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Remembering a Pioneer of Geothermal Research

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Gerald W. “Gerry” Huttrer
1939 -2025

Gerry was a highly respected geothermal expert and geologist with extensive domestic and international experience in geothermal energy.

He served as President of Geothermal Management Company, Inc., in Frisco, CO.

Gerry was born in New York City, raised in New Rochelle, NY, and was a member of the New Rochelle High School class of 1956.

He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1960 with a BS in Geology. He then obtained a Master's degree in 1963 from the University of Washington.

His career spanned decades from the 1960s through the early 2020s, focusing on practical applications of geothermal energy for heating, power generation, and sustainable development, including balancing technical, environmental, and economic factors in project planning and execution.

Gerry served as a geothermal expert and consultant for the World Bank, contributing to several major analytical and technical reports related to geothermal resource risk mitigation and global development strategies in energy. He was recognized as a geological consultant for the Energy and Extractives Global Practice at the World Bank and was involved in projects such as the Global Geothermal Development Plan and comparative analyses of risk mitigation approaches for geothermal resources.

1980s-2000s: Huttrer’s work in numerous countries, his presentations at international geothermal forums, and his authoritative reports on geothermal power generation have aligned with the IGA's mission to promote and develop geothermal energy on a global scale. His participation helped bridge scientific knowledge and practical development, fostering international cooperation in the geothermal sector. He undertook extensive international geothermal resource assessment and research, founding the Geothermal Resource Council and acting as its president for many years.

2000-2020s: Gerry led the geothermal reconnaissance survey near Steamboat Springs, Colorado, recommending drilling team temperature gradient holes for a snow melting system for the Mt. Werner ski area. He was also involved in multiple GeoPowering the West program studies across Oregon, Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Hawaii, and California, on geothermal heat pump feasibility, heating system designs, and industrial park assessments.

For the Eastern Caribbean Geothermal Energy Project “Geo-Caraibes" he authored a study of the geothermal potential of St. Kitts and Nevis, among other Caribbean consulting projects.

He was also associated with the dedication of a 200 kW geothermal binary power plant at Chena Hot Springs, Alaska, applying very low-temperature geothermal resources for power generation and absorption cooling for the Ice Museum in 2006.

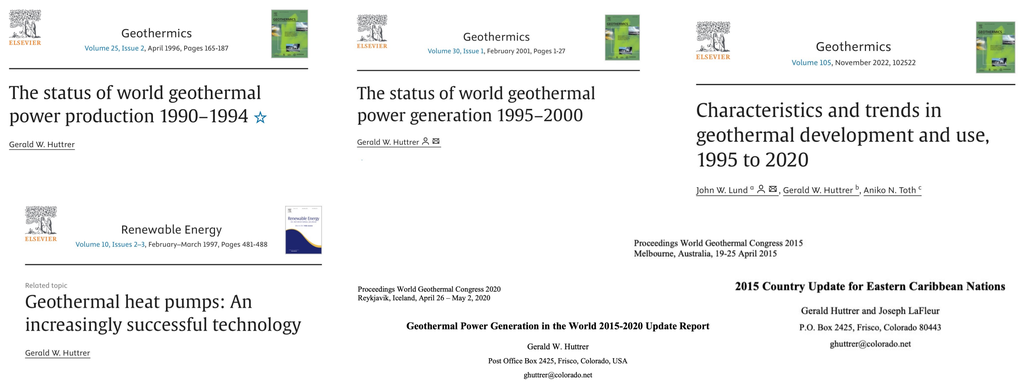
Gerry Huttrer and John Lund in geothermal work

Both were active in reporting on global geothermal power generation, including joint publications covering 1995-2020 periods, contributing authoritative status reports presented at World Geothermal Congresses.

They collaborated on many geothermal resource evaluations over the years, helping promote geothermal at the local and global level. Some of their most important work was carried out in Colorado, where they gave more exact assessments of the geothermal potential of Pagosa Springs, Steamboat Springs and Hot Sulphur Springs.

Gerry and John gave many geothermal short courses together, for GRC and others. These courses focused on geothermal exploration, direct uses and resource assessment using Colorado’s sites as practical case studies for training.

Some of Gerry’s geothermal publications



Gerry was an avid outdoorsman, excelling in skiing and sailing and enjoying running, hiking, biking and tennis. He was a Level III certified instructor and a member of the Professional Ski Instrictors of America for 55 years.

