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FALL SCHEDULE

The following trips have been confirmed for this fall:

September 17 Martin Marietta,
Castle Hayne
October 8 Texasgulf, Aurora
October 22 Texasgulf, Aurora
*ANNUAL MEETING
November 19 Fussell's Quarry,
Rose Hill
December 3 Texasgulf, Aurora

We will meet at the gate of each quarry by 9:00 am on the morning of the trip; please be on time!

The October 22nd trip to Aurora will consist of fossil-hunting in the Texasgulf quarry in the morning (from 9:00am until about 2:00pm) and the annual meeting and pig pickin' in the afternoon. The afternoon activities will be conducted at TG's recreation facilities about four miles east of the quarry, along the same road, on the left.

REVISED POLICY

Texasgulf has relaxed its policy that required hard hats to be worn at all times. This means that NCFC members may not be required to wear hard hats in the quarry (much to our hot-weather relief). However, since TG may change its policy at any time without notice, NCFC members MUST BRING A HARD HAT TO ALL TRIPS! Other quarries still require hard hats, and if you don't have yours when you need it, you won't get into the quarry. So bring it along, and inquire at the site as to whether you need to wear it.

ANNUAL MEETING & PIG PICKIN'

The NCFC annual meeting is primarily for the election of officers for 1984. A list of candidates for the position of President and for four positions on the Board of Directors will be mailed to all members before this meeting; others may be nominated from the floor before the election.

Vince Schneider will propose a change in NCFC bylaws to make membership dues payable before December 31st for the following year's membership. This would apply for all renewals (new members may join at any time) and would facilitate the compiling of an up-to-date membership roster before the start of the spring season. Any proposed amendment to the bylaws must be voted on at the annual meeting.

Pete Harmatuk is in charge of the pig pickin' again this year. The food (pig and fixin's) and drink (beer and soft drinks) will be served after the annual meeting, and is free of charge to all NCFC members.

ABOUT THOSE BOOKS YOU ORDERED ...

At the NCFC annual meeting last October, members were invited to order from a selection of books which the club offered at a 20% discount. All have been ordered; the Maryland Geological Survey publication on Miocene fossils has arrived. A few, such as Dinosaurs of the Southwest, are out of print.

Books may be picked up at the annual meeting.

READ THIS ...

Guests are not allowed at Texasgulf! (sorry) but an NCFC member may bring a guest to other trips. Also, due to difficulties in record-keeping, new members cannot join at the gate on the morning of a scheduled trip.

WANTED: T-SHIRT DESIGNS

Want a t-shirt that says you're a member of the NCFC? Well, here's your chance to provide the link between a good idea and its reality. We are looking for designs that can be displayed on t-shirts. Suitable designs should include the club's title and a symbol -- maybe an outline of the state with a shark's tooth, or perhaps a mastodon or its skeleton -- whatever; something that can represent the NCFC. All ideas are welcome, but crisp designs in black and white will be preferentially treated. As an incentive, a prize of \$20.00 is being offered to the person whose design is chosen. Please send your entries to Denise Whitman, 4712 Connell Dr., Raleigh, N.C., 27612. The deadline is ten days before the October pig pickin'.

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