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EMSP SOAPBOX

By Tom Lee

It's already February. We're still in for some cold weather-maybe the coldest of the winter, but we know it can't last much longer. A few fortunate members of our club are currently basking in the sun (and fossils) at the Tucson Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show, which occurs at the beginning of February each year. Hopefully, they will come back with some great stories about the fossil(s) that got away or, at the very least, share a few pictures of the magnificent fossil displays they observed. The rest of us will have to be patient for about another two months before the warm weather fully arrives- the weather that means we can comfortably go fossil collecting whenever we have a free afternoon. For the moment, we will have to be satisfied with some fossil related activities such as prepping or organizing fossil finds from previous years, looking through catalogs for fossil gear, really learning how to use all the functions of our GPS, reading about fossils or planning fossil trips for this spring and summer.

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:

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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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