PALEONTOLOGICAL RESOURCES ACT REINTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE

by Jon Spunaugle
American Lands Access Association Executive Vice President for Legislation

On January 18, 2007 a fossil Collecting Bill HR 554 "Paleontological Resources Preservation Act" was introduced into the U.S. House of Representatives by Congressional Representative McGovern of Massachusetts and Renzi of Arizona. It was sent to the Committees on Natural Resources and Agriculture for a period of time to be determined by the Speaker of the House. (This means that regardless of what the Committee Chair people do, the Bill can be brought to the floor of the U.S. House for a vote at any time with or without amendment or Committee recommendation).

Preliminary examination of the actual Bill language suggests that it is very similar to the Bills introduced and passed by the U.S. Senate in past years. Casual collecting would be allowed as seen appropriate by the government land managers. Provisions for civil and criminal penalties remain in the Bill as does a rewards section for information on possible violators and other property confiscation including all paleontology resources.

The bill has also been introduced in the U.S. Senate, as bill S-320.

You can read the full text of HR 554 or S-320 at thomas.loc.gov/ and then entering the bill number. If you chose to write your Representatives and Senators, please also send a copy to Speaker Pelosi.

Read more about this from the American Lands Access Association on page 6.
THE PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

by Dr. Robert Carlson, AFMS President

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GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT-ELECT
by Shirley Leeson, AFMS President-elect

This month I would like to introduce you to a truly dedicated person who has really made an impact on the AFMS.

Jim Bruce-Thompson began his Junior Activities in the California Federation back in 1998 and started writing articles about suggested Junior Activities. He offered web-site information for museums, rockhound websites, "how to" websites and many more, in fact it took four issues in the CFMS Newsletter just to accomplish all the website he had accumulated. Jim featured many clubs and their Junior Activities, through the years as CFMS Junior Activities Chairman, trying to encourage clubs to form junior groups within the clubs.

Then he found out there was an AFMS Junior Program called "AFMS Future Rockhounds of America," and you could get a patch for your junior members so he encouraged the CFMS clubs with juniors to participate, but it didn't go far enough. Someone asked him, "is there something more you get, or is the badge it?" He began to gather and store ideas for junior programs.

Jim was tapped for the AFMS Junior Programs Chair in 2003. Jim went back to his collection of ideas for Junior Program/Activities. He went right to work on the "AFMS Future Rockhounds of America" merit badge. This program was developed by Jim and took a great deal of his time to get it written, and was presented for the first time to the AFMS Directors at the meeting in Ventura, 2003. It was unanimously accepted by the Directors, and the program with the badges was funded by the AFMS Endowment Fund. Jim immediately began implementing it. If you look at what has been accomplished since 2003 it is an amazing fete.

The Merit Badge program has been a huge success with clubs from all over the regions embracing it and some making it the centerpiece of their Junior Program. In some cases clubs have scheduled a year-long program with merit badge activities as part of their monthly programs. Jim has been like a proud parent sending out merit badges to Juniors who have completed their activities. Over thirty clubs are already involved, with more clubs joining in the program all the time.

If you have seen the badges, you'll note they are crafted on the order of the Scout badges, but of course the Future Rockhounds of America badges are original, because Jim designed them to fit our Rockhound theme. There are more than fifty activities in nine categories, Rocks and Minerals, Earth Resources, Fossils, Lapidary Arts, Collecting, Showmanship, Communication, Field Trips, and Leadership. By completing three themes there are over fifty activities in all, or completing three programs there are over sixty activities. There are more than five activities in nine categories, Rocks and Minerals, Earth Resources, Fossils, Lapidary Arts, Collecting, Showmanship, Communication, Field Trips, and Leadership. By completing three themes there are over fifty activities in all, or completing three programs there are over sixty activities.

One more thing, Jim did something many of us would like to do, but haven't the time, expertise or fortitude to accomplish. He got a beautiful two-page color article in Rock and Gem magazine. (September, 2005 issue) It was all about Jim and his AFMS Future Rockhounds of America and the MERIT BADGE PROGRAM. The article was actually longer than two pages and explained in detail what the program is about. The badges were shown in color. Lots of people contacted Jim regarding the article, and more clubs have gotten involved.

I'm sure you agree with me, the AFMS, has a real jewel. Jim's vision can only be enhanced by your efforts to help him make the Future Rockhounds of America Merit Badge program grow. Make sure the clubs within your region are aware of the program. Get involved. the Juniors are our future. Jim's made his stand, are you willing to stand with him. I am.

Jim is married to Nancy and has two kids (his words), Hannah and Alex. They live in Ventura, California. He works for a publications firm and is an acquisitions editor of scholarly reference works. His job takes him around the country and he is able to schedule a little fossil field collecting along the way. Jim has shared his field collected fossils by exhibiting competively and received a CFMS Self-Collected Fossil Trophy in 1998 and an AFMS Self-Collected Fossil Trophy in 2003.

Next month, another AFMS Chair who has made a difference...

Shirley

You can contact me at: <shirleyleeson@msn.com> and <beauholland@salmoninternet.com> Please send your message to both e-mail addresses since one of our internet connections isn't always 100% reliable.
The Annual Fund-Raising effort for the AFMS Endowment Fund is now under way, and once again, some wonderful people from all around the Federation have come forward to offer some very special prizes to reward all you lucky supporters of the Fund.

The first prize we received is a most unusual 4 1/2-inch round nodule of agate, which has been beautifully cut and polished into eight nested bowls. Each curved bowl is a stand-alone beauty, about one inch deep, with a small flat circular base, and it stacks beautifully into the next bowl(s) above and below. Daner Fred Schaafstetmeyer (EFMLS), who is a Past AFMS President, says he has yet to find anyone who can tell him how it was made! If you have any idea as to how it was done, please let him know!

The second prize is a lovely 21-inch gold filled hand-knit chain necklace, which was donated by Marge Collins (MWF). The “chain” is actually a hollow 1/4” diameter tube of finely knit gold wire. Marge tells us the pattern is an original creation of master wire-crafter, “Grit” Turner, and she does not know of anyone else who has the pattern.

Our third prize is an exquisite pendant featuring a freshwater pearl blister set in a dainty 18mm x 24mm, 14 karat gold filigreed bezel. This pendant is an exquisite gift was crafted by Shirley Leeson, AFMS Historian.

The second prize we received is a 4-inch gem tree of green wire with selenite rosettes. The second is also a 4-inch tree. This one is made of silver wire with perky flowers of milky quartz, with petaloid buds, and the tree is mounted on a peridotite volcanic bomb. The two items are included in the one prize.

Not to be outdone, Judy's husband, John (also the MWF member of our committee), donated our prize #6. An excellent mineral specimen of well-defined sparkling red vanadinite crystals perched on quartz crystals, which came from the Pure Potential Mine in La Paz County, Arizona.

These items are just a sample of the full list of gifts we are lining up to express our appreciation to the supporters of the AFMS Endowment Fund during this drive. We are expecting to receive more prizes in the near future, and we will be showing them as they arrive.

If you would like to try to become a recipient of one of these prizes, or of the ones we have not yet mentioned, you will need to obtain a prize eligibility coupon. A contribution of $5 entitles you to a coupon - and any contribution of $20 will give you five coupons. A drawing to decide the prize winners will be held following the 2007 Awards Banquet in Roswell, NM.

Coupons are available from all Regional Representatives, listed below. Or, you can make your donation directly to me by mail and I will send your coupon - and any contribution of $20 will give you five coupons. A drawing to decide the prize winners will be held following the 2007 Awards Banquet in Roswell, NM.

For more information - and color pictures of all our prizes - updated as we add more - please check out the AFMS website <www.amfed.org>. Marty will be keeping you up to date as we progress.

Won't you please help us build the AFMS Endowment Fund? Keep Our Committee Busy and Our Federation Growing!

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My Relatives

From time to time I have included a comment or two about my personal life, but I have rarely noted anything about my relatives. Some of them are nice folk and some are even better than that, but some of them are not to my liking and really should be avoided. One of these unsatisfactory folks is my Uncle Arthur.

Uncle Arthur Itis visits me periodically and he may even come by your house. Can we do anything about "Arthur Itis"? Well, we can do a little and here are some of the ways we can attack this most unpleasant visitor and increase our enjoyment and ability to pursue our hobby.

Our first move should be to educate ourselves. There are foundations and many other organizations that can teach us about this invasive malady. There is more than one type of arthritis and we each need to know what type we have. I read everything that I find and found a few things that seem to help me or at least explain what is going on. I have not identified a "cure" but, at least, I know more about what brings on my attacks.

Suggestion #2

What we eat can definitely have an effect on arthritis but I do not think that is universal and applicable to all of us. I like tomatoes and one summer one of the people in my office brought back and baskets of fresh ripe tomatoes every day. At lunch we would make great sandwiches and that was a daily ritual. After a few weeks my knees became so sore that I really could not walk well. I finally learned that my system is very sensitive to the acid in the tomatoes. When I broke the tomato habit, the relief was quick and dramatic. I also determined that too much citrus fruit or juice was not my friend. Read up on the dietary aspects of arthritis and you may be surprised to learn what can help or hurt.

Suggestion #3

Don't abuse your body. One of my old golfing buddies would collect aluminum cans and he would stomp on them to flatten them before bagging them. It took a long time for him to finally accept the fact that crushing cans was really hard on his knees and ankles. Look at your work area and think about jar openers and resilient floor pads to take the strain off wrists and knees.

Suggestion #4

There are some medical procedures that may help. When I had surgery to remove unwanted bits of cartilage in my knee, my orthopedic surgeon also peeled off some arthritis which he described as having the appearance of a heavy white paint. I never saw it but that's what he said. I think it came back so the benefit was temporary.

Suggestion #5

Medication is an idea that I really do not like but many people swear by the anti-inflammatory and other drugs. I do not like the side effects that are possible but as I said in the beginning, there is no universal cure.

As noted in earlier columns, I'm attempting to expand our activities for the FRA badge program. So far, I've come up with ideas for as many as 15 possible new badges. I described some in these pages last year; for instance, Rocks from Space, Thumbail Collecting, Organizing a Club Library, or Rocking on the Computer. This year, I'll describe several more, some thanks to suggestions from youth leaders at local clubs.

This month, I thank Mitty Scarpato, a youth leader of the Conejo Gem & Mineral Club in Thousand Oaks, California. Mitty suggests a badge on dinosaurs or adding dino activities to your existing Fossils badge. Mitty's group had a fun evening coloring and cutting out paper models of dinosaurs she found on the Internet. They also did a quiz game about dino facts and myths. Dinosaurs are a big draw for kids, and Mitty got me thinking about what other activities might revolve around dinosaurs to capitalize on that fascination. Here are a few that came to mind:

- Test dino identification skills with flashcard games or plastic models. Dinosaur cards are commercially available, or you can make your own by cutting pictures of dinosaurs from books, magazines, or web sites.
- Make dino footprint molds and casts with clay and plaster.
- Create dinosaur dioramas with models in shoe boxes.
- Brown and color-dinosaur murals or time lines on a long sheet of paper, incorporating dinosaur stickers. Sheets of dino stickers can be found in party or gift-wrapping sections of stores, in craft stores, bookstores, etc.
- Make dino masks on cardboard sheets using templates available from web sites or from books such as Shaffer's Cut & Make Dinosaur Masks or Smith's Dinosaur Punch-Out Masks. You can also make 3-D masks by coating large inflated balloons with paper-mâché or using paper-grocery bags, cardboard glue, colorful markers, and other readily available materials. A nice web site showing how to convert grocery bags into dinosaur masks is at: http://www.miamisci.org/gavacado/projects/dinos/mask.html.
- Assemble dinosaur skeletons from chicken bones (see Chris McGowan's books, Make Your Own Dinosaur out of Chicken Bones and T-Rex To Go: Build Your Own from Chicken Bones). Commercial kits are available from places like Edmund Scientifics for "excavating" bones and/or building skeleton models with wooden or plastic bones. My daughter's kindergarten librarian, Bev Paxton (of the Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society) introduced me to a fun group activity for assembling a 6-foot dinosaur skeleton: cut large bones out of cardboard and hide them around a room. Then hold a scavenger hunt and once all bones have been located, assemble them with brass fasteners (the kind with the button-like heads and wing clips).
- Discuss theories of dinosaur extinction. Then have kids research and report on it.
- Make collections of fossils from the age of dinosaurs. Some parts of the country, like Texas, the Dakotas, the Rocky Mountain states, and the West in general, abound in marine and land fossils from the Mesozoic Era, and localities with Cretaceous marine fossils are common on the East Coast and Southeast.

In addition to these activities, there's no end of dino activity books geared to every age level (just one example: Janice VanCleave's Dinosaurs for Every Kid). Check Amazon.com or B&N.com, the kids' sections of bookstores, teacher-supply stores, and the web. Just type "dinosaurs" into a search engine like Google, and thousands of possibilities spring up!

My thanks to Mitty for her suggestion to include a unit on dinosaurs in our badge program. Email me at jbrace@adelphia.net or call (805) 659-3577 to provide more information suggestions that will help us spread our love of the earth to kids while—as always—having fun!

[Ed. Note: Adelphia has been purchased by Comcast and in some markets, e-mail addresses are being changed by Comcast. If Jim's does bounce, try substituting "comcast" for "adelphia" and it should work.]
Some talking points on: The Paleontological Resources Protection Act, Senate Bill S-320 and House Bill HR 554 now being considered by the U.S. House of Representatives Natural Resources and Agriculture Committees and the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

These Bills are, for all practical purposes, identical to the fossil bills considered by the 108th Congress in 2003-4 and in the 109th Congress which passed the Senate in 2005. Therefore, past comments by previous AFMS and ALAA (American Lands Access Association) reviewers applies to these latest Bill introductions, (S-320 and HR 554). I would expect quick action on these Bills, without the lack of action in the U.S. House as in the past. You may remember this Bill was passed by the U.S. Senate by voice vote without objection. In the last several years several reviewers called this a "bad bill" primarily because it criminalized fossil collecting with outrageous penalties for picking up a fossil on public land. The Bill was also criticized for its reward provisions for turning in violators, which seemed ripe for abuse. Those same statements apply to the current version.

The current Bills under consideration have some good points and some bad points. For someone like myself, who helped write the first version of the "rockhound" fossil collecting bill, and worked to defeat the so called "Baucus Bill" in 1992-3, I can clearly see some improvements. Several of the objections the amateur fossil collecting public voiced to the original 1992-3 Bill have been remedied in this latest S-320/HR 554 version. However, several of the remaining "rockhound" objections remain.

Some of the remaining objections to the Bill S-320/HR 554 in its current form are:

(1) The Bill fails to make any distinction between scientifically significant and commonly found fossils. Instead it defines the paleontological resource it would protect to mean "any fossilized remains, trace, or imprint of organisms preserved in or on the earth's crust" except for archaeological resources or those associated with an archaeological resource. (The latter are covered under an archaeological resources protection act passed many years ago). Casual collecting of a reasonable amount of common vertebrate and plant fossils may be allowed under this Bill in Section 5, at the discretion of the Secretary (the land managers). Therefore amateurs "may" be able to collect certain common invertebrate or plant fossils found on Federal lands, but not necessarily. Only hand tools could be used and collecting can not cause more than a "negligible surface disturbance" (undefined). Collecting common vertebrate fossils such as fish fossils, shark teeth and the like, would be a violation of the act, as would picking up aisolated single dinosaur bone fragment in the U.S. even in the western United States if it was on Federal land.

All other collecting of paleontological resources on Federal lands would require a permit issued by the Secretary (the land managers) and be given only to "qualified" applicants. The resources collected would remain the property of the United States with the resources collected and the associated data deposited in an approved repository when collected under a permit.

(2) Further, there would be no commercial collection of fossils allowed. This would preclude anyone, amateur or otherwise, from selling, trading, or bartering any fossil collected on federal land. Not only does this effect amateurs, but completely eliminates the valuable and considerable contributions to paleontology that commercial fossil entities have provided in the past in discovering, extraction, and preparation of fossils. The Dinosaur "Sue" a Tyrannosaurus Rex, is a perfect example.

(3) Penalties for criminal violation of any provisions of this Bill would result in fines in accordance with Title 18 of the U.S. Code and/or imprisonment for up to 10 years. Title 18 provides for fines ranging up to $5,000 and up to $10,000 in certain circumstances, or up to $250,000 in certain cases. Such cases would be tried in Federal Courts.

(4) Civil penalties are also provided in the Bill and can go as high as double the replacement cost or restoration cost of the resource involved. The value is to be determined by the land managers. No due process is required under the civil penalty provisions other than a required notice of a hearing. A judicial review petition is allowed only within a thirty day period following any civil penalty assessment, but the court is allowed to rule on only the evidence presented in the hearing report. Forget "innocent until proven guilty" and the right to a trial by your peers.

(5) The Rewards and Forfeiture Section, Section 9, allows the Secretary of Interior or Secretary of Agriculture to pay a reward for information leading to a civil (or criminal) penalty. Rewards can go as high as $500. So, you might want to look out for any neighbors who don't like you if you have any vertebrate fossils in your collection, especially, if you cannot prove where they came from. Most fossils I know of don't say "Made in China" or "Hacho en Mexico" on them. And, how many of you keep receipts on items purchased, or can you vouch for exactly where the vertebrate fossils really came from even if you did purchase them and can prove it? The Bill calls for a person to exercise "due care" in knowing if the resource was excavated or removed from Federal land. Again "due care" is undefined.

(6) Also subject to forfeiture under this Bill are "paleontological resources" with respect to which a violation occurs. Such includes "any person in possession of any person and all vehicles and equipment of any person that were used in connection with the violation". I'm not a lawyer; but I do have knowledge of what has happened to several collectors and to several hobbyists in the past with regard to property confiscated, rightly or wrongly. In most cases nothing was ever returned regardless of its being legally obtained by the collector.

So, I worry for fossil collectors if this Bill, S 230/HR 554 becomes law. The best way to prevent its passage in its present form is for each and everyone of us to communicate your feelings to your Congressional Representatives. Because it seems likely that these Bills will be passed in short order you need to write that letter immediately. Copies of the Bills are found on the internet at http://thomas.loc.gov using the Bill numbers.
AFMS Club Rockhounds of the Year

California Federation

I would like to nominate Bob and Maxine Dearborn as AFMS Club Rockhounds of the Year for 2007. They are 30 year members of the Del Air Rockhounds Club of the San Fernando Valley in Los Angeles, California. They have both held various offices over the years. Currently, Bob holds the office of Secretary as well as being Editor of the Club Newsletter. Maxine coordinates the five-member Education Team, and makes Earth Science presentations in the local public and private school 2nd and 4th grade classes. The demand for classroom presentations is growing as more teachers hear about the club and its Education Team. Maxine also helps with publicity for the Club and the shows. Both Bob and Maxine are very active in all club activities. They are usually the first to volunteer for anything that needs to be done, from helping with shows & fairs, Silent Auctions, filling rock bags, to hosting meetings. Bob and Maxine are strong supporters and promoters of the Del Air Rockhounds Club. There are others who are very quick to help in Club activities as much as possible, but Bob and Maxine are two of the most reliable, energetic people I know, always coming up with new ideas to better the Club. They always have the best interests of the Club at heart. It is for all these reasons that I nominate them together as Rockhounds of the Year.

Fossils For Fun would like to nominate Virginia & Howard Freidman for our 2007 Education thru Sharing. Virginia is a student at UC Davis working on her PhD. Her dissertation subject is the paleoecology of the early middle Pleistocene. Despite her heavy study load, Virginia & Howard find time to attend Fossils For Fun functions when they can. As part of her studies, Virginia goes on professional field trips. This year she participated in a paleobotany conference and field trip organized by UC Berkeley. She also visited Sonora, Mexico to help take paleomagnetic readings for Arizona Western College. She belongs to the Northern California Geological Society, and volunteers/consults at the local museum in Fremont. Howard, her husband, accompanies her on her field trips and acts as her assistant. As a professional in our amateur group, Virginia has shared her expertise with us. She tells us about lectures and programs available at Berkeley & Davis. She has offered us programs, most recently on amber. We consider ourselves very lucky to have Virginia & Howard in our club. They help illustrate the inter-dependence in palaeontology between the professional and the amateur. This is a very important goal for Fossils For Fun, and we thank them for their contributions.

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**Minerals of New Mexico** Symposium (Revised)

In almost every Federation's Articles of Corporation the phrase "to increase and disseminate knowledge about minerals and other geologic materials" or one like it appears. This is one of the primary reasons for our existence. The Chaparral Rockhounds fully support that concept. As a result, we will have as one of the highlights of the Convention, a Symposium of outstanding speakers drawn from past AFMS Scholarship Honorary Awardees and prominent New Mexico mineral collectors. They will speak about "The Minerals of New Mexico".

This program will be presented at the Host Hotel on Friday, June 8 starting at 1:30 PM and lasting until 5:00 PM. It will be moderated by Dr Virgil W. Lueth, Senior Mineralogist/Economic Geologist of the New Mexico Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources.

New Mexico's geologic diversity and complex history has blessed the state with a wide variety of mineral treasures. This program will highlight past collecting history, famous mineral deposits, and recent new discoveries. Some of the topics to be presented by the speakers include:

1. New Mexico Mineral Collecting since 1880.
2. Three new finds of collectable minerals in New Mexico.
3. Geology, Mineralogy, and History of the deposits to be visited by the three day field trip after the show. These include the Hansontub (Blanchard), Luis Lopez Manganese deposits and the Kelly Mine.

I can assure you that this will be an outstanding program. I suggest you might want to plan on attending.

**Theft Alert**

From the Association of Applied Paleontological Scientists

The Association of Applied Paleontological Scientists (AAP) Executive Board has been notified of a fossil theft from the Smithsonian's Fossil Mammal displays. A number of important type specimens have been taken from the museum's public displays, including:

1. Frictops emryi (Insectivora) USNM 336527, skull with nearly complete postcranial skeleton.
2. Neohippolariops (Perisodactyla, Equidae) USNM 352701, partial upper jaw and palate with nearly complete dentition.
3. Chrysomys pictus (Testudines, Testudinidae) USNM 351927, complete carapace.
4. Paleolagus haydeni (Lagomorpha) USNM 16291, complete skull with lower jaws.
5. Thinocyon velox (Carnivora) USNM 22479, complete skull with lower jaw.
6. Uintacyon juglans (Carnivora) USNM 22478, anterior part of skeleton on slab.
7. Ischyromys veterior (Rodentia) USNM 336369, skull and partial skeleton.
8. Hyracotherium effins (Perisodactyla, Tapinoidea) USNM 22462, complete skull and lower jaws.
9. Parajidajunio trilophus (Rodentia) USNM 18804, skull and partial skeleton.

If any one is contacted with any of these specimens, or should see them in Tucson or at a local show, please contact Matthew Carrano – (202) 633-1314, or any of the AAP's board members immediately.

There are pictures of these specimens posted at <www.nmnh.si.edu/paleo/stolen_specimens/>.