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Jan 11 MAPS MEETING
Trowbridge Hall, University of Iowa, 123 N. Capital St. Iowa City, IA. Main Lecture Room, #125.
1:00 Board and General meeting
2:00 Program: "Caring for your fossil collection" and a tour of the Repository presented by Julie Golden - Curator of Paleontologic Collections at Iowa. This is an opportunity to hear from one of the leading curators in the country as well as visit the fifth largest university collection in North America.
Repository — http://fossil.geology.uiowa.edu/
Julie's home page — http://www.geology.uiowa.edu/people/staff/julia/index.html

Feb 8 MAPS MEETING
Trowbridge Hall, University of Iowa, 123 N. Capital St. Iowa City, IA. Main Lecture Room, #125.
1:00 Board and General meeting
2:00 Program: "Sabertooth Cats & Their Prey: Extinct Mammals of the Pleistocene Epoch," by Donald F Johnson an amateur paleontologist from Iowa City. Don is billed as the "Fossil Guy" in a popular series of Sunday presentations for kids at Iowa Hall in the Natural History Museum in Iowa City.

Mar 22-23 BUFFALO GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY SHOW
"Prehistoric Seas of New York", Includes fossil exhibits, specimen identification.
Sat. 10-6
Sun. 10-5
Admission $4.00; under 12 Free
Contact: Bob Hoffman 716-681-6875; RJH52089@earthlink.net

Mar 28-30, 2003 MAPS NATIONAL FOSSIL EXPOSITION XXV
- CEPHALOPODS & AMMONITES
Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL
Fri., Mar 28 8 am - 5 pm — Keynote Speaker, Dr. Brian Glenister @ 7:30
Sat., Mar 29 8 am - 5 pm — Meeting & Live Auction @ 7:00
Sun., Mar 30 8 am - 12 noon
Information will be included in the December issue.

Mar 26-28, 2004 MAPS NATIONAL FOSSIL EXPOSITION XXVI
Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL
Fri., Mar 26 8 am - 5 pm — Keynote Speaker @ 7:30
Sat., Mar 27 8 am - 5 pm — Meeting & Live Auction @ 7:00
Sun., Mar 29 8 am - 12 noon
Information will be included in the December issue.

992/12 DUES ARE DUE

Are your dues due? You can tell by checking your mailing label. It reflects dues received by December 31. The top line gives the expiration date in the form of "99year" followed by month—992/12 means 2002/December. Dues cover the issue of the Digest for the month in which they expire. We do not send notices but will let you know if you are overdue by highlighting your mailing label and stamping your Digest. We carry overdues for two issues before dropping them from our mailing list.

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EXPO DIGEST ARTICLES NEEDED

Please support this year’s Expo Digest issue by sending your articles on cephalopods or ammonites to the Expo Digest Editor Charlie Oldham:

Charles Oldham
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The Expo edition needs membership support to remain the quality publication it has become. So if you have ANY expertise on cephalopods or ammonites, take some time to write a new article or dust off and brush up an old one and send it to Charlie.

ABOUT THE COVER

This month's cover photo was sent by Bruce L. Stinchcomb, Ferguson, Missouri. The specimen is a fusuline from the Permian of Las Delicius, Mexico (x40).
AFRICAN DINOSAURS AT EXPO

Wendy Taylor will be bringing some African Dinosaurs to Expo this year. Wendy, who now works with Paul Sereno at the University of Chicago, plans to bring Carcharodontosaurus—one of the largest theropods ever found—and some other skulls and fossil not yet determined. The exhibits she has brought from Chicago’s Field Museum in the past, particularly Sue, have been very popular with the general public, and a giant theropod should be a great added attraction at Expo.

CORRECTION

Thanks to Dave Thompson for pointing out this error in the November Digest:

On page 5, the article titled: "Digging into the Past at Hamburg (Ohio) Quarry" by Mike Vogel makes the completely wrong location designation! I realize that this was written by someone from Ohio, but everyone should have seen that this quarry is in Hamburg, New York!!! South of Buffalo. The article barely recognizes this. We as the premier amateur fossil group should at least know the locations of the few fossil parks in the US of A. Hamburg has been one of the first to create this along with [Rockford], Iowa and now Silica, Ohio. We owe a correction in a prominent place in our next issue with apologies to the Hamburg Natural History Society.

My apologies to Mike Vogel and the Hamburg Natural History Society for misidentifying the location of the Hamburg, New York, quarry. –Ed.

DON AULER PASSES AWAY

Long time MAPS member Don Auler died November 23 of heart failure. Don did the illustrations on the Mazon Creek fossil books and on several Digests. Our deepest sympathy to his wife Dorothy and the rest of his family.

TOM WALSH PASSES AWAY

Tom Walsh, long time MAPS member and Director on the MAPS board, died suddenly December 4 of an apparent heart attack. Tom, who was recently elected to serve another term as Director, had also served as membership chair for many years and with his wife, Peggy, opened his home for about the past 20 years to the Quad Cities members who assembled there each month to mail out the Digest. Tom was a good friend to those of us who worked with him over the past years. One of the highlights of his collecting career was the finding of a soft-body site in northeast Iowa and donating many of his finds from it to professionals. Our deepest sympathy to Peggy and the rest of his family.

SEND YOUR CHANGES FOR THE 2003 MAPS DIRECTORY UPDATE

We will publish a Directory in 2003. Please send all your changes of address, phone numbers, area codes, blurbs, etc., to the editor by March 1. Any changes you have sent previously with dues, etc., are recorded and do not need to be resent. The Update will come out at Expo.

Send updates to:
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EXPO PARKING

Parking close to the Union at Expo on Friday is very tight. Spaces are at meters, some of which require plugging every four hours. University Security is very strict about enforcing parking regulations, so please take note of restrictions and obey them to avoid parking tickets.

You can unload at the Union dock and take your material up to the Ballroom before parking as long as you are not blocking deliveries or illegally parked while you are doing so. Please move your vehicle quickly so others can also unload.
EARLY HISTORY OF CZECH (BOHEMIAN) TRILOBITES AND THEIR DISCOVERERS

By Joseph Kchodl, Midland, MI

Today in the National Museum of Prague, a magnificent building at the end of Vaclavské Square houses a spectacular array of fossil specimens. Among these are the specimens collected by many of the pioneers in paleontology such as Ignaz Hawle (1783 - 1868) and August Carl Joseph Corda (1809 - 1849).

As you climb the grand staircase in the middle of the museum, you see around you an open atrium. Around the balcony of the top floor you begin to see the bronze busts of famous scientists and scholars. If you look to the left, just before you reach the final level, the first bust you see is that of Joachim Barrande (1799 - 1883), thought by some to be the father of Trilobite study. Just below the chest of the bust you see a bronze plaque with an example of the world famous Paradoxides trilobite.

The Oldest known records of Czech or Bohemian trilobites are those described by a Jesuit priest Franz Zeno, (1734 - 1781). He briefly sketched and described these unique creatures in some detail in 1770. Since then there have been several prominent people who attempted to study and record the trilobite finds around Prague in what was then called Bohemia, now a part of the Czech Republic.

Ignaz von Born (1742 - 1791), noted professor and mineralogist, published a book of his own private collection of minerals and fossils, which included several trilobites. Born's studies and papers aroused some interest in the study of fossils in Bohemia.

The Count Kinsky Frantisek Josef (1739 - 1805) presented a manuscript he had written describing several trilobite species in the Jince area. Today the area is still fairly rich in trilobite finds.

Johann Thadeus Lindacker (1768 - 1816), a miner and engineer, published a paper in 1791 describing several species of trilobites.

Franz Willibald Schmidt (1764 - 1796) in 1796 introduced four species of trilobites through his written works.

The Count Sternberg Kaspar Maria (1761 - 1838), originally a clergyman, later became the director of the Science Institute of Regensburg. In the beginning of the 19th century he was a founder and patron of the Museum Nationale Bohemiae—today the Czech National Museum. He teamed with A. Brongniart, one of the founders of paleobotany, collecting many species of flora and fauna from the fossil rich areas in Bohemia. Sternberg also assimilated several other major collections and published 3 papers—in 1825, 1830 and 1833 respectively.

Heinrich Ernst Beyrich (1815 - 1896), a German geologist and paleontologist, published a well-known monograph on Bohemian Trilobites. Besides publishing the already well-known trilobite species, he also introduced several new species.

Ignaz Hawle (1783 - 1868), a native Czech, was born in Jince. He spent the better part of his life near Beroun and collected extensively near Skryje. All of these areas are well known to trilobitophiles. He teamed up with August Carl Joseph Corda to collect, document and study trilobites. Joachim Barrande acquired Hawle's collection after Corda's death, and the specimens now reside at the National Museum. Many of the trilobite specimens are still identified with labels written by Hawle and Corda. Barrande used many of those specimens in his landmark book "Systeme Silurien".

August Carl Joseph Corda (1809 - 1849) is another pioneer whose name is recognized by trilobitophiles. Corda was a pupil of Count Sternberg and spent a great deal of time with Ignaz Hawle. Together they published a work on Bohemian trilobites. Corda's life was cut short when he was killed in the tragic sinking of the ship "Victoria" in the Caribbean Sea, while returning from a collecting trip to Texas.

There is not enough time or space to begin to describe Joachim Barrande's contribution to the science of paleontology, so here is a brief recap of some of the important facts surrounding Barrande.
Joachim Barrande (1799 - 1883) published many monographs and papers, but the one he is best known for is "Systeme Silurien", a veritable bible for paleontologists, published in 1852, with a supplement in 1872. It contains over 1300 exceptionally detailed plates and drawings describing trilobites in exacting detail.

He accepted a post as chief engineer for a horse railroad project in Bohemia in 1833. The project was to clear a railway from Krivoklat to the Radnice coal fields. This brought him in close proximity to the now world famous Barrande cliffs and other geological outcroppings filled with fossils. Already known for fossil collecting and having knowledge of trilobites from finds in France and Britain, he began to collect and study trilobites in Bohemia. During his lifetime, he published many papers and monographs dealing with systematic paleontology, morphology stratigraphy and more. He began publishing his works in 1846 and continued through 1872. "The high quality of work, both scientific and technical, ensured for Barrande world priority and influenced trilobite research for at least a century." (Type Specimens of Fossils in the National Museum Prague Volume I Trilobita by Radvan Horny and Frantisek Bastl, Museum of Natural History, Prague 1970.)

Barrande spent the latter part of his life devoted to the study of Bohemian trilobites and helped to establish the emerging science of paleontology. Having described over 300 trilobites, his scholarship and work were the beginning of the modern study of trilobites. There are over 1300 "Barrandian" trilobites, the name applied to the trilobites located in the Bohemian countryside—an area of only a few hundred square miles—the area in which Joachim Barrande lived and worked.

There are so many great European and Czech paleontologists, of which these are but a few. Since the late 1800's many more people have stepped forward to keep the science alive. Czech paleontologists Snajdr, Prybyl, Prantl and many others continued the study of trilobites, further refining the work of their predecessors and making discoveries of their own. Many trilobitophiles reading this brief article will undoubtedly recognize many of the collecting locations (cities) as well as the names of these paleontologists. Many of the trilobites we own today carry the name of these fine discoverers.

Compared to the age of the fossils we find, the science of paleontology is but a babe. As amateurs and professionals alike - keep diggin' - you never know what you may find.

BOOK REVIEW

The Fossil Collector's Guidebook to the North Sulphur River
By Velma Urbano Garza, President, Dallas Paleontological Society

I recently purchased the Fossil Collector's Guidebook to the North Sulphur River and find it to be an invaluable resource. It describes the events manmade and natural that formed today's North Sulphur River. The geology of the area is summarized, fossils are described along with photographs, and access points to the river are mapped out. The largest section of the book covers Cretaceous invertebrates with whole chapters on cephalopods and microfossils. Additionally, there are full color photographs. There is a nice chapter on sharks and rays with many large-scale pictures. The chapter on microfossils includes information on micro teeth. There are two chapters on geology and paleontology of the Pleistocene. The book ends with information on how to collect the area and a very extensive bibliography.

I recommend this fossil guidebook to anyone that may collect the North Sulphur River as well as to anyone interested in Late Cretaceous or Pleistocene fossils. It is a must have for serious collectors of the area and a great guide for the beginner. The book may be purchased from the Dallas Paleontological Society for $28.95 (includes $3.95 shipping), c/o Rick Kaiser Dept. MO, 6109 Scenic Drive, Rowlett, TX 65088. Additional information is available at www.dallaspaleo.org.
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This space is a $5.00 size.

To extend currently running ads, please send request and remittance to Editor by the 15th of the month. We do not bill. Ads do not run in the EXPO issue (April). Ads can be printed in different sizes of type to fit a 1" space.

I am looking for two large DISPLAY QUALITY FOSSILS and will either pay cash for them or trade some excellent vertebrate material. The first is the glass sponge Hydroceras sp found in the Eastern USA's Late Devonian, typically found as a cast. (European specimens of this genus extend into the Carboniferous.)

The second is a really nice Cycad fossil for a cabinet. The species and locality are not important.

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NATIONAL FOSSIL EXPOSITION XXV—2003

LOCATION AND TIME
EXPO will be held at the Student Union, in the Grand Ballroom, on the campus of Western Illinois University, Macomb, Illinois. The simplest way to the site is to turn off IL 67 west on University Drive, then go south to the Union. (Follow the signs.) Set-up is permitted on Friday, March 28, at 8:00 a.m.
EXPO HOURS:
Friday, March 28—8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 29—8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 30—8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
(We encourage exhibitors to stay until noon on Sunday, but many leave early.)

TRANSPORTATION
There are 2 highways leading into Macomb—IL 136, an E-W route, and IL 67, a N-S route.
There is no plane service to Macomb at this time, but you can fly into Moline, IL, St. Louis, MO, or Peoria, IL, and rent a car and drive to Macomb.

LODGING
Macomb area code—309; Macomb zip code—61455
★ MOTELS
We have been informed that most Macomb motels have different prices for weekends than for weekdays, so check prices if you are concerned about costs.
Motels are listed according to what has generally been the highest-priced one to the lowest-priced one except those marked*. It has been reported that some of the hotels raise the price for EXPO weekend, so you might want to check prices.

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If you plan to stay in a motel, we urge you to make your reservations early. Local motels are generally filled during the weekends.

★ CAMPERS
Persons traveling in self-contained camping units may park on the parking lot. See Public Safety located in the Union. IDENTIFY WITH MAPS

★ MOBILE HOME PARKING
is offered at TILL JORDAN MEADOW MOBILE PARK by calling 309-837-2883, for those who wish utility hook-up.

★ UNION—Contact Gilbert Norris (309-786-6505; gilnorris@mchsli.com), 2623 34th Ave. Ct., Rock Island, IL 61201 to see if rooms are available. (There are a limited number.) Rooms are to be paid directly to the University Union when you check in or out. These rooms must be rented for both Friday & Saturday. You must request rooms early. You may wish to be on standby.

★ OLSON HALL—Dormitory-style housing is available at the University in Olson Hall—Dorm rooms with community bath on floor. CONTACT THE UNIVERSITY directly at 309-298-3500 for reservations.

IN ALL CASES, IDENTIFY WITH MAPS
PARKING  For those living in the Union, parking will be east of the Union with room permits. For others, get visitor permits from Public Safety. Park in specified lots. After 4:00 p.m. Friday, ample parking is available. Before 5:00 p.m., patience is needed.

MEALS  Meals are available in the Union: fast food in the lower level and a deli in the basement. Ice cream is also available. There are many restaurants in town and a deli bar in a nearby grocery store.

EXPO REGULATIONS  Everyone is requested to make advance table registration by February 15, 2002. Mark your calendars now so you don’t forget! Registration forms are found on page 8 in the Digest for your requests for tables, etc. Send these forms and your check or money order made payable to MAPS to: Marc Behrendt, 421 S. Columbus St., Somerset, OH 43783. Admission to the show is free. Please send dues to Treasurer before EXPO. If you do pay at Expo, please be sure your dues payment is recorded before you leave the desk.

ALL TABLES WILL BE ASSIGNED  Cost of the tables is $15.00 each for a 6’ table in the Ballroom for the weekend; $15/table in the Lobby. (Lobby tables will be used only for overflow. MAXIMUM of 2 tables per person/membership initially. Over 2 tables wanted? You may request extra tables, and if they are available, you will be notified after March 1st (pay for these at EXPO). Requests for extra tables will be filled in rotation—one table per person per round until all space is gone. Also, those with special needs for more than 2 tables may apply to the Board by February 15 for an exception. Decisions will be made as soon as possible, with all decisions made by March 1. MAPS memberships will have first chance at all tables requested before February 15. (No more than 4 tables will be allotted to a person, family or group, whichever is the larger unit.)

Everyone is expected to stay through 4:00 Saturday, and all are encouraged to stay part of Sunday. The Committee insists that all materials be fossil or fossil-related. Mountings, gemstones, minerals, Indian artifacts, etc., are not permitted! Please be sure all your material is legal.

AISLES MUST BE KEPT CLEAR AT ALL TIMES.

DISPLAYS  Special at the year’s EXPO will be a display from the University of Chicago of some African Dinosaurs, including *Carcharodontosaurus*—one of the largest theropods ever found—and some other skulls and fossils not yet determined. Other displays will be accommodated as space allows.

ALL RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED

OTHER ACTIVITIES  AMMONITES AND CEPHALOPODS will be this year’s theme. Friday’s Keynote Speaker will be Brian F. Glenister, AK Miller Professor of Geology Emeritus, University of Iowa. His program will be on ammonites. A live auction will follow a short business meeting and awards presentation on Saturday evening. Silent auctions will be held Friday afternoon and Saturday. Proceeds from the auctions go to a paleontology scholarship. Each dealer is encouraged to contribute a specimen/specimens equal to or greater than the cost of the tables he/she has rented in order to assure consideration for table space at the next EXPO. Include full data and the name of the fossil donor. Specimens can be left at the information desk up to 3:00 p.m. Saturday. If you wish to mail a specimen, send it with pertinent information to Randy Faerber, 7854 Darnell St., Lenexa, KS 66216-3704. Randy will send a postal acknowledgment on receipt of the specimen.

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EXPO AUCTION INFORMATION

A live auction will be held on Saturday evening of EXPO, following a brief business meeting and awards presentation. Also, during show hours, a silent auction will be held to shorten the live auction. As part of your table fees, you are encouraged to donate a correctly labeled, quality fossil(s) or fossil-related item(s) to the Auction. Information to include with the specimen is as follows: Brief description and common name, species information, location, and time period. A minimum guide to the value of your donation would be something equal to your table fee. In other words, if you have one table, the donation should have a minimum value of $15; two tables, $30; and so on.

Preference on future table assignments will be given to those who make a donation to the auction as suggested above.

Most proceeds from the auction go to the Paleontological Society Scholarship Fund. As an interesting note, a number of Auction donations are made by individuals who do not have tables, or who are unable to attend EXPO or the Auction.

The many generous donations in preceding years have allowed us to contribute approximately $3500 for each of the past several years. Our primary support goes to the Paleontological Society for scholarships and the Strimple fund, with additional support to the Paleontological Research Institute (PRI), Chicago's Field Museum team that brings an exhibit to Expo, and the Repository at the University of Iowa, which hosts MAPS board meetings. With continued membership support, we hope to continue the trend.

NATIONAL FOSSIL EXPO XXV—REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW, ENCLOSE IT WITH A CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO MAPS, AND MAIL TO MARC BEHRENDT, 421 S. COLUMBUS ST., SOMERSET, OH 43783.

- The floor plan will be first laid out on February 15, with all received requests being assigned tables. Thereafter, tables will be assigned on a first come/first served basis. This is necessary to insure fairness to all registrants, and to determine remaining number of tables.
- Registrations with special requests (e.g. same as last year, next to John Doe, etc.) must be received by February 15 to be honored. Special requests received after Feb. 15 will be honored if possible, but cannot be promised.
- If a request is made to be next to a friend or family member, all the involved people must have their payments and registrations in by February 15 to be honored. For example, if 4 members wish to be clumped in a group, 3 turn in registrations and the 4th does not, the 4th person may not be set up with the grouping, if the tables are used up. (Of course, every effort WILL be made to keep the 4 members together.)
- When the Ballroom and hallway are filled to capacity, a waiting list shall be created. As cancellations occur, the tables will be assigned in the order received.
- A maximum of 2 tables can be reserved per person, a maximum of 4 tables can be reserved by a family or organization with more than 1 MAPS member. Tables are 6’ long.

**NUMBER OF TABLES REQUESTED**_______(x $15 PER TABLE =) **AMOUNT PAID**________
Payable by CHECK OR MONEY ORDER to "MAPS"—Money must be in the form of a check or money order, to insure proof of payment.

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Special requests_______________________________________________________________________________________________

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NO ONE EXCEPT THE GUARD IS ALLOWED ON THE FLOOR FOR ANY REASON AFTER HOURS!
The Mid-America Paleontology Society (MAPS) was formed to promote popular interest in the subject of paleontology; to encourage the proper collecting, study, preparation, and display of fossil material; and to assist other individuals, groups, and institutions interested in the various aspects of paleontology. It is a non-profit society incorporated under the laws of the State of Iowa.

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

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