**Announcing the PAFSKA2011 post-workshop recreation trip:**

Following the workshop, on Saturday, May 28, we are organizing an informal, optional day trip to Goblin Valley State Park and a loop hike through the nearby Little Wild Horse and Bell slot canyons.  Information on Goblin Valley can be found at: <http://www.utah.com/stateparks/goblin_valley.htm> and the Canyons at: <http://www.climb-utah.com/SRS/lwh.htm> .  Goblin Valley contains eerily shaped monolith structures that look like the surface of a strange planet, and the slot canyons are miles long, narrow passages through red rock walls hundreds of feet high.  The walls are so close that you can touch both sides at once with outstretched arms.  The four hour hike is moderately strenuous, but participants can choose not to hike the full loop and still see many beautiful canyon formations.

These spectacular and unique red-rock sites are located in the San Rafael Swell area of south-central Utah, about a 3.5 hour drive south from Provo.  Since this is a holiday week end (Memorial Day) and the areas are remote, hotel and camping accommodation availability will be very limited.  So, we plan to make the trip in one day, returning to Provo late Saturday evening.  Individuals who would like to stay additional days and visit other sites on their own in the general area, including Moab, Arches National Park, Brice Canyon National Park, Canyonlands National Park, Lake Powell National Recreation area, etc.,  could certainly do so from here with their own rental cars.

Transportation to Goblin Valley will be by personal rental cars, but Brian Jeffs and Karl Warnick will each be driving their own large SUV's with combined additional seating capacity to accommodate up to 10 more meeting participants.  Just send us an email or let us know at the meeting if you would like a ride. A picnic lunch will be provided, so we ask that you RSVP by email to Brian Jeffs by May 19 so we can plan sufficient food.

Itinerary, May 28:

6:45 a.m. Gather at the hotel parking lot.

7:00 a.m. Depart for Goblin Valley

10:30 a.m. Arrive at Goblin Valley

12: 30 p.m.Lunch at the Goblin Valley picnic site

1:00 p.m. Depart to Little Wild Horse Canyon

1:30 p.m  Hike the Little Wild Horse - Bell canyon loop

6:00 p.m. Depart

7:30 p.m.  Dinner at a small cafe in Green River or Wellington (self paid)

10:30 p.m. Arrive at Provo hotels

We feel think this will be a unique and fun adventure that you will remember fondly, and we invite all to join us!

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