



Paleo Footnotes

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President's Note

Erich Rose
PSoA President

Despite the high heat index, I hope you are all finding great ways to enjoy paleontology and stay comfortable. I went collecting along the South San Gabriel River on my birthday, and it was a great way to beat the heat wading and collecting and wading some more in those cool clear waters. Found some good stuff, too. I managed a few hours here and there on local road cuts but was usually driven back to the comfort of the A/C within a short time; spending time indoors cataloging earlier finds or just catching up on reading.

As of writing this, I don't know who our speaker will be (maybe another video?) or where the field trip will take us. But I'm sure by Tuesday all of that will be figured out to some degree.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, July 19 – 7 p.m.
Austin Gem and Mineral Society Building
6719 Burnet Lane
Austin, Texas

Next Field Trip

Details on the next field trip will be shared with members at the July 19 meeting and sent via e-mail to all members who have filed e-mail addresses with the Club.

Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2016

Austin Gem and Mineral Society Building

Dale Vargo
PSoA Secretary

Erich Rose gavelled the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Mike Smith gave the Treasurer's report, and reported purchasing some shelving for our rented storage space, which he and Paul Hammerschmidt have recently cleaned and reorganized. The Meeting Minutes for May were approved by vote. Erich announced that in lieu of a speaker giving a presentation tonight, we will be viewing the DVD video "Sea Monsters" after we return from the break.

Erich asked for news of outreach opportunities. Suzanne noted the upcoming outreach event in Dripping Springs. Erich described one of the other outreach commitments we have, which is manning the invertebrate table at Dr. Pamela Owen's Fossil I.D. Day, in conjunction with several free public events at TX Memorial Museum. Mike noted that our outreach there is scheduled during a larger event, "Museum Day" on July, 18 from 1-5 p.m. Kathleen outlined an upcoming Austin Gem and Mineral Society collecting field trip meeting about going to the Alpine, TX area the second Tuesday in July.

Ed Elliot stated that he is still undecided on our next regular field trip destination for this upcoming weekend. He noted even though we often go to the Brazos River for the kayaking fossil collecting field trip around this time, we will have to wait until a later time due to the high river levels. So, Ed proposed that this field trip be to either Harker Heights, or Mineral Wells and that area, as it is always good collecting. Those in attendance opted to go to the Mineral Wells sites.

Then Erich noted tonight's visitors, Laurie and Brandon, having them touch on their fossil interests.

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Melvin Noble gave information on the upcoming petrified wood collecting field trip opportunity extended to us by Pine Country Gem and Mineral Society, in connection with their own show in late August, and encouraged those interested to sign up soon as possible due to the limited number of participants allowed. Erich asked about the upcoming presentation scheduled for our July meeting and Paul reported that someone has informally agreed to give a talk for that meeting. And Erich announced that, for the August meeting, he will likely report on his trip to the fossil museum in China during his recent trip there. Then the door prizes were won by Jimmy, Frederick, Kathleen, Milo, Paul, Mary, Mike and Mary again (from Suzanne). We then took our refreshment break.

Starting the second part of tonight's meeting, David Lindberg queued up Paul's DVD selection of "Sea Monsters," and we all watched this informative, computer-generated and animated story, based on the latest science regarding ancient sea creatures that have been studied in the fossil record. After "Sea Monsters," Paul explained his commitment to providing our club's presentation content with high-quality info such as this DVD. Then a late arrival visitor, Tristan, outlined his interest in fossils and beyond. Erich then adjourned the meeting.

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