



Fossil Footnotes

Central Texas Paleontological Society
September 2003

President's Note

The *Austin American-Statesman* headline for September 1st stated the we Texans have 754 new laws. Wow, times sure change quickly. I hope you have been writing to your U.S. House of Representative member about HR 2416. It's the one entitled **Paleontological Resources Preservation Act**. Let's don't lose our hobby to government regulations.

The 9th Annual Mineral, Fossil & Gem Show in Jasper will be September 6 & 7 at the VFW Hall, FM 2799 (Old Bevilport Rd.), 6.5 miles west of the Walmart. I'm going again this year, partly because it's a great show, and partly because CTPS member Rich Geist is their shy (silent?, my foot!) auctioneer. It should be another fun show.

After July's field trip to the Brazos River at IH 10, I went back, alone, to paddle upstream for three hours to one of Lorne Ledger's sites in the club book. I felt like I needed to visit one of Austin's flavored oxygen bars! The pull of the river is very strong for me, even after such a trip. I love those big lazy bends in the river. My reward for the trip was a section of a lower jaw with 2 ½ teeth from a cheetah, *Miracinonyx inexpentatus*. But, I'll be honest. Since my return, I've looked at godevil.com and mudbuddy.com for a small engine to save my wimpy, aching arms.

This month, I mostly collected in Comal County. As always, I had a great time; come see what I found at the meeting's show and tell.

One of our members that moved to Delaware, Bob Asreen, keeps popping up in different publications I receive. He attended a field trip with some of the Dallas club members on a trip to Cenozoic sites in Maryland and Virginia. Now he has won an award in the AFMS (American Federation of Mineral Societies) Bulletin Editor for Large Bulletins category. He received an Honorable Mention for editing **The Rostrum**, the Maryland Geological Society bulletin out of Baltimore, MD. Way to go, Bob! This bulletin also won first place for original adult articles, "Articulated

Porpoise Skeletons Excavated at Calvert Cliffs, Part 1", by Paul R. Murdoch, Jr.

This month, the Houston Gem & Mineral Society holds their show on the 26th, 27th, and the 28th. I'm planning on going to this show on my way back from collecting in New Mexico. I've heard they have a fantastic paleo section. Unfortunately, I won't be on our club field trip. See details about the CTPS field trip later in the newsletter.

Keep in mind, Lake Texoma is coming up in October, then Fossil Fest in November. See you at the meeting.

John

September Field Trip Location Pending

I have tried to arrange two locations, neither one is panning out. We won't know where we are going until the meeting. My apologies. Will email decision to everyone on the email list. Call me if you need details and can't make the meeting.

Mike Smith

August Trip Report Bandera and Vicinity

The trip to Bandera started smoothly for Bill Kidd and I. It soon became hectic. My first time to drive non-stop to that location and it was quickly clear that the allowed two hours wasn't enough. The deep hand imprints left in my console and armrest by my copilot let me know that driving 80 on highways 46 and 16 west of Boerne may have been slightly ill advised. We "landed" in Bandera at 8:00. Allow at least 2 ½ hours from central Austin.

August Meeting Minutes

A good crew was waiting for us. Hal Hopkins, Tom Oliphint, Eric Seaberg, Ken Timko, David Lindberg, Roger Myers, Ed Bowden, Guenther Oswald, and Linda Swanson. We hunted at two sites prior to lunch; the highway 16 roadcut and the Overland Trail cut at Lake Medina. Many nice things went home with us. Ed Bowden picked up a large double crab claw simply by stepping out of his vehicle. More *Salenias* were found at the 16 site than usual. Ken picked up one that looked already air abraded. Quite a few crinoids were found. Besides crab claws and two types of crinoid, Linda picked up a nice *Coenholectypus planatis* there. She followed up with another *Holectypus* type at the lake site. Many of us picked up *Salenia* by the lake.

After lunch we went north on 173 a short distance to the cut by the roadside park. Some agency has totally covered this outcrop under dirt and gravel. One more gone. Eric Seaberg led us to a small cut further north that he had found. So ended the trip. A few of us turned south toward Hondo for a very nice visit with Don O'Neill.

The day wasn't as hot as some August days can be. Due to recent rains, the sites weren't as barren as they can be at the end of summer. All in all, a good trip.

Ed Elliott

Calendar

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
September 9	CTPS meeting
September 13	Field Trip:
September 26, 27, 28	Houston Gem & Mineral Society Show
October 14	CTPS meeting
October 18-19	Field Trip: Lake Texoma
November 7-9	Fossil Fest , Old Settlers Heritage Association, Round Rock, TX
November 15	Field Trip: Vertebrate Lab (tbd)
December	Christmas Party: Pot luck (the club supplies the meat). Bring a fossil related, wrapped prize for the white elephant exchange.

The business meeting began at 7:17 with a report on Fossil Fest. The long term publicity has been mailed. Information to the schools will be mailed soon. An announcement will be in the Girl Scout's book. A dealer in petrified wood has signed.

Mike reported on the successful field trip to the Brazos River. This was followed by a discussion of the September field trip. A trip to the Jacksboro area, to the Houston area, to Ward Quarry and to the Killeen area were discussed. A decision will be made before the next meeting. The October field trip will be to Lake Texoma.

New member Mark Clark and Hal Hopkins won the door prizes.

Ron Root

Finances

BALANCE SHEET

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CURRENT ASSETS

Cash	6,465.45
Prepaid Expense (Fest deposit)	200.00
Prepaid Expense (door prize)	56.81
Field Trip Fund	80.00
Shirts & Hats due	-
Hats in stock	8 76.53
Shirts in stock	14 80.96
Brazos Pub in stock	8 84.72
Dealers Deposits	865.50
<hr/> Subtotal	<hr/> 7,909.97

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Newsletter (approx)	
Dealers Deposits	865.50
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NET ASSETS

7,044.47

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Club Information

The Central Texas Paleontological Society is a scientific, non-profit, community-based organization devoted to the study of fossils, advancing the state of the science, educating the public, and collecting fossil specimens. Most of us are amateurs, fascinated by fossils, who love to collect.

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the LCRA building, 3700 Lake Austin Blvd. (between Redbud Trail and Enfield Ave.) at 7:00 PM in the LCRA Offices Board Room of the Hancock Bldg. **The public is cordially invited** to attend these meetings as well as our field trips held throughout the year.

Annual dues are: \$15 per person or \$18 per family, which includes a subscription to this newsletter, membership in the South Central Federation of Mineral Societies, and liability insurance coverage for club activities. Associate membership is \$10 per year and includes a subscription to this newsletter.

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