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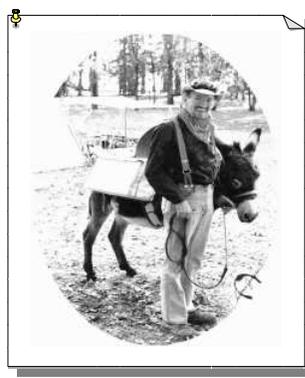
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# WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

**November 2007**

## **President's Report**

John Aldermans display of metal detectors and their use was very interesting on how to setup and use various detectors. These programs have been a huge success this year. And we've learned a lot with each presentation. At the end of the program Tom Quintal presented John with a Thank You Recognition card for his presentation. I would like to thank Tom for coming up with these cards and presenting them to the program folks of which Trudy Schrader printed. Thank you Trudy.

The Events/Outings meeting did not materialize on the 13th as scheduled, so the meeting was rescheduled to be at Gary and Trudy Schraders house on the 21st and all of the events and outings were scheduled for 2008. Each Event and each Outing will have a contact person of which will make sure that all of the information is put into the Newsletter two months in advance.(and to be published both months).

A couple of changes were made that should be of interest, June 7, Shady Cove will be a Mining tour of mines in the area. August 29 through September 1st, will be a Sun stone hunt down around Lakeview area.

Christmas party/potluck is coming fast, there will be a sign up sheet for those attending so it will be known how much meat to get. A count of people attending is very important for those doing the planning.

The raffle table has been looking better with more donations. Thanks to the folks that have been donating for this helps afford the newsletter publication and mailing.

## Events & Outings

**Nov 3: Shady Cove**

**Nov 8: Meeting Elections**

**Nov 15: Meeting 7 PM Program: Tom Bohmker WVM member and author of books showing (site specific locations of gold deposits in Oregon and surrounding states**

**DEC 8: Christmas Party-Christmas Potluck w/club furnishing meat and drink, starting at 1:00 in the meeting room next door to our monthly meeting room. If you want something other than cool aid & coffee to drink, you will have to bring it.**

**To get in the gift exchange, bring wrapped gift (around \$5.00), give Wes the gift and for each gift you bring he will give you a ticket for the exchange/stealing game.**

**Please let us know if you are coming and how many will be coming with you by the November meeting. We need to know how many to prepare for. Diane 503-897-3164, dd4611@hotmail.com Trudy 503-859-3132, gldlooker@wbcable.net**

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

## Newsletter

Anything you want added to the newsletter let me know Email [gcross004@web-ster.com](mailto:gcross004@web-ster.com). Or send articles to Gaylyn Cross 10038 S New Era Rd #70 Canby Oregon 97013. Any questions call 503-260-1583. Please have all items to me by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month

**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

Oct 2007

Ken Haines

The October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007 meeting of The Willamette Valley Miners was called to order at 7:00pm by Club President Louie Frick. Attending were 39 Club Members and 2 Guests. The meeting was held at the Marion County Fire Station, 300 Cordon Road NE, on the regularly scheduled 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.

Minutes from the September 2007 club meeting were approved as written, by a vote of the membership present. Club Treasurer Marshal Phares, gave the Treasurer's Report, which was also approved.

Tom Quintal introduced John & Rebecca Alleman from Alleman Detector Sales to give the evening program on metal detecting. John came equipped with several models of metal detectors, Coils and even a box of treasure hunting magazines for members to look at. Some of the detecting tips he shared with the group will certainly be helpful out in the field. Large loops or coils on detectors will usually help to find deeper targets depending on soils and mineralization. Smaller loops or coils are helpful when detecting shallow depths and also are meant to help reduce the target area. Some coils and loops now have evolved their designs to create targeting centers, or open coils, which will nearly pin point targets for you.

Recommended sweep speeds for most detectors should be limited to 2-3 feet per second to maximize depth efficiency. Elliptical Coils are usually better suited for coins and gold. John also shared that most detectors need to have motion to detect, whereas most pin pointers do not. He recommends the use of head phones while detecting. Nearly all models today come equipped with head phone jacks. Using the head gear allows the user to be alerted by even the most faint hit, while also conserving the battery pack. Battery packs on most detector models today will last from 25 to 60 hours, and longer if head phones are utilized.

John favors the Whites Electronics PI and the Tesoro Tiger Shark detectors for in water work. His favorite all purpose machines are The Tesoro MXT and The Tesoro Lobo, which both carry the Tesoro lifetime warranty.

Some notes for happy detecting outings include: Always get written permission from land owners or land managers, use a thin metal probe or screw driver to locate the target object, and finally use a screw driver or trowel to dig instead of a large shovel, replacing any set aside dirt or sod back into the same hole to cover your dig area. Leaving an area neat after digging will be appreciated by the land owners.

Following the mid evening break, the announcement was made notifying club members of the Outing and Events Committee meeting on Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, at 1:00pm. Gary and Trudy Schrader have opened their home for the meeting. Anyone interested members may attend.

President Louie Frick, Vice President Steve Landis and Tom Quintal all stressed the importance of club involvement, both by serving as active committee members, and as mentors to help pass on mining and prospecting knowledge and techniques to newer members.

November will be time to elect the 2008 Club Officers. Any member may serve, volunteers are always welcome to seek

nomination for the elections, simply express your desire to help, and be added to the nominations at the beginning of November's meeting. So far Steve Landis and Marshal Phares have expressed their interests in helping. Steve would run for a second term as Vice President, and Marshal would run for a second term as treasurer. Please join in and help our club. The date for the annual Willamette Valley Miners Christmas Party is Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> here at the Fire Station. The time will be announced at the November meeting. Plan to bring the entire family and attend. You will enjoy a good meal visiting with old friends and have the opportunity to meet someone new, who just might need a prospecting or mining partner in 2008.

Tom Quintal spoke on some of the legal and legislative issues coming at miners. It appears that the U S Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management are making plans to amend the Mining Laws of 1872. Get actively involved to protect small scale gold mining.

The meeting was adjourned by Louie and the evening raffles held.

Happy Prospecting.

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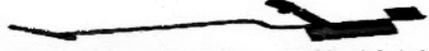
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