurs in a forested area, surrounded by beautiful landscaping.

New state officers were elected at the meeting. Roland Heath from Uintah Basin Chapter - President, Ray Jones from Great Basin Chapter - Vice President, Carmen Heath of Uintah Basin Chapter - Secretary, and Duane Taylor from Castle Valley Chapter - Treasurer.

Saturday night dinner was held at the Timbermine Restaurant (Great Place - Good Food!). The featured speaker was Dr. William Tidwell, Department of Botany and Range

Science at BYU. He gave a presentation on "Utah fossil plants from the Paleozoic into the Cenozoic" or "What possible things did dinosaurs eat but each other?" It was a very pleasant and informative evening.

During the weekend we took three field trips. The first was a geological trip through Ogden Canyon, Snow Basin, and Bonneville Lake Shore Lines led by Mike Lowe, of Utah Geological Survey.

The second trip was to Lloyd and Val Gunther's fossil collection in Brigham City. It was a very interesting tour and everyone appreciated being allowed to see their collection.

The third trip was to Antelope Island on the Great Salt Lake, led by Bill Case, from Utah Geological Survey, who instructed us about the history of Great Salt Lake/Lake Bonneville. He discussed the salt levels in various areas of the lake and why they differ, finishing the tour at Buffalo Point Restaurant for a buffalo burger lunch and a great view of the lake.

Thanks to the Great Basin Chapter for a very informative and enjoyable convention.