

Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, Inc.

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PURPOSE: The club was organized in 1962 in Sayre, PA to assemble for the purpose of studying and collecting rock, mineral, fossil, and shell specimens, and to develop skills in the lapidary arts. We are members of the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical & Lapidary Societies (EFMLS) and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS).

DUES are payable to the treasurer BY January 1st of each year. After that date membership will be terminated. Make checks payable to Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, Inc. as follows: \$12.00 for Family; \$8.00 for Subscribing Patron; \$8.00 for Individual and Junior members (under age 17) not covered by a family membership.

MEETINGS are held at the Sayre High School (on Lockhart Street) at 7:00 PM in the cafeteria, the 2nd Wednesday each month, except JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, and DECEMBER. Those meetings and events (and any changes) will be announced in this newsletter, with location and schedule, as well as on our website chehannarocks.com. Visitors are always welcome.

FIELD TRIPS are scheduled regularly from May through September; dates and details will be announced in this newsletter and on the club website.

ARTICLES submitted for publishing should be emailed to the editor using any text (ASCII) format; attempt will be made to use whatever is sent. Please make paragraphs obvious.

Deadline for submissions to the next Shin-Skinner issue is **21-August-2017**. Whatever you send me is likely to get published, so please **clearly mark** any part you don't want to see in print. Articles without by-line are written by the editor.

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Notable this month...

Sunday, August 13, 12 Noon (eat at 1PM) — Che-Hanna Picnic

— Satterlee Creek Environmental Center, 2817 Cotton Hollow Rd, Litchfield Township

Sat-Sun, August 26-27 — Wayne County Club trip — St Lawrence County club show (Power's Farm and Bush farm trips)

Visit us at our website: <http://www.chehannarocks.com>

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President's Note

Hi CheHanna rock hounds,

Well, we had our first picnic of 2017 and it was fun, friends, food, and frolicking.

Water balloons, which happened so fast, I missed it. Sorry about that. Then there was shooting darts at a target and I did get a shot of that. One of the youngsters was really trying super hard to hit the target. (he missed)

A full table of specimens from the Ted Keir collection was for sale to let everyone have a chance to get one or two as a keepsake.

Some shows are going on around the near states and Ted R. is doing a survey on getting some kind of trip for this year yet. Will know more at the picnic in August.

Gather at 12:00 or before and we will eat at 1:00, bring a dish to pass and your own table service and drink.

Come September, we will be back in the Sayre High School as usual. Board meeting at 6:00 and regular meeting at 7:00.

See you there and you could bring a friend. Program to be announced.

—Bob



Sunshine Report

Had such a nice time at the picnic on the 16th. There was a good crowd there, including a lot of kids who had a good time; the weather was perfect; there was a variety and lots of good food, since everyone brought a dish to pass; and there were games played. Thanks to John and Bruce for doing the grilling; thanks to Mary for bringing the burgers, dogs and all that goes with it.

Get well to Faith Toth who recently had back surgery. Hope to hear you're doing much better. Missed you and Dominic at the picnic.

Glad to see that Nancy Welles is much better and hope that continues. Was nice to see she could make it to the picnic.

I talked with Hilda Gardiner and she tells me that she's done with chemo and hopes to have her surgery sometime in August so that she can go back to work in September. So, please keep her in your prayers that all goes well for her. She's very positive and hopes for the best. Said she has lost all her hair, but is managing ok. Troy wanted to put a temporary tattoo on her head.

Helen Tracy seems to be doing much better and hope to see her soon, if she's up to getting out.

If you know of anyone who needs some cheer, please let me know and I'll take care of it. See you at the next picnic on August 13th, same place, same time. I'm sure there will be something more in the newsletter.

Take care and enjoy your time until we see you again.

—JoAnn



Las Médulas, Ponferrada, León, Spain

August and Gold

It being August, I got to thinking about Augustus Caesar, the first Roman emperor (Julius Caesar was his great uncle), for whom the month is named. By means of long and complicated politics and war, he created the Roman Empire, which lasted for 500 years, give or take.

In his time, the most important gold mine was Las Médulas in Spain. It was actually a strip mine at which the Romans used large quantities of water (via aqueducts, no less) to undermine the landscape—the technique was called *ruina montium*, wrecking the mountains.

It was mined for 250 years; at its peak it produced around 7 (US) tons of gold a year. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Ref: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Las_Medulas



Our July Picnic

July picnic: Firstly, a thank you to Wesley and Janet Kocsis for volunteering to take care of Junior Rockhound entertainment at the July picnic.

After the water balloon contest, they took the kids to look for fossils and aquatic life in Satterlee Creek and then on to exploring the trails. Wes posted some awesome photos to the Rockhounds website of some the things they found in the woods. I love it. That is what you do when at Satterlee Creek Environmental Center.

I brought some of the minerals from Ted Keir's collection for sale to club members and some as door prizes. Prices were very reasonable in order for every club member to acquire one or more rocks of the history of field trips the club had over the years.

We decided to hand out raffle tickets to determine who goes first in picking out the specimens they would like. I must apologize that I did not notice the 2 different batches of tickets, some had a 0 and some had a 5 as the third number from the end. I think everyone got something they liked. Some labels blew away on the wind. So, if you want a new label, let me know. Thanks for taking the time to look at the collection. I still have a few flats that need identification and Gloria Dick has offered her help with this. I will set up at the Route 199 Athens "stockyard" flea market over the Labor Day weekend and offer rocks and other "treasures" to the public.

Thank you so much to the Keir family for the opportunity for club members to own a rock or two that used to be in Ted's museum in his house.

Several club members also brought stuff for sale or trade. The weather was very nice and the picnic food was great. Thanks to John Margetanski for his fine grilling skills and to Mary Walter and John Morgan for buying the supplies.

I have all of the stuff that Peggy brings to the meetings as our host, and will make sure that it will be at the August 13th picnic and then at the September meeting.

Peggy will be having surgery and can't attend meetings for a while. Her friendly smile and helpful nature will be missed. I hope she has speedy and complete recovery.

I believe that Bob McGuire talked to Scott Hall to see if he will be Junior Rockhound advisor. Darius Hall has an interest in our hobby and I hope the other parents will offer their help. I will help when it is needed.

I will be the club's historian and will try to send some bits of club history to the editor every month.

—Inga

August Picnic

August 13, 2017 will be this month's picnic at the Satterlee Creek Environmental Center behind the Litchfield School. It is a dish to pass and the club will provide hamburgers & hot dogs. Please bring your own table settings and beverages. We will meet around 12 noon, or before, and eat at 1:00 PM. There will be activities during the day.

Directions to old Litchfield Litchfield Elementary School in Litchfield is on Cotton Hollow Rd or SR 1056 - Thanks to Inga Wells (minor changes by your Editor)

If you take **Rt 220 South from points north:**

I recommend: Take Route 220 south to the Athens exit. Take Pine St. to Main St, and turn right at that intersection light. Go on Main St. (for 0.9 miles) until you see Gannon Insurance/Sam's Restaurant on the corners of Susquehanna St. to get across the river. This is a left turn. There is also the little Teaga Park and the Athens Clinic opposite the turn. Once you are over the river, there is a 4 way stop. Go straight, this is Front St. and will become Cotton Hollow Rd., marked as SR 1056 on maps. The speed limit on these county roads is usually 45 miles an hour. Go 2.2 miles on Front St. You'll come to a Y fork, take the left fork toward Windham Center, You'll see the school crossing sign after 2.3 miles. The school is on your left. At the black top parking lot, behind the school, near the playground, is a dirt road that will lead you to the picnic area. Go slow, potholes!

This former school facility is between Evans and Hill Rd. The next building, going east, is the fire department and you can Google that Litchfield Township Fire Department as 2902 Cotton Hollow Rd, if nothing else works for your GPS.

If you take **Rt 220 North from points south** and turn onto Rt 199 (this will turn into Main St) you'll make a right turn onto Susquehanna St.

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Directions from Route 187: Nichols, NY to Wysox PA. The mileage from Route 187 (Windham Center) to the school is 5.6 miles. Cotton Hollow Rd is marked with a sign "10 miles to Athens".

Anyone **going cross-lots**, there are connecting country roads, like MacAfee and the N. Rome Rd. There is good cell phone reception at the site.

Editor's Note

We're finishing up another summer and heading into my favorite time of the year. With a September birthday and a new school year starting, Autumn has always been a time of new beginnings for me.

I'm always happy to get any submissions for the Shin-Skinner; photos from club outings are especially welcome.

Upcoming Shows



August

18-20... LEBANON, PA:

Annual show; Mid Atlantic Gem & Mineral Assoc, Lebanon Co Fairgrounds Expo; 80 Rocherty Road; Fri 10-6, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4; Adults \$6, Children Free; Gem Miners Jubilee in its 20th year is an exhibit of gems, jewelry, beads, minerals, and fossils with both indoor and outdoor vendors. Wholesale section available.; contact Jill Feder, PO Box 266, Sellersville, PA 18960, (908) 720-1774; jillfeder.jf@gmail.com; www.gem-show.com

26-27... CANTON, NY:

Annual show; St. Lawrence Co. Rock & Mineral Club, Canton Pavillon; 90 Lincoln St.; Sat. 9-4:30; Free Admission; Children's fluorescent mineral hunt Friday night at dusk. Free, lights provided. ; contact William deLorraine, 1 Indian Head Trail, Gouverneur, NY 13642, (315)-287-4652; wdellie@gmail.com; www.stlawrencecountym Mineralclub.org

September

16-17... HARRISBURG, PA:

52nd Annual Show of the Central PA Rock & Mineral Club; Zembo Shrine Center: Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5; <http://www.rockandmineral.org/annual%20show.htm>

16-17... POUGHKEEPSIE, NY:

48th Annual Show and sale; Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Inc., Gold's Gym & Family Sports Center; 258 Titusville Rd.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$5, Seniors \$4, Students \$2, Children free under 12 with adult; Show Theme- Garnet, the New York Gemstone; Dealers of Minerals, Fossils, Gemstones, Jewelry, Beads, Tools and Books. 6 free rocks for kids, annual earth science scavenger hunt for area high school students, fluorescent mineral display booth, lapidary demonstrations. ; contact Carolyn Reynard, 110 College Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603, (845)-471-1224; sunstone33@verizon.net; www.mhvgms.org

23-24... FRANKLIN, NJ:

61st Annual Franklin-Sterling Mineral Museum Gem & Mineral Show with Outdoor Swap; Franklin Mineral Museum, Littell Community Center; 10 Munsonhurst Road #12; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$7, Children \$4 (6-16); contact Robyn Seger; pesolutions.minerals@gmail.com; <https://www.facebook.com/AnnualFranklinSterling>

October

20-22... BRISTOL, CT:

66th EFMLS Convention will be held in conjunction with the 45th Annual Gem and Mineral Show in Bristol, Connecticut, hosted by the Bristol Gem and Mineral Club. See <http://www.amfed.org/efmls/convention.htm> for details.

28... BIGLERVILLE, PA:

Swap & Sale; Franklin County & Central Penn Rock & Mineral Clubs, South Mountain Fairgrounds; 615 Narrows Road; Sat. 8-3; Adults/Seniors \$1, Students/Children Free; Lots of fun for all ages in a covered pavilion with food stand.; contact Tom Smith, (717)-552-6554; e-mail: tsmith1012@comcast.net