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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Spring meeting is over, and a good time was had by all of us who filled thirty-eight canoes to paddle down the Peace River. Interesting stops were made at some of Dr. Joseph Leidy's old haunts, and many of our members collected some interesting fossils. The information given freely by Dr. Webb and Dr. Ray was very enlightening. I am happy to say that all our canoes returned to base; some contained wet posteriors, but all of us had an enjoyable day.

More than eighty persons attended the banquet Saturday night, and Dr. Clayton Ray's presentation was extremely interesting. I now know a lot more about the early day of paleontology in Florida, and about Dr. Leidy and other early participants.

Forty-odd (forty odd?) persons enjoyed the chicken barbecue so excellently prepared and served Sunday by Jaybirds of Lakeland. The show-and-tell, good fellowship and stories by Ben Waller were all part of the festivities at the IMC Hospitality Center. The business meeting was informal and short, and was followed by a tour of the Mulberry Museum.

My thanks to all who worked so hard to make the weekend such a success. My special thanks to Robin Brown, Dr. David Webb, Joe Latvis, Steve and Roxanne Wilson, and to our special guests Dr. Clayton E. Ray from the Smithsonian Institution and Eugene A. Bolt of the Wagner Free Institute of Science, Philadelphia. We missed you, Anita: thanks for all your help.

One other item - we have arranged to make T-shirts available to all who are interested. They will be light tan with a two-color FPS emblem. You can choose between a regular style T-shirt at \$7.00 or a pocket T-shirt at \$8.50. As soon as possible, send your choice of Shirt Style, size, and check for appropriate amount (payable to FPS) to me: Robert G. Marsh, 6120 Smiley St., Brooksville, Fl. 34609. I will have the shirts at the Fall Meeting.

ROBERT MARSH - PRESIDENT

SPRING MEETING MINUTES

Sunday, April 23, 1989

IMC Visitors Center

Mulberry, Florida

The meeting was called to order by Robert Marsh President at 10:45. In the absence of the Secretary, Board Member Rudi Johnson recorded the minutes of the meeting.

There was no Treasurer's report. Treasurer Roger Portell will report in full at the Fall Meeting.

Dr. Clayton Ray of the Smithsonian Institution, Guest of the Society for this meeting and speaker for the banquet on April 22, 1989, was introduced to those present.

Other out of town special visitors included Dr. Eugene Bolt from the Wagner Free Institute in Philadelphia, the home of the collection of Leidy material which was collected during the 1800's. Dr. Bolt extended an invitation to all to come to the Wagner Free Institute to see the Museum and view the Leidy material there. The book committee, Roger Portell, Chairman, reported that Richard Hulbert is making progress on the revision of the Plaster Jackets. This will be discussed further at the Fall Meeting.

Russ McCarty is making progress on the revision of the Howard Converse Book, Paleo Techniques, which is being revised for a new printing. Four chapters are completed and turned over to Rhoda Bryant for processing into a computer program.

Cliff Jeremiah suggested that the Society should develop a traveling museum exhibit and purchase materials to explain and enhance it.

There are in store quite a few back copies of Plaster Jacket which are for sale by the Society. An order sheet can be obtained from the Secretary, however, these copies will very likely be gone prior to the publishing of the book being currently revised by Richard Hulbert.

Dr. David Webb, Florida Museum of Natural History gave a off the

cuff talk about the occurrence of phosphates in Florida. This was in answer to a question from the.

Rudi Johnson, FPS Board Member and President of the Tampa Bay Fossil Club offered to consider having the 1990 Spring Meeting hosted in Tampa at the Museum of Science and Industry. Details and dates will be investigated and discussed at the Fall Meeting. President Marsh discussed the feasibility of having T-shirts printed with the Society Logo. Price: without pocket \$7.00; with pocket \$8.50. Information will be included in the next newsletter and will include a form for ordering.

On behalf of the Society, President Marsh thanked Mr. Joe Shaw and IMC Fertilizer Inc. for their generous hosting of the Spring Meeting.

The Meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Following the meeting was an information Show and Tell and Fossil Swap followed by a delicious lunch catered by the Jaybirds.

Rudi Johnson

FOSSIL CRABS WANTED!!!!!!

Roger Portell, Collections Manager for Invertebrate Fossils at the Florida Museum of Natural History, is interested in studying fossil crabs from Florida and the Southeastern United States, preferably those with documented locality data. If you have crab material and would like to help in this study please contact Roger Portell at the FMNH, 904-392-1721, or write to Florida Museum of Natural History, Museum Road, Gainesville, Florida 32611.

Society of Economic Paleontologists and Mineralogists

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SEPM, a society for sedimentary geology, recently announced it's installation of new officers. The report by Patricia K. Auberle, Coordinator of Publications and Print Productions list the new officers as follows:

RAYMOND L. ETHINGTON, Professor of Geology, University of Missouri, Columbia, took over duties as President at the SEPM Annual Business Meeting, April 25, in San Antonio, Texas. Dr. Ethington began his professional career at Arizona State University in 1958. In 1962, he moved to the University of Missouri, Columbia. Dr. Ethington is a graduate of Iowa State University, and received his Ph.D. from the University of Iowa.

President-elect: RODERICK W. TILLMANN, is a consulting sedimentologist who began his career at Conoco in 1960. In 1966 he joined Sinclair. From 1969-1985 he was a senior research associate with Cities Service Oil and Gas Company. He received a B.A. and a M.S. from the University of Wisconsin, and a Ph.D. from the University of Colorado.

Vice-President: NOEL P. JAMES, has been a professor at Queens University, Kingston, Ontario, since 1987. He was an assistant professor at the University of Miami from 1972-1978. He then joined the faculty at Memorial University at Newfoundland, advancing to professor in 1978. He received a B.S. from McGill University and an M.S. from Dalhousie University.

Secretary-Treasurer: RICHARD A. "SKIP" DAVIS, JR., is a professor at the University of South Florida. He began his career as a WARF postdoctoral fellow at the University of Wisconsin. He was Assistant and Associate Professor at Western Michigan University (1965-1973). He has served at the University of South Florida as Chairman in 1973-1982, and Associate Dean, 1982-1984. He received a B.S. from Beloit College, and M.A. from the University of Texas - Austin, and a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois.

Paleontology Councilor: KRISTIN McDOUGALL, is a geologist with the U.S. Geological Survey in Menlo Park, Cal. She began her professional career with Texaco Inc., Los Angeles in 1972. In 1974 she became a Paleontologist for Union Oil Company of California. McDougall received a B.S. and M. S. from the University of Washington, and a Ph.D. from the University of Southern California.

Sedimentology Councilor: DAVID W. HOUSEKNECHT, is an associate professor at the University of Missouri, Columbia where he began his professional career in 1978 as assistant professor. He received a B.S. from Penn State, M.S. from Southern Illinois University, and a Ph.D. from Penn State.

Editor, Journal of Sedimentary Petrology: HARVEY BLATT, is a professor at the University of Oklahoma. He began his teaching career at the University of Houston in 1962 as an instructor and then associate professor. He moved to OU in 1968. Dr. Blatt received a B.S. from Ohio State University, M.A. from the University of Texas - Austin, and a Ph.D. from UCLA.

Editor, PALAIOS: DAVID J. BOTTJER, is an associate professor at the University of Southern California and also serves as research associate at the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History. He began his career as a National Research Counsel Post-Doctoral Research Associate with the U.S. Geological Survey at the Smithsonian. He joined USC as assistant professor in 1979. He

received a B.S. from Haverford College, an M.A. from SUNY Binghamton, and a Ph.D. from Indiana University, Bloomington.

Editor, Special Publications: BARBARA H. LIDZ is a geologist with the U.S. Geological Survey and has served as editorial consultant for the University of Miami's Comparative Sedimentology Laboratory and Department of Geology. Ms. Lidz is a graduate of the University of Miami, and served as a research assistant and associate at the University's Marine Institute, now the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences. She has been Editor of the Ocean Learning Institute, the Miami Geological Society, and the Atlantic Reef Committee.

The SEPM is headquartered in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and has a worldwide range of interests in sedimentary geology and paleontology. It publishes two bimonthly journals, PALAIOS and the Journal of sedimentary petrology, and numerous reference books. SEPM also sponsors continuing education courses and field trips at it's Annual and Midyear Meetings.

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CLUB NEWS AND NOTES

AQUAVENTURES UNLIMITED P.O. Box 651055, Miami, FL 33165

Bob is the most prolific writer and source of information I have ever seen. Bob and Gert seem to have increased their traveling. They regularly visit and dive the Venice Beach and recently did so with members of the Bone Valley Fossil Society, they participated in the FPS Spring Canoe trip, vacationed in Georgia, tubed the Ichetucknee River and snorkeled Horse Creek. The Aquaventures newsletter, written by Bob, is a treasure trove of information about trips and get togethers with other divers and boaters. Membership in Aquaventures is only \$15.00 a year for access to diving, canoeing, camping, parties and all kinds of outdoor fun. If you are looking for fun things to do and fun people to do them with then contact Bob and ask for a complimentary copy of their newsletter. Why not call and ask about Aquaventures at 305-221-1783.

THE ASTRONAUT TRAIL SHELL CLUB OF BREVARD, P.O. Box 360515, Melbourne, FL 32936-0515

Regular meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Church of Christ, Congregational, corner of U.S. Route #1 and Strawbridge Avenue, Melbourne at 7:30 PM. Their 10 page newsletter, the CAPSULE, is published bi-monthly and features some very interesting and informative articles with excellent art and graphics. Club members have an interest in fossil shells and make visits to the Sarasota APAC pit and other similar sites. If you enjoy collecting fossil shells then contact their editor, Mattie Chanley, and request a complimentary copy of their newsletter.

BONE VALLEY FOSSIL SOCIETY 2704 Dixie Road, Lakeland, FL 33801

The BVFS meets the third Friday of each month at 8 PM at the T.E.C.O. Hall, 101 2nd St. NW in Mulberry. Members are already

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gearing up for their 6th Annual "Florida Fossil Fair" to be held October 20 - 22 in Mulberry, Florida. The Fossil Fair theme for this year will be "The Saber Cat". Be sure to mark your calendar to attend. If you would like information on exhibiting write to Norma Kucera, 37 Jimmy Lee Road, Winter Haven, Fl. 33880.

THE FOSSIL CLUB OF MIAMI, 9563 S.W. 57th Street, Miami, 33173.

News from FCM has been sparse but reports are that they have decided to hold regular informal field trips. Bob Marsh, Aquaventures, has supplied most of our information regarding the clubs activities. Bob, has inherited the dreaded "local expert" title and recently gave a talk on diving for fossils and Gary Lummanick gave a talk with a hands-on display about "Fossil Collecting Outside of Florida". Al Cook, a local collector gave a report on his field trip to the Tampa area. Contact person for information is Al Cook at 305-856-8261.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA FOSSIL CLUB 132 Countryman Ave. S.W., Port
Charlotte, FL 33948

The SWFFC meets the second Saturday of each month at 7:00 PM at the First Federal Savings and Loan of Port Charlotte. Recent programs have been excellent. Dr. Ed Petuch, Florida Atlantic University, spoke on the Ecphora shell, Dr. Richard Yarger, Edison Community College, presented a program on early fossils entitled "Figured Stones", and Dr. Gordon Edmund of the Royal Ontario Museum spoke on Dinosaurs. Past-President, Earlene Mitchell gave a report on a recent find of a nearly complete Baleen Whale that she and volunteers are excavating. The SWFFC generously donated \$300 to assist in materials for excavation. Bill and Lelia Brayfield announced the publication of their new book, A GUIDE FOR IDENTIFYING FOSSIL SHELLS AND CORALS. This is an excellent book with n-u-m-e-r-o-u-s photographs. A great field guide! See the flier in this newsletter for ordering.

SUN COAST ARCHAEOLOGICAL & PALEONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY 1529 30th Ave
North, St. Petersburg, FL 33704

The Sun Coast Archaeological & Paleontological Society is gearing up for it's 20th Anniversary. Plans for some type of Celebration are underway. The society is working with the Science Center to set up a simulated fossil dig for the benefit of Science Center students who are interested in Paleontology. The donation of fossil material will be needed for the project. Also, a recent newsletter reports the find of what may possibly be the oldest giant sloth ever found in North America. Associated remains include a nearly complete skeleton of a giant armadillo, frogs, ducks, an alligator and rare plant remains. The central Florida site is being excavated by the staff of the Florida Museum of Natural History and volunteers. Also reported is the discovery of a fossil baleen whale from Sarasota County. Earlene Mitchell and a group of volunteers are excavating one of the most complete skeletons ever found.

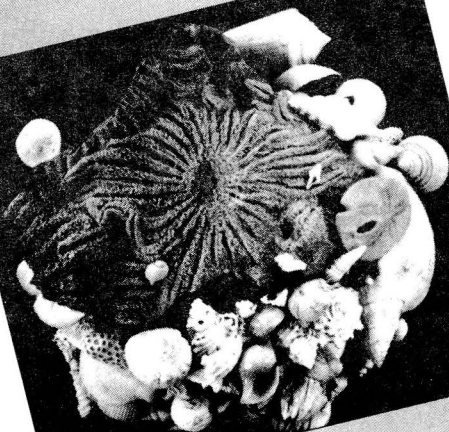
TAMPA BAY FOSSIL CLUB - Sponsored by the Museum of Science &
Industry, 4801 E. Fowler Ave. Tampa

The TBFC meets at the Museum of Science & Industry in Tampa on the 1st Wednesday of the month (except June, July and August) at 7:30 PM. Their Second Annual Fossil Fair was a great success. The weather cooperated this year and the participation and attendance was excellent. The fair highlighted their Florida Fossil Display, setup by amateurs, lectures by Sid Hostetter on "Dinosaurs of Egg Mountain", Gary Morgan on "Ancient Whales", and Frank Garcia on his recent Baleen Whale discovery. Recent scheduled meeting programs have included lectures by Dr. S. David Webb (FMNH) on camels and llamas and by Dr. Warren Allmon (USF) on evolution. Field trips for members only, have been to APAC and to the Leisey Shell pit. Interested persons should contact Nancy Howe, Editor, for a sample copy of their fantastic newsletter at 813-821-6064 (days) or 813-795-0939 (evenings).

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The vacancies for the coming year are: 1) President Elect; 2) Vice-President; 3) Secretary; 4) Treasurer; and 5) Four members to the Board of Directors. (The President Elect will become President.)

With the exception of the President Elect, all officers and board members with terms expiring in 1989 are eligible for office, as are all other active members. This newsletter contains a list of the active members; and the present office holders are listed on the inside of the front cover.

A form which may be used to submit your nominations is enclosed. All Nominations must be received by September 1, 1989. Your prompt action will be greatly appreciated by the Nominating Committee.

Ballots will be mailed 45 days prior to the ANNUAL MEETING and must be returned by 9:00 A.M. on the day of the ANNUAL MEETING.

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ARTICLE IX

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