1988–1989: Great Years for Field Trips

1988
Geological Society of America
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
Denver, Colorado, October 31–November 3, 1988

1989
28th International Geological Congress
SPECIAL FIELD TRIPS
Washington, D.C., July 9–19, 1989

by Harry A. Toutrelot and John C. Reed, Jr.

The years 1988 and 1989 will be great years for field trips in the United States, offering all geoscientists the opportunity to design and conduct trips that will contribute much to the success of two important events. The first is the Centennial Celebration of the founding of the Geological Society of America in 1988. The second is the 28th International Geological Congress in 1989, the first time that the IGC has met in the United States since 1932. Field trips for both events should have special characteristics. None of us will see a second GSA Centennial, and only a few will see another International Geological Congress in the United States. It behoves us to make our contributions now!

Many geoscientists will want to be involved in the field trips of both meetings. This can be done best by having the field trips of the 1986, 1987, and 1988 GSA Annual Meetings and the 1989 IGC meeting integrated to the extent possible. As shown in the boxes on p. 26, trips for the two meetings will be somewhat different in geographic focus of attention, length, and some other characteristics. However, as an example, a GSA Centennial field trip in the Colorado Mineral Belt could be one segment of an International Geological Congress field trip that continued onward to include important mineral resource areas in Utah and perhaps even in Nevada. An IGC trip that starts in the Pacific Northwest might tie in with a GSA Centennial trip called “Along Part of the 40th Parallel with King.” A trip down the Colorado River would recall the early days of geology in the west for purposes of the Centennial and would also be of great geologic interest to IGC participants from abroad.

The field trips being planned and thought about now for the 1986 and 1987 GSA Annual Meetings should also be considered as potential legs in 1989 for the longer IGC field trips. In many ways the 1986 and 1987 GSA field trips are particularly useful to the IGC simply because these trips are in a more advanced stage of planning than those for 1988. The IGC needs to have preliminary outlines of field trips in March 1986 for purposes of the IGC First Circular. Obviously, field trips cannot be described in much detail at this time; what is wanted is broad outlines of possible trips. Final selections will be made by IGC coordinators after they have reviewed proposals received.

The IGC Field Trip Committee has prepared a pamphlet with information and a form for proposals for field trips. These forms will be distributed to organizations throughout the country and to all individuals requesting them. The form also includes information relating to 1986, 1987, and 1988 GSA Centennial field trips. This information will be shared with GSA Field Trip Committees so that maximum coordination can be achieved. For GSA field trips, get in touch with the Field Trip Chairman for the indicated years:

1986
Jerry Wermund
Bureau of Economic Geology
10100 Burnet Road
Building 130
Austin, TX 78712

1987
George H. Davis
Dept. Geosciences
University of Arizona
Tucson, AZ 85721

1988
Harry A. Toutrelot
U.S. Geological Survey
M.S. 911, Box 25046
Denver, CO 80225

For proposal forms and other information about the IGC field trips, write to John C. Reed, Jr., U.S. Geological Survey, M.S. 913, Box 25046, Denver, CO 80225. Please plan to return proposal forms in March 1986.

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Field Trips (continued from p. 25)

Guidelines for Field Trips
GSA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION 1988

- Eighteen to perhaps as many as 24 field trips, about evenly divided before and after the meeting, should be offered.

- In keeping with the GSA Centennial theme, the focus of the trips should be on geologic problems or areas of classic geology about which our understanding now is much different from what it was 100 years ago. Flamboyant notions such as “Along Part of the 40th Parallel with King” would be welcome.

- Pre-Centennial trips may start and end at any point of convenient access, but travel to Denver at the conclusion of the trip should be included as part of the trip.

- Post-Centennial trips should start in Denver; travel to the initial point should be part of the field trip. The trip may end at any convenient point for dispersal.

- Length should be three days for most trips, but longer ones are possible.

- Although the trips will have a topical or areal orientation, as much information as possible should be included on development of geologic knowledge and the changes in concepts as our science has matured in the past 100 years.

Guidelines for Field Trips
International Geological Congress 1989

- About 80 pre-Congress and 40 post-Congress trips will be offered in the two weeks before and after the Congress. One-day field trips in the Washington area during the Congress will be organized separately.

- Field trips should be focused primarily on the geology of the United States, but excursions into Canada, Mexico, and the Antilles and other adjacent islands are acceptable as logical segments of appropriate trips.

- Pre-Congress trips should start at an easily accessible point of entry into the United States, generally a major international airport. The trip may end at any logical airport, but transportation from there to Washington should be an integral part of the trip.

- Post-Congress field trips should start in Washington; transportation to a logical beginning point should be an integral part of the trip. The post-Congress trips should end at a major point of easy international departure.

- In general, trips should be 3 to 10 days in duration, although exceptions are possible.

- Trips should have a scientific focus of international interest, but the focus may be topical or may be the general geology of a classic region.

- Inclusion of historical or cultural features is encouraged but should not involve major digressions from the scientific focus of the trips.

GSA Special Paper 200:
Tectonic Evolution of a Forearc Terrane, Southern Scotia Ridge, Antarctica,
by Ian W. D. Dalziel,
8 1/2" × 11", paperback,
37 pages, illustrated.
ISBN 0-8137-2200-4, CIP,
paperback $ 9.00.
Final Announcement

Rocky Mountain Section, GSA, Annual Meeting
Flagstaff, Arizona
April 30—May 2, 1986

The Department of Geology of Northern Arizona University, the U.S. Geological Survey Geology Division, Flagstaff, and the Museum of Northern Arizona will host the 39th Annual Meeting of the Rocky Mountain Section of the Geological Society of America on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, April 30 and May 1 and 2, 1986. The meetings will be held in Flagstaff at the Little America Hotel.

Local Committee: Chairman—Stanley Beus, Department of Geology, Box 6030, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ 86011, (602) 523-4561; Vice-chairman—David Best, Department of Geology, Box 6030, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ 86011, (602) 523-4561; Technical Program—Ivo Lucchitta, U.S. Geological Survey, 2255 N. Gemini Drive, Flagstaff, AZ 86001, (602) 527-7151; Treasurer—Michael Tyson, Department of Geology, Box 6030, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ 86011, (602) 523-4561; Registration—Grace Irby, Museum of Northern Arizona, Rt. 4, Box 720, Flagstaff, AZ 86001, (602) 774-5211; Field Trips—Ronald Blakey, Department of Geology, Box 6030, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ 86011, (602) 523-2740; Housing—David Elliott, Department of Geology, Box 6030, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ 86011, (602) 523-4561; Transportation—Richard Holm, Department of Geology, Box 6030, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ 86011, (602) 523-4561; Symposium—David Brumbaugh, Department of Geology, Box 6030, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ 86011, (602) 523-4561; Exhibits—Larry Middleton, Department of Geology, Box 6030, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ 86011, (602) 523-2429.

REGISTRATION

All persons participating in any event of the meeting must be registered.

Preregistration: You are urged to preregister at the reduced rate to aid the local committee in making final plans. Preregistration forms, with payment, must be postmarked no later than Friday, April 1, 1986. Complete the registration form and return it with a check or money order in U.S. currency to Treasurer, Rocky Mountain Section GSA, Department of Geology, Box 6030, NAU, Flagstaff, AZ 86011.

Those planning to attend field trips must preregister. Refunds for canceled preregistration will be made in full until April 16, 1986. After this date no refunds will be made except for field trips that are canceled or oversubscribed.

On-Site Registration: The registration and information desk will be located in the main hall of the Convention Center at Little America. Name tags and other meeting materials may be picked up from 6 to 10 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 30, and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, May 1 and 2.

TECHNICAL PROGRAM

Technical sessions will be scheduled as oral presentations and poster sessions on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, April 30 and May 1 and 2.

SYMPOISA


5. Early Proterozoic Orogenic History and Ore Deposits of the Southwest. Karl Karlstrom, (602) 523-4561; Clay Conway, Paul Lindberg.


FIELD TRIPS

Field trip chairman is Ronald C. Blakey, Department of Geology, Box 6030, NAU, Flagstaff, AZ 86011, (602) 523-2470. Field trip registrants must also register for the meeting. Field trip registration is on a first-come basis. If a trip is oversubscribed or canceled, the field trip fee will be refunded. Preregistration for field trips must be received by April 4, 1986, accompanied by full payment. Trips may be canceled if registration is insufficient or for reasons beyond our control. No trip refunds will be made after April 16, 1986. All field trips will depart from Little America, Flagstaff.

The elevations of the field trips range from about 3000 to 7000 ft. The wind can be strong. Please be prepared for inclement weather.

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weather. A single-volume guidebook will include site descriptions for all the scheduled field trips.

Premeeting
1. Lithologies and Deformational Styles in an Early Proterozoic Orogenic Belt, Central Arizona. Karl Karlstrom, Northern Arizona University; Clay Conway, U.S. Geological Survey, Flagstaff. Two days, April 28 and 29. Departs from Little America in Flagstaff at 7:30 a.m. on April 28. Returns to Little America at 8 p.m. on April 29. Limit: 28. Cost: $75, including transportation, one night lodging, two box lunches, and guidebook.

Participants will study two contrasting Proterozoic terranes in the Transition Zone of central Arizona. On the first day we will examine rocks of the Yavapai Supergroup in the Bradshaw Mountains, a 1750 Ma volcanic arc assemblage. Emphasis will be on deformational and metamorphic history, as seen in varying lithologies. On the second day, the trip will proceed southeast across a proposed geochronologic boundary into younger rocks (~1700 Ma) of the Mazatzal Mountains, which may have a different tectonic history. Emphasis here will be on examining lithologies, Proterozoic foreland foldbelt deformation in quartzites, and strain markers, plus possible melange zones in underlying slates and graywackes.

2. Geology of the Central San Francisco Volcanic Field. Richard F. Holm, Northern Arizona University. One day, April 29. Departs from Little America in Flagstaff at 8 a.m. on April 29, returns at 6 p.m. Limit: 27. Cost: $30, including lunch, transportation, and guidebook.

The central San Francisco volcanic field compromises a wide variety of late Cenozoic volcanic structures and deposits that range in composition from basalt to rhyolite. Emphasis will be on the volcanic history, volcanology, and petrology of San Francisco Mountain and its peripheral silicic centers. Rocks and features that will be examined include basalt, andesite, and dacite lava flows, San Francisco Mountain composite volcano, dacite and rhyolite lava domes, block and ash deposit, lahar breccias, base surge deposits, air-fall pumice beds, intrusive dome and displaced Paleozoic strata, basalt shield volcano, and scoria cones. Origin of the Inner Basin (caldera) of San Francisco Mountain will be studied. Panoramas of the volcanic field, southern Colorado Plateau structures, and the Painted Desert are possible from several vantage points.


The Paleozoic sedimentary rocks on the Colorado Plateau of northern Arizona are host to hundreds of breccia pipes. The uranium and copper deposits in these breccia pipes transgress formation boundaries from the Mississippian Redwall Limestone to the Triassic Chinle Formation. These breccia pipes are not classic breccia pipes in that there is no volcanic rock associated with them in time or space. They are the result of solution collapse within the Redwall Limestone and stoping of the overlying strata. The first day of this trip will be spent viewing breccia pipes and studying relevant stratigraphy along the Little Colorado Gorge and Gray Mountain. The Riverview Pipe, which had minor production in the 1960s and is currently being drilled, will also be visited. The second day will be spent on the Marble Plateau at the 1-mile-diameter Shadow Mountain collapse and two other collapse features where Cu- and Ag-rich nodules can be observed and collected. (Dates of this field trip mandated by motel availability.)

4. Paleontology of the Petrified Forest National Park, Arizona. David D. Gillette, New Mexico Museum of Natural History, Albuquerque; Robert A. Long, University of California, Berkeley; Sidney R. Ash, Weber State College, Ogden, Utah. One day, Saturday May 3. Departs from Little America in Flagstaff at 8 a.m., returns at 6 p.m. Limit: 12. Cost: $30, including transportation and guidebook. Lunch will be purchased at the park cafeteria.

Participants will examine and discuss vertebrate paleontology and paleobotany of the Upper and Lower Petrified Forest Members of the Chinle Formation in the Painted Desert and the Petrified Forest in eastern Arizona. Recent research conducted in the park and surrounding areas has substantially expanded the species lists for vertebrates and plants in the Chinle Formation, and a refined understanding of the paleoecology is emerging. Sites that have produced abundant remains of phytosaurs, metoposaurs, and an assortment of plants will be visited. In addition, we will view the site of the newly excavated (mid-1985) dinosaur and at least one site where the early Charles Camp expeditions established base camp. Participants should expect hiking over irregular terrain.

Postmeeting
5. Late Quaternary Alluvial Stratigraphy and Soils of the Black Mesa and Little Colorado River Areas, northeastern Arizona. Eric Karlstrom, Thor Karlstrom, Northern Arizona University; Richard Hereford, U.S. Geological Survey, Flagstaff. Two days, May 3 and 4. Departs from Little America in Flagstaff at 8 a.m. on May 3, returns at 6 p.m. on May 4. Limit: 50. Cost: $75, including transportation, one night lodging, two lunches, refreshments, and guidebook.

Late Quaternary alluvial deposits of the Black Mesa and Little Colorado River areas are subdivided on the basis of geomorphic relations and sedimentological characteristics of alluvial deposits and by identification of buried soils or diastems that demarcate boundaries between depositional units. Clustering of tree-ring, C-14, and archaeological dates from point boundaries in many valleys suggests generally synchronous and cyclic episodes of erosion and deposition throughout the region; this points to a dominant extrinsic or climatic control of depositional and erosional processes. This relationship is reinforced by comparison of post-1900 alluvial history of the Little Colorado River with historic climatic data.

6. Triassic-Jurassic Continental systems, Northeastern Arizona. Ronald C. Blakey, Larry T. Middleton, Northern Arizona University. Two days, May 3 and 4. Departs from Little America in Flagstaff at 8 a.m. on May 3, returns to Flagstaff that evening; departs on May 4 at 8 a.m., returns to Flagstaff at 7 p.m. Limit: 40. Cost: $75, including transportation, two lunches, refreshments, Saturday night meal, slide show, and guidebook.

The southern Colorado Plateau provides an opportunity to examine a diverse array of continental depositional styles, as well as facies sequences indicative of the interaction of fluvial, eolian, and lacustrine processes. Emphasis will be on channel and flood basin sedimentation and evolution, alluvial architecture and pedogenetic deposits, eolian erg and erg margin assemblages, and sabkha complexes. Features to be studied include low- and high-sinuosity channel complexes, proximal channel deposits, paleosols, trace fossil assemblages, dune and drape types, sand sheet
Rocky Mountain Section Meeting (continued)

and wadi systems, and desert-lake environments. The first day will be spent examining Triassic fluvial systems in the Little Colorado River valley and Petrified Forest areas. The second day will be spent in the Painted Desert and Echo Cliffs region, where Jurassic eolian systems will be emphasized. Trip will return to Flagstaff each night.

7. The Tectonic and Paleogeographic Significance of Tertiary Strata of the Southern Colorado Plateau and Transition Zone Basins. Dale Nations, Northern Arizona University; H. Wesley Peirce, Arizona Bureau of Geology, Tucson. Two days, May 3 and 4. Departs from Little America in Flagstaff on May 3 at 8 a.m., returns on May 4 at 6 p.m. Limit: 32. Cost: $90, including transportation, one night lodging, refreshments, and guidebook.

Tertiary strata on the southern margin of the Colorado Plateau, on the Mogollon Rim, and in extensional basins adjacent to the Rim provide evidence for the tectonic and paleogeographic evolution of the Transition Zone between the Colorado Plateau and Basin and Range provinces. The first day will be devoted to the examination of Eocene “Rim gravels” on the plateau, Oligocene sediments that were deposited at the base of the erosional escarpment (Mogollon Rim), and pre-Basin and Range extension Oligocene(?)-Miocene sediments and volcanics in the Verde Basin. The second day will be spent examining the stratigraphy, sedimentary facies, and interbedded lava flows within the Verde Formation, as an example of an extensional basin-fill sequence.


The United Verde mine at Jerome, Arizona, is a world-class massive sulfide deposit that was, for a time, the major copper-producing mine in the U.S. Detailed structural studies of the highly deformed strata have enabled reconstruction of the volcanic section and chloride alteration pipe beneath the ore deposit. Ore deposits and host-rock geology at Jerome and vicinity will be the subjects of the first day of the trip. The bimodal volcanic section that hosts several small massive sulfide deposits at Bagdad is well preserved in spite of lower amphibolite grade metamorphism. Recent work has revealed a remarkable suite of alteration types, systematically distributed relative to the ore deposits and to a subvolcanic sill, from which a model for the hydrothermal system forming the exhalative ores has been constructed. Examination of altered and unaltered strata at Bagdad will be the primary objective of the second day of the trip.

9. Structural and Geomorphic Characteristics of the Western Colorado Plateau in the Grand Canyon—Lake Mead Region. Ivo Luchitta, U.S. Geological Survey, Flagstaff; Richard A. Young, State University of New York at Geneseo. Two days, May 3 and 4. Departs from Little America in Flagstaff at 8 a.m. on May 3, returns late afternoon on May 4. Camping overnight near Lake Mead (elevation 1300 ft). Simple but hearty meals are available in a restaurant at nearby Meadview. Dinner is about $5; breakfast is about $3.50. Overnight accommodations at Meadview are limited; be prepared to camp. Limit: 30. Cost: $65 including transportation, two box lunches, refreshments, and guidebook.

Starting from Flagstaff, participants will examine in a general way the overall architecture of the Colorado Plateau in northwest Arizona. Near the western edge of the plateau, we will examine the stratigraphic, volcanic, structural, and geomorphic features that document the Tertiary history of the Colorado Plateau-Basin and Range boundary. Near the mouth of the Grand Canyon, the features of interest will be an unusually sharp structural transition from the Colorado Plateau to the Basin and Range province, the stratigraphy and environment of deposition of a classic interior-basin deposit, and data bearing on the history of the Colorado River. Return will be via the Aquarius Mountains.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Welcoming Party. An informal gathering will be held for all registrants from 7 to 10 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, at the headquarters motel, Little America. A cash bar will be available.

Annual Banquet. The annual banquet will be held at Little America on April 30, from 6 to 10 p.m. A cash bar will be available at 6 p.m.

Annual Business Meeting. The annual business meeting will be held at noon, Thursday, May 1, at Little America. Election of officers for 1986-1987, selection of future meeting sites, a brief review of Campus Representatives’ activities, and other section business will be on the agenda.

Paleontological Society—Rocky Mountain Section. The section is cosponsoring the symposium on sedimentologic, stratigraphic, and paleontologic studies in the Grand Canyon region and a field trip to the Petrified Forest National Park. A meeting and social function are planned. For suggestions, please call Ernest Gilmour, (509) 359-2286, or Stanley S. Beus, (602) 523-4561.

GSA Campus Representatives Breakfast. Campus representatives from the Rocky Mountain Section, GSA, will have a breakfast meeting Thursday, May 1, at 7 a.m. at Little America.

Rocky Mountain Section Management Board Breakfast, May 2, at 7 a.m. at Little America.

Spouse/Guest Activities. Flagstaff is situated near a great variety of scenic and cultural sites. Bus tours are planned to nearby sites of Wupatki Indian ruins and Sunset Crater Volcano, Oak Creek Canyon, and Sedona, with shopping at Tlaquepaque. Lowell Observatory, Museum of Northern Arizona, and the San Dominique Winery in Camp Verde will be scheduled if there is sufficient interest. In addition, daily bus tours to the Grand Canyon depart from the Navajo-Hopi bus station in Flagstaff.

PUBLICATIONS

A copy of the Rocky Mountain Section Abstracts with Programs will be mailed to each member who has paid 1986 GSA dues and selected and paid for the Rocky Mountain Section Abstracts with Programs on the dues statement. Please bring this copy of the abstracts volume to the meeting. Additional copies will be available for purchase at the meeting.

Each field trip participant will receive a guidebook. Additional guidebooks will be for sale at the meeting and will be available after the meeting from the Geology Department at Northern Arizona University.

STUDENT TRAVEL GRANTS

Limited travel funds are available to student members of the Rocky Mountain Section, GSA. Applications must be received by
PREREGISTRATION FORM
Rocky Mountain Section, GSA, 39th Annual Meeting
April 30, May 1, 2, 1986
Flagstaff, Arizona

IMPORTANT
1. Full payment must accompany registration.
2. Your check is your receipt.
   Copy this form for your records.
3. Preregistration deadline: Must be postmarked
   no later than April 4, 1986.

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Field Trip Preregistration
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2. Geology of Central San Francisco Volcanic Field
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3. Breccia Pipes of Northern Arizona
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4. Paleontology of Petrified Forest National Park, Arizona
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Postmeeting Trips
5. Late Quaternary Alluvial Stratigraphy and Soils, Black Mesa and Little Colorado River Areas
   .................................................................................. $75
6. Triassic-Jurassic Continental Systems, Northeastern Arizona
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7. Tectonic and Palaeogeographic Significance of Tertiary Strata, Southern Colorado Plateau
   and Transition Zone Basins
   .................................................................................. $80
8. Early Proterozoic Massive Sulfide Deposits, Jerome and Bagdad Areas
   .................................................................................. $85
9. Structural and Geomorphic Characteristics of Western Colorado Plateau,
   Grand Canyon–Lake Mead region
   .................................................................................. $85

Total Fees
Enclose check or money order, in U.S. funds, payable to
Rocky Mountain Section, Geological Society of America

Mail completed form and payment to
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Flagstaff, AZ 86011

Deadline for preregistration is April 4, 1986

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**LITTLE AMERICA Flagstaff**

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March 20, 1986. Application forms are available from Kenneth Kolm, Department of Geology, Colorado School of Mines, Golden, CO 80401.

TRAVEL

Flagstaff is served by the commuter airline Sky West (602) 774-7907, with connections to major airports in Phoenix, 140 miles distant. Free limousine service is available from the Flagstaff airport to Little America, and commercial taxi service is available. Arizona Central, (602) 526-1377, offers van shuttle services from the Phoenix airport to Flagstaff four times daily; cost is $45 round trip, $25 one way. Interstate 40 is the major east-west highway route to Flagstaff and provides direct access to Little America and nearby motels. Highway 89 reaches Flagstaff from the north and Interstate 17 from the south. In addition, Amtrak has daily rail services to Flagstaff east and west.

HOUSING

Rooms for participants are available at Little America, the headquarters motel and site of most of the technical sessions. One set of technical sessions daily will be held at Black Bart’s, 0.4 mile from Little America. Six other motels are situated within about 0.5 mile of Little America. A coffee shop and dining room are available at Little America, and additional restaurants are open at the nearby Continental Inn and other motels.

You can reserve rooms at Little America at reduced GSA rates by filling out the housing form and returning it to Little America, P.O. Box 850, Flagstaff, AZ 86002. Confirmation of your room reservation will be mailed to you by the motel. Deadline for receipt of reservations is April 4, 1986. Be sure to indicate that you are a GSA registrant to take advantage of the special GSA convention rate. Cancellations should be made in writing or by telephone directly to the motel.

The local committee will not coordinate housing reservations. The name, telephone number, and current rates of other motels that are within walking distance of the headquarters motel are given for your convenience. No rooms have been reserved at these motels, and you must contact them directly for reservations. All motel rooms in Flagstaff are subject to 5% tax.

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Free shuttle service will be available between Little America, Black Bart’s, and nearby motels during the technical sessions on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, April 30 and May 1 and 2.

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NACSN To Consider New Category

At the recent annual meeting of the North American Commission on Stratigraphic Nomenclature, held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of GSA, Ashton F. Embry of the Geological Survey of Canada (3303-33rd Street N.W., Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T2L 2A7) and Susan A. Longacre of Texaco Research Center (3901 Briarpark, Houston, Texas 77042) were elected chairman and vice chairman, respectively. Over the next twelve months NACSN will be examining a proposal to establish a new category of stratigraphic units—hydrostratigraphic units—and a proposal to add the term submember to the lithostratigraphic hierarchy.

For further information on the work of NACSN and on the present North American Stratigraphic Code (published in the Aapg Bulletin, v. 67, no. 5), contact either Embry or Longacre at the addresses given.

Reminder: Nominations Deadline

The GSA Committee on Nominations requests your help in compiling a list of GSA members qualified for service as officers and councilors of the Society. The committee requests that each nomination be accompanied by basic data and a description of the qualifications of the person for the position recommended (vice-president, treasurer, councilor).

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If you are one of the GSA members who has not seen the PLANET EARTH series, quickly consult your television guide for local PBS listings. The series began on Wednesday, January 22, 1986, at 9 p.m. Eastern Time. The seven-episode series will continue each Wednesday evening until the final show on March 5.

The prime-time series and its companion materials have already received considerable attention, not only from the scientific community, but also from the general public. PLANET EARTH, produced by WQED/Pittsburgh in association with the National Academy of Sciences, received major funding from The Annenberg/CPB Project with corporate funding from IBM. IBM funded tune-in advertising and promotion campaigns to draw attention to the appeal of the series for general audiences. The GSA 1985 Science Theater was underwritten by IBM as one of the PLANET EARTH promotions.

Before the series began to air in January, the hardcover book Planet Earth was chosen as the main selection of the Book of the Month Club for spring 1986. Author Jonathan Weiner took a leave of absence from the magazine The Sciences to write the companion volume for the PBS series. Explains WQED/Pittsburgh Vice President of Corporate Communications Russ Martz, "Everything possible was done to correlate the book with the film series. WQED/Pittsburgh Design Center Manager Mark Friedman designed the book and commissioned the new photography. We are very proud of the award and of the beautiful work by Weiner and Friedman."

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Eighth Australian Geological Convention, February 16-21, 1986, Adelaide, South Australia. Information: L. C. Barnes, P.O. Box 292, Eastwood, South Australia 5063, Australia; telephone 274 7580; Telex AA 88692.


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**Conodont Biofacies and Pro vincialism**

Edited by David L. Clark

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Experimental Mineralogy and Geochemistry: Applications to Petrology and Ore Deposits, April 17-19, 1986, Nancy, France. Information: A. Weisbrod, E.N.S.G., B.P. 452, 54001 Nancy Cedex, France.


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49th Annual Northeastern Friends of the Pleistocene meeting and field trip, May 23-25, 1986, Fort Kent, Maine. Information: J. S. Kite, Dept. of Geology and Geography, University of West Virginia, Morgantown, WV 26506; (304) 293-5603.


Third International Conference on Geoscience Information, June 1-5, 1986, Adelaide, Australia. Information: Secretary, Organising Committee 3ICGI, Australian Mineral Foundation, PB97, Gleiside, South Australia 5065, Australia.


27th U.S. Symposium on Rock Mechanics, June 23-25, 1986, University, Alabama. Information: Howard L. Hartman, Dept. of Mineral Engineering, University of Alabama, P.O. Box 1468, University, AL 35486; (205) 348-6578.


International Symposium on Natural and Man-made Hazards, August 3-9, 1986, Rimouski, Quebec, Canada. Information: Mohammed El-Sabh, Dept. d'océanographie, Université du Québec à Rimouski, 310, avenue des Ursulines, Rimouski, Québec G5L 3A1, Canada; (418) 724-1755, Telex 051-31623.


Third International Hunnic Substances Society Meeting, August 4-8, 1986, Oslo, Norway. Information: Egil Gjesing, Norwegian Institute for Water Research, P.O. Box 333, Blindern,
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Geothermal Resources Council Annual Meeting, September 29-October 1, 1986, Palm Springs, California. Information: Geothermal Resources Council, P.O. Box 1350, Davis, CA 95617; (916) 758-2360.


American Association of Stratigraphic Palynologists Annual Meeting (with Congres Internationale du Microflore Paléozoque), October 29-31, 1986, New York, New York. Information: Dan Habib, Graduate School of City University of New York, 33 West 42nd St., New York, New York 10036; (212) 790-4218.


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Southern Oklahoma Aulacogen, March 23-28, 1986, Quartz Mountain State Park, Oklahoma. Information: M. Charles Gilbert, Dept. of Geology, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843; (409) 845-2464 or 845-2451.


Miocene Reconstruction of Southern California, May 30-June 4, 1986, Oxnard, California. Information: Peter W. Weigand, Dept. of Geological Sciences, California State University, Northridge, CA 91330; (818) 885-3541.

Migmatites and Crustal Melting, June 8-13, 1986, Amherst, Massachusetts. Information: Robert J. Tracy, Dept. of Geology and Geophysics, Yale University, New Haven, CT 06911; (203) 436-3539.

Mechanisms of Reservoir Diagenesis and their Geological Constraints, June 8-13, 1986, Cannes, France. Information: G. Michel Lafon, EXXON Production Research Company, P.O. Box 2189, Houston, TX 77252-2189; (713) 965-4688.


Sections

Northeastern, March 12-14, 1986, Kamesha Lake, New York

Cordilleran, March 25-28, 1986, Los Angeles, California

South-Central/Southeastern, April 2-5, 1986, Memphis, Tennessee

North-Central, April 24-25, 1986, Kent, Ohio

Rocky Mountain, April 30-May 2, 1986, Flagstaff, Arizona


International Symposium on Granites and Associated Mineralizations, January 21-31, 1987, Salvador, Brazil. Information: Augusto J. Pedreira, ISGAM, SME-CPM, Rua Ceara, 3-Pituba, 40.000, Salvador, Bahia, Brazil.

Canadian Reef Research Symposium, January 27-30, 1987, Banff, Alberta, Canada. Information: Canadian Reef Research Symposium, University of Calgary, Conference Office, 2500 University Dr. N.W., Calgary, Alberta T2N 1N4, Canada.

Coastal Sediments '87, May 12-14, 1987, New Orleans, Louisiana. Information: Nicholas C. Kraus, USACE Waterways Experiment Station, Coastal Engineering Research Center, P.O. Box 631, Attn. WESCR-P, Vicksburg, MS 39180-0631. (Abstracts due April 30, 1986.)


Sixth International Congress on Rock Mechanics, August 31-September 3, 1987, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Information: J. Franklin, Dept. of Earth Sciences, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario N2L 3G1, Canada.

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