

Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, Inc.
 9516 N. Rome Rd., Athens, PA 18810



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 St) 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 **19-December-2018**. 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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Mark your calendars ...

Sun, Dec 9, 12:00PM — Che-Hanna annual Christmas party — Villa Sena Restaurant in Towanda, PA

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!

Note from the Vice President

I bet you President Dave is sopping up some sun and trying to catch some fish down there in the sunshine state.

Our November temporary president was Ted Rieth and he did very well. Thank you, Ted.

Dr. Bruce Oldfield, Professor of Geological Science, gave a terrific program on earthquakes. It was very informative and done as only Bruce can do. You missed a goodie if you did not show up.

December is the annual Christmas party, this year at the Villa Sena in Towanda. Bring your swap gift if you wish to participate in the swap.

Right now, it looks like we will have for January meeting a "HANDS ON" meeting with micromounting, maybe wirewrapping, and ???

See you at the dinner, but if you can't make it, I wish for you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year.

—VP Bob

Sunshine Report

Hope you all had an enjoyable Thanksgiving Holiday with loved ones.

Happy Birthday wishes to Fran Sick, 3rd; Dave Kanarr, 7th; Hazel Remaley, 8th; Don Norton, 16th; Harry Lingenfelter, 20th; Julian Walter, 20th; Tony DeMarco, 25th; and Bruch Benish, 27th. Have a nice day. If I've missed anyone and you'd like your birthday or anniversary listed, please give me the information.

Hope everyone is feeling well. If not, get well to all of you who may be under the weather. If you know someone who needs some cheer, please let me know.

Hope to see you at the Christmas party at Villa Senna in Towanda on Sunday, December 9th, noon.

—Miss Sunshine,
JoAnn

Memberships Are Up for Renewal

Hello Che-Hanna Members,

Just a reminder that membership renewal is due by January 1, 2019. You do not have to send a renewal form if we have one on file, but we are asking you to send us suggestions on what you would like the club to do for trips, presentations, and meeting subjects. Also, if any contact information changes, please let me know so that we can keep our records up to date.

If your dues are not paid by January 1, 2019 your membership will expire and rejoining later will be considered a new membership requiring a new registration form and a waiting period of six months to receive discounts on trips, Christmas dinner, and any other workshop privileges, etc.

Your feedback is very important to us and we are trying to come up with programs based on your interests.

Thank you, Trish Benish

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—Trish Benish

Annual Christmas Party

By the time most of you seen this bulletin, the Che-Hanna annual Christmas party will have come and gone.

As usual, your Editor was not able to attend; I hope someone took lots of pictures and will send them to me!



November Club Meeting Minutes

Our program began with a long-awaited presentation by Professor Bruce Oldfield about earthquakes, and some other interesting adventures in paleontology. He delighted us with a triceratops toe bone marrow, plus some very funny stories about how he found it.

Marv Remaley assisted him in a demonstration about different types of earthquakes, and his lecture was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We look forward to having him back again!

In other news, Jeff Benish, along with Bruce Benish, and Mary Walter, completed an extensive and detailed inventory, including photos, of the [club's] geodes. They did an excellent and thorough job. A future inventory of the items in the trailer is planned for the near future.

The next topic was the matter of field trip locations. Inga Wells had a number of suggestions, and more will be discussed at the Christmas party.

Inga also brought up CrystalFest, which will take place November 17 and 18 at the 100 Nasser Civic Center Plaza in Corning. Hopefully the weather won't interfere!

Finally, we may have a hands-on project for our meeting in January.

The meeting was adjourned by Acting President Ted Rieth.

—Anna Markevitch

November Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Acting President Ted Rieth. A review of the new meeting rules was the first order of business.

An abbreviated Treasurer's report was next. Some members suggested they would like more specific details in the audits and monthly reports.

Vice President Bob McGuire approved the budget with Jeff Benish as a second. Motion was carried.

Our next topic was the bus trip. The possibility of opening the bus trips to the public was a new suggestion. This will be discussed further at the Christmas party.

Also, a list of previous and present members of Che-hanna and their length of membership with the club is being compiled.

In the latest Christmas Party news, Matt Carl will be our speaker. Gift ideas are being narrowed down, and reservations must be received by November 22.

Secretary confirmed that two thank-you notes were sent for donations in memory of Joy Bourne.

The geode inventory was completed by Jeff and Bruce Benish and Mary Walter. They submitted a full count of the geodes including photographs. They were listed by price, size and bag. All the geodes will also be re-inventoried after next year's show. A full inventory of the other items in the trailer will also be undertaken in the near future. A new possible source of geodes was introduced by Hazel Remaley. Vice President Bob McGuire expressed interest.

Meeting was adjourned by Acting President Ted Rieth.

—Anna Markevitch

Editor's Note

Rockhound events are always scarce this time of year, so the calendar is kind of skeletal.

For club members, of course, the annual Christmas dinner is a highlight.

For rockhounds who travel widely, the Tucson & Quartzsite, Arizona cluster of shows in January and February are a highlight. If you combine the shows at the myriad locations, it is undoubtedly the largest rockhound assemblage each year.

There was a time when I attended Tucson every year. Now, the best I can do is watch for coverage on the Home Shopping Network :-)

Anyway, I would greatly appreciate it someone would take some photos of the Christmas party for next month's bulletin. Remember, this bulletin is not just about current news, but something of a record of the club's history.

And, if anyone happens to be visiting Tuscon this year, a brief note on what it was like this time would be welcome.

Upcoming Shows



January

1-31...

QUARTZSITE, AZ: several rock & gem (and other) outdoor shows; [website](#)

24-31...

TUCSON, AZ: Multiple Gem & Mineral shows, all over town [shows schedule](#)

February

1-17...

TUCSON, AZ: Multiple Gem & Mineral shows, all over town, including the main Convention Center show [shows schedule](#)

1-28...

QUARTZSITE, AZ: several rock & gem (and other) outdoor shows; [website](#)

23-24...

ALBANY, NY: Annual show; New York State Museum; New York State Museum, Empire Plaza, 222 Madison Ave; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$5 and free admission for children under 12; featuring minerals, fossils, gems, and books offered by 30 dealers, and displays and museum tours; contact Michael Hawkins, 3140 CEC, Albany, NY 12230; Email: mhawkins@mail.nysed.gov; Website: www.nysm.nysed.gov

March

23-24...

WYSOX, PA: Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club show **THIS IS US!**; Wysox Vol. Fire Co. Social Hall, 111 Lake Rd. ; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$3, students \$1, free for children under 8; dealers with minerals, fossils, lapidary, special exhibit by Susquehanna River Archaeological Center, and fluorescent programs by UVBob; contact Bob McGuire, 224 Church St., Lopez, PA 18628; Email: uvbob1942@gmail.com; Website: chehannarocks.com

June

1-2...

MONROE, NY: Eastern Federation annual show