



# Paleo Footnotes

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## President's Note

**Erich Rose**  
PSoA President

Dang! It's cold outside. Lived here in Austin now 13 years and this is the earliest I have needed to bring in plants and wrap pipes. Thought I left all that back in New York. At least I don't have to shovel sidewalks. And the worst thing is how hard it is to pick up those little fossils with chilly fingers. But then at least it is Texas, so I only have to wait a few days and it will change back to warm.

Hey, did yall enjoy Fossil Fest? I believe things ran pretty smoothly this year. We had no major hiccups and despite numbers being a bit lower than last year the guests and dealers were all pleased with the show. We could have used a few more volunteers at certain points but we managed anyway. A great big thanks to all the volunteers who were there either a portion of one day or there throughout the event. This was Emelia's second show and I was so happy to hear folks praise her effort. We need to get a few more of our younger members working with her to learn the ropes and breath some fresh ideas into the shows to come...wink, wink, nudge, nudge...

Speaking of such things. It is almost time for elections. Are you interested in becoming an officer or chair? Let me know via email or at the next meeting. Again, fresh blood is always welcome.

Our November meeting is the week of Thanksgiving and the field trip will be that Saturday. Not sure yet what Ed has in mind so stay tuned.

December's meeting (Tuesday the 18th) will be our annual potluck dinner and white mammoth gift exchange. Always a fun evening and a great time to celebrate the past year with your paleo friends. Look for an online invite and the newsletter between now and then for details.

That's all for now.

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## Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 20 – 7 p.m.  
Austin Gem and Mineral Society Building  
6719 Burnet Lane Austin, Texas

## Next Field Trip

Saturday, November 24 – meet at 8:00am  
Local  
Meet: tbd

## October Meeting Minutes

**Gary Vliet**  
PSoA Secretary

President Erich Rose opened the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Paul Hammerschmidt introduced the speaker - Dr. Christopher Torres, who spoke on his recent work on "Electronic Field Labeling" for identification of field specimen.

After a break, the Business Meeting convened at 8:35.

- Mike Schmidt reported the club's bank balance. He reminded us that hats were available for the upcoming Fossil Fest.

- Emelia Rose 'urged' everyone to sign up to volunteer for Fossil Fest, which will be on Nov. 3 & 4 (Sat and Sun), with setup on Nov. 2 (Fri).

- Gem Capers will be held this following weekend (Oct 20, 21) and volunteers to staff the PSA table are needed particularly for Friday.

- Outreach: Mike S. and Erich R. recently met with a group of students from Keeling Middle School, who are involved with in a 'paleo' competition.

- Dr. Sprinkle: Noted that there were several issues of a journal for free on the front table.

- Field Trip – there will be no field trip due to Gem Capers and the upcoming Fossil Fest

- Door prizes: several were raffled as door prizes

- New Members: No new members were introduced

Meeting was adjourned about 9:20 pm.

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## Upcoming Field Trip

Local Field Trip Planned

**Ed Elliott**  
PSoA Field Trip Chair

Final location to be determined at the meeting and trip details will be discussed.

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# Fossil Fest Recap

**Emelia Rose**

PSoA VP/ Show Chair

The busy season is finally over and was very successful! Thank you to everyone who volunteered in any capacity throughout the year! The club has had amazing support with all the outreach events. This year, Fossil Fest saw 1,194 people including those under 6 and a fair number of pre-registered scout groups.

Our participation at Gem Capers and hosting Fossil Fest can't be done without your support, and it's greatly appreciated!



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# Upcoming Meeting Program

**Paul Hammerschmidt**

Programs Chair

Speaker & topic not yet received.

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# Field Trip Report

October's field trip was cancelled due to excessive rain. ☹

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# Odds and Ends

## A Smithsonian Dino-Celebrity Finally Tells All



The first *Ceratosaurus* ever found was dug up only to be half-buried in the wall of the National Museum of Natural History's Hall of Fossils, all but inaccessible to science.

Read more at <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/blogs/national-museum-of-natural-history/2018/10/16/smithsonian-dino-celebrity-finally-tells-all/>

## New Fossil Dubbed 'Giant Thunderclap at Dawn' Shows How Big Dinos Went From Two Legs to Four



A new species discovered in South Africa shows how dinosaurs went from bipedal beasts to four-legged giants like brontosaurus.

Read more at <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/early-giant-fossils-shows-how-dinos-went-two-legs-four-180970423/#tChDEMPWYPHIMCTY.03>

## Newly Discovered Tyrant Dinosaur Stalked Ancient New Mexico



The *Dynamoterror*, a relative of *Tyrannosaurus rex*, lived millions of years before other known species of tyrannosaur.

Read more at <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/newly-discovered-tyrant-dinosaur-stalked-ancient-new-mexico-180970491/#jlm2l4EO9zj5J7ue.03>

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## Special Show Notice for 2019

**2019 GEM, MINERAL & JEWELRY SHOW**; April 13 & 14, 2019; Abilene Convention Center; N. 6th & Pine; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; adults \$4, and children (6-12) \$2, under 6 & Scouts and Military in uniform free; Crack your own Geode, Silent Auction, Wheel of Fortune, Fluorescent Display, DEALERS, Exhibits, Door Prizes, Grand Prize. Sponsored by **Central Texas Gem & Mineral Society**, Find us on Facebook and at <http://www.new.calichetimes.com/page13.html> or [kmcdaniel23@suddenlink.net](mailto:kmcdaniel23@suddenlink.net)

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