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# WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

August 2006

## President's Report

It's August already, where has this summer gone. At the Dad's Creek outing we had a decent turnout for the distance to travel. Boyd again got the best gold and will try to get the picture of what he got posted on the Internet soon. The second Miners Meadow outing was very well attended, I just wish it hadn't been so dang hot. Some of the best gold I saw actually came from the WVM #1; except for the small nugget that Jim found cleaning out bedrock pockets just up from the Meadow. The next two outings coming up are Aug 18 and 19 at Schwartz Campground by Dorena Lake. This would be a good time to check out the claim on Walker Creek. After that is another outing at Miners Meadow on 15 and 16 September. Both of these have potlucks so bring your favorite dishes to share. I will also be cooking turkey at the September Miners Meadow outing.

## Fund Raising Possibility

During the July meeting John Zelinski from E.Z.Orchards in Salem approached the meeting with an interesting proposition. He runs a theme setting at the Orchards in October and this year the theme is a Westward Ho. He wants to know if the club would be interested in becoming part of the theme by talking about, and demonstrating mining. This event will take place during the last three weekends in October, and will run from 11am until 4pm. We will not be required to be in period costume. We will be outside but if the weather looks like it will be nasty he said he would be able to provide a 10 x 20 tent if needed. We can demonstrate mining and we can sell bags of gold and help pan it like we do at Rickreal. This would be a great opportunity for the club to get exposure outside of our normal groups. We would be able to meet and talk with people who might never think about mining as a hobby. This is also a great way for the club to make some money as we are being provided our space to free, and there was some discussion at the meeting of E.Z. Orchards providing a donation to the club for each day that we are at the event. We need to respond by the 1<sup>st</sup> of September and before we agree to this we need to have volunteers lined up. Because it is only for 5 hours per day we only need one shift, but will need 4 to 6 people per shift. If you are interested in doing this please contact one of the club offices.

## Newsletter

Anything want added to the newsletter let me know Email gcross004@web-ster.com

**If you have changed your email/phone number or address please let us know by sending a note to the club mail box.**

## Outings/Events

**Aug 18-19 Sharps Creek** - Swartz Campground -  
For info call Wes Jeffers 503-266-5270 or Don  
Hammer 541-924-0620

### **Sept 15-16 Miners Meadow camping**

**w/potluck** is not a free camp out. Everyone that  
camps will share in the cost of the weekend so the  
more people that show up; the less it will cost each  
of us. I think last year it cost us around \$12.00  
each camper, for the full weekend (not each day)  
and we did not have too many show up as it was  
raining most of the time. Do not know if Don is  
going to do a turkey for us but will find out at this  
months meeting. For info call Steve Landis 503-  
363-2232 or Gary Schrader 503-859-3132

## Meeting Minutes

**July 20, 2006**

Ken Haines, Secretary

President Don Hammer of the Willamette Valley  
Miners, called to order the July 2006 general  
meeting at the regularly scheduled time of 7:00  
p.m. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of  
each month at the Marion County Fire Station,  
300 Cordon Road N.E., in Salem, Oregon. In  
attendance were approximately 25 members and  
4 guests.

Meeting minutes from the previous meeting were  
approved as written in the June newsletter.

Treasurer, Andy Miller, gave the Treasurers  
report, and it was also approved as read. Andy  
also reported that the Willamette Valley Miners  
now has 198 paid up members, 4 of which were  
referred recently by Rita, the owner of Rita's  
Relics and Mining, from Sweet Home, Oregon.  
Thank you Rita.

President Hammer donated 2 Salem Volcano  
baseball game tickets to the club, Thank you Mr.  
and Mrs. Don Hammer.

Under the heading of old business, President  
Don, reported that he had visited the recently  
donated gold mining claims in the Bohemia  
Mining District. His findings were that the Walker  
Creek claim was valid and located correctly,

however the Martin Creek claim was miss-  
marked or he had some trouble locating it where  
it was supposed to be.

There was some discussion about the last outing  
on the Dad's Creek claim. It was reported that  
some good gold was discovered by some of our  
members and a reminder that there are  
approximately 5 trailer parking spots on that  
claim site.

Former Club President, Paul Messersmith, gave  
the members a brief overview of some of the  
government affairs issues that are still requiring  
our attention. One of the issues involves  
turbidity, which is the stirring up of river  
sediments while dredging. Paul reminded the  
members that these issues involve all the  
members and miners and he encouraged  
member participation at the government  
meetings. Another way for members to help is to  
support financially, the efforts of our organization  
and other mining clubs in their legal fights to  
preserve the rights of miners so that we may  
continue to use our rivers and wild lands.

Club Librarian, Howard Conner, reminded those  
attending of the wonderful resource library that  
our club has put together over the years. Each  
meeting, Howard brings the library, so that any  
members may check out resource materials.

Please remember to return those materials as  
you finish with them. Ellen Compton graciously  
donated one of her books on how to improve a  
sluice box, to the club library.

Just before the evening break, introductions  
were made and Howard Conner made special  
note that Charlie Crawford, a fellow prospector  
and friend was visiting.

John Zielinski, one of the family owners of E.Z.  
Orchards in Salem gave a brief presentation and  
offered the Willamette Valley Miners a spot in his  
Fall Harvest Fest. Each October his family farm  
puts on the educational, family oriented event  
and this year he is including the historical gold  
mining theme and the western migration. Mr.  
Zielinski said that our club could demonstrate  
gold panning, similar to the way we demonstrate  
at the Rickreall Rock and Gem show. Apart from  
being a good fundraiser, the opportunity would

expose many hundreds or thousands of people to gold prospecting through our gold panning demos. If we as a club should decide to participate in this endeavor, we would need a minimum of 6-8 members per shift during the last 3 weekends in October. If you would be interested in helping, please email or call Ken Haines at: [kenh@peak.org](mailto:kenh@peak.org), ph: 541 791 9986.

The meeting concluded with Wes Jeffers and the evening raffles.

Happy Prospecting.

## Change of Address/Phone Number

If you move, change your phone number, or get a post office box you need to let the club treasure know. We cannot get your newsletter/correspondence to you if we don't have a good address. Every month it seems that some newsletters come back undeliverable. Call me drop, me a note, or somehow let us know where you are. If anyone can get in touch or has the addresses for the following members let me know Jim Hilliker, Henry Horvath, Clarence Janzen, James Beard, or Lance Rose. Their newsletter came back as undeliverable. Thanks Andy, keep digging it's down there

## Recipe Corner

### Taco Soup

- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1 onion diced
- 1 package dry taco seasoning
- 1 16 ounce can corn
- 1 28 ounce can kidney beans drained and rinsed
- 2 16 ounce cans cut tomatoes
- 1 8 ounce can tomato sauce
- Corn chips
- Grated cheese

In 12 inch oven brown meat. Add onion and cook until translucent. Stir in seasoning mix. Add corn with juice, kidney beans tomatoes and tomato sauce. Stir until well mixed. Simmer using bottom heat for about 30 minutes, or

until flavors are blended and soups. Serve with chips and cheese.

## Scalloped potatoes Italian

- 9-10 potatoes peeled and sliced
- 1 medium onion chopped
- ½ pound prosciutto Ham
- ½ cup gorgonzola cheese crumbed
- Salt
- Pepper
- 3 cups half and half cream

Layer in a 10 inch oven potatoes, onions prosciutto and cheese. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Repeat ending with potatoes and cheese. Pour ½ and 1/2 over potatoes. Bake in oven for 2 hours at 350°F. 14 coals on bottom 7 on top.

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