



# WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

**July 2007**

## President's Report

I would like to thank all the members that come to the meetings and participate in the discussion of the various subjects that we come across. It is important as a Club, for its members to get involved in the process/movement of the club.

Miners Meadow outing was a good one, there was a large turnout. Don & Ruth did a good job with the turkey as usual, thanks again, and thanks to our hot dog and hamburger chefs, also for bringing their grill - everyone had a well rounded choice to fill up on.

Thanks to Wes and Trudy for the ducky race, this year only three duckies did not show up at the finish line.

Thanks to all the folks that came and participated with the outing.

Reading some of the Legislature "ideas" of things such as restoring habitat for the Lynx and the Snowshoe rabbit, I feel that there is a total laps in the thinking process of reality. It also appears that the environs are going to push to have the 1872 mining law amended.

July meeting - Steve Landis will be presiding, as myself and Joan will be over at Baker City for the Miners Jubilee festival.

Have fun one and all, and may the bottom of your pan have good color.....

Louie Frick, President, WVM

## Outings and Events

Club Meeting 7 PM John Schoonover WVM member {Gold recovery from black sand} also Eric Wakkure of Sierra manufacturing {Display various sizes of portable rock crushing equipment and hard rock mining principles. Jul 19 2007 Meeting

July 27-29 Sharps Creek - time TBD Jul 27 2007 Outing

Aug 11-12 Myrtle Creek—exit 112 - time TBD Aug 11 2007 Outing

## 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.**

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**Meeting Minutes**  
June 21, 2007  
Jeff Farrand Secretary

**Miners**      **Meadow**      **Outing**  
Reported      by      Jim      Barbour

President Louie Frick of the Willamette Valley Miners, called to order the June 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 51 members and 1 guest. The meeting minutes from the previous meeting were approved as written in the May newsletter. The treasurer's report given by Marshal Phares was also approved.

Our new claim at Quartzville, which was signed over from the old Linn County Mining Club, is called Cedar Bend Placer and is located at the 27 mile marker of Quartzville Road. A map is being worked on and will be out soon. Currently, our claims are signed for by numerous club members. The claims committee has been working hard to change this and have these claims signed directly over to the Willamette Valley Miners Club. This project is close to completion.

There was a discussion about whether or not to keep the Shady Cove claim. A number of options were presented. One is to release the claim in trade for a permanent parking pass for club members. The other option is to offer it to any club member who may wish to take it over. Further discussion will take place in the July meeting.

Tom Quintal brought in the sunstones he found at the Dust Devil in southeast Oregon and talked about the fun he had finding them.

The Eastern Oregon Mining Association's "2007 Mother of all Raffles" is being held on July 22, 2007. In support of their legal funds, please purchase some tickets. Go to [eoma.org](http://eoma.org) or at [waldominingdistrict.org](http://waldominingdistrict.org) to get a printout of the tickets or any other information you may need regarding the raffle. There was a motion for our club to purchase an additional \$500.00 worth of tickets to help out the legal fund. This motion was approved. Any prize won with the tickets purchased will be raffled off in a separate drawing for the Willamette Valley Miner Club members only. There is normally a large item that the club raffles off after a certain number of tickets have been sold, which is determined by the cost of the item. There was a motion to put together a "mining kit" for this purpose, the motion was approved.

Louie Frick brought in some of his power sluices and sluice boxes to show the club members the proper way to set them up and how they work. Thank you Louie. Due to medical reasons, Trudy Schrader is looking for someone to help out and possibly take over the newsletter duties for Gaylyn Cross. This will help relieve Gaylyn of any added stress. Please contact Trudy at 503-859-3132 if you can help. Thank you.

The meeting was adjourned

I feel sorry for those that didn't make it to this wonderful outing. Everyone seemed to enjoy the comradeship and all the events on Saturday. Of course Friday afternoon and evening was mostly spent on set up, making acquaintance with some newcomers, and sawing and splitting some firewood.

On Saturday morning, as expected many disappeared in the quest for that yellow stuff called gold, but they were Johnny on the spot at lunch time. OH! What a lunch. The two turkeys that were deep fat fried were cooked to perfection. There were also hot dogs and hamburgers ready for the buns with cheese, onions, lettuce, relish, catsup etc. ready for the hungry people. Along with the meat was corn on the cob, casseroles, salads, beans, fruit, cakes, pies and a pot of gold coins (filled with chocolate) stolen from a Leprechaun. Mmmmmmm! what a feast.

After lunch there was the duck race. Some of the ducks unfortunately became lost and had to be chased back into the pen. The winners of the duck race were: 1st place, Josh McLean, 2nd place, Ruth Hammer, and 3rd place was Art Leppin.

There was plenty room for more campers and enough food for many more. Come on out and enjoy the outings.

**Miners Meadow**

Don and Diane Smith showed up Sunday with lasagna and brownies hoping there would be another potluck Sunday, so those of us left at the campground had an impromptu potluck. We even had left over's but then all the miners were out working so they missed out. Don's knee surgery kept him from moving around too much but he is up and about.

By Sunday night there were only 4 camper's/tent left in the Meadow which seemed kind of lonely after the weekend full of happy miners.

Found at Miners Meadows - two serving spoon, one round kitty hot pad and one child's sweatshirt with Lumberjacks Oregon printed on it. Will bring to meeting in July. Trudy Schrader

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