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JANUARY REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 1998

7:00 PM

1594 West North Temple

SPEAKER

TO BE ANNOUNCED

## UFOP Monthly Meeting Minutes Rose Difley

The Great Basin Chapter of Utah Friends of Paleontology met Thursday, November 13, 1997 in the DNR Auditorium at 2985 W. North Temple, Salt Lake City. The meeting was called to order by UFOP President, Jerry Golden.

Jerry welcomed visitor, Paul Danielson.

The minutes for September were approved as printed in the bulletin.

Jerry Golden thanked everyone for helping out with the UFOP booth during the GSA convention.

Sue Dickey gave the treasurer's report. During October, income was \$35. Expenses were \$1000 for T-shirts for the UFOP booth at the Geological Society of America convention, and \$38.40 for postage, giving a balance of \$430.30. For the month of November, an income of \$30 gave a new balance of \$480.30.

In lieu of a regular December meeting, a polluck party at the home of Jerry Golden was planned for Friday, December 12.

UGSS prep lab update: Martha Hayden and Jerry Golden reported that the new building at the Utah Geological Survey is being expanded and completion is expected by the end of March, but the prep lab will remain the size originally planned.

Utah Museum of Natural History prep lab update: Janet Gillette reported that the donor opening will be November 22. Volunteers were asked to sign up to help out on two days Saturday, November 15 and Thursday, November 20. Those who have already trained may sign-up for 2 1/2 - 3 hour shifts beginning November 23. The next museum training class will be in January to train for the public lab in the exhibit hall.

The Eccles Institute is giving one million dollars to the museum for a dinosaur exhibit hall.

Field trip updates: Another trip to the Ferron site will be made any time there is a good day for it and people will be called.

Jerry Golden said that Questar has donated about 65 paleontology books to UFOP for a library.

Martha Hayden reported the results of the UFOP booth at the GSA convention. There are still unsold UFOP T-shirts available for sale and there may be a discount on their price. Brad Wolverton was thanked for putting the UFOP booth together.

Lewis Pierce introduced the speaker, Ken Stadlman, of the BYU Earth Science Museum. He showed slides and spoke on the "Lower Cretaceous Dinosaurs from Dalton Well Quarry."

The site is located about ten miles north of Moab and is in the Early Cretaceous Cedar Mountain Formation. BYU began to work the site in 1975 after it was shown to Jim Jensen by Lynn Ollinger of Moab. BYU worked there a full field season in 1978. The site has been a cooperative project between BYU and the Museum of Western Colorado in Grand Junction since 1993. Two claws, collected in 1975, from this site were later identified by Jim Kirkland as *Utahraptor*. Nodosaur and sauropod (comarasaurids and titanosaurids) dinosaurs and the earliest known *Champsosaurus* have also been recovered from this site.

## News and Reminders

### UPCOMING MEETINGS TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR:

The Annual Meeting of the Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG) will be in Salt Lake City May 17-20, 1998. Watch for an announcements at our regular meetings. Our chapter may have a booth at this meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology (SVP) will be held at Snowbird, September 30-October 3, 1998. Eight hundred to

one thousand geologists and paleontologists attend these meetings.

In addition to offering UFOP members the opportunity to attend the SVP meeting and hearing major papers presented, our Chapter will be serving in one of several ways. Plans began at the September meeting.

**CERTIFICATION MEETING**

Clark Warren will be conducting a certification meeting in Price January 12. They will be planning Level 2 certification classes, as well as building Level 1. Sharon Walkington will be representing our Chapter at that meeting.

**UFOP BOARD MEETING**

The UFOP Board of Trustees will be meeting February 11. Jerry Golden and Sharon Walkington will be attending these meetings on behalf of Great Basin UFOP. If you have any items of interest that need to be addressed at the Board Meeting be sure to bring them to Jerry Golden's attention.

**DUES ARE DUE**

It is time, once again, to renew your membership. You can bring your dues to the next meeting and

give it to Sue Dickey, Treasurer, or mail your membership information and check to: Great Basin Chapter, Utah Geological Survey, 1594 W. North Temple, Box 146100, Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6100. Family membership is \$20/year, Individual is \$15/year, and Junior is \$10/year.

***In Memory of Mary Jane Gerrard-Lee***

We were saddened to learn of the tragic death of Mary Jane Gerrard-Lee. Mary Jane died in an automobile accident in Spanish Fork Canyon, December 21. Many of you remember Mary Jane as our Chapter secretary prior to her move to Price approximately 2-1/2 years ago. She was the statewide president until last spring. We will be discussing an appropriate contribution in her name at our next meeting.

