Utah Friends of Paleontology - Great Basin Chapter

Annual Chapter Report
April 16th, 2011

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Membership

The Great Basin Chapter of the Utah Friends of Paleontology has 43 paid members (individual, family, and student), and we also have a large email distribution list (>250) that includes members, friends, advisors, and contacts from other UFOP Chapters.

Meetings and Speakers

- **August, 2010 –** Summer Party in conjunction with the UMNH volunteers hosted by Mike Getty
- **September, 2010** – Carolyn Levitt: Bone Histology of Dinosaur Bones with Special Emphasis on Chasmosaurines from the Late Campanian Kaiparowits Formation, Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument, Utah
- **October, 2010** – John Bird and Barb Benson: Gooseneck: A Collaboration with the Public and Multiple Agencies
- **November, 2010** – Ken Carpenter: Big, Dead, Stinky Things: How to Fossilize a Dinosaur
- **December, 2010** – Christmas Party hosted by Bob and Felecia Graves
- **January, 2011** – Tony Ekdale: "Crab Legs & Shrimp Cocktails in the Geologic Record: Paleontology of Decapod Crustaceans"
- **February, 2011** – Randy Irmis: Origin of the Dinosaurian Lifestyle
- **March, 2011** – Jim Kirkland**:** "Ankylosaurs"

Certification

The UGS offered a Field Training Course last summer over Pioneer Day weekend at Doelling's Bowl Quarry in eastern Utah.

Volunteers

UFOP members work as volunteers in the Paleo Prep Labs at the Utah Museum of Natural History (UMNH), Utah Geological Survey (UGS), and the Ogden Eccles Dinosaur Park. The Great Basin Chapter did not hold any field trips this year, but many members participated in field work with the UMNH and UGS paleontologists.

The UMNH also closed its doors starting on December 31st, 2010. This is in anticipation for the opening of the brand new museum later in 2011 (November?). But this does not indicate a slowdown for the volunteers who have been as busy as ever working on packing up the bones for transport to the new museum.

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Gaye Pesout Memorial Fund

As mentioned last year a dedicated memorial fund was established in memory of GBC Past President Gaye Pesout, who passed away on May 18, 2010. The funds are split equally between the Utah Museum of Natural History and the George S Eccles Ogden Dinosaur Park Prep Labs. So far $2,667 has been raised and $800 has been distributed to each prep lab with $1067.05 still in the fund.

A $125 donation is planned to be made in memory of our Chapter Secretary Margaret Brady who recently passed away as well.

A quilt has also been made from Gaye's old t-shirts and will likely be auctioned off at some point in the future.