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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: dmslukens@yahoo.com.

NOTE: I have been out of town and my home computer died so this month's newsletter is short. Will be better next month.

David

Next meeting

Next meeting is **Friday, September 11th** at 7:30 pm in the New Earth and Planetary Sciences building at Washington University (see more details below).

IMPORTANT NOTE: The Machinist Hall Show is going to take place on August 14, 15, and 16th. We need people to sign up to help cover the table and sell fossils we have on display. If you can help contact either myself or Don Howell or e-mail either of us to let us know if you can work the show. See additional notes in newsletter. This is an important fundraiser for the club and we need your help.

Promote the show, tell your friends, have your kids tell their friends, the more people that come the better off we are.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello all, I hope everyone had a great summer with lots of fossil collecting or time with their families. I had a good summer and spent a lot of time and had a lot of fun with my granddaughter. Hope to see all of you either at the Machinist Hall Show or at the

picnic. I can't wait to see you all there! Your Pres, Don Howell III

Thanks / Congratulations

Thanks to Rich & Lisa for leading the trip on Cold Water Creek, for bringing the big sifter (until we broke it) and also to Bruce for bringing extra canoes so everyone could make it on the river.

Upcoming Events/ Field Trips

No field trip is planned for August since the month is busy with the Machinist Hall Show and the Club Picnic.

August 14-16 is the gem/mineral/rock show at the Machinists Hall on Old St. Charles Rock Road. We will have a table to sell and demonstrate. We will need volunteers so please contact Don Howell or myself ASAP. . We are now up to 3 venues to sell/fundraise per year. The club agreed that this was a nice number to maintain.

The hours of the show are Friday Aug 14th - 4 PM-9PM, Sat. Aug 15th 10 AM-6PM, and Sun Aug 16th 11 AM-5 PM. Address is 12366 St. Charles Rock Road (Bridgeton) St. Louis County. Just off I-270 and St. Charles Rock Road.

If you are coming to work the show please identify yourself at the entrance table that you are working the show. Please do not do this if you are only coming to see the show.

Date is set for the **club picnic**; it will be August 30 2009 at Kirkwood Park at the New Pavilion. It is at the same location as previous but Pavilions were replaced. Located at the North West corner near the tennis courts. The club will supply hamburgers, hot

dogs, buns, soda, we are looking for someone to bring a grill. We ask that everyone bring a dish or two to share with everyone else. People usually starting arriving around 10:30 am – 11:00 am and we eat between 12:00 and 1:00 and stay until whenever. As with previous years, if you want to bring fossils to swap or sell to club members, feel free to bring them with.

September 13, 2009 - Field trip - Will be to Bruce 's site in southern MO. This site has turned out some really great fossils so far. Trip will be on Sunday 9/13/09 leaving at 9:00 am. Departure site will be the commuter parking lot located at the south-west corner of I-55 and Richardson Road. From there we will carpool down to Bruce's site. It is about a 2 ½ hour drive. You will need to bring your tools, water, and lunch. This is out in the country so there are no bathrooms. Also, there is lots of poison ivy so long sleeve pants and shirts are recommended. Also bring shovels and pickaxes if you have them and paper to wrap your finds in as they are fragile. Buckets are also recommended.

There will be a second trip to the site (2 day trip) on 9/26/09-9/27/09 run by Bruce. He has several paleontologists from the American Museum of Natural History (NY) coming out to his site to dig. Club members are also welcome to come during this dig. Arrangements of how to get to the site for this dig will be arranged at the September meeting. Likely travel down will be on Saturday and a number of people will stay overnight at a hotel in the area to dig again on Sunday.

October Field Trip – This will be to a lake in October, date to be determined. (What about 10/10 - day after the meeting?). We will be meeting at the Indian Creek Marina at 10:00am with departure promptly at 10:30. We are usually out on the lake for at least 3-4 hours so you will need to bring lunch & drinks for yourself. Cost of the boat rentals will be split between the people taking the trip, typically the cost for the rental is between \$10-15 per person. This is a great family trip. Again, we would like to know ahead of time how many people will be going so we know if we need to reserve 1 or 2 boats.

NOTE: We will confirm at the Sept meeting exact date.

Sometime in the fall we will need to get together to build up our supply of fossil boards that we have for sale for the show. Begin to think about a good date.

Date has been set for the next Viking show. Location will be the same as last year. Dates will be November 27-29, 2009. The price will be \$75/table. We will be getting 2 or 3 tables. As date gets closer we will be needing people to sign up for this show to help man the table.

At the next meeting Bruce will hopefully have his newest book for sale. It is suppose to come in soon. This one will cover the Mesozoic time.

Remember that annual dues were due starting in January. If you have not paid, please get your money in. If it is not paid by March 1st, you newsletters will stop.

Notes from the Meeting

Collections are still ongoing for the Joe Bolser Scholarship Fund. If you want to donate please bring your donations to the next meeting or put them in the mail.

The raffle for the composite Meg tooth has started. The tooth will be on display at the August picnic and may be raffled at the picnic (depends on total tickets sold). (See Tom) we are selling raffle tickets for a 4" Megalodon tooth from Florida. This tooth was originally broken and has been restored, estimated value is \$30-\$50. Tickets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawing will probably be during the August Picnic meeting. You will not need to be present to win.

Current membership stands at approximately 45 e-mail + 19 letters.

Paleo-shorts

-Original and summary articles provided by members of EMSP. Where possible, I have tried to add in website where you can read more.

No time this month to do the articles, next month

Around Town

Upcoming Gem & Fossil shows

- Colorado Mineral & Fossil Show (Fall), September 16–20, 2009, Denver, CO.
Colorado Fossil Expo, September 18–20, 2009, Denver, CO
- Arizona Mineral & Fossil Show, January 30–February 13, 2010, Tucson, AZ

AUGUST 2009:

22-23--PEORIA, ILLINOIS: Show; Peoria Academy of Science Geology Section; Ramada and Conference Center, 4400 N. Brandywine Drive.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-5; free admission; demonstrators, silent auction, fluorescent display, exhibits, flume, fossil cleaning, the T-Rex SUE, ISGS material identification; contact Jim Travis, (309) 645-3609; e-mail: boatnick@aol.com; Web site: www.pasgeology.com

MAPS 2010 – Western ILL University, Macomb IL
March 26-28, 2010.

Reports

If you have suggestions for field trip locations, please e-mail them to me and I will begin putting together a list.

NEEDED

We are always looking for more donations of small fossils (quarter size or smaller) for the fossil boards. We are especially in need of small trilobites (the Utah ones are best) were also looking for horn corals, other corals, gastropods, bryozoans, and other donations. Please bring to the next meeting so we can meet later and work on putting more fossil boards together for the upcoming show.

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.

President – Don Howell

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Treasurer: Pete Smith

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DUES ARE DUE

Our treasurer, Pete Smith 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 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 saves the club money so we can bring in speakers (once we pick some...) E-mail requests to dmslukens@yahoo.com, 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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