

## The Big Flat

Bud Wobus' book on local geology is now available. Many Friends of the Florissant Fossil Beds enjoyed the seminar in March about a recent book entitled "The Big Flat, Colorado's Subalpine Erosion Surface in the Southern Front Range. What's Beneath, What's Above, What Has Changed."

The presenter of the seminar and the author of the book is Reinhard (Bud) Wobus who recently retired from 55 years as a professor of geoscience, former head of the department, teacher, mentor, and research supervisor. In addition to his teaching tenure at Williams, Bud spent many seasons mapping and researching The Big Flat – "the extensive subalpine erosion surface of low relief that dominates much of the landscape of the Colorado Front Range" in the center of Colorado from Colorado Springs to South Park along and near the 39<sup>th</sup> parallel.

Bud was honored in October at the annual meeting of the Geological Society of America in Portland. Dr. Herb Meyer, Paleontologist at the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument presented a tribute entitled "The 67-Year Legacy of Bud Wobus on the Florissant Quadrangle, Colorado".

Bud's geology career began in 1954 as a 13-year-old camper at Sanborn Western Camps where he received an introduction to the Colorado mountains. His research and publishing include being the lead author of the Geologic Map of the Florissant 15-minute Quadrangle published in 1978 as well as an author on adjacent geologic quadrangles. These maps all provided data for the Geologic Map of Colorado helping to interpret and understand the detailed geologic history of central Colorado.

The Big Flat is available in-person in the bookstore at the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument. Mail order requests may be directed to Jerry McLain, Colorado Outdoor Education Center, P.O. Box 167, Florissant, CO 80816, 719-748-3341, [jerry@sanbornwesterncamps.com](mailto:jerry@sanbornwesterncamps.com).