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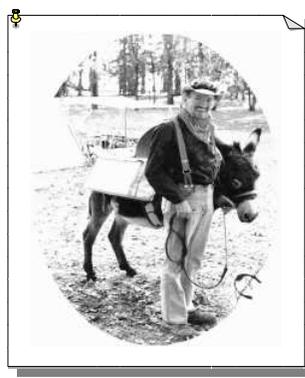
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# WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

**June 2007**

## President's Report

Thanks to Rob Ginn, of the Forest Service who as Mining Administrator, has a LARGE area to oversee. His thoughts and concerns of regulations seemed to express an understanding of what we do as miners.

Thanks to Tom Quintal for his panning video, as it was very interesting and informative in the steps taken in panning for gold.

Sounded like the Vincent Creek outing was going to be an interesting journey with the road construction (culvert replacement) in the area. Hope the folks that were going didn't have too difficult of a time. It is nice that we have a five year permit for access to this claim.

Joan and I went up to WVM#1 on the 26<sup>th</sup> and didn't see anyone up there at that time. There was a small flow of water at the upper end. There was a small pickup coming down Dry Gulch as we were going up, they were coming out with a load of wood. Hum??

June 22 - 25, Quartzville Miners Rendezvous, mark your calendar, be sure and list the number of family members that are going to partake at this fun outing, so we can get enough turkeys for Don to cook. Don't forget about the games that will be taking place also. Fun for all!

July is approaching very rapidly, remember the OEMA Raffle is nearly here. Try and sell more tickets.

## Outings and Events

**June 14 Club Meeting Louie Frick WVM President:** Gold Equipment display and demonstration how to set up equipment in the field.

**June 22-25** Quartzville Miners Rendezvous

**July 6-8** Dad's Creek

## Newsletter

Anything you want added to the newsletter let me know Email [gcross004@web-ster.com](mailto: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.**

**Meeting Minutes**  
May 17, 2007  
Jeff Farrand Secretary

President Louie Frick of the Willamette Valley Miners, called to order the May 2007 General meeting at the regularly scheduled time of 7:00 PM. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at the Marion County Fire Station, 300 Cordon Road NE, in Salem, Oregon. In attendance were 56 members and 6 guests. Immediately after the call to order, Tom Quintal introduced Robert Gwinn with the U.S. Forest Service. Bob talked about some of the rules and regulations that he must enforce but expressed an understanding for what we do as miners. We thank Robert for coming and hope he may return.

The meeting minutes from the previous meeting were approved as written in the April newsletter.

The treasurers report given by Marshal Phares was also approved

The Willamette Valley Miners now have a 5 year permit to access the Vincent Creek Claim. You can copy this permit from the club's website.

June 22-25 is the Quartzville Miners Rendezvous at Miners Meadow. If you are not on the list to attend and wish to go, please contact Howard Conner at 503-399-0292 so there will be enough turkey. This is a potluck event. Howard is also working on events at Miners Meadows such as a duck race down the river, metal detecting, and a GPS event. There will be prizes, please inform Howard if you wish to do any of these events. Miners Meadows is a dry camp location and it is free to the members of the club.

Finally, there was a motion to send \$300.00 to the Waldo Mining Club to help with their legal fund. The motion was approved. There was an additional motion to allocate \$100.00 for the prizes for Miners Meadows. This motion was also approved. Meeting was adjourned, moved to the ticket raffles."

### **Shady Cove Claims Issues**

At our May 17<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting there was a discussion about the claim and if there was really enough interest and useage by club members. And if the club wanted to hold on to this claim or let it go back to the forest service.

With these thought in the mind the officers of the club are asking for the membership's thoughts and comments about this issue; by e-mail or writing the club at P.O.Box address or attending the June meeting.

My thoughts on the claim are mixed,as it is a easy claim to get to, and it is in some pretty counting but at the some time it's not a really productive claim plus it gets worked over by scores of non-club members as it is with in Shady Cove Campground. We as a club are also about to our legal limits on claim ownership and by letting the

claim go we will still be able to prospect at the Shady Cove area as it would be open for anyone to pan on. Another consideration is the fact we can not use power or motorizrd equipment on this claim.

Look forward to hearing from the membership issue of the club can act on this subject with memberships wishes in mind.

Stephen Landis  
VP-WVM  
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### **Cliff's Corner**

Aka Cliff's Discount Detectors

## **HOW TO ACCOUNT FOR THOSE VANISHING SIGNALS\***

**Deceptive Signals:** A coin buried at some odd angle can produce a phantom indication via a reflection, which leads you to believe that the coin is directly below the center of your search coil instead of several inches away from that spot. You dig down and find nothing, but the signal persists. For want of anything better to do, you widen the hole, and the signal suddenly stops. No matter where you scan, the signal does not reappear. What happened here, was that you dug the hole so deep that its bottom was beyond the depth at which your machine is capable of detecting a coin-sized object with any fidelity. When you widened the hole, the coin fell to its bottom, and could no longer be detected. Luckily, most TH'ers do not leave a pile of loose soil at the bottom of an excavation before they start to fill it again. Usually, they clean it out, scan everything, then backfill. Chances are, if you do that, you'll get the signal again from the last scoops of soil that you removed. It pays to consider this possibility when attempting to retrieve an elusive coin.

**Camouflaged Items:** Sometimes a signal-producing object blends, leopard-like, into its background, and is tossed aside because it has no apparent distinguishing features. Something like that happened to me while coinshooting an abandoned drive-in movie theater. The first such signal was from a fragment of cast aluminum that had broken off a damaged speaker-box. It was about the size and had the irregular shape of a piece of crushed stone, and was also about the same grayish color. After finally isolating the signal to this piece of metal, and discarding it, a new disappearance occurred.

A similar signal was detected, but couldn't be traced to another piece of aluminum. All there seemed to be was gravel, soil, and tar. As I slowly moved aside portions of the pile of diggings, the signal suddenly vanished. It took some careful searching to discover a Wheat cent coated with tar and fragments of encrusted gravel — a sort of protective coloration — that I had tossed aside

with other pieces of gravel. What's the lesson? Don't be too hasty in pushing the discards away; instead, every so often scan the area to check for a disguised target.

**Items Modified or Affected by the Digging:** A flat piece of foil often produces a strong signal, but gets crumpled and mutilated during the digging, and is discarded, unnoticed, with the removed soil. The signal never returns, and you shake your head in disbelief at the mute excavation. Rusted steel bottle caps also often produce strong coin signals. These sources are easy to spot and remove, but sometimes the cap is so rusted that there's almost no steel left, just a disk of cohesive rust that produces a signal until the rust particles are separated and scattered by the digging. You wind up without a trace of what caused the original indication.

**Operator Problems:** Something happens, psychologically, to a coinshooter when he gets a strong indication, particularly if it's accompanied by a reading that suggests that the target is buried six or more inches below the surface. Instead of progressing slowly and carefully to uncover what might turn out to be a prize find, he starts getting anxious.

Fearing that the Seated Liberty quarter, which may have been resting there for over a 150, may suddenly decide to run away, he attacks the area with maniacal frenzy. With the force and intensity of Popeye after a spinach soiree, he assaults the hard earth furiously, flinging aside the clods abandonably, increasing the tempo as he approaches the estimated depth. Then, his mouth drops open. There's nothing there. He grabs his machine and starts scanning, first slowly, then wildly. No signal. What happened, of course, was that he had thrown the baby out with the bath water. The coin was embedded in a small clump of soil that, because of its extra weight, flew farther away from the site than the other clumps. It doesn't seem all that likely to happen. Unfortunately it occurs more often than anyone cares to admit. Luckily, the problem is easily solved in the future through the use of a ground cloth and care in recovery.

Real instrument failure, when not catastrophic (i.e., a dead machine), typically manifests itself as an erratic or intermittent condition, something like the radio or TV that you have to slap on the side to make work again or to get rid of static or distortion. Sophisticated as many modern machines are, they're not smart enough or mischievous enough to play hide-and-seek games, and their manufacturers have not incorporated deception circuits into their design.

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## Camping Recipes

### Hobo Boats

Ground Hamburger

Barbecue Sauce

Onion Finely Chopped

Potatoes Finely Chopped

Carrots Finely Chopped

Lay out a square of foil. Take a handful of ground beef and shape into a oval make a well or boat in the middle spread about 1 Tablespoon of barbecue sauce in the hamburger well. Add in veggies. Spice to taste. Can be cooked on a grill or in coals. Cook until veggies are tender and meat is done.

### Baked Apples

1 Apple per person tart apple works best

2 Tablespoons Brown sugar

Apple pie spice

1 Tablespoon butter

Wash and core apples. Set apples in the middle of a square of foil. Mix brown sugar and Apple pie spice stuff in center. Topping with butter. Seal foil. Cook until tender.

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