

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 and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

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. Deadline for submissions to the next Shin-Skinner issue is **20-May-2016**. Articles without by-line are written by the editor.

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Notable this month...

Pizza Party/Club Meeting: Wednesday May 11, 7pm

Junior Rockhound Meeting: Sunday May 15, 10am-7pm

Penfield, May 7; Dig with the Experts, May 21; and Hickory Hills, Memorial Day weekend. See "Field Trips".

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

We Talk To Each Other - We Help Each Other - We Teach Each Other - We Smile A Lot!

President's Note

Hello and happy Summer to all rockers.

Due to no school last month, our April pizza party meeting will now be the May meeting. We were also supposed to get a nomination committee to select officers for the next two years.

Board meeting at 6:00, short meeting at 7:00, and a slide show of older times showing some of the backbone members that kept the club going, while we enjoy our pizza reward for your much needed and loved help in producing our 47th outstanding gem show.

The better weather is upon us and there will be field trips, other shows, meetings, and picnics to attend and continue our friendship and funship.

See you at the meeting, at a show, field trip, or picnic and bring a friend to share the fun.

—Bob

Sunshine Report

Hope everyone is doing well. Since there was no meeting last month, I didn't know of anyone who needs a card. I've been fighting a case of vertigo, so it's slow going for right now.

Hope to hear that Sandy Keener is doing better since her recent surgery. Also, hope that Nancy Welles is feeling better.

Hope to see you all at the pizza party in May; hoping the school doesn't go on strike again.

If you know of anyone who needs a card or call, please let me know and I'll do my best to take care of it. Hope the warmer weather comes and stays around. It's been pretty cool in the early morning.

—JoAnn

dot rocks TLD

In the Internet world a "TLD", or "top level domain", is that symbol on the end of an address: the ".com" or ".org". There are now many TLDs, including ".rocks". Seems like we may start to see rockhound websites and email addresses using this.

Field Trips

In case any of you missed it, Trish Benish sent email about possible field trips. She gleaned the data from the Wayne County Club [website](#). This list is shorter; I elided events that already happened.

If you have any questions please contact Bill Chapman (607) 868-4649 <batnpill@empacc.net> Bill is Che-Hanna's field trip planner.

If you're interested in carpooling, contact Trish; she offered to compile a list.

Date	Trip	Location	Where
May 6 (Fri)	A Fossil Day (Eurypterids)	Ridgemont quarry	Fort Erie, Ontario
May 7 (Sat)	Quarry Open House	Dolomite Products; 746 Whalen Rd	Penfield NY
May 21 (Sat)	Dig with the Experts Day	Penn Dixie Paleo Center	Hamburg NY
May 21-22	So. VT Mineral Show	Grace Christian School	Bennington VT
May 28-30	Memorial Day weekend	Hickory Hills	Fonda NY
June 4-5	Gemfest 2016	Civic Center	Canandaigua
June 23-26	tentative long weekend	Gilsum Rockswap , VT club fieldtrip?	Gilsum NH

Editor's Notes

Summer is almost upon us: please see "Field Trips" and "Upcoming Events".

I've added many show announcements. Let me know of any shows/events worth special mention.

This Shin-Skinner weighs in rather smaller than the last one (digitally speaking), because of all the show pictures. I hope to put some pictures from the May meeting slide show in the next issue.

Many club bulletins are combined during summer months—not this one. I think news is important year round.

As always, contributions are welcome. I appreciate photos, articles, news notes, or anything else interesting.

Last Meeting / Next Meeting

The April club meeting was canceled because of a teacher's strike at Sayre School, so we have no minutes from it.

Our next meeting, on Wednesday May 11, will be to conduct our very important business: the Post-Show Pizza Party.

There will also be a slide show of past good times and people of our venerable club.

Upcoming Meetings

Hello Che-Hanna members,

Please mark your calendars for June 8 for our June meeting which will be a dish to pass at Page Manor. Claverack will be presenting a demonstration on electric safety and if there is time available other presentations or programs. More information will be available in the future but please be sure I will be checking out all the good food as it is brought in.

Athens Schools has settled their strike and now we need to see what happens in Sayre Schools. At this time the May meeting will be held if the strike is settled.

The July & August picnics will not be affected by the strike and I hope to see you all there. We will have the whole place to ourselves which is a bucolic setting.

Please contact Inga Wells for Junior Rockhounds for their meetings.

—Trish

Star Wars Minerals

In honor of Star Wars Day (May 4), I found a fan [web page](#) about the minerals (fictional or not) that occur in Star Wars stories.

<http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Category:Minerals>

In Memoriam - John Deysher III

Long time club member John D. Deysher III, of North Towanda, Pa., passed away Thursday morning, April 21, 2016 at the Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, Pa.



photo by C.Bourne

John was known to many of us as a Che-Hanna member for many decades. He was an avid and knowledgeable mineral and fossil collector; he joined the Junior Rockhounds on fossil collecting trips with PRI. Unlike many of us, he wisely only acquired small specimens in recent years, as his living space was already crammed full of collections.

Declining health prevented him from attending meetings and club shows; his presence and knowledge was missed by many.

He spent many hours behind the hospitality table at the shows, taking care of tickets, announcing, and whatever else needed to be done. His service to the club also included stints as treasurer and program chair.

He was employed for 30 years by GTE Sylvania in Towanda as a chemist until his retirement. He was very active in ham radio and photography clubs.

Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Junior Rockhound News

The April Junior Rockhound meeting at the Church was well attended. The children made several "Magic Rockscapes" since I brought enough for 30 kids. Parents posted photos of these wonderful creations on my Rockhound Facebook page.

Welcome to Tracy and daughter Bella; Wes and his children, Ruby, Myles, Halia; Heather, Mike, Grandpa Rick and Jaden, Jystelyn, Janaya; Charlotte and son Jordan; Jason with Ira and Frannie, Carli with Darius and Grace.

As you can see, I needed name tags, which I left on the kitchen table at home. Carli attached posted notes to each person. Thank you Carli. I hoped everyone signed in at the meeting, that is how I keep records about our meetings. Keep in mind that I'm almost 70 and my brain is packed with years of kid's names. It takes a while to pull up the correct one. Recently, I have made name tags for everyone. They can be gilded or embellished with some Metalliques at the May 15 meeting at my house.

Since we had glue on hand, we glued Mohs Minerals on that labeled card stock and started some of the basic mineral ID cards. We ran out of time, and the missing minerals are bagged and tagged to be picked up at the May meeting or whenever I see you next. There is a reason we glue the minerals to the labeled card stock, kids tend to not keep specimens and labels together. This way, they can learn what a certain mineral looks like.

At each meetings, there are plenty of bigger door prizes of these minerals to take home. Darius presented Ira with badges he has earned. Ira will be moving to Maine and he kept reminding me that he needed his badges to show to rockhounds in Maine. He has earned a lot of them in 2 years. I will present the sashes and the FRA membership badge to new kids at the June 8 meeting at the Page Manor.

Thank you to American Federation Junior Chair person, Jim Brace-Thompson, for sending the requested badges. Merit badge information can be found on <http://www.amfed.org/> site and look for FRA (Future Rockhounds of America) site. We have been part of this since its inception. Our Che-Hanna kids are listed with many achievements.

The May 15 meeting will be soapstone carving at the Wells' homestead, 78 Williams Rd in Lockwood, NY. I'm snail-mailing the directions to everyone. It might be out in the country hills, but it is easy to find. Soapstone and tools will be ready at 10 am and will be put away at 7 pm. Carving soapstone creates lots of slippery dust and is best done on grass or gravel. Wear something old, like an oversized T-shirt. I made a volcano to take to school, but since there is a strike, you can watch the "lava" flow or build your own, depending on the amount of time you have that day. I did not set a specific time because families go to church at different times and there is the Valley Chorus concert at 3 pm. I know at least one of our mothers is part of that.

When other Youth leaders ask me what I find most difficult about working with kids and families, my answer has always been, "finding a day and time when most people can attend a meeting or event." I will have an event when 3 people can make it.

I hope we can decide on a day to go Herkimer digging and for fern fossils. Herkimer digging is usually on the summer weekend, starting on Memorial day. Bill Chapman is our field trip leader and he is also with the Wayne Co, NY Gem and Mineral club. Check out their website and newsletters for more field trip information. They are also on Facebook and Fred posts many photos from their many adventures.

Please contact me should you have any questions and concerns, also if you want to make gem trees. ingawells@yahoo.com. I'm on Facebook, or call 607-425-742

—Inga

Upcoming Shows & Events

May 2016

14-15... LEESPORT, PA:

48th Annual World of Gems and Minerals: Gemstone, Jewelry, Bead, Mineral & Fossil Show; 312 Gernant's Church Road; <www.leesportmarket.com>. Sat 10:00AM-5:00PM. Sun: 10:00AM-4:00PM. Organized by: Berks Mineralogical Society - Admission \$3.00

21... FAIRLESS HILLS, PA:

Annual show; Rock & Mineral Club of Lower Bucks County, PA, First United Methodist Church; 840 Trenton Road; Sat 9-4; \$2 /children free; Rocks, minerals, fossils, lapidary arts, jewelry & all things related to the earth sciences. ; contact Eric Brosius, 157 Cobalt Ridge Dr. S., Levittown, PA 19057, (215)-945-1039; e-mail: ebrosiusrock@aol.com; Website: <http://rockandmineralclub.wix.com/lowerbuckscount>

21-22... BENNINGTON, VT:

Southwestern Vermont Mineral & Gem Club show; Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3; \$5; Gold panning lessons; Grace Christian School, 104 Kocher Dr (across from K-Mart Plz); contact Bill Cotrofeld 802-375-6782.

June 2016

4... MACUNGIE, PA:

66th semi-annual Mineralfest. Macungie Memorial Park (Popular St). 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Adult admission \$2.00. Organized by Pennsylvania Earth Sciences Association. <mineralfest.com>

4-5... CANANDAIGUA, NY:

Gemfest 2016; Wayne County Gem & Mineral Club; Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4. Greater Canandaigua Civic Center. \$3 admission, 12 & under FREE. **Our own UVBob doing fluorescent shows!**<wecgmc.org>

4-5... MONROE, NY:

Annual Mineral, Jewelry, Gem & Fossil Show. Museum Village, 1010 Route 17M. Organized by Orange County Mineral Society.

www.mineralevents.com/flyers/2016orangecounty.jpg

17-18... QUARRYVILLE, PA:

Retail show; Lancaster County Fossil and Mineral Club, Solanco Fairgrounds; 172 South Lime St; Fri 12-8, Sat 9-4; Adults \$3, Children under 12 free; contact Eric Miller, (717)-339-9338; e-mail: admin@millersmineralmine.com

25-26... GILSUM, NH:

52nd Annual Rock Swap & Mineral Show; Outside - Rain or Shine; 65 dealers/swappers; breakfast/lunch/dinner; Sat 8-6, Sun 8-4; contact Robert Mitchell gilsumrocks@gmail.com.

July 2016

9-10... SYRACUSE, NY:

Gemworld 2016; 50th Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show. SRC Arena at Onondaga Community College. Organized by Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse <gmss.us>

16-17... HERKIMER, NY:

Annual Diamond Festival & Gem Show; Herkimer Business Association Herkimer High School; 801 W. German St.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; Adults \$5, Seniors/Students \$4, Children under 6 free; Music late into the night and over 40 Festival Vendors, including food. Contact Billie Jo Muller, 301 Davis Rd., Little Falls, NY 13365, (315)-717-4664; mullerbilliejo@gmail.com; <herkimergemshow.com>

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July 2016

30-31... SOUTH BURLINGTON, VT:

Champlain Valley Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show; Tuttle Middle School; 10am-5pm; \$4/\$3 seniors; contact Jeff Higgins, (802)-849-6076; e-mail: jhiggins@surfglobal.net; Website: www.burlingtongemandmineralclub.org

August 2016

12-14... WEST SPRINGFIELD, NY:

Wholesale and retail show; Martin Zinn Expositions LLC, Eastern States Exposition, Better Living Center; 1305 Memorial Dr; Fri 10-6, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5; \$8 Admission, Children free; 200 Wholesale and Retail Vendors. Speakers, free door prize drawings, mineral identification, free mineral specimens for children. 2016 Special Exhibit: Minerales Mexicanos...The Peter Megaw Collection; contact Regina Aumente, PO Box 665, Bernalillo, NM 87004, 505-867-0425; e-mail: mzexpos@gmail.com; Web site: www.mzexpos.com

19-21... LEBANON, PA:

"Gem Miner's Jubilee" Wholesale and retail show; Mid-Atlantic Gem and Mineral Association, Lebanon Co Fairgrounds and Expo; 80 Rocherty Road; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4, -; Adults \$6, Children free; Tailgate area. Contact Teresa Schwab, PO Box 352, Monrovia, MD 21770, (301)-807-9745; e-mail: beadware@rcn.com; www.gem-show.com

27-28... CANTON, NY:

Annual show; St. Lawrence Co. Rock & Mineral; Canton, NY Pavilion; 90 Lincoln St.; Sat. 9-4:30, Sun. 9-3; Free Admission; Friday August 19th at dusk - fluorescent mineral hunt for kids, free, lights provided. Presentation before hand 8:30 ; contact William

deLorraine, 1 Indian Head Trail, Gouverneur, NY 13642, (315) 287-4652; e-mail: wdellie@gmail.com; www.stlawerncecountymineralclub.org

September 2016

10-11... NORTH ADAMS, MA:

Annual show; Northern Berkshire Mineral Club, Eagles Hall #310; 515 Curran Highway; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Admission \$4, Children free; Gems, minerals, crystals, fossil, gifts, door prizes, refreshments, and activities for children; contact Larry Michon, 385 W. Main St., North Adams MA 01247, (413)-446-1893; e-mail: lmichon@rcn.com

17-18... POUGHKEEPSIE, NY:

47th Annual Show; Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society; Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4; Gold's Gym Sports Complex, 258 Titusville Rd; dealers, wholesalers, lapidary, fluorescents, exhibits. Adult \$5, Senior \$4, Students \$2. 12 & under w/paying adult FREE. http://mhvgms.org/annual_show/

October 2016

22-23... ROCHESTER, NY:

Rochester Gem, Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show & Sale and 66th Annual EFMLS Convention hosted by the Rochester Lapidary Society. Main Street Armory, 900 E Main St. www.rochesterlapidary.org/show. EFMLS Annual Meeting, Friday, October 21.