



# **FOSSIL CLUB OF LEE COUNTY**

**JUNE 2018**

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## **Letter from the President**

Rains!! Summer!! It's here!! So quick!! Tropical storm Alberto managed to jump start our rainy season and end all the river hunting! Last I looked, the Peace is at 10 feet!! Only twice what we need it to be. If we get normal rains in June, it's over for a good long time, folks! Land sites and mailbox finds from here on out to the end of November. Or, if a long rainy season, mid December.

Bring in your finds from this season to the meeting this month. It is our annual SHOW and TELL and TRADE and SELL meeting!! Once a year we have this meeting to allow members to openly sell or trade their fossils with other club members. It's got pretty popular, so get there early to claim a table!

We hold our annual elections in March, just before the scholarship auction. This year all officers and directors remained in place. Next year, however, we will be looking for some new blood in the organization! All four officer positions will be needing to get filled. I, as president, have decided to let someone else take that position. I've been doing it, for three separate times, for about a third or more of the time the club has been in existence, which is over 25 years. I'm ready to step down, guys. And I'm giving plenty of notice. Al Govin, is both the Treasurer AND the Secretary, and he has told me this is his last year as well. And Leslie Stieffel, my wife, is the Vice-President, but would really like to have someone else do it. It's just worked out this way, no group decision. Each on his/her own, but we all have given a lot to the club and want other members to start planning now to take the reins next march.

I wear a lot of hats in this club. I am the president, the auctioneer, the speaker procurer, the newsletter editor, as well as oversee different club operations. Such as -- everything the club is involved with: club store, \$1 raffle, board meetings, door prizes, refreshments, scholarships, library, general meetings, as well as keep up with club finances, membership, outreach, trips, fossil festival, and anything else that comes along. However, I along with the board, are embarking on a mission to simplify and in some cases downsize operations, so that this position will not seem so daunting to a member considering it. I also will remain as the auctioneer, which I have been doing for a long time. And, of course, as a board member and consultant to the new president.

Please, all of you, seriously consider taking one of these positions. We have a LONG time before March, but in the meantime, think about it. The club has been around too long for it to go away.

The July meeting will be our annual fossil matrix hunt! We have some good matrix material from Aurora.

Part of the simplification process is a reduced content newsletter. This one will be shorter, but informative. And, anyone who would like to take over as the newsletter editor is welcome to speak to me about doing so. It will not take much of your time, now, so consider it!

Louis Stieffel  
President  
Fossil Club of Lee County



## June meeting is Show & Tell and Trade & Sell

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Dean Hart.....941-979-8217  
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Travis Willis

### **COMMITTEES**

Al Govin, Club Trips Director  
Curt Klug, Web Master  
Cherie Jacobs, Newsletter Developer  
Al Govin, Badges, Membership, Trips  
Travis Willis , Club Trips  
Cindy Bateman, Librarian  
Dave and Jeanne Seehaver, Merchandise  
Dean Hart, Refreshment  
Victoria O'Toole, \$1 Raffle  
Dawn Linda Borys Markoski, Festival Organizers  
Louis Stieffel, Auctioneer, FOSSIL project representative, Newsletter editor, Speakers, Vertebrate Education

Here is a site that has every river and creek mapped **for the whole state**, separated by county. Click on the zoomify tab below each map to zoom in. Enjoy !

Save to your desktop so you can find and use it often!

<http://fcit.usf.edu/florida/maps/galleries/hydrography/index.php>

Meetings are on the third Thursday of the month, 7:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall at Zion Lutheran Church , 7401 Winker Road, Fort Myers, FL 33919

## **Websites & Locations of Interest**

### **Fossil Club of Lee County: [www.fcolc.com](http://www.fcolc.com)**

FCOLC Fossil Club of Lee County, Inc. c/o AL GOVIN  
TREASURER  
3584 MIDDLETOWN ST. PORT CHARLOTTE, FLORIDA 33952

The [FCOLC website](#) is a source for links to Fossil websites of interest, archived monthly club newsletters, details on club meetings and officers.

[Museum of Natural History @ Gainesville](#) [www.flmnh.ufl.edu/](http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/)

[The Fossil Project](#) [www.myFOSSIL.org](http://www.myFOSSIL.org)

[Randell Research Center](#) PO Box 608, Pineland, FL [www.flmnh.ufl.edu/RRC/](http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/RRC/)

[Smithsonian Natural History Museum](#) [www.mnh.si.edu](http://www.mnh.si.edu)

[Southwest Florida Museum of History](#) 2031 Jackson St., Fort Myers [www.MUSEUMofHISTORY.org](http://www.MUSEUMofHISTORY.org)

[The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum](#), 3075 Sanibel-Captiva Rd, Sanibel, FL [www.shellmuseum.org](http://www.shellmuseum.org)

[Cracker Museum at Pioneer Park in Zolfo Springs, FL](#) Tel 863.735.0119

[www.hardeecounty.net/crackertrailmuseum/about.html](http://www.hardeecounty.net/crackertrailmuseum/about.html)

[Cape Coral Friends of Wildlife Burrowing Owls](#)

[www.ccfriendsofwildlife.org](http://www.ccfriendsofwildlife.org)

[Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium](#) 3450 Ortiz Av, Fort Myers Tel 239-275-3435

[www.calusanature.org](http://www.calusanature.org)

[Imaginarium 2000](#) Cranford Ave, Fort Myers

[www.i-sci.org](http://www.i-sci.org)

### Florida Fossil Clubs

Southwest Florida Fossil Club

[www.southwestfloridafossilclub.com](http://www.southwestfloridafossilclub.com)

Tampa Bay Fossil Club

[www.tampabayfossilclub.com](http://www.tampabayfossilclub.com)

Orlando Fossil Club

[www.floridafossilhunters.com](http://www.floridafossilhunters.com)

The Fossil Forum

[www.thefossilforum.com/index.php](http://www.thefossilforum.com/index.php)

Fossil Treasures of Florida

[www.fossil-treasures-of-florida.com](http://www.fossil-treasures-of-florida.com)

Florida Paleontological Society

<http://floridapaleosociety.com/>

Collecting Vertebrate Fossils on Florida state lands **requires** a permit. A fossil hunting permit is also part of being an ethical Florida fossil hunter.

Florida Vertebrate **Fossil Permit** <http://flmnh.ufl.edu/natsci/vertpaleo/vppermit.htm>

Peace River Water Levels

<http://waterdata.usgs.gov/fl/nwis/rt>

[Picking Up Isolated Native American Artifacts](#) [www.flheritage.com/news/faq.cfm](http://www.flheritage.com/news/faq.cfm)

**If you find an Indian artifact, such as an arrowhead, on Florida state lands or river bottom, be aware that possession of an Indian artifact found on state lands after 2004 is a Class 3 Felony.**

## FCOLC Minutes 5/17/2018

Louis Stieffel called the meeting to order, 36 members present.

The date for the 2019 Fossil Festival was announced as February 23, 2019. Dawn Markoski is the event organizer

Scholarship award to Zak Deyo was announced.

Two additional scholarships were provided at \$1000.00 each to University of Florida and University South Florida. Scholarships for the year 2018 total \$3,500.00. Be Proud.

October 17th 2018 is National Fossil Day.

July 31st Al Govin to give a fossil talk at Port Charlotte Library.

The benefits of Amazon smile again discussed and members encouraged to sign on through smile and the club will get a donation in return..

Louis discussed the club library and the possibly of it being discontinued and or donated.

There are presently no trips planned.

Door prize raffle held.

Refreshment break taken, with refreshments provided by Jim & Pam Siegel.

Speaker Bill Courtwright introduced.

Bill Courtwright introduced President of the Kiwanias Club who spoke about the Kiwanias and the benefits and outreach provided.

Bill Courtwright spoke about agatized Coral, titled "Geodes the Nations Treasures".

Dollar Raffle held.

Minutes by Al Govin

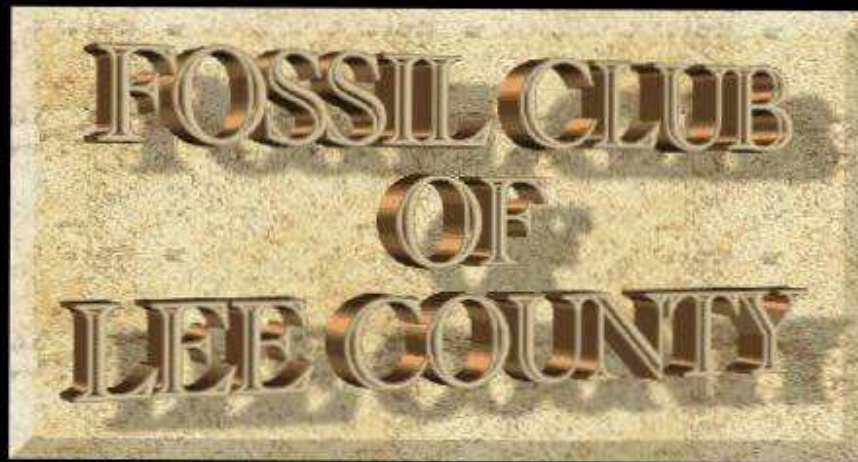
Secretary/Treasurer

Here is a terrific idea, brought to the club's attention by Valerie Rahn! Seems that Amazon will donate a portion of any purchase you make—to the Fossil Club of Lee County!! But, you need to register with Amazon, to be able to have this work. It cost you nothing, and you still shop exactly the same as you normally would. Valerie posted these instructions on our FCOLC Facebook page. I copied them here. **THIS IS A GOOD THING!! PLEASE do this!**  
Thank you VALERIE!!



Please Help Us with our Community Outreach and our scholarships  
by  
Making us Your **AMAZON Smile** Contribution

1. Go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com)
2. Select: **Fossil Club of Lee County, Inc.** as your Non-profit.
3. Use [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) every time you shop Amazon will donate a portion of the proceeds to us.
4. It costs nothing but can mean everything.
5. **THANK YOU!!**



The Fossil Club of Lee County, Inc. is an organization of people interested in the fossils of southern Florida and all points beyond. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Zion Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. The Zion Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall is located at: 7401 Winkler Road, Ft Myers, FL 33919.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/378838762286864/>

For those of you who ask what books to get-- here's a great group!

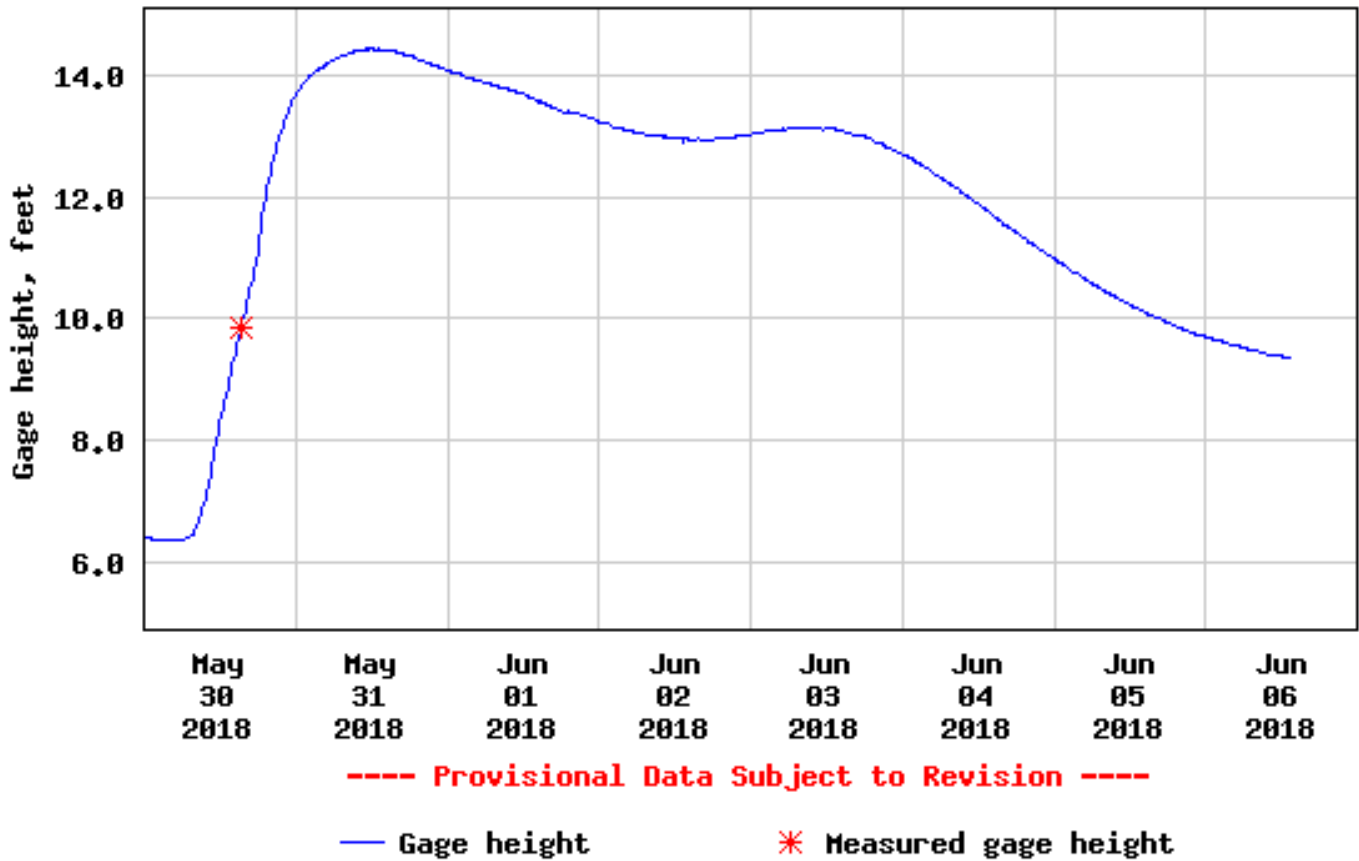
We offer most, if not all, in the club store at the meetings.



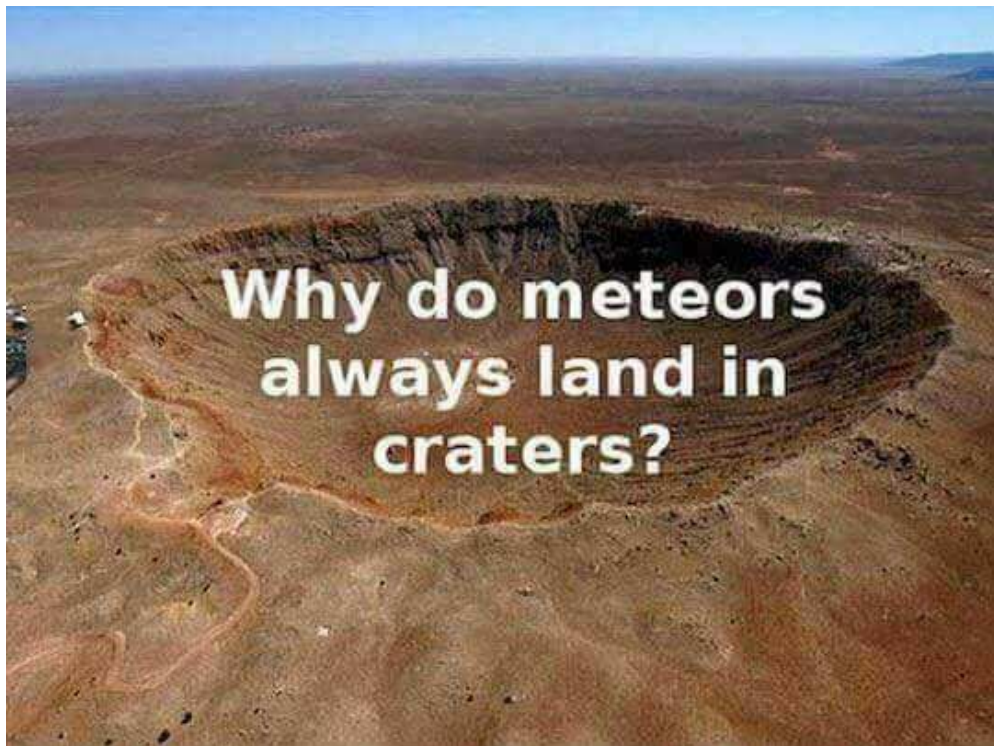
# JUNE PEACE RIVER WATER LEVEL !!!

3-4 feet over our heads!!

USGS 02295637 PEACE RIVER AT ZOLFO SPRINGS FL



## Meteors!!



**Subject:** AmazonSmile Foundation Donation Disbursement

This is a notice from Amazon about their donation this month, through the Smile program. Now all we need is more club and non-club support.



**Dear Charity Administrator,**

This email is to notify you that Fossil Club of Lee County Inc (EIN: 90-0983825) has been issued a \$5.32 donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between January 1 and March 31, 2018. The donation was deposited to your organization's bank account around May 15, 2018. It may take several days for the donation to appear in the account.

You can increase your organization's donations by spreading the word about AmazonSmile. Father's Day is June 17 and it's a great opportunity to remind your supporters to shop for Dad at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and Amazon will donate to Fossil Club of Lee County Inc. Use the below image and message in social media, email, and on your website.

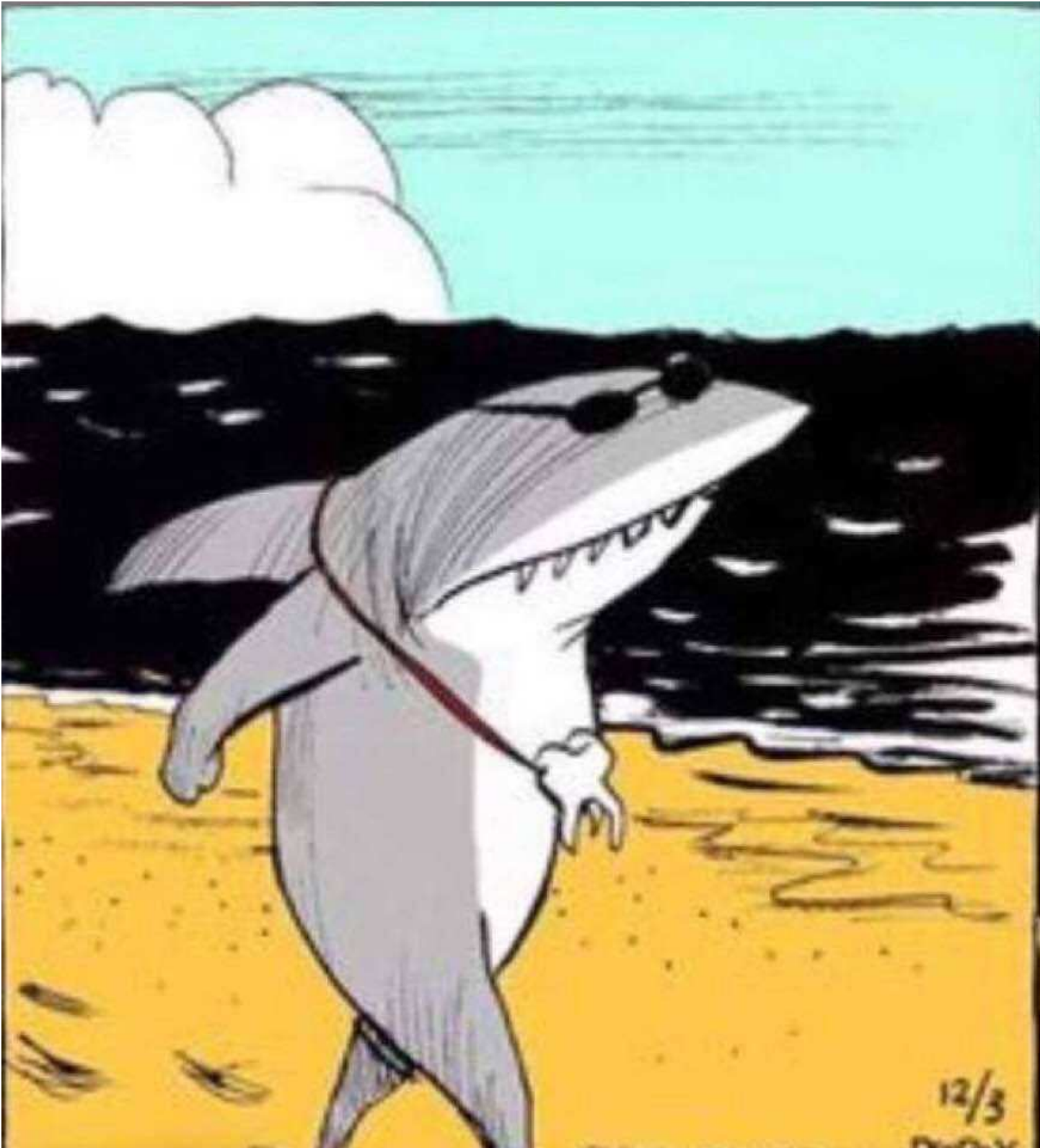
*Your shopping matters. Shop for Father's Day at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/90-0983825> and Amazon donates to Fossil Club of Lee County Inc.*



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DAY!**