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MAPS OCTOBER FIELD TRIP

Date: October 3
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Where: Grafton, Illinois

We will be looking in Silurian rock for trilobites. Heavy equipment (sledge hammer) is the order of the day. We will meet at the entrance of the quarry which is just south of the community of Grafton, along highway 100 which goes through Grafton.

Doug Corley will be our host. Eastern Missouri Society of Paleontology will be invited to participate, also.

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FOSSILMANIA V

Currently plans are formulated for Fossilmania 1987 which will return to Oakdale Park, Glen Rose, Texas, on October 24, 25, and 26.

This will be the fourth year for Fossilmania at this location and still includes the traditional Friday night potatoe bust followed by the bar-be-que and auction on Saturday night. (Participants in Fossilmania are asked to donate one item for the auction).

Accommodations include cabins, RV hookups and tent sites on location at Oakdale Park or the local motel in Glen Rose or the facilities at Dinosaur Valley State Park also in Glen Rose.

Any and all fossils and fossil related material are welcome where they may be displayed

for the weekend on six foot tables costing \$10.00 each. Reduced prices are available on tables for partial days. Reservations for tables and/or cabins should be made ASAP to insure your accommodations as past experience has proven that these disappear rapidly. (Ed. comment--Quite probably these are already gone. Check with Frank for suggestions for other accommodations.)

Fossilmania is the largest fossil/fossil related material only show west of the Mississippi River in the southern states annually and has enjoyed an excellent reputation for good material combined with a friendly bit of Texas Style hospitality. We already have regular friends from California, Arizona, Iowa, Indiana, Minnesota, Tennessee, South Dakota, Florida and Canada who attend the show. So make your plans early and join us in 1987.

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A NOTE OF EXPLANATION

Several of you have sent letters and some of you have even called. Your summer issue of the DIGEST simply was NOT published. Cause: major surgery.

Your patience is very much appreciated. It is good to know you miss this little publication. Though I am concerned for each of you, my greatest concern is new members. This is not, nor is it to become, a habit.

By next month everything will surely be back to normal.

My love Maddy

Below is a letter addressed to Gil Norris for members of MAPS and other interested fossil collectors.

THE PALEONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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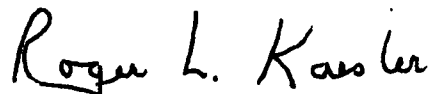
June 23, 1987

Dear paleontologists,

A number of nonprofessional paleontologists have inquired about membership in The Paleontological Society, especially wondering if, as nonprofessionals, they are eligible for membership and, if so, how to join. The Paleo Society welcomes as members all paleontologists, amateurs as well as professionals. The sole purpose of the Society is to advance the science of paleontology, and we judge that the best way to fulfill that purpose is by having members with interests in paleontology that are as broad as possible.

I shall appreciate it very much if you will include information about joining the Paleo Society in your next newsletter or otherwise make the information available to members of your organization. Thanks very much.

Sincerely yours,



Roger L. Kaesler
Treasurer

Regular member: \$ 49.00 [receives *Journal of Paleontology*]
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Some other categories of membership are also available.

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\$23.00 for nonmembers

For an application form write to Dr. Roger L. Kaesler, Treasurer
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MAPS SPONSORED FRANCE TRIP

This trip is still very much a reality. Gil says a letter confirming a date of a major fossil show is all that is lacking.

Probably you can begin planning on middle to late July. Ball park cost 3200 Marks. Exchange rate is approximately 1.5 U.S. dollars. This cost includes all land transportation and 2 meals a day. Not included is a brown bag lunch in the quarries and round trip air fair from your own point of origin. You will hear more.

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INTERESTING DIFFERENCE OF OPINION

DON AULER, 623 East Highland, Villa Park, IL 47933--At the last MAPS EXPO, a State of Illinois Geologist at one of the evening programs ridiculed a stated idea that the horse-shoe crab found in the Braidwood area was a terrestrial animal and a number of audience participants snickered in approval.

Everyone of the horse-shoe crabs (6) I have ever found in this Braidwood area have been found among distinct terrestrial plants and animals (spiders, insects, etc.). Never has one been found in the Essex Fauna (Marine area). I have contacted a number of Braidwood area collectors and they all agreed (including Jim Konecney).

Today I opened a concretion from Linton, Indiana, an area never producing any marine fauna--a nice horse-shoe crab! So--

(So--this Editor called Jim Konecney to see what his opinion was. Jim reports his experience is the same as Don's. He says the ratio is 20 to 1 horse-shoe crabs in the plant areas as opposed to Pit 11.

Both men referred to a Mazon Creek Symposium at Ann Arbor, Michican sponsored by The Paleontological Society and Field Museum of Natural History. A compendium of papers was presented. In this case specific reference was made to a paper present by Daniel Fisher, Dept. of Geol. Sciences, University of Rochester.)

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A. GERALD ZVIRBLIS, 22 Yorktown Road, Mountaintop, PA 18707--. . .We haven't been to any recent MAPS conventions but we still collect fossils and travel once in a while. I

guess MAPS keeps you pretty busy. The organization has really grown over the years into something worthwhile. I'm proud to be part of it

What I'm in need of is to find someone who can provide me with some coal balls from Indiana or Illinois. Coal balls are balls of silicified plant remains found in coal beds in the Mid-West. . .I'd be willing to pay for shipping plus pay for the coal balls.

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Membership in MAPS is open to anyone, anywhere who is sincerely interested in fossils and the aims of the Society.

Membership fee: January 1 through December 31: \$10.00 per household.

MAPS meetings are held on the 1st Saturday of each month (2nd Saturday if inclement weather). September, October, May, and August meetings are scheduled field trips. The June meeting is in conjunction with the Indiana Paleontological Society (MAPS First Chapter) in conjunction with the Bedford, Indiana Swap. July is usually too warm to sponsor a field trip. November through April meetings are scheduled for 2 p.m. in the Science Building, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. One annual International Fossil Exposition is held in the Spring.

MAPS official publication, MAPS DIGEST, is published 9 months of the year--October through June.

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