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SEPTEMBER REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1998

7:00 PM

DNR AUDITORIUM  
1594 West North Temple

SPEAKER

DR. GREG MCDONALD  
Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument  
Speaking on

THE MYSTERIOUS DEATHS OF THE HAGERMAN HORSE:  
A CASE HISTORY FROM THE EQUUS FILES

## UFOP Monthly Meeting Minutes

### Rose Difley

The Great Basin Chapter of Utah Friends of Paleontology met Thursday, August 13, 1998 in the DNR Auditorium at 1594 W. North Temple, Salt Lake City. UFOP President Jerry Golden called the meeting to order and welcomed guests and new members, Chris Pearsoll and Mike and Marissa Cass.

#### Old Business:

Minutes for July were approved as printed in the bulletin. Treasurer's report: The old balance (7/10/98) was \$1,078.97. Income of \$45 from membership dues, and expenses for postage, printing and badges, gave a new balance (8/13/98) of \$849.97. Actual balance that should be in the account is closer to \$1300 due to income from T-shirt sales.

#### Reports and announcements of meetings:

Society of Vertebrate Paleontologists (SVP) meeting will be held September 30 to October 3, 1998 at Snowbird. Members who would like to attend this meeting at a discount may volunteer at least 8 hours each at the UFOP booth. Several field trips are offered in conjunction with the meeting, but pre-registration deadline is Aug. 15. Sign up with Martha Hayden tonight.

Great Basin Chapter UFOP membership approved \$500 donation to SVP from chapter funds with a matching donation from the state UFOP organization. Individuals who would like to contribute directly to SVP are urged to do so, or to contribute to the Great Basin chapter to replenish donated funds.

Janet Gillette asked for volunteers to provide rides between Snowbird and UMNH for a guest during the SVP meeting.

1999 UFOP Annual Meeting: The Great Basin Chapter will be hosting the next annual meeting. Jerry Golden is asking for meeting place suggestions from the membership. Margie Chan (professor of geology at the University of Utah) was suggested as a speaker for this meeting.

#### Field trips:

*Dalton Wells* site will reopen in the fall.

*North Horn* sites: Call Rose Difley if you are interested.

UFOP members can also volunteer for the *Hagerman* site in Idaho. This site is still being worked.

*Dry Mesa* will be open until August 20.

A two-day field trip to the *Berlin Ichthyosaur State Park* in Nevada is being planned for this fall for UFOP members. October 17-18 was suggested as the date for the trip, and is tentatively scheduled to replace the October UFOP monthly meeting. Accommodations and travel information will be made available for members. Park officials will provide a guide if requested on a UFOP letterhead.

Dan Manning made a burlap cutter seat for UFOP for use at dig sites.

#### Other Announcements:

UFOP volunteers worked 1138 hours at the Utah Museum of Natural History (UMNH) last month.

Book signing at UMNH Friday, August 28, 7-9 PM. Frank DeCourten will speak at 7 PM., and autograph copies of his book, *Dinosaurs of Utah*.

UMNH open house, August 29, 1998: Collections in the museum basement will be open 9:30 AM. to 4 PM. and help of UFOP volunteers was requested. A UFOP Board of Trustees meeting will be held at UMNH at 1 PM.

A potluck will be held at the home of Paul and Margaret Smith, Friday, September 11 at 7 PM.

Members may contribute photos to the UFOP photo album that is being assembled for Dave and Janet Gillette.

#### Guest Speaker:

Lewis Pierce introduced the speaker, Warren Van Pelt, who spoke on "Assembling Dinosaur Skeletons." Warren has volunteered as a preparator at BYU for 25 years. He talked about several aspects of his work, including fossils as environmental indicators, pathologies (disease) in dinosaur bones, analogous bones in humans and dinosaurs, and displays and projects of the Brigham Young University Earth Science Museum.



## *News and Reminders*

### **FAREWELL PARTY FOR DAVE AND JANET FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11:**

A farewell party for Dave and Janet Gillette will be held on Friday September 11, 1998 at 7:00 PM at the home of Paul and Margaret Smith, 1956 East Ramona Avenue (1900 South), Salt Lake City. Please BYOB as well as a potluck dish. A scrapbook will be assembled, so please come armed with typed stories, quotes, pictures, and memories.



### **SVP (Society of Vertebrate Paleontology) Annual meeting Updates:**

*Snowbird, Utah, September 30-October 3, 1998.*

#### **Alta Peruvian Lodge**

Good news for SVP meeting planners: Housing pickup is already at 125%. That means more rooms have been booked than expected, but it also means that the more economical rooms at Snowbird may be sold out. However, the Alta Peruvian Lodge at Alta Ski Resort has rooms for only \$49.00/night. Although food service is not available at this time of year, they do have a heated outdoor pool and Jacuzzi. Alta is located at the top of Little Cottonwood Canyon, about one mile up the road for Snowbird. Call 1-800-453-8488 to make reservations.

#### **LEARNING From the Fossil Record**

The Teacher's Workshop is not just for teachers! As a UFOP volunteer, you may work at a museum where you interact with the public, assist with special events such as Utah Prehistory Week. Or participate in other programs that educate children and the general public about the science of paleontology. If so, the Saturday Teachers' Workshop may be of interest to you. The cost for the workshop is only \$25, which includes the morning workshop and admission to the Saturday afternoon technical session. And if you are attending only the Saturday workshop, you can purchase tickets for the Awards Banquet on Saturday night for \$30.

#### **Volunteers**

If you are volunteering for the SVP meeting, you need to sign up for at least 8 hours of volunteer shifts. These shifts are broken up into 2-3 hour time blocks and include the following assignments: pre-meeting help with registration packets and field trips; Utah Friends of Paleontology (UFOP) and Utah Geological Survey (UGS) booth staff; registration desk help (includes coordination of museum shuttles and guest tours); Saturday teachers workshop (assist with signing teachers up for inservice or university credit); Guides for lunch time or dinner time hikes; and assisting with museum collections visitors at the Utah Museum of Natural History and the BYU Earth Science Museum.

## *We Have a Bone to Pick with You*

North Horn sites: Call Rose Difley for information.

Hagerman site will be worked all summer.

Dry Mesa, July 20 to August 20.

Dalton Wells will reopen mid September.

