



Paleo Footnotes

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President's Note

Erich Rose
PSoA President

Hot time, summer in the city! I've ventured out to our local spots a few times lately but nothing special to report. Mostly staying indoors catching up on identifying and cataloging fossils from the last few years. Seems to be a backlog.

Only comfortable place to collect is the shade or water. Our July field trip may be to the later if the Brazos hits the right level beforehand. If not, I believe we may head back to the Museum of Natural Sciences in Houston. Please join us this coming Tuesday for our next meeting.

Houston Museum Field Trip

Ed Elliott
PSoA Field Trip Chair

We'll be visiting the [Houston Museum of Natural Science](#) this month (if the Brazos River level doesn't fall). I don't think we need to be there before 10 a.m. It should be a great trip, given the tremendous fossils they have on display. Admission is \$25 for adults, \$15 for seniors (65+) and children ages 3-11, and free for children under 3. If we have enough for a group, we may get a special rate.

As has been brought up at the meetings, if the Brazos is down (not yet) we will send out an e-mail on meeting night to notify members. We haven't been able to do a float trip in years, so if we are lucky enough to get the chance – it will take precedence.

Next Field Trip

Saturday, July 22 – 10 a.m.
Houston Museum of Natural Science (unless Brazos River water level falls)
5555 Hermann Park Drive
Houston, Texas 77030

Wilson Quarry Report

Ed Elliott
PSoA Field Trip Chair

We had a good crowd for this trip. Meeting with me in Early were Kevin Bills, Vaughn Nelson, John Hinte, Cathy and Gary Rylander, Mike Smith, Ron DiPronio, David Lindberg, Ann Skowronski and Vlad Medrano, Dave Hoppes, Skye Miles, Jaime Hirtz, Joe Watkins, and Melvin Noble. We made our short caravan to Wilson Quarry. This is uppermost Pennsylvanian, Harpersville Formation, Cisco Group and lowest Permian, Saddle Creek Limestone, Pueblo Formation. The exact location of the Permian/ Pennsylvanian boundary has been in question but it is currently accepted as the base of the Pueblo.

We had a dry day after a brief sprinkle. I wouldn't mind if it sprinkled all day at Wilson as it makes the fossils so much more visible when wet. We had a good day for teeth. Skye, Jaime and Melvin found *Petalodus ohioensis* teeth. Gary found two *Petalodus* and one *Peripristis semicircularis*. Gary and I both found three crinoid cups. Mine were one *Delocrinus*, one *Ulocrinus* and one highly ornamented cup. I believe that Melvin also said he had found one. I know that so much more is found than I report. A majority of the members had left before I returned to the vehicles. I found some very nice bryozoans, lots of brachiopods – including a good *Derbyia crassa*. Some pretty bivalve casts out of the brownish nodular rock. And I even found several gastropods, one of which was a *Platyceras*. There is so much to find at Wilson, and I wish I could see into everyone's collecting boxes so that I could report more fully. A good day and another great Paleozoic trip.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, July 18 – 7 p.m.
Austin Gem and Mineral Society Building
6719 Burnet Lane
Austin, Texas

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