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TRIP POLICIES

We will meet at each trip site at 9:00 am on the date scheduled. Transportation is not provided but carpooling can be arranged. (Use your membership list to locate others in your area who might want to share a ride.) Sturdy shoes or boots are recommended, and hardhats will be required at the Castle Hayne quarry.

Texasgulf has a few rules of their own. No one under the age of 18 will be permitted into the TG mine. Also, fossil-hunters are not to get any closer than 3 rows (hills) away from cranes or other operating equipment, and are not to climb on the walls of the pit (due to danger of collapse or cave-in). We are obliged to obey these and any other rules which may be communicated to us at the site, both for our own safety and for the continuation of visiting privileges. Any NCFC member identified breaking these rules will be warned once and on second offense shall be barred from future trips.

Guests are not allowed on TG trips but are welcome at other sites. NCFC members must sign in at TG trips.

SPRING SCHEDULE

The following trips have been confirmed for the spring season:

March 15	Fayetteville
March 29	Texasgulf, Aurora, NC
April 12	Martin Marietta, Castle Hayne, NC
April 26	Texasgulf, Aurora, NC
May 17	Texasgulf, Aurora, NC
May 24	Board Meeting, Raleigh, NC

The trip leader for the March 15th trip is Bud Tyndall, who will take a small group collecting petrified wood in the Fayetteville area. Call him at (919) 323-3334 for details and reservations.

The May 24th board meeting will be held at Judy Schneider's house and is open to all NCFC members. Call her at (919) 851-6726 for directions. The agenda will include planning our Fossil Fair, scheduled for Dec. 7th at the N.C. Maritime Museum in Beaufort, NC.

The N.C. Museum of Life and Science in Durham is displaying an automated exhibit called "Dinosaurs Alive!" from March 14 through May 31. In conjunction with this exhibit they're hosting a fossil fair on Sunday, April 6, from 1:00 to 5:00. Any interested members are encouraged to come by or to display; contact Trish Kohler, (919) 383-6328.

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

At the Oct. 26th annual meeting, NCFC members had a discussion on starting a scholarship fund for paleontological students. At the January board meeting the board voted to put \$200.00 in a separate savings account designated for such a fund. Tom Burns proposed that club dues be raised, effective 1987, to increase the fund:

from 10.00 (individual, new)
to 15.00,
and from 5.00 (individual, renewal)
to 7.50.

(A proposal to eliminate spouse and junior membership categories in favor of all individual memberships will be discussed at the next annual meeting.) The difference in the old and new dues would be deposited directly in the scholarship account (not in the general club account), as would donations designated for this purpose.

All NCFC members (except juniors) have an opportunity to vote on this proposal by either returning a ballot or by contacting a board member (by phone or on a trip). Votes must be received by May 17.

MUSEUMS THAT ACCEPT DONATIONS

National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC: accepts contributions for research collections; special research interests include any NC land mammal material, as well as seal, walrus, and sea cow material. They are currently assembling a definitive monograph for publication on the Lee Creek (Texasgulf) fauna. Donations may be directed through NCFC members Pete Harmatuk, Vince or Judy Schneider, or Frank or Becky Hynes, or directly to Bob Purdy, Dept. of Paleobiology, NMNH, Smithsonian Institution, Wash., DC, 20560.

North Carolina State Museum of Natural History, Raleigh, NC: accepts contributions for research, education, and display purposes; primarily interested in any North Carolina material, especially fossil fish material. Contact Vince or Judy Schneider, (919) 851-6726.

North Carolina Museum of Life and Science, Durham, NC: accepts contributions of fossils for use in school-service programs, for hands-on and educational use, and for exhibit. Contact Trish Kohler, (919) 383-6328.

The Schiele Museum of Natural History, Gastonia, NC: accepts contributions of materials primarily for educational or display purposes; specimens from NC or elsewhere. Contact Michael Eldridge or Jim Green, (704) 864-3962.

Field Trip Report, Fossil Sites in Virginia. October 5, 1985

Attending were NCFC members Bill Anderson (trip leader), Trish Kohler, and Betty Gervais. Also present were Mike Rischbieter, a UNC paleobotany student, and his wife, Diane, a UNC field botany student.

The first site visited was slightly west of Pulaski, Va., along roadcuts exposing the early Mississippian Price Formation. Several plant genera were represented by foliage (Rhodea, Triphyllopteris, Cardiopteridium, and Neuropteris); there were many types of stems and leaves not attributable to any particular plant genus, and also stems of the lycopod Lepidodendropsis. Mike and Diane identified the material and were very informative about the natural history of plants in general.

The second site was 10-15 miles northwest of Blacksburg, Va., at a middle Ordovician outcrop, the Liberty Hall Shale. This is a site for trilobites, very small but with much detail. Fragments of larger specimens are also found. Farther up the hollow, towards Catawba Mountain, were deposits of bryozoans. This site has been visited by various groups for over 25 years, so much effort is needed to find good specimens.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Phone _____

Type of membership(s): Individual (new)	\$10.00	_____
Individual (renewal)	5.00	_____
Spouse	2.50	_____
Junior (under 18)	1.50	_____

Signature _____ Date _____

PLEASE! Memberships cannot be accepted at the site on the day of a trip.

Mail to: N.C. Fossil Club, P.O. Box 92, Cary, NC, 27511.

BALLOT

I am in favor of increasing club dues to create a scholarship fund for paleontological students.

I am against increasing club dues to create a scholarship fund for paleontological students.

Signature _____

I am interested in displaying my fossil collection at the NCFC Fossil Fair in Beaufort on December 7th.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____