

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-October-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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Notable this month...

Wed, Oct 10, 7:00PM — Che-Hanna monthly meeting - Annual Auction — Sayre High School (Lockhart St)

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

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Sunshine Report

Was nice to see Hilda and Scott at the meeting. They are slowly recovering and hope to hear they continue to do well.

Happy Birthday wishes to Scott Yeager-Hall, October 7th; Mike Henrich, 11th; Chris DeMarco, 11th; and David Walter, 29th. Hope you all have a nice day.

Happy Anniversary to Marv & Hazel Remaley as they celebrated 58 years on the 1st; Michael & Colleen Ricci, 3rd; Jim & Lynn Pannebaker, 13th, and Bill & Pat Chapman, 24th. Congratulations to all.

Hope any of you being bothered with illness is on the road to feeling much better. If you know of anyone who needs some cheer or sympathy, please let me know and I'll do my best to take care of it.

Some news from Wayne County:

Bill Chapman was named "WCGMC ROCKHOUND OF THE DECADE" at their September meeting. They just felt that Bill had done too much for too long to be simply awarded Rockhound of the Year. Club President Glenn Weiler presented Bill with his certificate in front of the assembled club members. CONGRATULATIONS, Bill.

Hope to see you all at the October meeting, 7 PM at Sayre High School cafeteria for our annual auction.

Have an enjoyable rest of the summer. Still some nice weather on the way.

—Miss Sunshine,
JoAnn

Sayre Health Center Outreach

We are hoping to have Sunday afternoon 3:00 PM meetings at the Sayre Health Care Center, 151 Keefer Lane, Sayre.

We are trying to schedule this for the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Some of the residents joined us for our August picnic.

We have a gem tree making session scheduled for September 30.

Some of the officers of Che-Hanna also belong to the local Audubon club; they held their September meeting at the SHCC and 10 residents joined them for the program.

Barb Segar, one of Che-Hanna's HLMs (Honorary Lifetime Members), was one of the residents. It was so sweet to see Barb and Mary Walter sitting side by side and it brought back so many memories of good times working in the kitchen at the shows. The residents and their activities leaders love the idea of the club members coming once a month to engage the residents in our hobby related activities.

The meetings will be open to the Junior Rockhounds, regular club members, and the public, especially family members of the residents.

So many folks were regular visitors to our annual show. Perhaps we can encourage them to come to Wysox. The facility posts nice photos on their Facebook page and that might generate interest in our club too.

—Inga Wells

October Program

Our next meeting, on Wednesday, October 10, will be our annual **auction**. Anything hobby-related, including specimens, tools, books, magazines, equipment, jewelry, and raw materials can be donated. Don't forget extra safety equipment!

To the field trippers out there: I'm sure contributing a couple of your extra specimens would be welcomed—fresh minerals are always a hit.

The auction helps get the things that make up our hobby to the people who find them most useful, as well as a way for the club to raise a little money.

How about starting a **new club tradition**: a notable, perhaps ugly, piece that is auctioned, year after year, going to someone new every time. Sort of like that apocryphal, re-gifted Christmas fruitcake.

Please bring things and bid on things, and may you take home as much as you contribute.

September Club Meeting Minutes

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Dave Millis. The first piece of news was that the Board of Directors has approved \$2500 for a bus trip. Any suggestions as to a location would be appreciated.

Joann McGuire was next with the Sunshine report. And a happy birthday to President Dave Millis!

Club secretary Anna Markevitch then read last month's minutes.

In other news, Inga Wells is going to give a workshop for gemstone trees at the Sayre Heal Care Center, Sept 30.

Vice President Bob McGuire next discussed book donations for Flossie Lines and Joy Bourne. Bob then gave honorary lifetime memberships to members Lou and Tony DeMarco and Scott Chaffee.

A field trip to the Benson mine on Sept 21-23 was mentioned. Three clubs are chipping in \$300 apiece, but there is no charge to our club. Fred Haynes will accept \$10 from each interested member of our club. They may be digging there with heavy equipment to facilitate better finds, but it isn't a given.

According to Vice President Bob McGuire, our permit for our meeting room at Sayre High School has been renewed for another year, and can be used until 10PM.

Since July 20, 2019 is no longer available, the picnic dates at Satterlee Creek Environmental Center next year will be July 21 and August 18.

President Dave Millis is changing some rules for the club meetings. There is now a new rule limiting discussions to five minutes, and they must be specific. General matters must be presented to the board so they can be whittled down to exact details. There will also be a random member called upon at each meeting that will have to deliver a three-minute speech citing their rock-club-related activities for the past month. President Dave would also like to see the proceeds from October's auction go for a

scholarship to a local geology student.

President Dave would also like to see a traveling display instituted that would allow our club to display mineral and fossil samples in local libraries, schools, etc. He would prefer easily stored metal cases that can be locked.

For this week's show and tell, Bill Chapman demonstrated some fluorescent rocks. He also showed a large garnet and several other specimens he collected himself, including a lovely specimen of blue calcite, one of the best specimens Dave Millis has ever seen.

Committee members Jeff and Bruce Benish, and Mary Walter will end their terms in June 2019. President Millis would like five different people to be President for one month each during his winter absence. This will be voted on by the Board next month.

Another pressing issue is the geodes used by the club in March's rock show. An inventory will be taken in February by Jeff Benish and other volunteers. A new lock will be purchased for their storage, with one key going to Jeff Benish and other going to Anna Markevitch, the club Secretary. Also, all future information for David Dick and the club newsletter will be sent through secretary Anna Markevitch. Please submit anything you want placed in the newsletter to her.

Finally, September's program was on calcite and calcium and was presented by President Dave Millis. He began his program by discussing how calcium is formed by stars, and ended by demonstrating the remarkable formation of the eyes of trilobites with calcite crystals.

Motion to adjourn was given by Dave Millis, seconded by Bruce Benish.

—Anna Markevitch

September Board Meeting Minutes

President Dave Millis began the meeting at 6PM.

The meeting began with Trish Benish's financial report.

The second order of business was the authorization of \$2500 toward a bus trip.

The budget will be handled the same as last year.

It was noted that there is no historian of the club at present.

President Dave Millis implemented several changes:

1. Treasurer's reports must be simplified. Everything will be in a single column.
2. General motions will no longer be allowed on the floor during club meetings; they will be re-routed to the Board of Directors for further discussion.
3. Secretary will receive and mail all information that is to be delivered to David Dick.
4. Long discussions at meetings are banned. A five-minute limit will be imposed from now on. Do not bring things, events, or subjects up without extensive information.
5. An inventory of the club's geodes will be undertaken. A new lock will be obtained, with one key going to Board Member Jeff Benish and the other going to Secretary Anna Markevitch.
6. If a board member resigns, they will not be replaced until June.
7. If children are present, club meetings will begin with the scheduled program. Programs and meetings must end by 10PM. Permit for using the building was confirmed for another year by Vice President Bob McGuire.
8. Minutes from previous club meeting will be read aloud by the secretary at the following month's meeting.
9. One member will be called upon at random to comment on their last month's rock club-related activity—3 minutes limited as above.

10. The President, Dave Millis, would like the money collected at October's upcoming auction used locally. He would like the money tagged for a scholarship to a local geology student. He would like Frank DeMarco put in charge of this.

11. President Dave Millis would also like to have a floating display case maintained by the club for use in libraries, schools, banks, etc. He would like metal display cases that can be locked. The Board was in favor, and this will be discussed further at next month's Board meeting.

IN FURTHER MINUTES

Two honoraries will be presented, one to the DeMarco's and a second to Scott Chaffee. Several books were donated by the club, in honor of Flossie Lines and Joy Bourne. Thank you notes will be provided by the Secretary.

In the future, meetings of the club will go in the following order:

- Sunshine report
- Treasurer's report
- Secretary's report
- News/announcements — show and tell
- Old business
- New business
- Tabled motions

Discussion of a possible banner will be dealt with next month.

July 20 is no longer available for picnics; July 21 and August 18 will be used.

The workshop at Satterlee Creek is still having the details hammered out. The location, equipment, payments, etc. will be tabled until all details are verified.

Motion to end meeting by Bruce Benish and Marv Remaley.

—Anna Markevitch

Upcoming Shows



October

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MACUNGIE, PA: Annual show; Pennsylvania Earth Sciences Association (PESA); Macungie Memorial Park, 70 Poplar St.; Sat. 8:30am-3pm; \$2 adults; free admission for children; the Autumn Mineralfest features gems, fossils, lapidary and minerals offered by more than 50 dealers situated indoor and outdoors; along with free gold panning and door prizes; contact PESA; Website: www.mineralfest.com

November

9-11...

HAMBURG, NY: Annual show; GemStreet USA; Fairgrounds in Hamburg, 5600 McKinley Pkwy., Grange Bldg.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-5; adults and seniors \$7 (good all 3 days), \$1 off coupon on website, kids under 12 free; gems, minerals, jewelry, fossils, beads, petrified wood, tools, supplies, carvings, metaphysical items and much more, free parking, hourly door prizes; contact Jane Strieter Smith, PO Box 770680, Lakewood, OH 44107, (617) 512-6510; Email: Janestrieter1946@gmail.com; Website: GemStreetUSA.com

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MOUNTVILLE PA, PA: Annual show; Lancaster County Fossil and Mineral Club; Trinity Church of Christ, 450 West Main Street, Mountville, Pa.; Sat. 8:30-4:30; \$3.00

adults...\$1.00 kids K though 12th grade; Very interactive show for visitors to engage with club members. Many experts in geology and paleontology will be present to answer questions. ; contact Christopher Haefner, 762 Harper Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17601, (717) 606-4450; Email: silverfordinc@yahoo.com; Facebook: Lancaster County Fossil and Mineral Club

Editor's Note

In case you didn't notice it in the minutes for last month's meetings, any content you want to put in the Shin-Skinner should be sent to the club secretary, Anna Markevitch.

Of course, email is always preferred — it's easier on everyone involved.

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