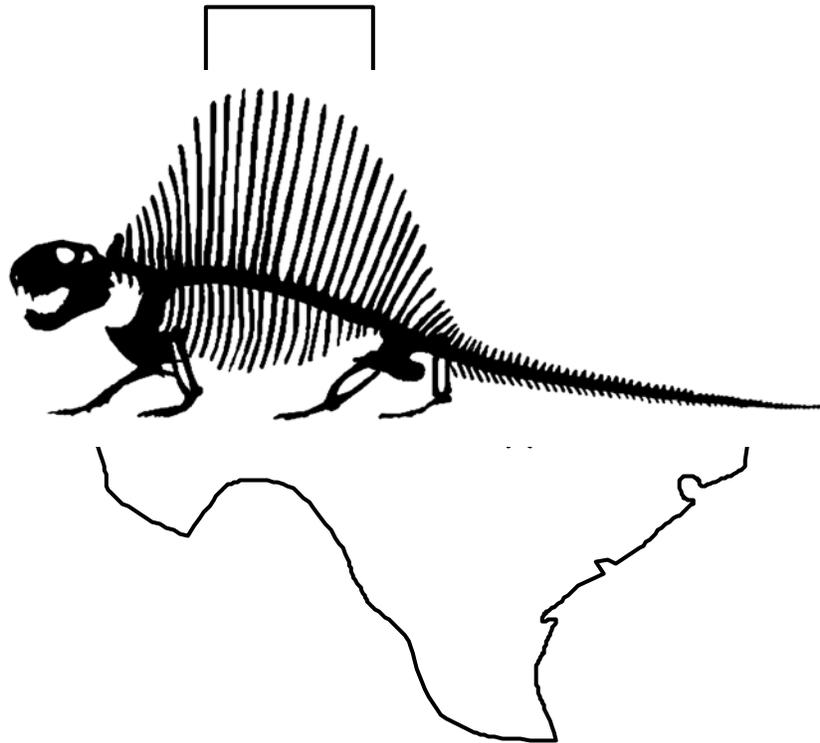


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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

The field trip to Creede, Colorado will be done with by the time you get your newsletter. As of Sunday, the 12th, Tom Bowers reported it was a great trip. He said the weather was cool, and the collecting was fun. Come see the finds of the group at the next meeting. This trip got me reminiscing about the society trips from early 1990's to Wyoming and South Dakota. They seem like they were just completed. Where does the time go? Why don't we do more trips? The annual trip to Oklahoma seems like a "local" trip since you can reach it under six hours.

A committee has been created to pick worthy recipients for the Ed Bowden Memorial Scholarship monies. Chris Garvie will be the first recipient. At the society's last monthly meeting, we voted to give \$1500.00 to Chris. He does research at U.T. and, at the time of our vote, was in Belgium presenting a paper and receiving an award. The funds will go toward covering his cost of travel and research. I'll let everyone know when our ceremony will be to present him the check. The committee is asking for other possibilities for future recipients.

Our fearless field trip chair, Ed Elliott, will be taking a hiatus from field tripping, due to a need for knee surgery. He will continue to arrange the trips, he just won't be attending for a bit, maybe.

See you at the meeting.

John

Next Meeting - August 21

Mazon Creek Pennsylvanian Fauna.

7:00 PM

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

The speaker for the August 21st meeting will be our very own Bill Morgan.

Thank you very much, Diann

August Field Trip Report

The August fieldtrip to Creede, Colorado for Oligocene shale fossils was well attended with 9 members (Ron and Janet Root, James Lopez, Paul Hammerschmidt, Tom and Marilyn Bowers, Diann Strout, Linda McCall and son James Henry) making the long trip there and back.

There was great collecting all around. Just about everyone came away with a feather or two, and several people found pine cones and insects along with the usual leaves, pine and fir needles and a fern or two. Paul got a very nice wing feather and by far the best insect – hope he remembers to bring them to the meeting! The temperatures were great for collecting, and though the weather was occasionally soggy (they seemed to be in the monsoon season!), our spirits were not, and a great time was had by all.

8:00 am August 10th found Ron and Janet, Paul, James (Lopez), Diann and myself at the Airport Curve ready to hunt – and hunt we did. (The best part was that you had to walk UP to the collecting site which meant that when you were done you got to walk DOWN!) Ron found one of the first feathers, and James a really nice fern. Diann found several nice pieces. I got a pine cone. Paul got the feather. Several hours and many specimens later we decided to check out a different site that Paul knew about (at the Dump) – and had great success there too! Janet got a nice feather, and several good willow leaves were found. A third site proved too elusive to locate, and so we all decided to give our poor tired bodies a rest and call it a day.

August 11th found Tom and Marilyn, Paul, James Diann and myself once again looking for that elusive third locality – with the same result as the day before – no go. So.... back we went to the Airport Curve, since Tom had not been with us the day before. Paul and James went off to scout a new draw in the same general area, while the rest of us prospected on our “known” locality. Again, success all around. James and Diann left around noon for other parts and Paul, Tom, Marilyn and I (after lunching at Kip’s Grill to the sound of live music) went back to the Dump site for a couple more hours of collecting. Tom got a nice partial pine cone as well as several feathers. Tom and Marilyn and I did a bit of calcite prospecting as well before calling it a day. Tom and Marilyn left us for parts unknown, so just Paul and myself and my son were left to head for Florissant the next morning.

August 12th found us at Florissant after a 4 hour drive, and after a great lunch at a local restaurant we spent a couple of hours at the fee site where you can collect Eocene material. Paul won the day here too with one very nice fly and at least one or two more insects and a couple of nice leaves. We then went to the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument and “ooohed” and “aaahed” over the fossil tree stumps (one at least 15 feet across) as well as the many insects, etc. on display. We picked up some nice publications before heading off to spend the night at Woodland Park. There we stumbled across the “Rocky Mountain Dinosaur Resource Center” which we decided we just had to check out the next morning.

August 13th found us at the Resource Center, and that alone would have been worth the trip! The displays, the replicas, the information, all were top-notch! I highly recommend it as a “must see”. And the gift shop was to die for! Paul left for Amarillo afterwards and James and I headed for a rock shop Tom Bowers had told us about near Royal Gorge. WOW! Now THAT was a Rock Shop! At least an acre full of ore cars, pallets and tables overflowing with bulk material (including several of Arizona petrified wood – which was why I went....) and a showroom full of minerals, jewelry and fossils. I spent two hours (and I won't say how much money.....) despite the constant, “Are you done yet?” coming from my son. Made for a long day to Amarillo – but it was worth it! Again, I highly recommend a stop here.

All-in-all I'd say it was a great trip. It's really fun to go collect something so different from what we normally do. I hope we decide to make a *really* “out-of-state” trip a yearly event in the future.

HAPPY COLLECTING!

Linda McCall

Places to Be... Things to Do

August 25 & 26 **Pine Country G & M Society**
VFW Hall; FM 2799 West, Jasper, Tx

September 1 & 2 **SCFMS Annual Meeting & Show**
Hosted by the Arlington G & M Society
Arlington Convention Center, 1200 Ballpark Way, Arlington, TX

September 21-23 **Houston G&M Society Show**
Humble Civic Center, 8233 Will Clayton Pkwy, Humble, TX

September 30 & October 1 **Texoma Rockhounds**
Senior Citizen Center; 531 Chestnut, Denison, Tx

September 29 & 30 **Pleasant Oaks G & M Society**
Ellison Miles Geotechnology Institute (EMGI) Bldg
Brookhaven College 3939 Valley View Lane, Farmers Branch, TX

Oct 13-14 **Tri-City G&MS Show**
Convention Center, Temple, TX

October 17-20 **Society of Vertebrate Paleontology Annual Meeting**
Hilton Austin, Austin, TX

Oct 27-29 **FOSSILMANIA**
Somerville Expo Center, Glen Rose, TX

Nov 3-5 **Fossil Fest**
Old Settlers Association Headquarters, Hwy 79, Round Rock, TX

Nov 17 -18 **Dallas G&M Society Show**
Resistol Rodeo Arena Exhibition Hall, I-635 at Military Parkway, Exit 4, Mesquite, TX

Nov 30-Dec 2 **Austin G&M Society Show**
Palmer Events Center, Austin, TX

Editors Note: If you plan to attend any of the events listed please double check the dates and locations as best you can. I was not able to reach all the groups to confirm exact dates and found many discrepancies in other published sources.

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.

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