

## January 20 , 2003

On January 20th we spent the day working in the House Range of western Utah. We worked one of the less known locations. Although part of the Wheeler Formation, famous for its numerous *Elrathia* and *Asaphiscus* trilobites, this particular locality is much lower in the formation and those species almost never occur there. Instead a variety of very small but interesting trilobites are found. These include at least three species of the agnostids (what we call Cambrian ants) and two other trilobites, *Brachyaspidion microps* and *Jenkinsonia varga*. These critters are generally between a quarter and three-eighths of an inch in length. Anytime we can go collecting in Utah in January it is an unusually warm year. This year has been the warmest we can ever remember. The group included Lloyd Gunther (nearly 86 years old), sons David and Val, Val's wife JoEllen, and third generation, Glade. We found about 300 complete trilobites that day.

Glade driving the chisel into the shale



Glade with the wizard bar



Glade and Lloyd



Lloyd, i.e. Granpda





Specimen of "Peytoia" mouthpart of an Anomolocaris



*Jenkinsonia varga*



*Brachiaspidion microps*



Mom, she will kill me when she sees this. Oh well.

