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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](mailto:dmslukens@yahoo.com) (personal).

### Next meeting

Next meeting is **Friday, March 8, 2013** at 7:30 pm in the New Earth and Planetary Sciences building at Washington University (see more details below).

**Dues were due 1/1/13. The mailing list has been purged of people who are not up to date.**

## LOST

During the February meeting, one of our members (Marilyn) lost a gold earring with a lot of sentimental value. It was lost somewhere between the parking lot and the meeting room or possible in the room. If someone in the club found this earring, please let us know so that it can be returned.

## PRESIDENT'S BOX

PREZ' BOX: MARCH 2013

Daylight saving and spring are just around the corner. That means field trips are sure to follow. Your Board has suggested several trips and will pass this information to the field trip committee (you know who you are!).

Attendance at the February meeting was down so I pushed the committee assignments to our March meeting. We will have three standing committees (field trip, outreach and speakers) and we need to

staff these committees this month. So please pick at least one and join it.

The meeting format will change for the March meeting. Our speaker, Chris Widga, will give his talk first then we will dispense with the business meeting and break into committees. Anyone may add input, ideas and suggestions to any committee.

My Tucson Gem and Mineral Show trip was successful (70+ degrees and sunny!) and I managed to keep our budget. We will put our specimens on display at the April meeting for purchase by club members. Whatever is left will go into the club's inventory.

Our March field trip is to the Illinois State Museum and collections on March 16. We will meet at the collections warehouse (1011 E. Ash St., Springfield) at 10 AM, have lunch at noon and visit the museum after lunch.

The Prez'  
Carl Campbell

## Thanks / Congratulations

Thanks to the those who brought food to the meeting. Also thanks to Scott & Laura for the presentation on the Xiphactinus fish excavation and preparation. Thank you.

## Welcome

We had another good meeting with members and guests in attendance. Welcome to a number of guests including Terry (Desoto H.S. teacher), Chris (Hillsboro H.S. teacher), and Steve (geologist).

The club members are on our website so if you want to check out some dubious characters, check out the website at

<http://mofossils.com/EMSP%20Web%20Members/index.htm>

### **Dues are Due**

Dues are \$20.00 per household per year if receiving the newsletter by e-mail or \$25 per household per year if receiving the newsletter by regular mail. All dues are payable in January. A late membership will be carried for an additional month. After February, unpaid members will be dropped from the mailing list. See Treasurer, Rick Poropat at the February meeting or mail a check (payable to Eastern Missouri Society for Paleontology) to:

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### **NEXT MEETING (March)**

Items to be discussed during the March meeting

- Plans for Spring 2013 field trips
- What we bought at Tucson. Some of the fossils will be offered for sale,

### **Upcoming Events/ Field Trips**

1. Dates are set for the 2013 Board of directors meetings, dates are the following, if you want to attend let any of the officers know and we will provide directions:  
4/22/2013, 6/10/2013, 8/11/2013,  
10/21/2013, December 2013 at the Christmas party.  
Meetings start at 6 PM, club members are welcome but need to RSVP to club officer. For addresses, please contact myself or another club officer.
2. MARCH FIELD TRIP – is scheduled for 3/16/13 at 10:00 am to meeting at the Illinois State Museum Collections building located at 1011 E. Ash St., Springfield, IL. (see attached maps). There will be a tour the collections, then a lunch break, followed by a visit to the museum.

3. The Rock Hobby Club will be having a Rock and Fossil show and sale at the Machinist Hall in Bridgeton on March 22-24, 2013.

### **Notes from the Meeting**

As Carl noted, at the March meeting there will be Committee meetings so please volunteer for a committee. Field trip for March is discussed above and will be on 3/16/13 to the Illinois State Museum. The speaker for the March meeting will be Chris Widga who will be giving a talk, probably on IL. Ice Age Mammals.

Carl was headed to the Tucson Show where he was picking up items for the club along with requests from club members.

If you have not signed a liability waiver for 2013, this needs to be filled out prior to going on a field trip. If you have not filled one out and you arrive for a field trip, you will not be allowed to go. This is a liability insurance requirement. If you have not filled one out for this year (last years are expired) contact Rick .

### **Board of Director meeting highlights**

The MAPS EXPO Show will be held April 5-7, 2013, at the Sharpless Auction facility just north of I-80 at Exit 249. The Pre-Show will occupy the Travelodge south of I-80 at Exit 246 on North Dodge Street about 3 mi from Sharpless Auctions. Both venues are located in Iowa City, Iowa. More information on both shows appears at <http://midamericapaleo.org/>

April Speaker – Rich Thoma (club member) will be giving a talk on fossil insects of the Green River Formation

May Speaker – will be John McCloud (former club member) on Ammonites of Lake Texoma

### **Future Field Trips being planned**

April Field trip – Hannibal Quarry in Hannibal MO. this will probably be either on 4/20 (Sat.) or 4/21 (Sun). If it is on Sat., the quarry requires people to enter the quarry at 6:30 am. We are working out details. Age restriction (18 years or older) may be imposed by the quarry as well as safety equipment rules (hardhat, steel toed boots, safety vest).

NOTICE – we have been informed that the Speed Quarry in Indiana is not closed to all collecting. This was an important site for us that is no longer available.

Lee Creek Mine (Aurora N.C) remains closed to collecting for Spring 2013 and is unsure when it will open again.

May Field trip – (date not fixed) will be to a Lake (Sat) with a possible continuation onto Rockford Iowa Fossil Park for collecting.

Carl spend ~ \$600 at the Tucson show, prices of fossils are up, especially the Chinese fossils.

Steve is now the leader of the Educational Outreach committee in charge of arranging visits to local schools and cub scout meetings as requested.

For the August Machinist Hall show, EMSP will be in charge of displays. The theme this year will be Famous Fossil Sites in the USA: there will be 5 displays: Green River formation (WY & UT), Lee Creek (NC), Hell Creek (MT, SD), Ice Age (MO, KS), and Kitty Litter Site (MO).

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.

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Meeting was adjourned. Refreshments of pizza, Texas sheet cake and ice cream were enjoyed.

### 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.

## UPCOMING ROCK, GEM OR FOSSIL SHOWS 2013

March 15-17, Kansas City, MO, Kansas City Gem and Mineral Show at the KCI Expo Center.

Saturday, March 16 & Sunday, March 17, 2013, GATEWAY CENTER, ONE GATEWAY DRIVE, COLLINSVILLE, ILLINOIS, EAST PLAZA DRIVE, JCT. OF I-55 AND RT. 157

April 19–21—Denver, CO. **Colorado Mineral & Fossil Show, Ramada Plaza Denver Central, 4849 Bannock St. Info.—[www.mzexpos.com](http://www.mzexpos.com).**

May 4-5, Cincinnati, OH, [Geofair - Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show of Greater Cincinnati](http://www.geofair.com/). See details at <http://www.geofair.com/>

June 21-23 Bloomington, IN, [Lawrence County Rock Club Show at the Monroe County Fairgrounds](http://www.lawrencecountyrockclub.org/rockshow.html). See details at <http://www.lawrencecountyrockclub.org/rockshow.html>

August 16-18, Bridgeton, MO (St. Louis area) , Greater St. Louis Association of Earth Science Clubs Show. See details at <http://www.stlearthsci.org/Show/Flyer.aspx>

September 6-8 Greenfield, IN, Greater Indianapolis Gem & Mineral Show - Hancock County 4-H Fairgrounds, U.S. 40 and Apple St.; Fri. 10-7, Sat. 9-7, Sun. 10-4; free admission. Put on by the 500 Earth Sciences Club. See details at [http://500earthsciencesclub.org/Annual\\_Show.html](http://500earthsciencesclub.org/Annual_Show.html)

### 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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### 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](mailto:dmslukens@yahoo.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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