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****Call for Papers****

The Digest Editors are calling for papers to be included in the EXPO Edition of the Digest. The theme for EXPO XXXVII is the **Cenozoic Era**. Papers dealing with Cenozoic fossils, localities, or stratigraphy would be appreciated. The papers should

be in Word, Times New Roman, size 12 Font, single spaced, with one inch margins and e-mailed to one of the Digest Editors by the 16th of February 2015.

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EXPO Auction Information

A live auction will be held on Saturday evening of EXPO, following a brief business meeting. Also, during show hours, silent auctions will be held. As part of your table fees, you are **encouraged** to donate a correctly labeled, quality fossil(s) or fossil-related item(s) to the Auctions. 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 \$30; two tables, \$60; 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 auctions go to the Paleontological Society Scholarship Fund and the Strimple Fund, with additional support to the Paleontological Research Institute (PRI) and the Repository at the University of Iowa, which hosts MAPS board meetings. With continued membership support, we hope to continue the trend.

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.

Dinosaur Dig to be Sold at Live Auction

Paleo Prospectors is donating a dinosaur dig trip for the live auction Saturday evening. The dig is for 1 week in June or July of 2016 (choice of approximately three different weeks). Possible digs may be in North Dakota, South Dakota or Wyoming.

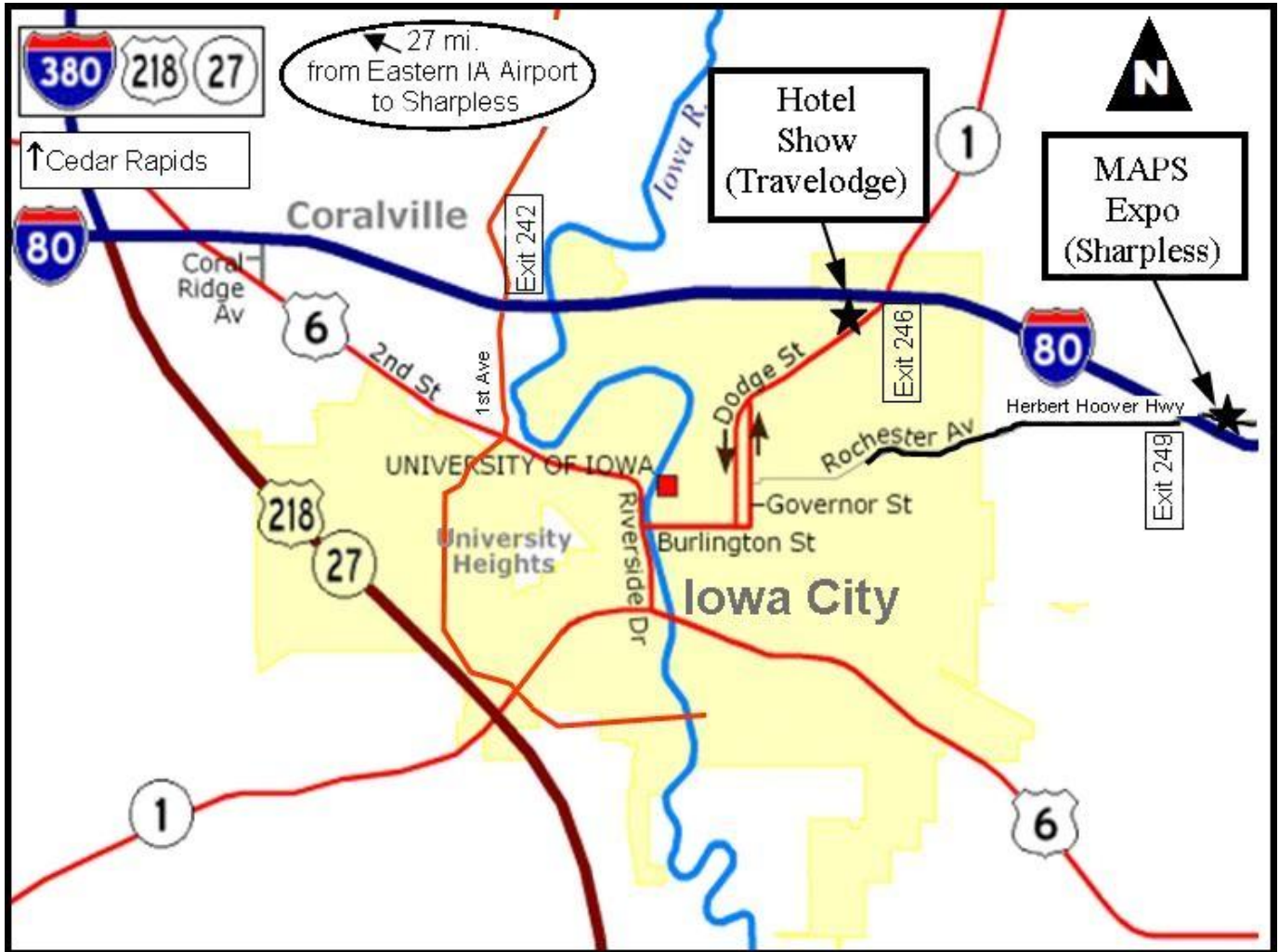
You will be able to keep almost everything that you find (up to a maximum of \$4,000.00). Only individual bones valued at over \$1,500.00 and articulated bones are excluded. In all cases, however, if you cannot keep your find, you will receive a finder's fee of three percent after the final sale of the object. In most cases

each participant finds several hundred bone fragments, ten or so mostly complete bones and an occasional tooth and claw.

The minimum bid has yet to be determined. If you are not able to attend Expo but would like to bid on the trip, proxy bids can be sent to MAPS EXPO chair Tom Williams, Paleotom234@comcast.net; (815) 223-9638. Payment may be made in 4 installments. For more information on Palo Prospectors digs, check their website: <http://www.paleoprospectors.com>.

Editors' Note: The Sept.-Nov. issue of the Digest was not published due to lack of contributions.

MAP SHOWING THE LOCATION OF THE TWO VENUES



MAPS NATIONAL FOSSIL EXPOSITION XXXVII—2015

LOCATION AND TIME: EXPO will be held in the Sharpless Auctions building located at 5049 County Road F44 (Herbert Hoover Hwy), Iowa City, Iowa. The simplest way to the site is to take Exit 249 from I-80. Sharpless Auctions is north of I-80 just to the east of the Exit.

EXPO HOURS: Friday, April 10: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 11: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 12: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (NOTE: extended Sunday hours)

SET-UP: Normal set-up will take place on Friday, April 10, at 7:00 a.m. However, for those that want to set up their tables on Thursday, MAPS has arranged, **at additional cost to the club**, for the buildings to be opened at 2:00 pm on Thursday at an **additional cost of \$10 per table** (see registration form). Lowest ceilings along the walls of the large building are approx. 10 feet; for the smaller building approx. 8-9 feet. **Buying, selling, or trading will NOT be allowed on Thursday and will be enforced. NOTE: As with WIU field house, there will be no security Thursday night.**

PARKING: Parking at Sharpless Auctions is free.

TRANSPORTATION: I-80 runs right by Sharpless Auctions and provides easy access to a plethora of hotels/motels and restaurants located to the west of the venue in the towns of Iowa City and Coralville. Eastern Iowa Airport is located approximately 23 miles from the EXPO site via I-380 and I-80.

HOTELS/MOTELS: Although the “Hotel Show” will be located at the Travelodge (see p. 5 for more information), there is a wide variety of hotels/motels of varying price ranges just off of I-80 in the towns of Iowa City and Coralville (particularly at Exit 242). If you plan to stay in a motel, we urge you to make your reservations early. At the same Exit as the Hotel Show, there is a Clarion Hotel (319-354-2000).

ON-SITE FOOD: Coffee and rolls will be available for sale for breakfast. There will be a varied ala-carte menu available for lunch.

EXPO ACTIVITIES: Times for all activities, including workshops/lectures, will be posted.

SALES TAX: A tax number is not needed in Iowa to sell material. Single-event Iowa State tax forms will be made available at the show and need to be turned into the state within ten (10) days of the event.

EXPO THEME: The Cenozoic Era will be this year’s theme. Friday night’s Keynote Speaker will be Lance Grande. His program will be presented following the presentation of the Don Good and Sharon Sonnleitner Awards beginning at 5:15 pm.

AUCTIONS: Saturday evening, a **live auction** will follow a short business meeting beginning at 5:15 pm. **Silent auctions** will be held Friday afternoon and Saturday. Proceeds from the auctions go to paleontology scholarships. Each dealer is encouraged to contribute a specimen(s) equal to or greater than the cost of the tables he/she has rented. Include full data and the name of the fossil donor. Specimens can be left at the information desk.

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THE HOTEL SHOW

LOCATION: A block of rooms has been reserved at the Travelodge, which is located ¼ mile south of I-80 at Exit 246 (N. Dodge Street), 3 miles from Sharpless Auctions. Everyone that plans to stay at the Travelodge will need to make their own reservations. When doing so, mention that you are with the “MAPS FOSSIL SHOW” to insure the special lower rates given to us. The number of the Travelodge is (319) 351-1010 and their e-mail is gmtlicia@gmail.com. The Hotel Show begins when the first dealers set up--usually Tuesday of EXPO week. **These rates will be available until March 20, 2015.**

NOTE: The Days Inn (south of I-80 Exit 242, 205 2nd St (Hwy 6), Coralville, 319-354-4400) is also offering special lower show rates (mention MAPS for special rates).

ROOMS: There are two types of rooms available at the Travelodge: single King Bed and two Double Beds.

DEALERS: Those selling at the Hotel Show should request room(s) on the first floor for easier access. Rooms along the outer edge open to the parking lot; rooms on the inside open to an open courtyard. Both also open to a common inside hallway. **Dealers also need to register with the Hotel Show liaison, Dan Cooper (dancooper@cinci.rr.com) (513-869-0226).**

NON-DEALERS: Those not selling should, as a courtesy to the dealers, request room(s) on the second floor. Of course, for those with special needs, first floor rooms would be appropriate (there are five (5) special needs rooms available on the first floor of the Travelodge).

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Among the attractions located in the Iowa City/Coralville area are the Devonian Fossil Gorge and the University of Iowa Museum of Natural History. The Devonian Fossil Gorge can be reached by exiting I-80 at Exit 244 (North Dubuque Street) and traveling north 2.6 miles then east 1.3 miles on West Overlook Road to Coralville Dam. The Natural History Museum is located on the University of Iowa campus in Macbride Hall at the corner of North Clinton Street and East Jefferson Street, Iowa City, Iowa. **See MAPS website for motels and restaurants in the Iowa City/Coralville area.**

NATIONAL FOSSIL EXPO XXXVII—GENERAL POLICIES

- Everyone is requested to make advance table registration by February 15, 2015. Check for table fees must accompany registration form.
- Cost of tables is \$30.00 each for the first two EIGHT FOOT tables. Additional tables will cost \$40.00 each. There is an additional charge of \$10.00 per table for Thursday set-up.
- There are fewer tables available but they are EIGHT LINEAR FEET. Therefore, three 8 foot tables are equivalent to four 6 foot tables. Please make your requests reasonable based on the new 8 foot tables.
- MAXIMUM of 8 tables per person/membership.
- Everyone is expected to stay through 5:00 Saturday. And all are encouraged to stay through Sunday.
- Please note your plans for leaving on the reservation form.
- The committee insists that all materials be fossil or fossil-related.
- Mountings, gemstones, minerals, human remains, artifacts, or relics, etc., are NOT PERMITTED!!!! .
- No smoking, alcohol, firearms, or disruptive behavior will be permitted on site.
- Aisles must be kept clear at all times.
- NOTE: There will be many gurney-type carts available for unloading/loading of materials.
- No pets are allowed except for service animals.

NATIONAL FOSSIL EXPO XXXVII—POLICIES FOR TABLE ASSIGNMENTS

PLEASE COMPLETE THE RESERVATION FORM, ENCLOSE IT WITH A CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO MAPS, AND MAIL TO:

**Tom Williams
PO Box 1364
LaSalle, IL 61301-9998**

- The floor plan will be first laid out on **February 15**, with all received **PAID** 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. Tables and/or locations not guaranteed after **February 15, 2015**.
- 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.
- Those with special requests to be located near other dealers/participants must have the permission of all involved for the request to be honored (same names should be on all registration forms) and all those involved must have their payments and registrations in by **February 15** to be honored. For example, if 4 members wish to be assigned in a group, 3 turn in registrations and the 4th does not, the 4th person may not be assigned with the group. (Of course, every effort WILL be made to keep the 4 members together.)
- If the venue fills to capacity, a waiting list shall be created. As cancellations occur, the tables will be assigned in the order received.
- A maximum of 8 tables can be reserved per person, organization, or membership. Tables are **EIGHT FEET** long.
- Refunds given up to thirty (30) days prior to first day of show.
- All reservations will be acknowledged. If acknowledgements are not received on or before **March 9, 2015**, contact Tom Williams by e-mail: (paleotom234@comcast.net) or phone: (815) 223-9638; cell: (815) 228-5083.

NATIONAL FOSSIL EXPO XXXVII—2015 EXPO TABLE RESERVATION
Before you reserve tables, please read all the regulations and policies.
Table payment MUST accompany this form.

NUMBER (Up to 2) OF 8 FOOT TABLES REQUESTED _____ @ \$30 PER TABLE (Fri. set-up) = _____

NUMBER (3 to 8) OF 8 FOOT TABLES REQUESTED _____ @ \$40 PER TABLE (Fri. set-up) = _____

NUMBER (Up to 2) OF 8 FOOT TABLES REQUESTED _____ @ \$40 PER TABLE (Thurs. set-up) = _____

NUMBER (3 to 8) OF 8 FOOT TABLES REQUESTED _____ @ \$50 PER TABLE (Thurs. set-up) = _____

TOTAL AMOUNT PAID _____ (Payable by CHECK OR MONEY ORDER to "MAPS")

NOTE: LIMITED NUMBER OF CHAIRS AVAILABLE--ONE PER TABLE PROVIDED. IT IS STRONGLY SUGGESTED THAT YOU BRING ANY EXTRA FOLDING CHAIRS YOU MAY NEED. YOU MAY ALSO WANT TO BRING EXTENSION CORDS.

Your Name _____

Address _____

City State Zip

Email _____ Telephone (_____) _____ - _____

Special requests _____

CHECK ONE: _____ I will be leaving on Saturday. _____ I will be staying until Sunday.

_____ I will be bringing _____ feet of display for the special tables up front (No Charge).

_____ Yes, I will help at the Front Desk:

Fri. _____ am _____ pm; **Sat.** _____ am _____ pm; **Sun.** _____ am _____ pm

NO ONE EXCEPT GUARD IS ALLOWED ON THE FLOOR AFTER 5:00 PM FRI. AND SAT.!

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.

Membership fee: \$20.00 per household covers one year's issues of DIGESTS. All Canadian and Overseas members receive the DIGEST by air letter post. For new members and those who renew more than 3 issues past their due date, the year begins with the first available issue. Institution or Library fee is \$25.00.

MAPS meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of October, November, January, and February and at EXPO in March or April. A picnic is held during the summer. October through February meetings are scheduled for 1 p.m. in Trowbridge Hall, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa. One annual International Fossil Exposition is held in late March/early April.

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