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Report from the Field

By Abby Lee

Wow, the summer months have been busy for me! I hope everyone is out enjoying the collecting season.

I have recently returned from Montana. This year I decided to take a detour and visit the Big Horn Mountains on the way up. They are gorgeous and not too touristy. The park service has labeled the rock formations, thus the trip was quite informative as well.

Montana it has been quite hot and a record wet year! I have never worried about mosquitoes and ticks before. The town of Jordan, MT has actually has been spraying to control mosquitoes.

Club members and associates continue to dig on the "t-rex bone bed". I do not know if they found anything more. There has been some drama and misunderstandings involving BLM vs. private land and collectors this year. Luckily our group has a great map reader (Carl Campbell) and we have avoided mistakes thus far.

A hadrosaur articulated arm has been found, as well as a hunk o' trike skull that was worth jacketing.

We scouted a new section with the overall conclusion that most of the area is too low in elevation for dino bones.

Come September we will have the full stories and updates. Bones are already arriving at the Science Center. We always need preparators!

Local Creek Trip

Saturday July 28th. Led by Rich.

The club will **meet at the McDonalds at 8:30 a.m.** call a club officer for more details. This will be collecting by canoe. This river is urban, rocky, and not so pleasant smelling. Waders, hard shoes, or boots are recommended. Please bring some water to drink. The club will do its best to supply canoes and screens, etc. for collecting. Please contact Rich or a club officer if you have questions about the trip. The name of the game is paddle a bit and feel around on the bottom. There is possible broken glass so use gloves. The creek contains examples of paleosoils and ice age bones. Last year a giant sloth claw was found!

The Picnic

Sunday July 29th Rain or shine.

Arrive 11:30ish, food @ noon

The location is Kirkwood City Park at the Lion's Club pavilion (same location as last year). The pavilion is located near the corner of Adams and Geyer next to the Tennis Courts. Bring summer trip photos, fossil to buy/sell/swap, and of course food!

As usual my family brings the grill. The club buys drinks and the meat. Rick will bring the plates, cups, plasticware, and napkins. Club members please bring appetizers, side dishes, or desserts.

Other Upcoming Events

15th Annual Gems, Minerals, Jewelry and Fossil Show: Aug 17-19th

Machinists Hall Auditorium
12365 St. Charles Rock Road, Bridgton, MO

-near the Target and Red Lobster

Friday Aug 17th 4-9pm

Sat. 18th 10-7pm

Sun 19th 11-5pm

Always interesting stuff. Unfortunately the show is smaller this year after low sales at the St. Charles Convention Center last year. I do not think we have a booth at this time. I will find out.

Next Meeting

Friday September 14th. Wash U room 203 (see details below)

Speaker TBA.

We usually have updates from the summer as well.

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
P.O. Box 220273
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Raffle

A new raffle item was donated by Dave Lukens. It is a Venus Clam from Rock Pit, FL thought to be 1 million years old. The clams are fossilized with nacre intact and beautiful crystals inside. The clams hit the market only recently. The sell for over \$100.00 on line and at shows. More about this at up-coming meetings.

Distribution of the Newsletter by email

We keep adding to the list of club members who have elected to receive the newsletter by email. Many will go out by email this month. This is a cost savings measure

for the club. Each newsletter currently costs 39 cents to mail. This is over \$4.00 per person each year for postage alone. A sign-up list will be available at meetings, or email Tom Lee (motirek@gmail.com) to begin to receive the newsletter electronically.

Especially with extra room this month (sorry I've been out of town for many reasons), Dave asked for a place for announcements. Feel free to send in requests for future newsletters.



The next meeting of the Eastern Missouri Society for Paleontology will be on Friday, June 8th, 2007 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.

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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