

## *Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, Inc.*

*P.O. Box 142 Sayre, PA. 18840-0142*

**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 and 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/events (and any changes) will be announced in the newsletter as to event time, date and location. Visitors are always welcome.

**FIELD TRIPS** are scheduled regularly from May through September; dates and details to be announced in the Shin-Skinner News.

**ARTICLES** submitted for publishing should preferably be emailed to the editor using any text (ASCII) format; attempt will be made with whatever is sent. Deadline for submissions to the Shin-Skinner News is the 20th of the month preceding publication. Articles without by-line are written by the editor. Uncredited photos by Frank Meadows. Newsletter production is still being worked out, so please don't republish anything you see here.

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*President's Message**by Bob*

Greetings fellow rockers.

The new season for meetings and fun just started. We had two great picnics at Satterlee Park with food, fun, games, prizes, and cutting geodes. Our first meeting at the school was September 9th where we had the opportunity to welcome new members Ed and Amanda King and Mrs. Hunter and Adelaide to our club.

After regular meeting and goodies, a good program on Crystallography was presented by our own member Dave Millis. We started talking about our 2016 Gem and Mineral Show. It takes all of us to put it on and by all reports, we do a great job.

Our next meeting is October 14th and it's our annual auction. Bring your money and any mineral-related items to donate to the auction. There will be many minerals, some books, jewelry, a rock tumbler, and much much more. There are extra prizes for winning bids that go for 10, 20 dollars or more. Some use the auction to get some of their Christmas shopping done. Some use it to add to their collection, but what ever the reason, you will have a great time. See you in October and bring a friend.

*Sunshine Report**by JoAnn McGuire*

Hope you all have been enjoying your summer and hope we still have a little bit of nice weather around yet.

Get well wishes to all who have been not feeling well over the summer. I know there were some colds, flu, back problems, knee problems, eyes; a little bit of everything. Glad to hear that most are back on the road to recovery and doing better.

Happy Birthday wishes to Chris DeMarco for October 11th; Ted Keir will be 91 years young on the 23rd; and David Walter has a birthday on the 29th. Hope you all have a good day.

Happy Anniversary wishes to Marv and Hazel Remaley for 55 years on October 1st; Jack and Marge Walter, 3rd; and Bill and Pat Chapman, 24th. Congratulations and have a great day.

If you know of anyone who has a birthday or who needs some cheer, please let me know and I'll do my best to send a card and give a phone call.

*Meeting "Minutes" Sept 2015*

The Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club met Wednesday Sept. 9, 2015 at 7 PM at the Sayre High School. President Bob McGuire opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. A new family was introduced and they became members (parents and two kids).

No Secretary report, due to absence of Secretary.

Treasurer's report given and no questions, so filed for audit.

The October meeting will be the annual auction, so bring mineral related items you wish to donate. Money goes to benefit the club. The meeting be on Wednesday, the 14th, 7 PM at the Sayre High School cafeteria.

Bill Chapman talked about a field trip they had just gone on. Also, on October 11 and 12, the Walworth Quarry will be open. Saturday, the 11th from 7 AM (6:45 for mandatory safety meeting) to 2 PM and Sunday, 7 AM to Noon. You will need a hard hat, goggles, and steel-toed shoes. This is a good opportunity for anyone who's never gone there.

**[www.wcgmc.org/resources/WalworthQuarry102010.pdf](http://www.wcgmc.org/resources/WalworthQuarry102010.pdf)**

Prices were discussed on publicity printing for the 2016 show. Hazel is to check on prices where they were printed last year.

The Fire Co. is reviewing our contract for using the fire hall as our show venue. We have one year left on the old contract, covering 2016. They meet the same night as Che-Hanna, so the President said he will contact Bob McGuire, to let him know what was decided about a new 5 year contract. If no contact, Bob will contact them.

After door prizes and refreshments, Dave Millis gave a very good educational program on Crystal systems and Crystal shapes.

(thanks to Bob McGuire for notes on the meeting)

*Planning Meeting Sept 2015**by Helen Tracy*

Che-Hanna planning committee met at September 9, at 6 PM at the Sayre High School.

Present were Bob McGuire, Trish Benish, Sandy Keener, Helen Tracy, Nancy Welles, and JoAnn McGuire. In the absence of the secretary, Helen Tracy took the minutes. No secretary's report from the last board meeting. Treasurer Trish Benish gave the treasurer's reports from June 2015 through September 2015. They were filed for audit. They will be audited by the Remaleys and Dirstines. A new budget will be passed at the November planning meeting.

David Dick may be able to do an October newsletter for us. Publicity for the October meeting and our annual auction will be needed. We will nominate someone for "Each One—Teach One" and other honors from our club, The EFMLS convention will be in Rochester NY in 2016.

Juniors will be meeting at the Athens Methodist Church the second Sunday of the month at 2 PM, except for October and December.

Show: Bob has been in contact with the Athens Volunteer Fire Department regarding a new contract. The current contract will expire after the 2016 show.

Inga gave estimates for having the table covers professionally cleaned at \$16 or more per cloth. She will take 2 of the most soiled cloths to the laundromat to see how well that works out. Inga, Duane, and Joe Shepler will finish cleaning out the club trailer and get it ready for winter.

Estimates for printing of flyers and posters, etc., were given. Gnomon Copies of Ithaca seems to be the best deal. Bob and Hazel will decide what we will need.

Respectfully submitted by temporary secretary Helen Tracy.

*From the editor's desk**by D.Dick*

As you may know, I have undertaken to produce the Shin-Skinner. It has been a good club effort with a long history and many good editors. Please bear with me as I work out the kinks in my publishing pipeline; the present issue doesn't compare very well to many older ones, but it *will* get better.

Thanks to those who have provided content to me for this issue and for the issues to come.

I will soon have a better address for you to send any comments, complaints, and, I hope, contributions, but, for the time being, please use

**drd@shell.qozzy.net**

Good Collecting,  
David Dick  
Nashua, NH

*Junior Rockhound News**by Inga Wells*

Next meeting will be a picnic meeting on Sunday, October 11th at 1 pm. I booked the pavilion at the Jim King Memorial Park in East Athens.

Directions: From Athens, take Susquehanna St. and cross over the Susquehanna River. At the stop sign, with Riverside Dr, go straight for a very short distance, you will be on Front St. (Robinson Greenhouse is opposite Kirby St.) From Front St. turn left onto Kirby St and then right onto Glen Valley Rd. You will see the parking lot and the pavilion.

I will have burgers, hotdogs, rolls, condiments, chips, watermelon. Parents can bring the rest. Please, if you do not have time to fix or get something, come anyways. There is always more than enough to eat. Bring your own drink. If you want to make S'mores, let me know.

The program will be a volcano contest. You can make your own at home, or construct one at the park, but there, you will only have 1/2 hour to do so. I will bring clay, playdough and whatever I have in my shed that would decorate an igneous landscape. I will bring the vinegar, baking soda, dish detergent and food coloring and some measuring containers, utensils. The kids will decide how much of each ingredient they want to use. There are a lot of suggestions on the [www.amfed.org](http://www.amfed.org) site under kids corner and under the FRA merit badge manual.

If I can get everything in the car, I will bring gold panning stuff, calcite to be cracked and some diluted acid, etc. I'm not sure what Duane will be doing that day. If he is free, we can bring a lot of stuff with the truck.

Open Quarry trip to Walworth on Saturday, October 10 and 11. If you are going, please let me know. I can give you tools ahead of time. You'll need hard hats or bicycle helmets, goggles, strong solid shoes, and I would recommend work or garden gloves. Any questions, contact me. 607-425-7426 or via Facebook or e-mail. I can receive text, but still have my old flip phone and typing on it is difficult to say the least.

November: We will be back at the UAM Church at 2 pm, the 8th (the second Sunday of the month). No Junior Rockhound meeting in December. There will be a Christmas lunch for all Che-Hanna club members and guests. Watch the website or newsletter for more info on this.

At the September 13th meeting, we welcomed the King family, Eddy and Amanda and their children Addie and Hunter. We glued some of the items from our rock exchange with the OAMS of Portland, OR on labeled card stock. When that was done, we played science bingo and made some decisions what to do in the coming months.