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150 Million Years of Earth History

by Dr. Randall B. Irmis — Curator of Paleontology, Natural History Museum of Utah
and Assistant Professor of Geology & Geophysics, University of Utah

Utah contains one of the most complete sedimentary geologic records of any state. This extensive record of geologic history not only preserves important economically valuable deposits (i.e., minerals, petroleum, natural gas), but also one of the best fossil records anywhere in North America. Utah is particularly notable for its long history of dinosaur discoveries.

Dr. Randall Irmis will present a seminar focusing on the Age of Dinosaurs in Utah, from the very first dinosaurs in the Late Triassic, to their extinction at the end of the Cretaceous Period. He will focus in particular on new dinosaur discoveries that have been made over the past dozen years, including those at Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, where a previously unrecognized 75-80 million year old ecosystem has been discovered, teaming with duck-billed dinosaurs, horned dinosaurs, tyrannosaurs, and giant dinosaur-eating alligators. This will include the newly discovered 80-million-year-old *Lythronax argestes*, a close cousin of the famous *Tyrannosaurus rex*.

These dinosaurs of Utah lived during a time of global warmth without polar ice caps; Dr. Irmis will also discuss what dinosaurs might be able to teach us about our own ecosystem’s future in a warming world.

*Dr. Randall Irmis* is the Curator of Paleontology at the Natural History Museum of Utah and an assistant professor in the Department of Geology & Geophysics at the University of Utah. He graduated magna cum laude from Northern Arizona University with a BS degree in geology, (emphasis in paleontology) and received his PhD in integrative biology from the University of California, Berkeley in 2008. His research asks how vertebrate animals living on land evolved through geologic time, particularly in response to climate change and other events. This has engaged him in discovering more about the age of dinosaurs. His research also examines questions such as, why did dinosaurs become so successful, and why do we find so many new dinosaur species in southern Utah from rocks that are 80-75 million years old, and why are they different from species at the same time in other parts of North America? He has published forty peer-reviewed scientific articles and presented his research at numerous national and international conferences.
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**Icebreaker**

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**All-Convention Luncheon & Annual Business Meeting**

Tuesday, June 16 — 12:00-1:15 p.m.

"World Oil Supply in Transition"

by Richard S. Bishop, #3092

Dick Bishop is a consultant/independent with over 40 years in the industry, including 29 years with a supermajor during which time he has seen and assessed much of the world’s hydrocarbon potential. His talk on World Oil Supply In Transition (with co-author Wayne Kelley) shows ways the current market differs from the past. It also presents costs and rates of supply from the major sources of oil (exploration, tight oil, heavy oil, growth to known, deep water, giant fields) and compares rate of supply additions to rate of decline.

Dick is past president of AAPG, the Houston Geological Society and a past chair of SIPES Houston Chapter. He was also recently named a *Legend* of the HGS.

*The SIPES All-Convention Luncheon is included in the registration fee for members and non-members only. Spouses or guests who want to attend should purchase an individual ticket for the event.*

**Ethics Course**

Tuesday, June 16 — 4:15-5:15 p.m.

"Hydraulic Fracturing and Earthquakes: Ethically, How Do We Move Forward and Do the Right Thing?"

by Don Clarke

Don Clarke is a consulting petroleum geologist in Lakewood, California and is the current AAPG Ethics Lecturer. He will discuss his participation in 2010 on an eleven-member committee of the National Research Council to examine the topic of “Induced Seismicity Potential in Energy Technologies.” Over the course of a year, the committee held five public information-gathering meetings and produced a consensus report that assessed the current situation related to induced seismicity in the US for various energy technologies including hazards, risks, government roles and responsibilities, proposed research needs and suggestions on how to move forward. This report stands as an example of how a group of objective professionals with varying viewpoints can come to a consensus and produce a useful, scientifically grounded document to help guide developments with emerging energy technologies.

Don Clarke received his B.S. degree in geology from California State University, Northridge. He worked for the California State Lands Commission, the City of Long Beach Department of Oil Properties, and also taught geology for fourteen years at Compton College. He is currently consulting, and also teaches geology at USC.

*There is no fee to attend this course; it is presented to help meeting attendees meet ethics course requirements. Certificates of completion were prepared for attendees who indicated that they would attend. They will be available at the registration desk after the course.*

**Hospitality Room**

Monday, June 15 — 1:30-5:00 p.m.

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9:00-9:30 a.m. — Gregg Robertson — First Rock, Inc.
"The Discovery of the Eagle Ford Shale: Changing Paradigms in Unconventional Resource Plays"

9:30-10:00 a.m. — Keith Skaar — Element Petroleum, LP
"Applying Fundamentals '101' of Unconventional Shale Production to the Exploration and Development of the Wolfcamp 'A,' Wolfcamp 'B,' and Lower Spraberry Shale — A Case Study"

10:00-10:15 a.m. — Break

10:15-10:45 a.m. — Thomas E. Ewing, #1610 — Frontera Exploration Consultants
"Finding New Oil and Gas Reserves in an Old Field: Case Study from Wharton County, Texas"

10:45-11:15 a.m. — Frank S. Vincent — Upstart Exploration
"Shallow Oil 'Re-Discovery' at Washington Field (South-Central Louisiana): New Life from Abandoned, Thin, Multi-Pay, Mid-Frio Zones"

11:15-11:45 a.m. — Timothy J. Bennett, #3174 — Orbit Energy, Inc.
"Foundered Shelf Edges — Seismic Expression of a Frio Example, Louisiana"

1:30-2:00 p.m. — Thomas C. Chidsey, Jr. — Utah Geological Survey
"Oil and Gas in Utah: Major Plays, Drilling Activity, and New Potential"

2:00-2:30 p.m. — Constance N. Knight, #3089 — Independent
"The Paleozoic Minturn Formation of Northwest Colorado — A 'New' Exploration Frontier"

2:30-3:00 p.m. — Andrew R. Scott — Altuda Energy Corp.
"Proterozoic Dogmas Revisited: Exploration Potential for Proterozoic Systems"

3:00-3:15 p.m. — Break

3:15-3:45 p.m. — Michael J. Nasi — Attorney at Law — Jackson Walker LLP
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9:00-9:30 a.m. — Mark Nibbelink — Drillinginfo, Inc.
"Big Data — Leveling the Playing Field for Prospect Generators — Once Again . . ."

9:30-10:00 a.m. — Laura Capper — CAP Resources
"2015 Market Realities: Water Management Insights and Actionable Strategies for Oil and Gas Operations"

10:00-10:15 a.m. — Break

10:15-10:45 a.m. — Michael A. Oestmann, #3291 — Tall City Exploration, LLC
"'Owners of Oil' — Their Exploration and Discovery of a Vision"

10:45-11:45 a.m. — Ron A. Harris — Brigham Young University
"The Greatest Story Ever Told by 20 Miles of Rock: Geological Chronicles of the Central Wasatch Range"

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Tuesday, June 16

**Stewart Falls Hiking Excursion**
9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
$150.00 per person

Travel by motor coach from Deer Valley to the famous Sundance Resort, founded by Robert Redford. On arrival you will enjoy a scenic chairlift ride to the trailhead for the Stewart Falls hike. Begin your walk through the beautiful mountain forest and continue across a high meadow ending at Stewart Falls. Here you can get wet and relax at the falls and enjoy a lunch at Sundance Deli before the journey back. This is a scenic beginner level hike with primarily flat terrain; it’s ideal for those coming from sea-level cities!

Tour price includes transportation, chairlift ride, guided hike, box lunch, water, tax and gratuity.

**Heber Valley Railway Excursion**
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
$175.00 per person

Climb aboard the Heber Valley Railroad for breathtaking scenery and enjoy time to unwind during this relaxing three-hour train ride. On the train, you can see views of Mt. Timpanogos, the beautiful landscape of the glacier-carved Provo Canyon, and also enjoy lunch and refreshments. The train creeps along the shores of Deer Creek Reservoir and then travels along the banks of the Provo River to Vivian Park. There will be a 20-minute layover in the park for you to enjoy the beautiful views. Amenities on-board the train include restrooms, snack car and a gift shop.

Tour includes transportation to Heber Valley Railroad Station, train trip, box lunch or lunch voucher, water, tax and gratuities.

**Park City Culinary Tour**
12:30 - 3:30 p.m.
$140.00 per person

Hear about mining to dining on this fun afternoon excursion of Main Street in Park City. Enjoy an afternoon of eating, talking and exploring while you visit four different restaurants for lunch on this downhill walking tour. You’ll learn about the history of Park City, and the area's amazing cuisine. You’ll also have the option to purchase beer or wine at each spot.

Tour price includes round-trip transportation from the hotel to Park City, lunch, guided walking tour, taxes and gratuities.

**River Rafting on the Provo River**
1:30 - 5:00 p.m.
$175.00 per person

Enjoy a relaxing raft trip on the beautiful Provo River. The glacier-carved Provo Canyon is a very spectacular and scenic place, and the Provo River is full of great views and wildlife! There are a few class I rapids to give you a small thrill, but nothing scary! If you want a little more excitement, this trip can also be made in a two-person inflatable kayak. No kayak experience is necessary to enjoy this option.

Tour includes transportation, guided raft trip, water, snacks, tax and gratuity.

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Wednesday, June 17

Mountain Biking Excursion
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
$175.00 per person

This morning excursion will offer a different bike tour from the Tuesday afternoon trip. It may include a fast-paced downhill trail to the Jordanelle Reservoir, or to Heber Valley or Provo River Parkway. Park City has lots of biking options, and we will select an appropriate tour that best matches the interests and skill levels of the participants on this trip. Please let us know your preferences.

Tour includes transportation, bike and helmet rental, guided bike ride, water, snacks, taxes and gratuity.

Salt Lake City, Temple Square & Great Salt Lake Tour
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
$200.00 per person

This is a great opportunity to see Salt Lake City, tour the grounds of the historic Temple Square in Salt Lake City, learn about the history of these areas, and also see the Great Salt Lake. You’ll visit the outside area of the Mormon Temple, the observation deck of the Church Office Building (the tallest building in Salt Lake City), and see the conference center, which includes a 21,000-seat auditorium and a botanical garden roof. You’ll enjoy lunch and the views of downtown Salt Lake City and Temple Square at The Garden Restaurant, located on the 10th floor of the Joseph Smith Memorial Building.

After lunch, you’ll continue a short distance to the Great Salt Lake, the saltiest body of water in the world and one of the country’s largest lakes. It is about 75 miles long and 35 miles wide with a maximum depth of 33 feet. Your guided tour will include a visit to the historic Saltaire Resort area and to the marina before returning to Deer Valley.

Tour includes transportation, tour guide, lunch, water, taxes and gratuities.

Sundance Resort Tour
12:30 - 4:30 p.m.
$175.00 per person

Enjoy a drive from Deer Valley to Sundance Resort, founded by actor Robert Redford in 1969. You’ll have a delicious lunch here at the Foundry Grill, followed by a scenic round-trip chairlift ride. On your return, you’ll travel by motor coach to see the beautiful Bridal Veil Falls. There will be very limited walking on this excursion.

Tour includes transportation, lunch, chairlift fees, water, taxes and gratuities.

Utah Fishing Expedition
12:30 - 5:00 p.m.
$300.00 per person

Whether you are an experienced or beginning fly fishing enthusiast, you will enjoy this fishing tour. There are a variety of fishing locations in the Deer Valley area. Expert fly fishing guides will provide you with all the necessary fishing gear and they have the knowledge to guarantee that you’ll catch fish!

You will need to purchase a Utah Fishing License before attending this tour. The cost for a 3-day license is $24; it may be purchased online at https://secure.utah.gov/hflo/main/serv1/index.html?server=serv1.

Tour includes round-trip transportation, fishing guide, fishing equipment, box lunch, water, snacks, taxes and gratuities.

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Guided Mountain Hike
1:30 - 4:30 p.m.
$175.00 per person

The Deer Valley/Park City area offers some of the best hiking available in the country, with over 150 miles of trails. Average afternoon temperatures are in the 70s to 80s, so lace up your boots and accompany a local guide who has vast knowledge of the mountains on this guided hike.

Take in the grand views of the Wasatch and Uinta Mountains while you enjoy a leisurely chairlift ride on the Silver Lake Express to the top of Bald Mountain (elevation 9,400 feet). At the top, stretch and hike the Silver Lake Trail back down. If you have another location you are interested in hiking, please let us know your preferences.

Tour includes transportation, guided hike, chairlift fee, water, snacks, tax and gratuity.

Natural History Museum of Utah Tour
1:30 - 5:00 p.m.
$140.00 per person

In 2011, the Natural History Museum of Utah at the University of Utah moved into the new $103 million dollar Rio Tinto Center, a stunning architectural jewel at the foot of the Wasatch Mountains that showcases the 1.5 million objects in the museum’s collections. The museum’s Past Worlds and Land galleries put on display the stunning geological and paleontological record of Utah, including the many recent dinosaur discoveries made in Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, and fossils of *Lythronax argestes*, Utah’s newest T. rex cousin. Many of these dinosaurs and other fossils can only be found on display at the Natural History Museum of Utah; they are unique to the state, and the only known specimens are at this museum.

Don’t miss the opportunity to see these unique specimens along with the museum’s large collection of other dinosaur species. This tour is a companion to the SIPES Foundation Seminar being held on Monday, June 15 that will be conducted by Dr. Randall Irmis from the NHMU.

The tour will include round-trip bus transportation, museum entry fees, a docent-led tour, snacks, water, taxes, and gratuities.
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Come to the SIPES Awards Banquet for an informative evening with new colleagues and old friends! A cash bar will be available at 6:30 pm, followed by a delicious dinner at about 7:15 pm. During dinner, you’ll see a stunning slide show of spectacular photos of Utah parks and scenery assembled by Michael D. Hylland, Geologic Information and Outreach Program Manager of the Utah Geological Survey’s Public Information Office.

There will also be an awards ceremony to recognize retiring national directors. The SIPES Outstanding Service Award will be presented to Kenneth J. Huffman, #2936 of New Orleans, Louisiana who will be honored for his many years of service to both SIPES and the SIPES Foundation. Winning tickets for the SIPES Foundation’s No Hassle Raffle will also be selected.

You won’t want to miss hearing Dr. Tom Morris, a geology professor at Brigham Young University, and co-author of the book, *Geology Unfolded: An Illustrated Guide to the Geology of Utah’s National Parks* (Available on Amazon with a five star rating!) discuss “The Geological Diversity of Utah’s National Parks.” This presentation is aimed at all audiences.

**SIPES Awards Banquet**

**Tuesday, June 16 — 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.**

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Post-Convention Field Trip

Thursday, June 18 — 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Cost: $215.00 per person

Fossils on Mountain Tops: Exploring the Geological Repository of the Central Wasatch Range

Led by Dr. Ron A. Harris — Brigham Young University

The Park City area is at the heart of one of the most diverse, well-exposed and accessible geological repositories on Earth. Features of nearly every geological event that shaped the face of western North America are represented. The Post-Convention Field Trip will visit the most accessible of these features exposed in the canyons of the central Wasatch Range (Figure 1). These canyons are like 2 km deep serial sections through a part of Earth’s crust that has experienced a complete Wilson Cycle, and provide a three-dimensional display of several chronicles of Earth history and processes.

The field trip will mostly move from the oldest chronicles to the youngest. The journey through time starts at outcrops that document dramatic climate swings from icehouse to greenhouse conditions in the late Pre-Cambrian before trilobites saved the day (Chronicles of Rodinia). Next we will walk through a marine transgression that flooded western North America and deposited around 10 km of sediment in the Oquirrh Basin (Chronicles of Panthalassa). Our next few stops will inspect folded (Figure 2) and thrust faulted sections of these sedimentary units that were deformed by arrival of the Sevier foreland thrust belt at around 100 Ma (Chronicles of Cordillera, part 1). We will then visit exposures of igneous bodies and deposits signaling the arrival of the volcanic arc to the area (Chronicles of Cordillera, part 2). Park City was founded to mine the mineral deposits caused by this short magmatic event.

In multiple places throughout the journey we will traverse the active Wasatch Fault, which formed the Wasatch Range and threatens the livelihood of the 2 million people that live on top of it.

Tour includes round-trip bus transportation, box lunch, bottled water, guided narration, taxes and gratuities.
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