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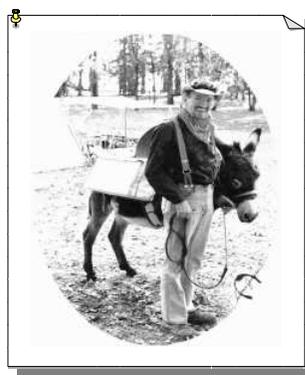
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WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

September 2007

President's Report

As a very old saying goes - The older one gets the faster time slides by. Seems to be oh so true.

Our last meeting I fell was a good one and the program of Earl Orr with the GPS demo was informative.

There seems to have been a bit more participation on discussions of issues and I feel the more participation by the members the more connected the club would be.

I'm looking forward to our fall events, Miners Meadow, Beverly Beach, also our soon to be new planning board??

Louie Frick, President WVM

Events & Outings

Sept 14-17 Miners Meadow camping W/potluck - time TBD

Sept. 20 Club Meeting 7 PM Program: Don Smith WVM member {Jewelry making, polished stones and ring casting} Ed Pritz WVM member {Display stone faceting machine and demonstration of machine use}

Sept 28-30 Beverly Beach - time TBD There is an outing at Beverly Beach on September 28th to the 30th. It is located just off of highway 101 between Depot Bay and Newport. If you want to make reservations at the Beverly Beach campgrounds, go to www.reserveamerica.com or call 1-800-452-5687. Check-in time is at 4:00 PM and check out is at 1:00 PM. Members who show up on Friday can get settled in and enjoy a walk on the beach. On Saturday and Sunday at 10:00AM, Wes Jeffers will meet the members at the public parking area at the campgrounds. He will help direct everyone. It will be a fun outing for all and easy to do. Just shovel black sand and put it through a sluice. For those members who show up late, just walk north along the beach from the parking area. About a ¼ of a mile walk and you will see a creek flowing into the ocean and members playing in the sand.

Oct 13 2008 Events Planning Meeting - time TBD

Oct 18 Club Meeting 7 PM Program: John Alleman WVM member {How to set up a metal detector, proper use of tools and metal detecting etiquette}

Oct 20 Picnic (TBD)

Please note Programs for club meetings are listed here under Events & Outings.

Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2007

Jeff Farrand Secretary

President Louie Frick of the Willamette Valley Miners, called to order the August 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 N.E., in Salem Oregon. In attendance were 33 members and 2 guests.

The meeting minutes from the previous meeting were approved as written in the July newsletter. The Treasurer's Report given by Marshal Phares was also approved.

Tom Quintal introduced Earl Orr with the Linn County Search and Rescue. Earl touched on how GPS's work and some of the things a GPS can do. Paul Messersmith announced that all the paperwork has been submitted and is now in for the transfer of all the claims to be in Willamette Valley Miner's name and out of individual names. This will help the club to keep track of the claims. Paul also mentioned that there are a small number of members helping out at the booth at the Clackamas County Fair with an even flow of people walking by.

The outing at Miners Meadow on September 14th - 17th is a potluck and will have a race down the river, a metal detecting event and a GPS event all with prizes to the winners.

The Myrtle Creek outing only had 8 members attend. The weather was great and the water was warm. Each member found a good spot to work. Don Hammer went down deep and did well; Louie Frick worked his high banker and did ok. Darrell Eaves and Jeff Farrand did very good in about 2 feet of water off of hard pack and bedrock.

There will be a meeting held on October 13th at 10:00 AM at Paul Messersmith's home to plan for next year's events along with assigning a chairman to organize the events. This meeting is for all the members to participate in. There is a potluck planned also.

There is a question whether the club wishes to continue having the programs at the meeting and if the meetings are taking to long. If you have any comments on these subjects, please bring them to the next meeting or contact Louie Frick at 541-327-1210.

Claims clean-up personnel are still needed. Please contact Paul at 541-926-8153. As claim holders, the club is obligated to get this work done.

If you have an item that you no longer use or want please bring it to the meetings to be placed on the raffle table. Someone else may have a need for that item. The money made from the raffles helps to pay for the monthly newsletters
The meeting was adjourned and handed over to the raffle table.

Table Raffle & what your club does for you

Submitted by Trudy Schrader

If club members want a table raffle at the meeting, they need to bring stuff to put on the table; the last few months have been a little sparse. If members are like us, we always have something usable that we do not use any more and we need to make room for something we do use. Bring the unused item for the table; someone may be looking for just that item. If nothing else, go to the dollar store and pick up a bag of candy. The money is used for the News Letter. It runs the Club \$100.00 + a month to put the letter out (depending on how many pages are printed).

Also for your 20.00 membership dues you get:

Use of club claims (club pays cost of keeping paperwork up and finding new claims)

Free camping at some of the large outings (club pays for this)

Meat for outings potluck (club pays for this)

Prizes for the games at these outings (club pays for this)

Government representation (we are fighting so all can keep mining)

Club donates \$\$ to help other mining clubs to help them in their litigations which also effects us. (So all can keep mining)

Christmas Party with potluck games and prizes (club pays for prizes and meat)

All the plastic ware, plates, tablecloths, cups, sugar, creamer, coffee, napkins and other items needed for potlucks.

Website (club pays for this)

If you make one outing/potluck a year you have made up what you have paid in dues for that year.

If you go mining on the club claims you have made up what you have paid in dues for that year.

This year alone Tom Q. helped save us what we paid all paid in dues by staying on our government officials and stopping fees they had no right to place on us.

Then we have the dedicated members that take care of all of the above and then some, with out pay, with out getting their out of pocket expenses back and most of the time with out so much as a thank you. They spend their time and money running to pick up club stuff, deliver stuff, making sure everything is at the outing/potluck/party and said outing/potluck/party is running right, making sure nothing is forgotten and

everyone is getting what is promised. If it were not for them we would not have a club.

So please bring something for the raffle table, it is not too much to ask

Government Affairs

HB 3551 did not pass in this legislative session. That means if you file a new claim, proof of labor affidavit or sell a claim, you will not have to pay the additional \$15.00 TAX. The other two bills HB 2085 and HB 2857 failed this session and these two bills accumulatively proposed \$4.00 new recording TAXES. The three new proposed bills would have been an additional recording TAX increase of \$19.00 for the 2007 legislative session. Looks like the county clerks may be another new source of tax collection for the Oregon Department of Revenue.

I want to say a special thank you to everyone who helped me during this legislative session for all three proposed new recording TAX bills.

Chuck Chase for EOMA'S financial support for parking cost and photo copying for each of the hearings etc, Tom Kitchar of Waldo Mining for writing our miners proof of labor exemption amendment and Paul Messersmith, Gary Schrader of Willamette Valley Miners and Bob Barton for their support at some of the legislative hearings. As they say "together we are better" and it really does make a difference when we stick together. After all is said and done was it worth our effort? One thing for sure, the miners did gain some recognition for participating in the process and it should be a little easier next session if they come back with this kind of bill. Who knows they might remember to keep our exemption amendment in any new bill for recording fees since we participated at each hearing. They never pulled our amendment and their folks even testified for us in one committee hearing for the Economic and Transportation sub committee. The Oregon miners never participated in the 1999 legislative session. That legislative session approved a new recording TAX and cost each claim holder an \$11.00 recording fee/TAX for our ANNUAL proof of labor for the 20,000 plus Oregon claim holders. We now pay an additional \$220,000 just to record our proof of labor affidavit. When you locate a new claim or sell a claim, you also pay the additional \$11.00 to record these documents as well. Who knows what the 1999 fee increase really is for Oregon claim holders?

Without our miners exemption being in HB 3551, it would have cost Oregon's 20,000 plus claim holders an additional \$300,000 if this bill had become law for the 74th legislative session. With the 1999 increase

of \$11.00 and the proposed HB 3551 \$15.00 TAX, Oregon claim holders would have paid a grand total of \$520,000. The cost to locate and sell a claim would have been additional with HB 3551. What would have been the real cost? I suppose we could try to role back the 1999 \$11.00 fee, but I am told by some of the county recorders it would not go back to \$5.00 for the first page. The recorders were allowed to add other additional fees and grandfathered them into their recording fees prior to the 1999 legislation. Fees like mapping etc. Example, Linn Benton currently charges \$46.00 for first page while Douglas County charges \$16.00. Good example how Douglas county did not get their additional fees in before the 1999 legislation. If I had to guess this same kind of legislation will be back next year. How many of you will send the folks who voted against HB 3551 an email or letter thanking them for their support. That would really help for next session.

Voted against: (28)-Berger, Boquist, Bruun, Butler, Cameron, Dallum, Edwards C., Esquivel, Flores, Garrard, Gilliam, Gilman, Girod, Hanna, Jenson, Krieger, Krummel, Lim, Maurer, Minnis, Morgan, Nelson, Olson, Richardson, Scott, Smith G., Thatcher, Whisnant.

Tom Quintal

Legislative participant for the 74th legislative session.

Helpful Hints

To Remove the entire TICK safely.....

Tick Removal --Please forward to anyone with children. or hunters, etc!! thanks! A School Nurse has written the info below -- good enough to share -- And it really works!! I had a pediatrician tell me what she believes is the best way to remove a tick. This is great, because it works in those places where it's sometimes difficult to get to with tweezers: between toes, in the middle of a head full of dark hair, etc. Apply a glob of liquid soap to a cotton ball. Cover the tick with the soap-soaked cotton ball and let it stay on the repulsive insect for a few seconds (15-20), after which the tick will come out on its own and be stuck to the cotton ball when you lift it away. This technique has worked every time I've used it (and that was frequently), and it's much less traumatic for the patient and easier for me. Unless someone is allergic to soap, I can't see that this would be damaging in any way. I even had my doctor's wife call me for advice because she had one stuck to her back and she couldn't reach it with tweezers. She used this method and immediately called me back to say, "It worked!"

ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2007

TIME: 10:00 am – COMPLETION

PLACE: PAUL MESSERSMITH'S HOME
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Overall Purpose: To Set the Outings, Events, Activities and Programs Calendar for 2008

This is an open invitation to **all interested club members (new or experienced)** to participate in this very important activity. The results will provide the club and its leadership direction for the upcoming year.

Agenda:

Establish dates for all outings for 2008.

Establish dates for other club activities beyond outings.

Establish individual contacts for all outings and activities.

Discuss committee makeup and members for 2008.

Discuss editorial policy and procedures for the newsletter.

Plan programs or topics for each monthly meeting.

Other important club matters.

Please call or email Paul for specific directions (include your phone number) **in a timely manner** with your intent to join your fellow club members. Hopefully, we will have enough members sign up so that we can have a potluck – perhaps even grilled salmon and Dungeness crab cocktail!

This is an opportunity to assist your club – your participation is needed and greatly appreciated.

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