

# WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

September 2009

## Meeting

September 17, 2009  
7:00 pm

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**Please have all items for  
the news letter to me by  
the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month**

## President's Report

Hello all, sorry about last month. Thank you Lloyd job well done.

The August meeting went well and was well attended including 5 new members. Thank you all for your attendance it wouldn't be a club without you.

Outing reports say that some members are getting out and getting together having fun and finding gold. Good, get out there and live a little, see you in the water.

Thank you to Don Hammer for taking care of the website and domain name keep up the good work. Thanks to Gary and family for keeping the raffle running. Thank you Karen keeping up with the minutes.

Tom, Don and Joe are working up maps and descriptions of Briggs creek claim and will publish when complete and correct.

Remember Dredging is ending soon so check on water dates for areas that you plan on visiting if dredging.

Metal detecting should be going strong. Remember that if you are detecting and have any trouble with the officials get their name, affiliation, complaint and date, time, location, and let Gary know. Then do as they request so there is no conflict. Then it can be worked out for your next visit.

Members, don't forget to place your window cards in your vehicle window when visiting a claim held by the club. Watch over your claims and inquire if you don't recognize the person using your claim. And if you are asked for your club ID kindly present it.

Sept. 18, 19, and 20 is Miner's Meadow camping with potluck. Louie Frick is the man to contact.

Good night and good gold.

Eben Ray

Vice President

**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 August 20, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7 P.M. by Vice President Eben Ray. Our President Paul Mesessersmith was unable to attend because of illness.

The treasurer's report was given by Lloyd Bridgmon. We are now about half-way toward our goal in collecting funds for the high-banker. We now have 305 club members! This is a record for the club. The treasurer's report was approved by the members & seconded.

Don Hammer gave us a report on the outing at Myrtle Creek. There was a lot of good gold found. If you go to the campground it's \$80.00 for full hookups per week. If you're tent camping it was suggested that you camp on the sand rather than fighting the sprinkler heads in the grassy area.

Howard Connor brought up our club library. The materials are available for check-out & we only ask that they be returned in a timely manner. There is a great deal of good material for all to enjoy.

Tom reported to us on Government Affairs. The governor of California did sign SB760. This places a moratorium on suction dredge gold mining in California.

The club's next outing is Sept. 18-20. This is our last outing this year for Miner's Meadow. There will be a pot-luck lunch on Saturday. We encourage all of you to bring your favorite goodies so all may enjoy.

Club member Tom Bohmker is hospitalized in Keizer with a very debilitating illness. Tom Quintal is going to find out when it would be good time to visit him. He has been a very active member of our club. He was newsletter editor & has written several books on gold mining. I'm sure he would enjoy visiting with any of you who might be interested.

The club voted to invite the GPAA Brownsville chapter to join us for our Miner's Meadow outings. There was a second to this motion.

Gary & Trudy brought a lamp this evening. It shows a miner out prospecting. It was decided that the lamp would be saved until the gold show. The club is to reimburse Trudy \$20.00 for the lamp.

Getting a larger meeting place came up once again. If any of you folks know of a likely place for our meetings check on it & please report back to us. The Club pays \$420.00 per year for our present location.

According to this evening's sign-in sheet there were only 29 folks with us this evening. I don't believe that everyone had the opportunity to sign-in. We should be more careful with this item & see that the sheet gets around to everyone.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen S. Phares, Secretary  
Willamette Valley Miners club

### From the office of the treasurer

Hello everyone, I am going to start early this year so you can get all of the things done that you need to for renewing your membership. I would like to have an application filled out in full, that way I will not have to look back on an old list to find you and I will not have the trouble I had this year. You can get an application off of the net under [www.wvminers.com](http://www.wvminers.com). I do not like to fill out your apps. for you. It is also hard for me to guess where you live, or your phone number. Also for some of you new members the year starts on January the first and runs though Dec. the 31st. You have three months to renew, or till the end of March, the following year, then you are not on the mailing list any longer and you do not have the right to be on any of our claims.

The buddy list:

Leon Haight- 4179 Riverdale, Salem,  
Phone (503) 399-9690

Karen Kenney- 3416 desert Rd. Silverton,  
Phone (503) 383-2431

Stacy Anderson- 299 Santa Clara Ave. Eugene  
Phone (541) 729-4754

Ken Doran PO Box 64 Scott5s Mills,  
Phone (503) 873-9611

I hope someone will look up these miners as we all want the best out of our friendships.

### **Government Affairs Report**

The memorandum on mining in Oregon rivers Lloyd passed out at the September meeting needs to be clarified. It does not stop us from prospecting in all scenic waterways in the state or in the wilderness

areas. It stops us from having mining claims on some Oregon rivers, but we can still prospect on them. There are rules on dredging you have to be aware of but panning and sluicing are ok.

### Outings/Events

Sept. 18-20 (Fri, Sat, Sun.) is the last Miner's Meadow outing for 2009. This is the second notice of this coming event. But the information concerning the event has greatly changed since the August meeting adjustments.

This still a good opportunity for new members to get some hands on experience at gold panning, sluicing and the like from more experienced prospectors. This is easy access to several places to mine such as right there at Miners Meadow and the rest of Quartzville Creek and Club claims WVM 1 and Cedar Bend.

Saturday at noon is the potluck but the Club will not be cooking meat so BYOM (you cook) if you want to eat meat and the potluck will truly depend on the "luck" part -- all salads (we'll vege. out), or all beans (a tooting good time), or all desserts (watch out pounds). The food will be great with much fun and socializing too. Evening campfire is still a staple of camp life so bring some firewood if you can.

And here's a really good surprise -- no cost to camp! The Club is paying so the camping fee has disappeared. This is a dry camp so bring your own water. Forest Service toilets are available. (sometimes the tp is kinda scarce -- be prepared)

See you there -- gate will be open about 2pm on Friday the 18th.

Louie and Joan Frick 541-327-1210

### Gary's Raffle Corner:

### Raffle tickets by mail – Big Raffle Item!

We are now selling raffle tickets for the new large item raffle. A land based 2" highbanker (powersluice)/dredge combo, complete with engine, pump (high pressure or trash type), dredge attachment, foot valve and hose, stiff highbanker hose attachment, 2" nozzle and hose, water line hoses and quick connects where appropriate – a complete system ready to setup and go! Pictures will be available at the monthly meetings.

We are halfway there, keep up the good work so we can reach our goal of giving the high banker/dredge combo to some lucky miner during this summer mining season.

For those club members who live a considerable distance and for those who have difficulty making meetings, you can now purchase Big Raffle Item tickets by mail. The winner will be notified by phone and/or mail if not present at the meeting when the drawing takes place. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Send your ticket request and check to:

Gary Schrader  
P.O. Box 504  
Lyons, OR 97358  
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Thanks for your support.

### **BRIGGS CREEK LOCATION AND DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS**

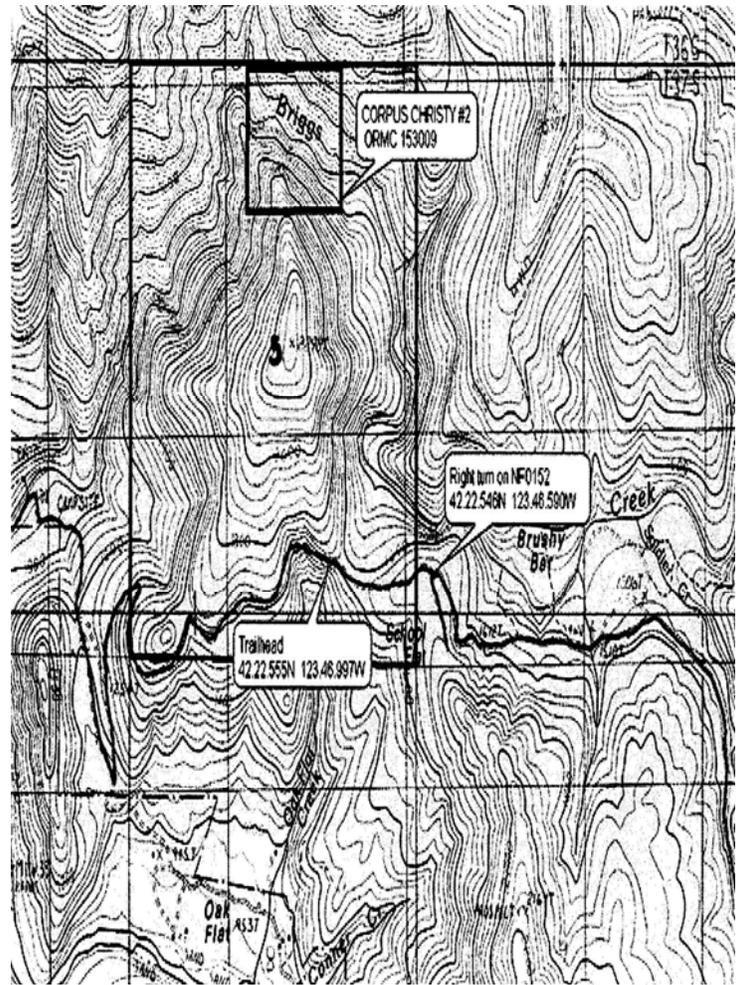
Briggs Creek mining claim. Corpus Christi #2 ORMC 153009

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**Travel to Grants Pass Oregon on I-5 South and take Exit #55 to Redwood Hwy. #199 and follow it to the small town of Selma Oregon. At Selma, turn right at 76 Union stations onto the paved Illinois Hwy. Road #4103. GPS N 42\* 16.759' W 123\* 37.71** approximate reading. From Selma follow paved road #4103 for 6.8 miles and turn right onto gravel road #4105. GPS N 42\* 17.362' W 123. 43.353'. Cell service may be available on road #4105 13.8 miles from Selma next to a gravel pit location on road #4105 at GPS N 42\* 19.981' W 123\*43.773'. The Millennium Diggers claim is approximately 20 miles from Selma on road #4105. Camping for larger RV's and tents are available at this claim if space is open. It is approximately one mile from Millennium diggers claim to Corpus Christi #2 trailhead spur road. Camping is also available approximately 21.5 miles from Selma off road #4105 in a small gravel storage area for tents and one or two small to medium size trailers or one large trailer or fifth wheel. Spur road #0152 is located across from this camping area and located with reading GPS N 42\* 22.505' W 123\* 46.563. Take Spur road #0150

downhill approximately one eight mile and find old log landing site on left side of road where some camping is available. Not recommended for larger size RV's. pick up and camper or dry camping is best suited here.. This site will provide parking for **6 or 7** cars if no RV's are present. This site is close to **School Flat** on claim map. Just below log landing campsite **off spur road #0152** notice a **red orange colored spur road** to your right with a fairly steep uphill grade. **Corpus Christi #2 trail head start GPS N 42\* 22.558 W 123\* 46.977** is marked with a **Wild Cat #2 claim sign on tree at bottom of spur road**. At this location, your odometer should read approximately **22 miles from Selma**. With a small 4x4 pickup, you could drive up steep trailhead spur road to unload equipment. There is very limited area to turn vehicle around. Check first before driving up spur this spur road. At top of spur road, it takes 30 minutes without a heavy pack load to travel about three quarters of a mile to claim water site. The trail is well marked with pink ribbons along the way and claim Notice Of Location bottles are placed on trees at specific locations on trail. Approximately **20 minutes** from the trail starting point the trail intersects with trail leading down to **Briggs Cr. water location**. This trail intersection is GPS **N 42\* 23.013' W 123\* 46.773'**. The downhill trail leading from main trail junction takes another **10 minutes** to **Corpus Christ # 2 Briggs Creek water site**. **Water site GPS N 42\* 23.927' W 123\* 46.840'**.

You will need to be in good physical condition if you plan to carry in a heavy pack. The trail is narrow in spots and some steep grades will be encountered. It will take approximately 45 minutes for your return trip depending on your condition and load you are packing. This is not a claim where you want to pack in a 4-inch dredge. Backpack equipments are well suited for the Corpus Christi #2. Be extremely careful, as there are some steep drop off areas if you step off the trail. It takes approximately 6 hours travel time one way to claim trailhead and another few hours to pack in and set up some types of mining equipment. Two days are lost for travel and equipment setup, so plan on a minimum of 6 to 7 days for this mining trip.



Contact Tom Quintal if you have any questions.

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Paul @ 541-926-8153

**Wanted**

**Gold Screw**

Dan @ 541-401-0922 (Sweet Home)

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