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## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Wednesday, May 20, 1998

**Place:** Qwiigs Bar and Grill  
5091 Santa Monica Avenue  
Ocean Beach  
Phone: (619) 222-1101

**Time:** 6:00 - Social Hour  
7:00 - Dinner  
8:00 - Program

**Dinner:** Fish or prime rib, tossed salad, fresh vegetables, coffee and dessert.

**Cost:** \$ 20.00 per person (Students \$ 10.00 with ID)

**Reservations Required by** 5:00 pm Friday, May 15. Please call the SDAG Reservation Line at Hargis + Associates, Inc.: (619) 454-0165, Extension 190. Contact Greg Cranham with any questions.

**Speakers:** John Hoffman, Mesa Construction

**Program:** Foundation Repair and Site Stabilization

Mr. Hoffman holds a BA degree from USC and is a licensed General Engineering Contractor. He is the owner of Mesa Construction, a firm specializing in geotechnical and structural repairs, as well as performing seismic retrofits. After 13 years of business in San Diego, he has been involved with every facet of foundation repair, both residential and commercial. He will present some of the more interesting case histories and give us a contractor's look at how geotechnical recommendations actually get implemented. His presentation will be particularly interesting to anyone in the geotechnical engineering field.

### **Upcoming 1998 Meetings:**

June 17:	Mike Hart, <i>Investigations of Landslides on Mt. Soledad</i>
July 15:	Vera Berger, <i>Ground Motion and Liquefaction</i>
August 19:	Tim Boardman, <i>Imperial Valley Geothermal Update</i>
September 19:	SDAG/ASCE/SDSU Geology Annual Picnic
October 10-11:	SDAG Field Trip: <i>Imperial and Mexicali Valleys</i>
November 18:	Andy Rindell, topic to be announced
December 16:	Tom Deméré, <i>San Diego Natural History Museum Paleontology Update</i>

### **Newsletter:**

Please submit information, announcements or suggestions to the Secretary, Greg Cranham, for inclusion in the next newsletter. The deadline for the next newsletter is May 29, 1998.

### **The Gordon Gastil Endowed Scholarship Fund:**

This SDSU endowment will provide full scholarships for advanced training in research and study for future students at the highest academic levels. The endowment recognizes Professor Gastil's pioneering work in the reconnaissance mapping of Baja California and the development of our geologic understanding of California on both sides of the border. The San Diego Association of Geologists is proud to support this new scholarship and donated \$ 1,000 to kick off the fund. At our April meeting, we matched a donation for an additional \$ 1,000. We urge you to support the Scholarship with your personal and corporate donations. Contact the College of Sciences Development Coordinator, Sharon Milligan, at (619) 594-1937 for more information.

### **1998 Corporate Sponsors:**

Thanks to our Corporate Sponsors for 1998! Their generosity allows us to plan the annual field trip and produce field guides, to host the fall SDAG/SDSU picnic on Mission Bay, and to provide scholarship funds to local geology students. Our Corporate Sponsors are:

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## **1998 GEOLOGY GUIDEBOOK and CALL FOR PAPERS:**

The 1998 SDAG volume, associated with the annual field trip, is *Geology and Geothermal Resources of the Southern Colorado Desert (Salton Trough): southeastern Alta California, northeastern Baja California*. Field trip dates are the three-day weekend of October 10-12, 1998. Tentative itinerary includes geothermal facilities on both sides of the border, faults and other features characteristic of the Salton Trough and Colorado River delta, the Cerro Prieto volcano, and Guadalupe Canyon thermal zone.

Earth science papers, related to any aspects of the above areas or topics, are now being accepted. Guidebook format will be similar to the 1997 SDAG volume *Santa Cruz Island: Geology Field Trip Guide*: 6"x9", color cover, b&w interior photos, illustrations (maps, diagrams, graphs, artwork). Text and tables should be saved onto 3.5" disk in flat ASCII or PLAIN TEXT with an exact hard copy included. We will format the text to fit the volume. Illustrations should be print quality and camera-ready hard copy, keeping in mind that they will be sized to fit the 6x9 page (maps may be printed full-bleed [no margin] if necessary for scale or detail). Photos may be b&w, color print, or slides.

Deadlines are:

- May 30 - Abstract (one paragraph summary of paper) with additional notes on photos and illustrations that will be forthcoming.
- June 30 - Final text and tables on disk and hard copy. Preliminary versions of illustrations.
- July 30 - Final camera-ready copy of illustrations and photos.

We recommend the following: Chicago Manual of Style, 14th edition (general); and USGS Suggestions to Authors, 7<sup>th</sup> edition (earth sciences). Please contact Lowell Lindsay for questions or comments (see cover page for contact information).

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Check out the SDAG website at <http://www.znet.com/~sdag>. Our website manager, Carolyn Glockhoff, can create a link from any Corporate Sponsor's listing on the SDAG website to its company website, if one exists. Also, please send the URLs of your favorite geology sites to Carolyn ([carolion@znet.net](mailto:carolion@znet.net)) for listing on the new Geologic Links page. These could be data resources, schools, useful government contacts, geologic software, contractors, laboratories, your own company's website, or anything you think would be useful to your colleagues. If your company does not presently have a website, but would like to construct one, you are also welcome to contact Carolyn.

### Position Available:

- ENGINEERING - SOIL TECHNICIAN 4+ years experience in earthwork and construction. Salary comm. w/exp. Resume to: Robert Prater Associates, 10505 Roselle Street, San Diego, CA 92121.

## **IN MEMORIAM:**

### **Richard Merriam: 1913 - 1998**

Dr. Richard Merriam, eminent Southern California geologist, died on April 2 of complications of Lou Gehrig's disease (ALS). He is survived by a daughter, Martha Merriam, a son, Robert Merriam, and three grandchildren.

Dr. Merriam died in La Mesita, the same ranch house, near what is now San Marcos, where he was born 85 years ago. The land homesteaded by his grandfather in the 1870's was named by him Twin Oaks Valley, for two majestic oak trees on the property below the Merriam Mountains.

Richard Merriam attended Twin Oaks Valley Elementary School and later Escondido High School. He obtained his degree in geology from Pomona College in 1934, and later earned a doctorate at the University of California at Berkeley in 1940. His dissertation focused on granitic rocks of north San Diego County.

Prior to World War II, Dr. Merriam was employed by the U.S. Geological Survey. During the war, he played a significant role in the installation of an aqueduct to provide imported water to military facilities in the San Diego area. For the next 30 years, he was a professor of geology at the University of Southern California, from which he retired in 1979. He continued active private geological consulting until about three years ago, when he was finally disabled by ALS.

Among other things, Dr. Merriam will be remembered for preparing some of the first geologic maps of North County. Truly a pioneer, from a family of pioneers.

(Biography based on an article in the *San Diego Union-Tribune*, April 7, 1998, by Jack Williams).

### **Jim Kozakowski: 1946 - 1998**

Jim Kozakowski, an integral member of our geologic community, passed away on April 30, 1998. He suffered a stroke and passed away at the age of 52. Jim was married to Anna, and they have two daughters.

At the time of his death, he worked for Bechtel National, Inc., on the Navy CLEAN II project as a contract task order leader from its inception. Most of his work was performed at Naval Air Station, North Island.

Jim lived in the State of Utah for 10 to 15 years prior to coming to California. He was engaged in mineral exploration during this time. He decided to come to California in part because he was impressed by the rigorous geologic licensing required by the State of California. Once in California, Jim worked at Law/Crandall for approximately 4 years prior to joining Bechtel. He was initially based in San Diego and was later transferred to Sacramento to conduct an environmental investigation at Beale Air Force Base.

Jim was a great person to work with. He had a wealth of experience and intellect to make quick decisions on performing all phases of environmental work. If he did not have a solution to the job he would always find someone who could provide input.

He was an avid saltwater fisherman, organizing many fishing trips for yellowtail and yellowfin. A recent trip, which Jim planned for almost a year, was to one of the grey whale breeding lagoons in Baja California, Mexico. The trip was a huge success and fun was had by all involved.

Jim was a member of the San Diego Association of Geologists and attended meetings several times a year. He obtained registration as a geologist and certification as an engineering geologist in the State of California.

Jim will be missed, but those of us who knew and worked with him have wonderful memories!

(Tribute prepared by Scott Donovan, Bechtel).



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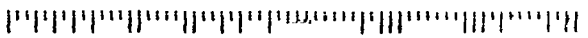
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	1997 Santa Cruz Island Geology Field Trip Guide (Boles and Landry)	\$20.00	
		Subtotal	
		Postage - \$3 per book if mailed	
		Total	

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