

# The Paleo Times

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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) or contact me.

Holidays were very busy with family and work so the newsletter is very short this month

### **Next meeting**

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

## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Hello all, and I hope every one of you had as wonderful of a holiday season as I had. It was absolutely fantastic to see all that came to the Christmas party! Wow, what a turn out-there must have been 30 or 40 of us at the John and Dorothy's house. Thank you very much John and Dorothy for having the crowd. Best of all was the fact that so many kids were there! We have a great meeting planned for this month and I hope to see you there. Your Pres, Don Howell III

## **Thanks / Congratulations**

First, thanks John and Dorothy for hosting the Christmas party, allowing all of us into their house, and allowing us to explore their collection. Thanks to everyone who brought food to the Christmas Party and to the people that brought contributions for the

fossil give away. It was a bigger selection than we have had in years. Thanks to Santa for the nice fossils left under the tree, including the Amethyst geode I received. Obviously I was a good boy this year.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Club members may hear the treasurer's report at the monthly meeting.

### **NEXT MEETING**

We have a speaker (Janice Tregworthy) set up for January that will be speaking on the Mammoth find at Principia College in Illinois (<http://www.principia.edu/mammoth/>). This meeting will also be a joint meeting with the Gem and Mineral Club that meets in the same building. So it should be a good meeting with a lot of people.

Other items to be discussed during the next meeting

- Viking show - results
- Start planning for the field trips in the spring.
- Upcoming Tucson show – several people will be going.
- Fossil board get together plans.

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

**January 16, 2009 – Fossil Board Put Together - In** January we will get together to build up our supply of fossil boards that we have for sale for the sale shows. This will start at 11:00 am (probably 2-3 hours long) and will be at David's house. Maps will be available at the Christmas party.

Early 2010 – John is checking into the possibility of a trip to Parson's quarry in Tennessee in Spring 2010 to see if it is possible.

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 1<sup>st</sup>, you newsletters will stop.

### Notes from the Meeting

Collections are still ongoing for the Joe's Scholarship Fund. Addie has not decided yet how the money will be spent.

**As most of you know, Bruce's wife Karoline passed away earlier in the year. Bruce was one of the founders of the club and has been an active member for longer than a number of us have been alive. We will be starting a drive to collect funds for a memorial that will be built in memory of Karoline, probably at the Chronister Dinosaur Site. We started the collections at the Christmas Party. I will have a coffee can set out where people can put in their contributions. Hopefully with the Christmas season, people will feel generous.**

Current membership stands at approximately 60 e-mail + 17 letters. Last meeting the room was completely full with no empty seats. We had 6 new members or guests at the meeting.

Tucson show as listed below will be starting on January 30, 2010 and running for about 2 weeks. In March will be the MAPS show in Macomb IL. In September will be the Denver Fossils and Gem show.

### 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.

Sorry – ran out of time this month. Look for articles next month.

### FOR SALE

**Club member Addie has some equipment for sale. If you are interested you can get contact information at a club meeting for more information**

### **Upcoming Gem & Fossil shows-** Arizona Mineral & Fossil Show, January 30– February 13, 2010, Tucson, AZ

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.

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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](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 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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