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SDAG MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Wednesday, July 15th, 2026

6:00 pm - Social Hour | 7:00 pm - Dinner | 8:00 pm – Program

LOCATION:

Phils BBQ Event Center

3740 Sports Arena Blvd., Suite 10

San Diego, CA 92110

*Event room is located in the same shopping center as the Phil's BBQ restaurant.

SPEAKERS:

Rick Halsey, CA Chaparral Institute

“For the Love of Rocks, Deep Time, and the Pursuit of Knowledge.”

DINNER: BBQ Broham Sandwich, El Toro Sandwich, or BBQ Garden Veggie Burger

COST: Member \$55.00 | Non-Member \$65.00 | Student \$25.00

RESERVATIONS:

Make & Pay your reservation online through the SDAG website, before **6PM Sunday, July 12th**

Please reach out directly to SDAG officers for potential accommodation of later reservations.

Please note, all meeting reservations require online pre-payment due to venue costs, venue contracts, and loss of money due to no shows. Refunds cannot be processed after the registration deadline.



[SDAG Announcements](#)



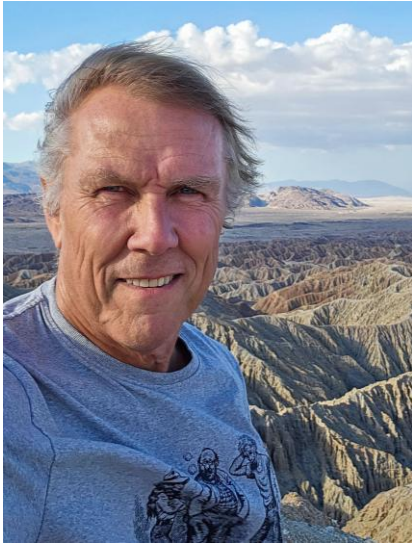
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Meet Our | Speaker & Topic



Richard W. Halsey is the founder and director of the California Chaparral Institute, a non-profit, research and educational organization dedicated to the preservation of California's native chaparral ecosystem and promoting an understanding of the geological, biological, and philosophical insights that can be discovered there.

Mr. Halsey works with the San Diego Museum of Natural History and teaches natural history throughout the state. He has given hundreds of presentations about the chaparral ecosystem and the value of Nature over the past two decades. Mr. Halsey taught biology for over twenty years in both public and private schools, was honored as the Teacher of the Year for San Diego City Schools in 1991, and was awarded the Christa McAuliffe Fellowship in 1994. He has written numerous research publications concerning the chaparral and Nature education, including his book, *Fire, Chaparral, and Survival in Southern California*.

Rick Halsey, CA Chaparral Institute

ABSTRACT:

"For the Love of Rocks, Deep Time, and the Pursuit of Knowledge."

Geology is a foundational science in understanding how life began and evolved, yet in most natural history programs, such as the statewide California Naturalist course, geology barely rates a courtesy laugh when compared to subjects such as botany and ecology. This illiteracy is tragic as it hampers not only the development of the intellect, but the pursuit of what the ancient Greek philosopher Epicurus described as Eustatheia: leading a good life through curiosity, new knowledge, and friendship (a reasonable description of the typical geological field trip).

Join us as we explore how a reformed natural historian discovered the wonder of rocks and has developed creative ways to pass along that wonder to those whose understanding of geology often stops at thinking the 3.5-million-year-old Morton gneiss that forms their kitchen counter top is composed of granite.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello SDAG, Members

As we move into the heart of summer, I am encouraged by the strong participation and enthusiasm shown by our members. Our June meeting was exceptionally well attended and highlighted the value of collaboration within the geologic community. It was a pleasure to join forces with the South Coast Geological Society for this special event. A special thank you to Kate Metcalf for her fascinating presentation on the Klamath Mountains. The presentation provided a unique perspective on one of California's most geologically significant regions, and I know many of us came away having learned something new. I would also like to thank the South Coast Geological Society for coordinating the presentation and John Teasley for recording the meeting. If you were unable to attend, I encourage you to visit the SDAG website and view the recording under "Recordings of Past Meetings." As always, thank you to our officers and Carolyn for their continued hard work behind the scenes that makes these events possible.

Looking ahead, our next meeting will be held on July 15. We are excited to welcome Rick Halsey of the California Chaparral Institute as our featured speaker. Rick will share his expertise on one of Southern California's most iconic and important ecosystems. His abstract is included in this newsletter, and I encourage everyone to attend what promises to be an engaging and informative presentation. The meeting will be hosted at Phil's BBQ Event Center at the Sports Arena location (please note that we will be in the event center, not the restaurant). I look forward to enjoying some great BBQ and even better conversation with fellow members. Please remember to register and pay in advance via PayPal using a credit, debit card or bank account and be sure to respond by July 12.

We are also looking forward to our September field trip, which will be led by our very own Jasmine Peach. Scheduled for September 25–27, the trip will be based out of Diaz Lake Campground near Alabama Hills. SDAG field trips are among the most rewarding experiences we offer, combining professional learning, networking, and exploration of some of California's most remarkable geologic landscapes. From everything I have seen, Jasmine has put together a fantastic program. Additional details are included in this newsletter, and if you would like to contribute a paper or presentation, please reach out to Jasmine directly.

One of the most important investments SDAG makes is supporting the next generation of geoscientists. I am pleased to announce that Shannon O'Dunn has renewed her sponsorship with a generous \$4,000 contribution, a donation specifically for the 2026 Student Scholarship Awards. Her support will help us continue providing scholarships and educational opportunities for students pursuing careers in the geosciences. As discussed during our April meeting, we have launched a dedicated Scholarships page (<https://www.sandiegogeologists.org/Scholarships.html>) on the SDAG website. Students are encouraged to visit the page and learn more about upcoming scholarship opportunities as we begin the application process this September. For members interested in giving back, the scholarship program provides a meaningful way to support future geologists and strengthen our profession.

Thank you for your continued support of SDAG. I look forward to seeing many of you at our July meeting and throughout the remainder of the year as we continue to promote geology, education, and professional collaboration throughout the San Diego region.

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable summer!

Cheers

Mike Palmer
2026 SDAG President



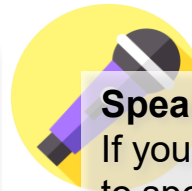
2026 Upcoming Meetings

DATE	SPEAKERS & TOPICS
July 15 th	Rick Halsey of the CA Chaparral Institute: "For the Love of Rocks, Deep Time, and the Pursuit of Knowledge"
August 19 th	Monte Marshal, SDSU retired: "Some Highlights of European Plate Tectonic History, With a Focus on Italy."
September	No Meeting: Annual Field Trip September 25-27th
October 21 st	Wes Danskin, USGS retired speaking on "Geology and Water Resources of the San Diego – Tijuana Area"
November 18 th	Dave Bloom, "Geology of Morocco"
December 16 th	Annual Holiday Meeting at San Diego History Museum with Tom Demere as Speaker
January 2027	Speaker and Talk TBA

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Speakers For 2027 Meetings

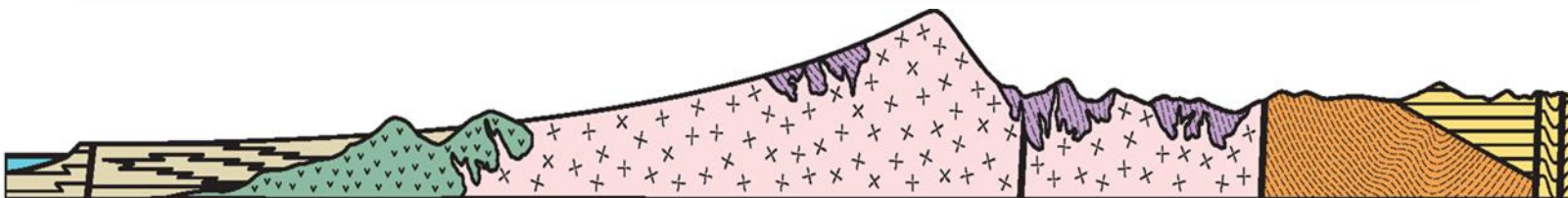
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Please visit the SDAG jobs board to see open opportunities and potential candidates.
Please reach out to the SDAG secretary with new opportunities to be added.

See newly listed opportunities from GSI, and Southwestern College.

<https://www.sandiegogeologists.org/Jobs.html>



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Get Ready to **GEAR UP**

2026 SDAG FIELD TRIP

Cerro Gordo & Owens Lake Area September 25–27, 2026

Join us for the 2026 SDAG Field Trip exploring the geology of **Southern Owens Valley, the Inyo Mountains and the Cerro Gordo Mine**. This multi-day trip will examine the tectonic, structural, hydrogeologic, and historical geology of one of eastern California's most geologically significant regions.

LODGING

Group camping is planned at [Diaz Lake Campground](#), located near the Alabama Hills. The group site accommodates tent camping, RVs (dry camping), and car camping. An optional Thursday night stay will be available for participants who wish to arrive early. Hotel accommodations are also available in the town of Lone Pine, located a few miles from the campground.

GEOLOGIC TOPICS

- Lone Pine Fault scarp and tectonic geomorphology
- Structural geologic transect along Cerro Gordo Road
- Geology and mining history of the Cerro Gordo Mine
- Owens Lake hydrogeology and environmental geology

Additional details, including registration information and a tentative itinerary, will be announced soon.

We encourage you to mark your calendars and start thinking about joining us for this engaging field experience.



CALL FOR PAPERS

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Now Accepting Contributions to the **2026** Field Trip Road Log and **2027** Guidebook

SDAG invites anyone interested to contribute to the Official Guidebook covering the geology of the **Inyo Mountains, Cerro Gordo Mining District, Lone Pine Fault,** and **Owens Lake Area.**

We welcome contributions from all geology-related disciplines, as well as mining and cultural history of the region.

Topics may include:

structural geology, geomorphology, hydrogeology, geochemistry, stratigraphy, basin evolution, environmental geology, and any related subjects or disciplines.

Student contributions are encouraged!

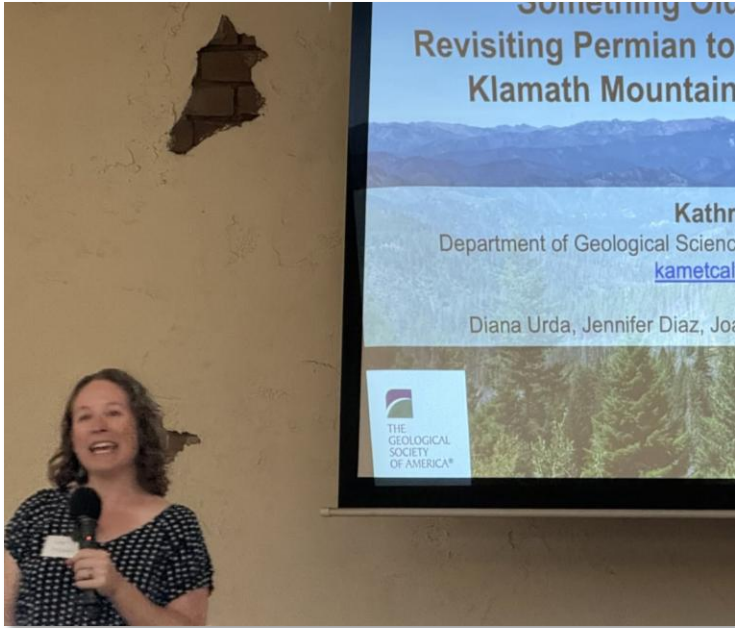
If you have an idea for a paper, short article, figure, or map, we would love to hear from you as we begin organizing for the road log and future guidebook.

Please contact **Jasmine Peach** for details.

Planned guidebook publication for **mid-2027**



SDAG | June Meeting Recap



Last month, we had the wonderful opportunity to head up to Orange County for a joint gathering with the South Coast Geological Society.

It was great to see such a strong turnout from members of both organizations, providing a welcome chance to mix, meet new faces, and catch up with colleagues outside of our usual area.

The evening was highlighted by an engaging talk from Kate Metcalf, who guided us through the complex geology of the Klamath Mountains. We appreciate her sharing her expertise with us and sparking such good conversation among the combined group. It was a thoroughly enjoyable night of networking and geoscience.



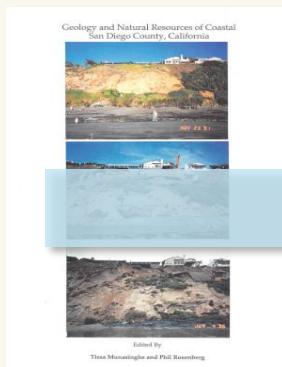


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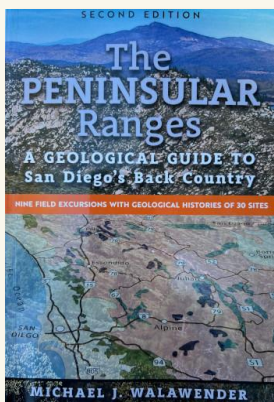


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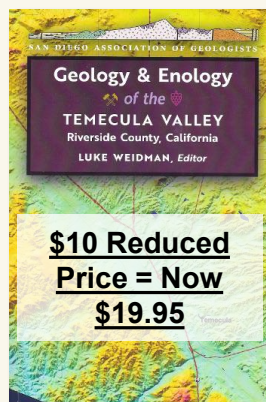


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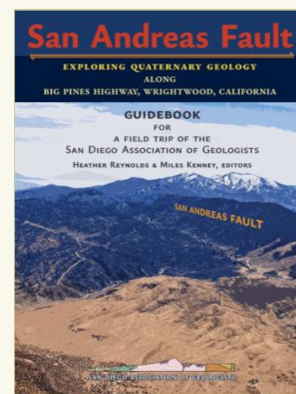


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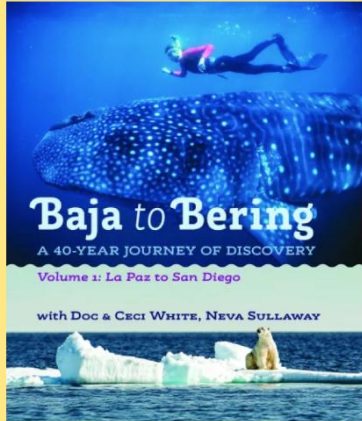
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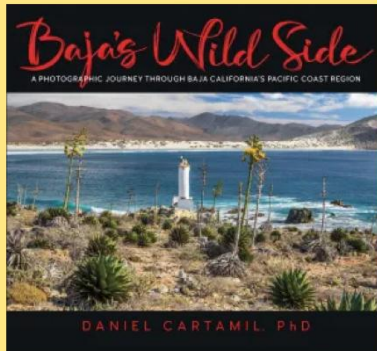
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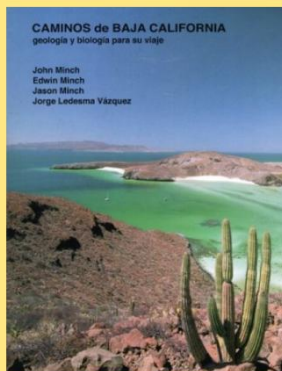


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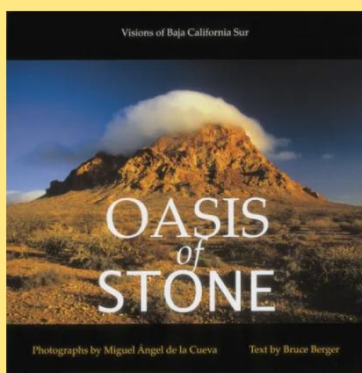
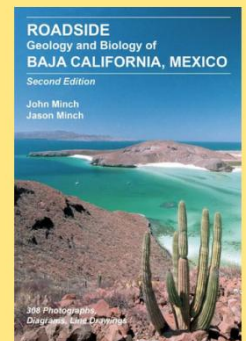
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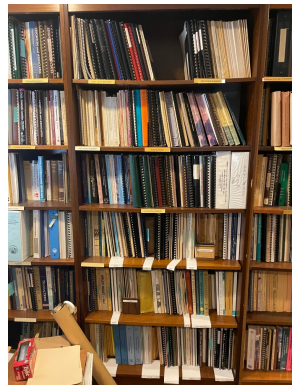
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