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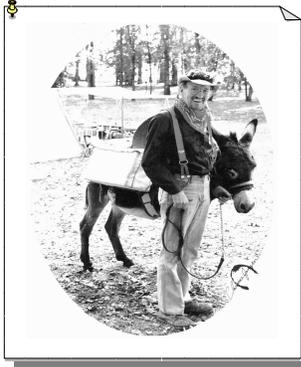
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# WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

September 2005

Next meeting  
September 15, 2005  
7:00 pm

## President's Report

Sept is here and dredge season is over for another year! I hope you all did well mining whether you have a dredge or not.

The group that was going to take DEQ to task has folded their tent and bowed out, as they didn't feel they had enough support from the mining community, to go forward. We emailed them the same night we approved the funds but by then they had made up their minds to step down. We have not sent them any club money or donation money so we will have to discuss this situation at our meeting. The donation money is still in the jar.

We had a good time at the detector treasure hunt; however it was not as well attended as we had hoped. There were 22 members hunting and lots of prizes. Some even left over as all the tokens were not found. The potluck was good as always and no one went away hungry. If they did it was their own fault.

This month we have the **Miners Meadow Outing** with a potluck. Don Hammer has agreed to cook a turkey if the club supplies the turkey. (which we will) At this outing everyone that camps will share in the cost of the camping area. That means the more we have camping the less it costs everyone so lets have a good turn out.

## Outings/Events

**Sept 23-28 – Miners Meadow w/potluck - Don Hammer - 541-924-0620**

Everyone that camps will share in the cost of renting the Miners Meadow.

**Oct 1-2 – Beverly Beach – Wes Jeffers – 503-266-5270**

If you plan on camping you have to make your own reservations.

I would like to thank Ken Haines for the great job he is doing as Secretary. I never see him taking that many notes, yet he seems to get everything that went on at the meeting down on paper.

## **Elections coming up!!!!**

Start thinking about running for office or someone you would like to be an officer next year. November we have our elections so that means Oct meeting is nominations. (Staying away from that meeting will not keep you from being nominated.) We need some new people with new ideas running the club. I know the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor will all need someone to take over their jobs next year.

Welcome to the new members that joined this last month. If you have any questions just grab a member and ask, and if we don't know the answer we will find some one that does.

## **Meeting Minutes**

**Aug 18, 2005**

Ken Haines, Secretary

The August General Meeting of The Willamette Valley Miners was called to order by Gary Schrader. As usual the meeting was held at the Marion County Fire Hall, 300 Cordon Rd. N.E. in Salem, Oregon. The meeting began at 7.00 p.m. in the southern most rear downstairs meeting room. There were approximately 37 members and 3 guests in attendance.

Vice President, Gary Schrader announced the vacancies created as Paul Messersmith stepped down from his role as President and Diane Smith from her role as Treasurer. Gary, spoke for The Willamette Valley Miners, when he acknowledged their hard work and achievements and how much the club would miss their input and time spent on club business. Thanks Paul and Diane.

As acting President, Gary Schrader, began the club business meeting. The minutes from the Willamette Valley Miners previous General Meeting were unanimously approved as written in the newsletter. The Treasurers Financial Report was also given and approved.

Committee spruce-up was next on the agenda, as Gary shared that the members of each committee would be expected to meet, conduct pertinent committee business on behalf of the club, and have a spokesperson share committee results at the monthly general miners meeting. The committees serve an important role in the organization and benefit each and everyone in our membership.

Committees and their members as of this publication are as follows:

### **Claims Committee**

Larry Coon, Joe Garcia, Don Hammer, Wes Jeffers, Gary Wolf, Diane and Don Smith, Will Winslow

### **Events & Outings Committee**

Mary Atkinson, Joe and Shirley Garcia, Don Hammer, Wes Jeffers, Janie Miller, Gary and Trudy Schrader. Diane Smith, Gary Wolf, Cliff Winston

### **Programs Committee**

Diane Smith, Wes Jeffers

### **Website Committee**

Don Hammer, Cliff Winston, Paul Messersmith

As you may observe, many of the members fill multiple committee positions. Your input is a valuable resource and our committees are always looking for ambitious minds. Please talk with Gary, if you are interested in serving on a committee.

An explanation was given by Gary about the Miners Library which is available to all members. Books, tapes, maps, and other publications, many of which are perfect 'How To' manuals, may be checked out of the library at monthly meetings. This one of a kind collection has been put together over the years to educate our members and preserve our mining heritage. These invaluable resources are free to our membership. They are checked out simply by signing out under your name as a member. This is just one more advantage of being a paid-up member of The Willamette Valley Miners. After all, where else can a family purchase a family club membership for only \$15.00 per year and enjoy the free use of the clubs gold claims, miners library, club sponsored prospecting and detector outings, and hear about and participate in the ever changing government affairs that affect all miners?

Tom Quintal, our Government affairs man on the scene, was not able to report at our August meeting. We look forward to his monthly update at our upcoming meeting. In his absence, Gary Schrader, suggested that our organization step up and support the efforts being made to stand up for the miners against the new dredge permit system and the disregard for the rights of miners. The permit which emerged from the legislative committees and DEQ, trample the rights of small miners and disregard age old mining law.

The club backed Gary's suggestion and agreed to fund Jim Foley's National Land Rights League with a club donation of \$500.00. The funds for the donation had been pledged by club members several months ago, just for a legal challenge to defend miners' rights. If you would like to support our mining rights, please vote with green backs and your checkbook at our September gathering. Time is of the essence, a defense has to be mounted quickly in order to respond to this legal challenge.

There was no official program scheduled for the August meeting, as many of our members are taking time during the mining season to prospect and spend time on their claims or club claims searching for that big nugget.

Some of our miners shared their experiences, here are just a few:

Wes spent the last 2 weekends prospecting on Sharps Creek In the Bohemia Mining District. He came away with about 3 penny weight in gold.

Jerry and Paul prospected one of Jerry's special areas in the Quartzville mining corridor. These two always find gold.

Paul has also spent time with Tom on their 'Twicker' claim in the Bohemia district. I've seen some of the nuggets Paul has recovered, it just makes my mouth water.

Larry reported finding a nice big nugget while prospecting in the California gold country.

Gary and Lucy have just leased a mine near Quartzville and look forward to exploring their new property.

If you are new to the organization or are our guest, or just need a prospecting buddy, there is a vast amount of mining experience in the club. Just inquire; most of the miners are willing to share their experiences and techniques with other members and some of these old crusty miners will probably share more than you would ever want to know.

Just before the break, Wes said that he was going to work the Rock and Gem show in Canby on the weekend of September 28<sup>th</sup>. He could use a few good helpers; he will be setting up a gold panning booth. This would be a great chance to show off your gold panning prowess.

During the break, raffle tickets were on sale for the monthly club raffles. These raffles ad a little spice to each monthly gathering as members have an opportunity to win prizes ranging from the monthly gold nugget give away to metal detectors, gold dredges, gold pin pointers, sluice boxes and more.

The August raffle winners were:

Gold Pin Pointer, Paul.

Gold Nugget, Jerry

Wet Suit, Todd

In addition to these large raffle prizes, each meeting there are table raffles, which are items brought in by members to help finance the club. All the table items get raffled at each meeting. Bring your items you wish to donate to Wes at the raffle table at the beginning of each meeting. Your support keeps our club funded and fun.

Louie's Welding has donated a nice Fine Recovery River Sluice to be raffled at an upcoming meeting. Thanks Louie.

Don shared that Dale's health is keeping him down and asked that club members help Dale and his family with a couple of small weatherization projects at his home.

Meeting adjourned.

Happy Prospecting.

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## **Government Affairs update**

by Gary Schrader

Tom Quintel and I had a meeting with State Parks to look at the proposed draft of the State wide metal detector permit. It will be a one year permit from the date of application and will be good for the parks listed on the back. (about 40 parks) There will be phone numbers listed for each park, as they want us to call and leave a message at the park, the day you plan to detect there.

A wallet size card will be issued when you get your permit.

More areas at some parks may be available with the current system (check with each park for short term permit).

If we comply with these rules we hope more parks will be added as time goes by.

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**A few years ago the club held a writing contest, and I thought I would print the story's that were in the contest when there was room in the news letter.**

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### **Finding Gold – Janzen – Style**

He didn't have much money, and his hair was long and scraggly to match his beard. He looked like he'd weathered a good number **of storms and years.**

He hitched a ride into town with a long-haul trucker. His "weathered face and hands seemed to fit with the clothes he wore: which were pants which were much too large, even for his ponch-belly, though held up by suspenders.

He told the trucker how he loved to catch fish: and "any 'ole kind that took his hook was fine with him, so long as there was "enough fer a good mess fer supper". He said he "always

carried some aluminum-foil, alt, matches, and fish line and hooks with him.

He said his family had all passed on, 'cept his daughter who took after her Pa and his wandering ways. Last time he heard about her, she was living with a miner somewhere around Cloride Nevada. She was "no-child either by now and he figured she knew "her way around" so he put her out of his mind so he could enjoy his "travels".

He told the trucker he carried his most prized possession "close to his heart" in his left shirt pocket. These things included one of his daughter's earrings, his late-wife's watch, a ball-point pen and his teeth.

He got to Quartzite about Thanksgiving of 1959 and was headed to Yuma.

He arrived there with a few fish in his backpack. Some that a fellar he met along the Colorado river had given him. He offered to "share" them with the trucker who said he just didn't know when he'd have time to cook and eat them. As the truck came to a stop, and the trucker rolled down his windows.

The trucker was "amazed" at the cavernous grin that the old man flashed, as he grabbed his jug and trudged toward the west and off into the desert.

The trucker said to himself, "that has to be Tommy the Terrible". I have never seen such a Yap on anything human before and I've never smelled anything like that either! Trucker or no, he wondered what ever would become of that old fellar. Will, maybe he told himself, he might hear of him at a truck stop somewhere along the way. The air was just starting to cool and that "cool, fresh air was so refreshing. "I've been in fog before, but none that smelled like that!

January 5<sup>th</sup> 1999 found Clarence and his old-lady camped out in the desert just south of Quartzite, about ½ mile west of hiway 95 in the "long-term visiting area of "Tyson-Wash" on road 651.

One day as Clarence was walking his dog He happened upon a circular group of rocks that had once been a firepit for a campfire. As he looked the rocks over, he noticed some small whitish chunks and one seemed to have gold specks on one side. Being a "Gold Prospector"

he picked it up and found it was a tooth with two small gold pins on the backside of it.

He kicked the ashes around and found a couple more teeth with gold pins. He placed them in his pocket as he headed back to camp to show "Ms. Clarence".

Ms. Clarence was excited about his find but wondered if there was any bones around and if so maybe Clarence should tell the police.

About a week later Clarence and Ms. Clarence went back to the campfire spot and classified everything. They found more teeth (28 in all) and an old watchband, buckle and an old erring base with a patent number on it along with wads of aluminum foil with a few fish vertebrate bones in them.

Clarence and Ms. Clarence soaked and cleaned the teeth and wondered what had happened to whoever had owned them. "Sorry 'ole boy, Clarence said, but your teeth are now mine.....Right here in MY pocket in a bottle once used for gold.

Submitted to Willamette Balley Miners Story Contest by: Verna Wells: AKA "number 11" AKA "Ms. Clarence"

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Our **For Sale** items got too big for the last page so I am placing them here for now. If you have sold a item that is listed, Please let me know so I can take it out. Trudy

#### **For Sale**

60 acre Cow Creek gold claim with good road access to water. \$750.00  
Tom Quintal 503- 371-9747

#### **For Sale**

Pine & Fir Mixed Wood  
Already Split Approxm. 6 plus Cords  
\$100.00 per Cord if you take all or \$125.00 a Cord otherwise  
U-Haul  
Contact Ken @ 503-743-2696



## Classifieds

### For Sale

Proline 2.5" Hi-banker/Dredge Combo  
5.5 HP Honda with Proline Pump.

\$975.00

Percy Hadley 503-838-3327

E-mail [deann@peak.org](mailto:deann@peak.org)

### For Sale

Mining Timbers and Wedges, douglas fir  
or white oak sawn to your specifications.  
contact Ken Haines

F & L Lumber - toll free 866-791-9986

### For Sale

203 Kawasaki 360 - Prairie Selectable -  
4x4 auto - Red - Like new Utility ATV.

Used 40 hrs \$4100.00

Joe Garcia - 503-588-0493

### I Buy

Gold nuggets and fines no amount is too  
small. email: [kenh@peak.org](mailto:kenh@peak.org)

Ph: 541-791-9986 Fx: 541-791-9987

### For Sale

Gold Wheel (complete) \$180.00 OBO  
Ray Tesch 503-788-8428

### For Sale

Dry Washer w/vaccum, crevising,  
bucket, hose, tools - Mac Powered  
\$175.00

Joe Garcia - 503-588-0493

### Gold and Silver Custom Electrd Plating

New plating or repair, home/office fixtures  
automotive/recreational vehicle parts,  
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