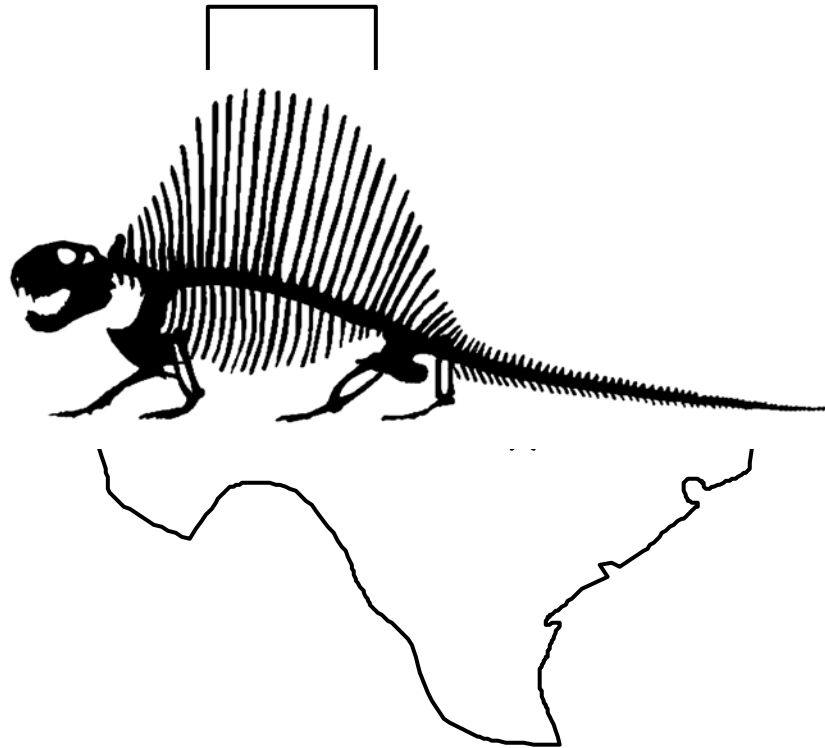


Paleo Footnotes

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Dear Santa, I can explain...

Three events happen this month.

The PSA will have a table at the AGMS Gem Capers, **November 30 through December 2**. Come share your enthusiasm about our hobby.

The **field trip** will be **Saturday, December 8th**. We will meet at the Brazos River on Highway 21 (Whiskey Bridge) at **8:30am**.

Plan on getting a little muddy while on this site. Field trip leader Ed Elliott's cell phone is **512-657-7581**.

And the meeting will be our **Christmas Party, Saturday, December 15th**. The meat and drinks will be provided, but each person will need to bring a side dish or a dessert. The party will be at the **AGMS building**, our regular meeting place, at **6:30pm**.

Also, bring a fossil-related item, gift wrapped for the "**white mammoth**" **gift exchange**. Rules will be explained after the dinner.

During the holidays, I like to contact people I should have talked to all along during the year, but seem to never get around to it. Bill Thompson was one such call I made lately. Bill is a great person to collect with, but he now has a restaurant in Seguin, and lives in San Marcos. He has Tuesdays off, so you guys that can shake loose during the week, give him a call.

I hope everyone at November's meeting enjoyed James Lopez's talk on his frequent trips out to West Texas. He showed us how a little passion can go a long way, even to taking steps one never thought you would do, like using an air scribe to clean the lower jaw of something so rare. What an adventure.

Where will your adventure be? Have a safe and happy holiday!

■ John

Next Meeting – December 15th

"Christmas Party"

Saturday 6:30 PM

Austin Gem & Mineral Society Building
6719 Burnet Lane, Austin, TX

FOOD, FUN, FRIENDS & THE EVER POPULAR "WHITE MAMMOTH" GIFT EXCHANGE!

See the President's Note and meeting minutes for details.

■ November Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve prior minutes passed

The following 3 motions passed:

1. Send a gift certificate to Craig Brandt, in

thanks for preparing the Fossil Fest dealer dinner.

2. Send a gift certificate to Karen Richards and her husband at Natures Treasures for their help transporting the display cases and the tables to the festival.
<http://www.naturestreasurestx.com/>
 3. Replace tables that have fallen apart over the years. Buy 3 new ones this year.
- Field trip
No field trip this Saturday. The next field trip is to Byran at Whiskey bridge over the Brazos off the south bound lanes highway 21. Meet December 8th at 8:30.

Christmas party
Annual Christmas party will occur December 15th at 6:30 in the AGMS club house. The club will provide the meat, please bring a side dish and/or a dessert. We will be doing the celebrated and competitive gift exchange again this year. If you wish to participate, bring a modest wrapped gift or fossil. (\$10-\$15 suggested value)

Sign up sheets were passed around for the

AGMS paleo tables.

Shirts are being reordered to restock. An order sheet was passed around for specific size and colors.

The official logo was adopted. The star for Austin was shifted to avoid the appearance of a coprolite.

Dues were due for the American Land Action Association PAC. \$50 approved.

A call went out for someone to help with a teacher presentation at Rodriguez Elementary (5th grade).

There will be a meeting to prepare a canned presentation that presenting club members can give at school presentations. (First Saturday after New Years, Jan 5th at Hinte's house)

A slate of club officers is being assembled. If you have nominations or wish to be included, please contact a current officer.

Rochelle read a good book (fiction) called Tyranosaur Canyon by Douglas Preston. It is available to borrow, but needs to make it back to Rochelle in the end

- Places to Be...Things to Do

Jan 1--BIG SPRING, TEXAS, **Annual show; Big Spring Prospector Club**; Howard County Fair Barn, behind the Rodeo Arena; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-5; 2200 Cecillic, Big Spring, TX 79720, (432) 263-3340; e-mail: rockhound11@yahoo.com.

Jan 19-20--FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS, **39th annual show; The Fredericksburg Rockhounds**; Pioneer Pavilion, Lady Bird Johnson Park; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; 208 Castle Pines Dr., Kerrville, TX 78028, (830) 895-9630; e-mail: jeffbrenda@kfc.com; Web site: www.fredericksburgrockhounds.org.

Jan 26-27--TYLER, TEXAS, "**Gem, Mineral, Jewelry Showcase**"; **East Texas Gem & Mineral Society**; Rose Garden Center, 420 S. Rose Park Dr.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; contact Keith Harmon, 8316 Oxford Dr., Tyler, TX 75703, (903) 581-4068; e-mail: kharmon1219@sbcglobal.net.

Feb 16-17--PLAINVIEW, TEXAS, **46th annual show; Hi Plains Gem & Mineral Club**; Ollie Liner Center, I-27S; contact Mildred Matlock, 701 Zephyr, Plainview, TX 79072, (806) 293-3476.

Feb 23-24--PASADENA, TEXAS, **Clear Lake Gem & Mineral Society**; Pasadena Convention Center, 7902 Fairmont Pkwy.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5, contact Mike Reves, 218 Lazy Hollow Dr., League City, TX 77573, (281) 282-6117; e-mail: demmikeer@hotmail.com; Web site: www.ghg.net/gpenning/index.htm.

The purpose of the **Paleontological Society of Austin** is the scientific education of the public, the study and preservation of fossils and the fossils record and assistance to individual, groups and institutions interested in various aspects of paleontology.

Meetings of the **Paleontological Society of Austin** are held the third Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at the Austin Gem and Mineral Society building, 6719 Burnet lane, Austin, TX. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Annual Dues: \$15/individual, \$20/family and \$10/associate (non-voting, receiving newsletter)

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