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GRAND CANYON VISITORS RETURN VICTORIOUS!



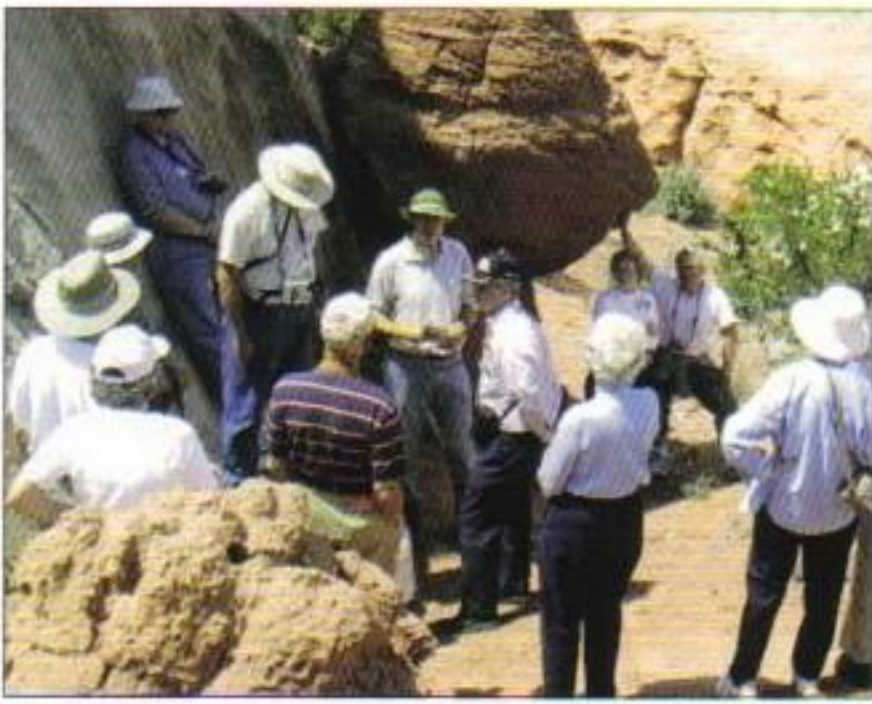
Grand Canyon 2004 Tour Group poses near the edge.

One hundred and eleven participants in the 2004 Grand Canyon Tour returned mostly unscathed from two weeks in the Canyon in May. Two groups of thirty rafters each challenged the upper and lower reaches of the Colorado River, ten hikers ventured into Havasupai Canyon, and forty-five intrepid bus participants explored Grand Canyon and the surrounding Parks.

Against all odds and even in agreement with Dr. Vardiman's weather forecast the Tour this year experienced wonderfully warm, sunny weather during the entire trip. The two raft groups led by Steve Austin, Andrew Snelling, and Scott Rugg were treated to views of the Canyon from river

level and the geologic strata up close and personal. Evidence for catastrophic processes of the Genesis Flood were observed in great detail, including outcrops containing two-foot-long nautiloids buried in a layer at the center of the Redwall Limestone. This evidence strikes a telling blow to the conventional interpretation of a calm and placid sea depositing hundreds of feet of the Redwall Limestone over millions of years.

While on the river an ICR film crew videotaped portions of two video documentaries for the RATE project and the nautiloid project. In addition to the excitement of rafting the Colorado River rapids, the raft group on the lower half of the



Bill Hoesch lectures at Kodachrome Basin.

Canyon experienced getting stranded for three hours on Lake Mead. The jet boat hired to carry the group to the landing spot ran afoul of the low lake level and came to a sudden stop atop a sand bar at full speed. It seemed like shades of Gilligan's Island until a rescue boat arrived.

The backpackers ventured into Havasupai Canyon led by David Nutting and Frank Sherwin for only the second time since ICR has been sponsoring trips to Grand Canyon. The trip was hot and dusty but views of Mooney Falls and the Supai Formation were worth the exertion. The group was also able to view a few nautiloids embedded in a layer of limestone at the foot of one of the Falls. Swimming in the pools of blue-green water below Mooney Falls was one of the highlights of the trip.

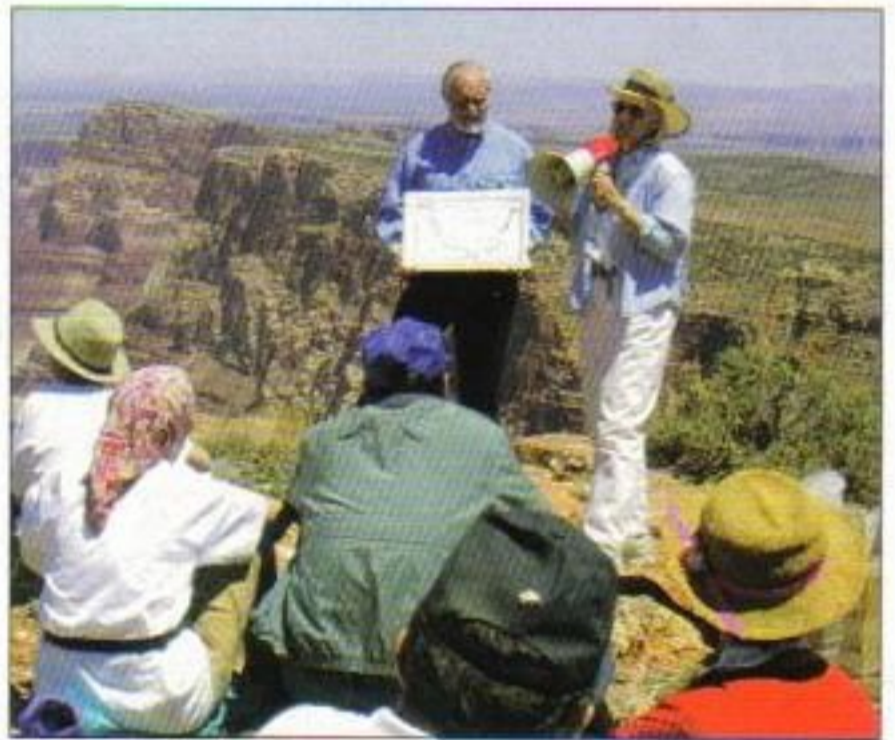
The bus tour led by Henry Morris III, Bill Hoesch, Debbie Brooks, and Cindy Gabay visited Zion National Park, Bryce Canyon National Park, Kodachrome Basin, Petrified National Forest, Sunset Crater, Meteor Crater, Walnut Canyon, and floated a quiet section of the Colorado River on rafts for half a day. They were also treated to a young-earth creationist interpretation of the geology of northern Arizona and southern Utah.

During the first Sunday the tour group worshiped at Grand Canyon Baptist Church which meets in the Chapel of the Shrine. Reverend Rick Wiles graciously

welcomed our tour group and Dr. Henry Morris III preached on "Genesis, the Foundation of Scripture."

On Saturday night at the end of the main tour the upper raft group, the backpacking group, and bus tour met in Flagstaff, Arizona, for our traditional "Victory Banquet." This tradition started many years ago at the end of one of our first tours to celebrate all participants returning alive from their various adventures. As far as we know everyone made it back in one piece again this year.

Plan on joining us on one of our future trips! See the enclosed article about ICR tours which describes tour plans for the next two years. The next tour will be late this summer to Mount St. Helens on August 21-28, 2004. See the back of this month's *Acts & Facts* for details. See you there! 🇺🇸



Mary Jo lectures at Desert View Tower.

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