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EMSP SOAPBOX

By Abby Lee

Sorry to make this short, but there are some quick changes to this month for club activities (no Nov 4th Mark Twain trip- see below). I will send out a longer newsletter for December. Please note the field trip coming up! Thank you to John Stade for getting us into a quarry again. For those of you that have joined us more recently- we used to regularly visit quarries. However, in the past decade quarry owners have said no to collectors citing liability reasons. This is unfortunate given that quarries offer different rocks (and therefore fossils) every time you visit; and the area has an abundance of quarries in operation.

Next Meeting: Nov 9th 7:30pm (see map and details below). No speaker is currently arranged. However, there is business to discuss including board elections.

-The venus clam raffle (donated by Dave Lukens) drawing will take place.

-A sign up sheet for the Fenton show needs to be circulated at the meeting.

-Also discuss the website

-set a date for the holiday party

-members of the club will be going to the Tucson, AZ international gem, jewelry, and fossil show. In the past the club has sent money to purchase items for sale at local shows as club fundraisers. I propose we try this again. Please discuss good items to purchase.

Note: At the next meeting officers need to be elected. I encourage newer members to step up! More seasoned members will be willing to lend you

a hand. I will be at a scientific conference in D.C. thus I cannot attend. If anyone wants to take over the newsletter, I would appreciate it. I'd be willing to lend a hand. I have just started a real full time job (science job= 45+ hours/ week) and I hope to start graduate classes next year. I am very busy.

Thanks

To Dana Klein. I heard he gave a great presentation. We appreciate it. Did anyone give him the official mug? Do we still have mugs in stock?

Upcoming Events

Nov 9-11: FENTON, MISSOURI: **50th show; St. Louis Mineral & Gem Society; Stratford Inn**, 800 S.Highway Dr.; Fri. 4-8, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-5; adults\$2, students \$1, children 12 and under free; gold nugget prize drawings, free rock-hound starter kit for children 12 and under, dealers; contact Melissa Perucca, 1307 Mystic Seaport, Fenton, MO 63026,(636) 861-3865; e-mail: peruccam@aol.com; Website: <http://stlmgs.stlearthsci.org>. We will need volunteers to staff a booth.

Holiday Party: December, exact date TBD. At the Stade's this year. Details to follow. They have an excellent collection for viewing while we much on holiday potluck treats☺

Field Trips

The Nov 4th Mark Twain trip is off.
The marinas closed last weekend for the winter. Will we keep this in mind when planning in the future. Perhaps the trip can be rescheduled for the spring.

Nov 18th. Danville Quarry. Meet at 9:30am at the rest area on I-70 west of Wright City. Bring a hard hat. There may be a minimum age required. I would guess 18+. There is potentially a long walk in so bring a bucket/ backpack, good shoes, hammer/sledge and chisel. The quarry contains possible fish teeth, crinoids (with heads), and trilobites.

Thanks to John Stade for his continued efforts to get us back into a quarry!

Kansas River – Canoeing for bones is postponed until lower water level. The water level never dropped. Apparently barge traffic took priority over reservoirs this year. Therefore river levels are higher than usual. Who's up for some winter paddling?

DUES ARE DUE

Our treasurer, Pete Smith will accept dues payment for a full year. Dues are \$15.00 per household per year-payable in January. If you join in the middle of the year the amount will be prorated. See Pete 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 says the club money so we can bring in speakers (once we pick some...) E-mail requests to motirek@gmail.com or abfactor@gmail.com



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 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.

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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