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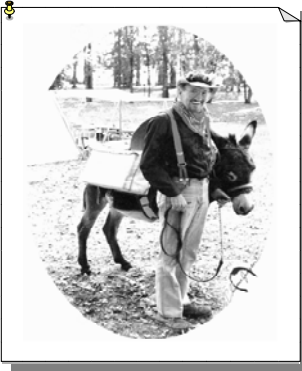
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Items for news letter in
by 1st of Month



WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

June 2004

Next meeting
June 17, 2004

President's Report

Well June has gone already. The Miner's Rendezvous was a lot of fun. 45 members arrived throughout the weekend and we had 8 dredges in the water. Three of us experimented. Louie with a new 2 1/2" triple sluice dredge that he is going to start making and selling. He was very pleased with its performance. Tom experimented with his monster box highbanker with a 4" dredge attachment. He was also pleased with its performance. I used a 2" underwater dredge and it also did well. Other members mentioned they got some nice color with their equipment. Ellen even had some good luck fishing. Saturday's potluck at noon was a success. Don deep-fried two turkeys that were delicious. All the cooks did a very good job and everyone went away stuffed.

Juel and I would appreciate a couple of volunteers to help assemble the newsletter on the Wednesday or Thursday prior to the club meetings at about 7 pm. Fresh coffee and good conversation are guaranteed. Please let us know if you can help (503) 363-4795 or gldmine@wvi.com.

Finally, I have been a member of this club for 5 years and an officer for 4 of them. I am getting burned out. Please consider stepping up and filling a board position. I will not be taking any position for at least two years after this term. I will continue leading the workshop. There are a lot of great people in this organization and many of you will do a good job in a leadership position. Just remember when you are leading a meeting that it is just holding a conversation with a whole lot of people instead of one or two.

Happy Prospecting—Dale

Post script to Dale's comment on club officers.

This year we will have a full turn over of club officers, so start thinking of who would be good or would fill the positions. Some of them may take a little coaxing to do it and we are not that far away from elections.

Outings/Events

Aug 14-15 Myrtle Creek – exit 112 Contact Don Hammer – 541-924-0620 or
Diane Smith – 503-393-9307

***** We need to know if you are bringing kids to the Aug 28 hunt and how many so we can get prizes for them. Let us know by the Aug meeting at the latest. If you do not let us know, do not expect to have kid's prizes or a kid's hunt, which would be too bad as they have had a lot of fun the past hunts. This has been a family type hunt where you can get help learning how to use your detector if you need it. There are lots of things to detect and lots of good prizes to win. ******

Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2004
Juel Russell, Secretary

- Meeting attendance sign-up sheet was circulated. 32 people were present.
- Officers and attendees were introduced
- June meeting minutes were accepted as written.
- Treasurer's Report for May (revised) and June were read and approved.
- Tom Q. gave a report on the status of the "State Scenic Waterway Use" proposal. He was on the committee that worked on the proposal for over a year. The final draft included miners being allowed to dredge in only six of the State Scenic Waterways. It seemed the best compromise and the State Parks Commission approved. Unfortunately the governor vetoed the draft and it will not be going to the legislature. We could fight but Tom emphasized that it would take money, time and energy that he is not sure we are prepared as a club to devote to this effort. Discussion was held and it was pointed out that this would probably mean more waters would be designated "Scenic" to keep us out. We are not allowed as a club to lobby. Could we give money to other lobby groups? Could we join those groups and act through them? Could we revive OIM? (Former OIM leaders are opposed to this idea.) Mary offered to visit some legislators with Tom. Tom also reported that some individuals have received Notice of Intent to Sue from NEDC regarding mining permits. The deadline was June 15th and so far nothing has happened.
- A report was given on the meeting on June 22nd between individual claim holders, Dale on behalf of our club claim, and several Forest Service representatives regarding claims on Little North Fork.
- The motion to add the Government Affairs position as a Board position was discussed. Mary pointed out that we have to print the actual change in the newsletter before the change in our Constitution can be voted on. A proposed revision will be printed in the July newsletter and a vote will be taken in August.
- Steve L. gave a report on the Memorial Day weekend outing at Quartzville. Dale gave a tour of the area and the upper end of the club claim. It was cold but he found mercury and gold.
- Ruth H. gave a report on the Memorial Day outing at Vincent Creek. It snowed several days but gold was found.
- Wes J. gave a report on the Sharps Creek outing. Three families showed up.
- An announcement was made reminding club members that we have a library of books, movies, etc. that can be checked out. Also raffle tickets are on sale for the raffle at the end of the meeting. The money helps pay for the newsletter.
- The Miners Rendezvous is scheduled for June 24-27. Dale asked for a volunteer to MC the panning contest. Since there was no volunteer, there will be no contest. We can arrive as early as noon on Thursday. There will be a potluck on Saturday at noon with the club providing the meat. Sunday afternoon the metal detecting club will meet at Yellow Bottom for those interested.
- The claims committee is working on filling out the annual assessment paperwork. Ruth H. will make sure it gets filed.
- The website now contains past newsletters.
- Art Leppin donated a panning kit in a wooden box for the raffle table. Dale will bring it to the next meeting.
- Dale read a letter from John Thomas, who has claims in Idaho for sale. Discussion was held and the club is not interested but Dale has the information if any individuals are interested.
- Trudy needs to know how many children will be at the Treasure Hunt on August 28th so she can make sure there are enough prizes. Please email her at gldlooker@msn.com if you are bringing children.
- Our next outing is Graves Creek on July 10th.
- The meeting was turned over to Wes for the raffle.

Article IV. **Duties of club officers**

Section I. **President**

Vice-President

Secretary

Treasurer

Government Affairs: Keeps club members informed regarding legislation at the State and Federal levels.
(This position may not always be filled.)

Auditors

Board of Directors

Short story

By Reginald G. Sniff

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I want to relate a short story that was told to me by a fellow treasure hunter, Bill Blackwell. This story introduces a rather unique use for your metal detector.

Very recently, on an outing in the Colorado mountains, Bill and a couple of companions were walking along a mountain trail. On their way back to their vehicle they encountered and startled a very large bear. In an instant, the bear was on his hind legs staring at the treasure hunters a few feet away.

Bill, armed with nothing but his detector, acted quickly and turned his detector off and back on. The strange loud sound which came from the speaker of the detector was sufficient to cause the bear to turn and make a hasty retreat.

If one encounter wasn't enough to scare the heck out of the treasure hunters, they encountered the bear again a short time later. This time both Bill and his brother-in-law turned their detectors off and on, and again, the bear made a hasty exit.

Who would ever have thought that a metal detector could be used as a defense against a bear. Better yet, this is one of the most unique uses I have ever heard for a metal detector.

TIP TO PREVENT TANGLING EARPHONES

A friend of mine once said that if he ever fell out of an airplane, he hopes he has his earphones with him because he is sure they will save him by getting tangled up on something before he gets to the ground.

To minimize the problem of earphones tangling on everything, the earphones can be packed in a large plastic bag until needed. This way, they only get tangled around themselves instead of around the detector.

When the power mower broke and wouldn't run

I kept hinting to my husband that he ought to get it fixed, but somehow the message never sink in. Finally I thought of a clever way to make my point.

When my husband arrived home that day, he found me seated in the tall grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of sewing scissors. He watched silently for a short time and then went into the house. He was gone only a few moments when he came out again. He handed me a toothbrush. "When you finish cutting the grass," he said, "you might as well sweep the sidewalks."

The doctors say he will probably live, but it will be quite awhile before the casts come off.

If you think you just have to have something crunchy to munch on while watching TV or sitting around the campfire, try marinated carrot sticks. Cut several carrots into 3-inch pieces that are about 1/4-inch thick. Throw them in a jar of leftover pickle juice. Cover and let set in the refrigerator overnight. Drain the carrots and chomp away. They aren't potato chips, but they sure are good. These "pickled carrots" seem to satisfy in a way that just plain carrot sticks don't.

From JoAnna Lund who is a cookbook author, specializing in "common folk" healthy recipes for people with diabetes and heart/cholesterol concerns as well as for anyone wanting to lose weight in a healthy way.

**If we are what we eat,
then I'm easy, fast,
and cheap**

A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand.