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EMSP SOAPBOX

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If you have any articles, comments, or need to communicate with me I can be reached through the following: emsp.sec@mofossils.com.

Next meeting

Next meeting is **Friday, November 14, 2014** at 7:30 pm in the Earth and Planetary Sciences building at Washington University (see more details below).

President's Corner November 2014

Have you read an article while researching for something that you think would be good material to share with the club? If so, please submit an electronic version to Ryan so he can include in the monthly newsletters.

If you have gone somewhere interesting or had a great "find," either bring the item/information to the next club meeting or send information to Ryan for him to include in the newsletter.

This is really great weather to get out, explore and collect. If you don't have someone to go with you, call a fellow club member from the member's list that was available at the September meeting. Also, if your information needs updating please give the information to Ryan so he can provide paper copies at next meeting for those who do not have email.

As a lesson learned, always make sure you have the necessary PROTECTIVE equipment with you before

you start on that short collecting trip – I am pretty organized for the two day or more trips but not so good on the 4-hour trip. Sunday afternoon I was using my rock hammer for collecting blastoids in a creek in Illinois and a piece of "something" hit my left eye. So now I have a very RED eye and am going to the doctor. **Could have been prevented with goggles.** And don't just take the proper equipment with you – wear it!

Club Meetings:

November 14, 2014: Matt's fossil trip to Estonia
December 20, 2014 at home of Ryan and Abby

Possible Field Trips for this Fall:

Ardeola (Bruce's marine site)
Do you have suggestions for others?

For those who weren't at the September meeting, all of Capitol Quarries locations, including Danville, are now closed to us. None of our members did anything wrong. MINSA (Mine Safety Act) is putting pressure on Safety Managers and Owners of quarries to not allow groups into their locations due to insurance liability. If this should change in the future (hopefully), DeWayne at Danville will contact John Stade. This is another sad loss of a collecting site as club members have made some good finds at their quarries over the years.

Shows:

November 21-23, 2014

This is the same message as last month as we really need for more members to be involved.
This show is always the weekend BEFORE

Thanksgiving (great time to start Christmas shopping for your fossil friends). It is at the White Rodger's Community Center, Afton, MO. Plan ahead to volunteer for ticket booth, EMSP's table, setup on Friday, and come, look, and buy those things that you want but haven't been able to find. There are a lot of vendors to choose from but be sure to check out your own EMSP table as these funds go toward the speakers we bring to the monthly meetings (our club members get a discount).

We are looking for "marketing" ideas to increase the attendance at the August show. Please submit your ideas to any of the club officers. Your input will be greatly appreciated.

Board Meeting October 20th 2014

Board members would like the newsletter to have more content and member help is needed to make it happen!

Ideas raised included permission to reprint good articles written in other paleontological newsletters, having members write a short research piece on a specific location, strata, or time period-with correlation to the upcoming talk subject, book reviews, and reprints of old articles. We hope to add field trip and member spots lights with photos.

New members- we have a photo database for members to help us remember faces. Please consider posing for a portrait at November's meeting.

New meeting idea:

New meeting ideas included 5-10 minutes at the beginning of the meeting to have a member describe a phylum, geologic time period or formation. Members could take turns to learn about a subject that interests them and then help group members continue to expand their understanding of paleontology.

New field trip and speaker ideas were also discussed with plans to schedule them for next year. We'll look for local trips but with collection sites dwindling in the STL area we're looking at more weekend trips in neighboring states for the year ahead.

As always the board exists to serve the group. What do you want to see our group do? We need your input. Always feel free to send us your ideas!

Holiday party- the club will provide turkey, ham, plates, cups, and utensils. Please bring side dishes, veggie entrees, desserts, appetizers, and drinks. We'll have space to plug in crock pots. This year we will be raffling off a very nice digital camera during the party. Raffle tickets will be \$10 each.

The party is **Saturday, Dec 20th** at the home of Abby and Ryan. Plan to show up any time after 4 pm and dinner will probably be served around 6:30.

Just in time for holiday baking. This recipe for Trivia Night Bruschetta was requested at last year's holiday party by club members from Rob.

3 T olive oil
2T vinegar
1 tsp salt,
1 tsp slivered pepper
1 box (10oz) cherry or grape tomatoes, diced

1 avocado, peeled, pitted, diced
2-3 cloves garlic, minced
1.5 tsp ground basil or 3T fresh basil, slivered
8 oz. shredded mozzarella
8oz. cream cheese
1 loaf french bread or sourdough with olive oil

In medium bowl, combine oil, vinegar, and salt. Whisk to blend. Add basil, tomatoes, garlic and avocado. Toss gently.

In small bowl, mix cream cheese and mozzarella (suggested to mix by hand).

Brush bread with little olive oil and toast in oven. I let the toast cool before spreading with cheese mixture. Spread cheese mixture on toast, top with tomatoes and avocado mixture.

Ideal to make the mixture and cheese ahead of time and toast and cool the bread just before serving.

Paleo-shorts

Slim pickings this month. I'm keeping this newsletter short and sweet. I hope to get some articles from people in the coming months to make this section more interesting. I may do a little revamping, who knows.

Upcoming Events

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Afton show: November 21-23, 2014

Look back at the President's Corner for more information.

Christmas Party! This year the party will be held December 20th at Ryan and Abby's house.

Meetings are held the 2nd Friday of every month (except July, August, and December) in room 203 of the new Earth & Planetary Sciences Building on the campus of Washington University. The building is on the southwest corner of Hoyt Dr. and Forest Park Pkwy. There is a large parking lot just across the street.

CONTACTS

Do you need to find out something about the next meeting or have questions on the next field trip? If so, please talk to or contact one of the EMSP officers. Please note that the e-mail contacts have changed

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Our treasurer, Rick will accept dues payment for a full year. **Dues are \$20.00 per household per year-payable in January if receiving the newsletter by e-mail. The dues are \$25 for those receiving the newsletter by regular mail.** See Rick at the next meeting or mail a check (payable to Eastern Missouri Society for Paleontology) to:

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Distribution of the Newsletter by email

Can't find your newsletter, just when you need it for a trip? Then sign up for the e-mail version. This also saves the club money so we can bring in speakers. E-mail requests to

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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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