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*If anyone would like to submit an article or anything for future publication let me know



Upcoming Meeting Details

Executive Meeting date in August is:
Tuesday August 1st. All meetings start at 7pm.

This year meetings will be held at Lou Fazzinas' rock shop (Apple Valley Minerals)
7 Homestead Avenue
Smith field, RI 02917
*Homestead is off Farnum Pike.

There is no general meeting for this month. We will have our annual RIMH picnic be held on Saturday August 19th . The picnic starts at NOON. The location will be at the Cesana residence 85 St Paul St, North Smithfield RI 02896. SEE MORE INFO BELOW

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From Tony and Rachel Cesana

I need people to contact me if they are going to the picnic on August 19th 12:00 . The address is 85 St Paul St, North Smithfield RI 02896.

I need people to bring chairs and some to bring sun shades folding gazebo's etc.

The club provides hot dogs, hamburgers, soda and water the rest is pot luck. I have two coolers but we could use a couple more and two to three helpers at 9:30 am to help set up.

Rachel and I run an open house on Friday evenings to talk all things club related. If members have specimens that they need ID help we have a good scope. We will do tumble polish classes and wire wrap learning also field trimming classes are available.

Please contact us by Thursday of that week. This is available every Friday.

phone number 401-766-9076

email a_cesana@verizon.net

PROPOSED FIELD TRIPS

PS we have not heard from anyone about the Maine trip last full week of August please contact us by Friday August 4th

Anthony Cesana

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A note from the field trip coordinator Rachel Cesana

If anyone knows of any places we can go for a field trip please let her know. She wants to line up some places for the upcoming year. Please relay all pertinent information to her such as place names, contacts(property owners and/ or persons in charge), phone numbers or other means of contact. Rachel's phone number is (401) 766-9076. Email a_cesana@verizon.net

Member Submissions and News

* A note from past RIMH president Bill Lema

Hello, my name is Bill Lema, a past president of the Rhode Island Mineral Hunters. I have stage 4 head/neck cancer that has now spread to my spine. It is generally thought that this type of cancer occurs because the person was a smoker, so that is the first thing I'm always asked. "Have you ever smoked?" "No, I've never smoked." On the other hand, my father smoked his whole life, inside the house, the car, everywhere.

I am asking for your help in order to get treatment at the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center in Florida. I'm not ready to give up and let this disease take me. My doctors have all praised the Moffitt Cancer Center as a great research facility that would have the ability to help me beat this disease.

But there are lots of medical bills and my limited medical insurance doesn't cover a lot. I've since had to go on disability because of the toll my cancer treatment has taken on me; and that really limits how much is available.

Please help me get the chance to become one of those who survive and beat this disease. Thank you for your help.

GoFundMe.com/p/f8yn9

I just want to get out there and dig again.

William Lema

* This year's RIMH Rock, Mineral and Fossil show will be October 28th and 29th. Set up will be on the 27th. The show will be at CCRI Warwick as it has been in the past. Help is needed Friday, Saturday and Sunday for various jobs such as set up, clean up, tickets. See Tony Cesana for more information. His information, phone number/email posted elsewhere on this newsletter. You can also sign up at a RIMH general meeting .

Additional proposed future field trips

AUGUST FIELD TRIP

FROM AUG. 21ST TO AUG 25TH

THIS TRIP IS TO MAINE AND HAS BEEN SCHEDULED DURING THE WEEK INSTEAD OF WEEKEND BECAUSE OF HOTEL COSTS.

WE WILL BE EXPLORING MOSTLY OLD MINING AREAS THAT ARE OPEN TO PUBLIC FOR LITTLE OR NO FEES

SOME OF THE SITES ARE THE TAMMINEN- WAISANEN QUARRY AND MT APATITE QUARRIES STILL CONFIRMING OTHER SITES TO FIND OUT THE DIFFICULTY OF THE TERRAIN ON SOME OF THESE SITES AND WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE WORTH VISITING.

PLEASE BE PATIENT. THIS IS 1ST TIME I PLAN SUCH A LONG TRIP

WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHO IS INTERESTED IN COMING SO I HAVE A FIRM IDEA OF WHAT SITES WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO VISIT AS SOME HAVE A HIGH DIFFICULTY TO REACH.

THANKS

RACHEL CESANA

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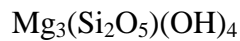
DON'T FORGET THERE IS A GREAT MINERAL SHOW IN SPRINGFIELD, MA. AUG 11-12-13 AT THE EASTERN

STATES EXPOSITION- BETTER LIVING CENTER

Mineral of the Month

In this continuing series, I am providing information for those members who are new to the field of mineral collecting and need to know what you are looking for when you go out on field trips or just on your own. Some common minerals you may see but, might not know what they are. This month, I will be looking into the mineral ; Bowenite, as mentioned in the above field trip list of minerals. Rhode Island designated bowenite as the official state mineral in 1966. Bowenite is closely related to jade and can be considered a semi-precious gemstone.

Formula:



Colour:

Light yellow through chartreuse

Lustre:

Resinous, Waxy, Greasy, Silky, Dull

Hardness:

2½ - 4

Specific Gravity:

2.4 - 2.79

Name:

Named by James D. Dana in 1850 for George Thomas Bowen [March 19, 1803 Providence, Rhode Island - October 25, 1828 Nashville, Tennessee], chemist and mineralogist and professor at University of Nashville.

A variety of [Antigorite](#)

Originally described from Dexter Quarry (Dexter Lime Quarry), Lime Rock, Lincoln, Providence Co., Rhode Island, USA.

For additional information see MINDAT

