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Off the coast

Upcoming Meeting Details

Executive Board Meetings are normally on the last Tuesday of the month at 7pm.

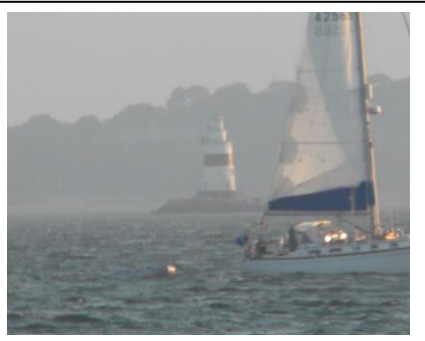
This year executive meetings will be held at Lou Fazzinas' rock shop (Apple Valley Minerals)
7 Homestead Avenue
Smith field, RI 02917

*Homestead is off Farnum Pike.

Meetings Take Place

The March General Meeting will be held in room 1134 1st floor Community College of Rhode Island Warwick Campus. The date of the meeting will be March 10th at 7pm.

The guest speaker will be Neil Cavanaugh who will give a presentation of Nova Scotia.



Stonington,
Connecticut

News

Auction info from the Southeastern MA. Mineral club; It is March 21, a Saturday at the Knights of Columbus Hall 347 Function Hall
1195 Bedford St. (route 18)
Whitman, MA 02382
Auction Starts at 11
Free.
You can check out their website for more info.
www.semhc.com

The Southeast New Hampshire Mineral Club is holding its 16th Annual Earl and Malvina Rock , Gem and Mineral Show . It will be held on Saturday and Sunday, April 18 and 19 2020, from 10AM to 4PM at the Dover Elks Lodge 282 Durham Road(Route 108) Dover, New Hampshire.. I have several fliers if anyone wants one. I will bring them to our first meeting of the year in March.

May 15-May 17, 2020: *8th Annual New England Mineral Conference*, Grand Summit Resort Hotel and Conference Center at Sunday River, Newry, Maine. Celebrate the 200th anniversary of the discovery and mining of tourmaline in Maine. The conference includes lectures, mineral exhibits, mineral dealers, auctions, a banquet, and a field trip. The NEMC also sponsors *Education Day* for students in grades 3-12. For further details and registration information, please visit: www.neminer.org

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***** Our TRIVIA Question: *****

What are some of the ways to identify a mineral? Name 5 and briefly describe each.

Reminder of rules:

- ◆ 1 week to answer the question
- ◆ There will be a random drawing if there is more than one correct answer
- ◆ You can only win once every 4 months
- ◆ Board members cannot win
- ➡ Prize: \$50 to Apple Valley Minerals and you must come to the next meeting at CCRI to pick it up

*****Email your answer to Ernie at RIMineralHunters@gmail.com*****

I want to see many correct answers!! GIVE IT A TRY WHAT HAVE YOU GOT TO LOSE!!!!

** We have planned ROCKMANIA--- a social gathering for club members! This could be a way for new members to meet everyone, play games, eat, discuss rocks and fossils, and just have fun as a club.

** Rachel Cesana will be starting a wire wrapping jewelry class at her home starting Friday March 7th at 6:30 pm

Call 401-766-9076 if you are interested. If you can't make 1st class it's ok to start the following week

address 85 St Paul St
North Smithfield, RI 02896

Easy access from Rt 146 north
Will give more info when you call

** We are still looking for more help so if you can spare some time please call me. We are looking for someone who could possibly take over next year. I would like to have time to train someone as I'm not sure if I'll be available next year. Please see me at the meeting or call 401-766-9076.

FIELD TRIP PROPOSAL #1 03/14/20

Calumet Hill

Calumet Hill is located across the road from Diamond Hill State Park. We will park in the parking lot in Diamond Hill Park and walk across the street to Calumet Hill (also sometimes call Catamint Hill)

Where: Diamond Hill, Cumberland, RI

Trip Leader: Rachel Cesana 401-766-9076 **to sign up for trip**

401-787-3129 **Day of trip only**

When: Saturday, March 14,2020 8:30 am to

Tools needed: Rock or Mason hammer, gloves, small hand rake, bag or backpack to carry material out, wrapping material to protect specimens.

Be aware that this is about 1/2 mile walk and alot of it is uphill going in. Take only what you need

Dress: Dress for early spring weather conditions, Closed-toed shoes, bug spray, long

pants

Directions: From **I-295 either direction**, take Route 114 exit for cumberland and head north on **RT 114** (Diamond Hill Road) for approx. 4.0 miles. Pull into the parking lot on the right at Diamond Hill State Park. The parking lot is almost directly across the street from the Ice Cream Machine Creamery.

Proposal #2 [March 28, 2020 FIELD TRIP:](#)

Where: Quabbin Shaft #10 Hardwick MA - GPS +42.377188 N -72.162173 W

Meet at Phillips Shopping Plaza, Ware, Ma - GPS +42.254757 N -72.252751 W

Please call by March 21 and leave name and cell number. If you have not called you will not be allowed on field trip. There is limited parking and will need to limit how many can come to about 16 people

Trip Leader: Rachel Cesana 401-766-9076 trcesana@gmail.com

When: Saturday, March 28, 2020 AT 9:00 am to 12 pm

Tools needed: Small garden tools, rock hammer, loop, material to rap finds in.

Dress: Dress for Late March weather conditions, water proof shoes a plus as site could be

muddy.

Minerals to be found: Babingtonite, epidote, fluorite and many others – mostly micros, but very nice! (*See below for full list of minerals at this location*). Also, the scenery here is stunning, even at this time of the year! This tailing pile is the result of the tunneling done to bring the Quabbin Reservoir water to Boston..

Be aware that this site is very steep and children under 12 should not come on this dig

Directions: From RT 146 north or RT 395 north (which ever is easier from your locality) take RT I 90 west in MA. From RT I 90 take the exit for RT 32 north (Palmer MA). Follow RT 32 north to Ware MA. Look for Phillips Plaza on your right. It takes about 2 hrs to get there from Providence so give yourself extra time in case of traffic delays. We will park here and car pool the rest of the way as there is room for only about 4 vehicles. Please be at the Phillips Plaza by 9:00 am. Look for red Jeep Liberty.

These directions if you get separated from group.

From Phillip's Plaza take right onto Rt. 32 and follow thru Hardwick . here it splits into 32 and 32a. make sure to follow Rt. 32. Watch for Shunpike Rd (it has a sign for a kiln and railroad tracks crossing Shunpike) Take left onto Shunpike and follow to end then take right onto Prouty Rd. Follow past small farms til you get to Taylor Hill Rd on left (there is a larger farm here with a large sign) take left onto Taylor and follow til you

go over small bridge, gate will be on the right. **Do Not Block Gate.** Walk straight in at the gate about half a mile. You will see what looks like a large cement sewer cover.. Take right through woods here to tailing piles. There is a path.

BECAUSE THIS IS A WEATHER SENSITIVE SITE MAKE SURE I HAVE YOUR CELL PHONE NUMBER WHEN YOU LEAVE A MESSAGE OR EMAIL . I MAY HAVE TO CALL THAT MORNING TO CANCEL

Mineral List

Albite	Fluorite	Limonite	Sphalerite
'Allanite'	Galena	Magnetite	'Stilbite'
Anglesite	Goethite	Microcline	Thomsonite-Ca
'Apatite'	Gypsum	Opal	Titanite
'Apophyllite'	var: Selenite	var: Opal-AN	Tremolite ?
Babingtonite	'Heulandite'	Orthoclase	Zircon
Calcite	Ilmenite	Prehnite	
'Chlorite Group'	'K Feldspar	Pyrite	
Epidote	var: Adularia'	Quartz	
	Laumontite	Rutile	

If anyone is interested we will go to the Western Mass Mineral, Jewelry and Fossil Show in Hadley Mass (RT 9) at Hampton Village Barn Shops 141 Russell St.,(Rt 9) Hadley MA

after the dig. Check it out online at www.WesternMassMineralShow.com