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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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EMSP SOAPBOX

By Tom Lee

The first (January) and last (November) meeting of each year are probably the most important ones for the fossil club. At the November meeting, the officers for the New Year are selected. At the January meeting, the staffing of important committees is usually established. I challenge everyone to offer as much support for the club in 2006 as possible. In my opinion, 2005 was a pretty good year for the club. We had excellent speakers, thanks to the hard work of our Vice-President, Carl Campbell. Additionally, an excellent newsletter arrived each month, thanks to the hard work of Pat Eicks (Secretary) and Bruce Stinchcomb. Others made sure there were quality field trips, and that our financial affairs were in order (Pete Smith). Finally, many gave of their time, sharing their expertise and enthusiasm for fossils with the public at events such as the Mastodon State Park Fossil Days. There are many ways to contribute to the success of the club in 2006. Please consider giving a talk, or help identify possible speakers for an upcoming meeting. We need leaders for field trips, leaders for various committees, committee members, and we need members to represent the club at public events. A new year is just beginning, let's all work to make it a great year for the EMSP.

DUES ARE DUE

Our treasurer, Pete Smith will accept dues payment for a full year. Dues are \$15.00 per household per year and are payable on the anniversary date printed on your newsletter address label. See Pete at the next meeting or mail a check (payable to Eastern Missouri Society for Paleontology) to:

**EMSP
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THANK YOU!

A special thanks you to Bruce Stinchcomb for hosting our annual Christmas Party. We had a wonderful evening. As usual we had great food, fossils, fossil talk adding up to lots of fun.

Upcoming Events

February 2005 – EMSP Field Trip to Cedar Creek.
Weather permitting, details at meeting.

January 13 2006 - EMSP Meeting

Feb 10th – EMSP Meeting. Matt Forir will speak about Riverbluff Cave.

January Meeting

Bruce Stinchcomb will be our speaker at the January meeting. The title of his talk is: "Exotic Cambrian Groups- Elements of the Cambrian Radiation Event." The talk will be based on videos Bruce prepared about 10 years back. This will be their first showing at the fossil club.

The next meeting of the Eastern Missouri Society for Paleontology will be on Friday, January 13, 2006 at 7:30 pm in room 203 of the new Earth & Planetary Sciences Building on the campus of Washington University. The Earth & Planetary Sciences building is on the southwest corner of Hoyt Drive and Forest Park Pkwy. There is a large parking lot just across the street. Please see the map below for more information.



Many thanks are extended to our retiring 2005 club Officers.

Pat Eicks (Secretary)
Carl Campbell (Vice-President)
Tom Lee (President)

Officers for 2006

Brian Jackson (President)
Bruce Stinchcomb (Vice-President)
Pete Smith (Treasurer)
Secretary (open)

What is EMSP?

The Eastern Missouri Society for Paleontology (EMSP) is a not-for-profit organization Dedicated to promoting the enjoyment of fossil collecting. It is open to all individuals interested in learning about the history of life on earth. The club membership includes professional paleontologists as well as amateur hobbyists. The EMSP provides an open forum for the exchange of information and access to expertise on collecting, identifying, preparing and displaying fossils.

EMSP meetings are held on the second Friday of every month (except July, August and December) at 7:30pm in the Earth and Planetary Sciences Building on the campus of Washington University. Each meeting includes an informal exchange of information and speakers on a variety of fossil-related topics.

Weather permitting, field trips to fossil collection localities around the St. Louis area are held each month. Led by experienced collectors, these trips are a fun way to augment discussions at the monthly meetings. The club participates in joint field trips with other paleo clubs, visiting fossil sites throughout the United States. EMSP is also a proud to be involved in partnerships with the St. Louis Science Center and the Greater St. Louis Association of Earth Science Clubs, Inc.

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