

WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

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7:00 pm

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Please have all items for the newsletter to me by the 25th of the month

President's Report

Hello everyone thanks for the great turn out at the February meeting. We had a guest speaker that stole the show, but we still took care of business. Outings are going on every month so if you're looking for something to do check your schedule and newsletter. Also there are several shows coming up and we need people to man the booths. But if you are not manning a booth or helping out you can still come to the event and look around, stop by and say Hi. There was mention of the Roseburg Gold show and the N. W. Mineral and Gold show that are also coming up, I believe in March. If you're interested in going, look it up.

Claims committee has brought to the memberships to sell our walker creek claim and to sell it to our membership. It will be put in the newsletter and then sold in a meeting following. More information will be available soon.

Government affairs was as busy as ever and our government is going strong and attempting to change the way we all can do things with our spare time. Get involved. Contact Tom Q. and get on his Email list.

Tom Bohmker is writing a new book and is looking to hear from miners about some of their adventures and info on gold Mining in the Cascades. Contact him if you have a great story, also if you have info on the history of Gold Mining in the cascades 503 606-9895.

Apparently other organizations are keeping track of their lead and mercury removal, like we had discussed at our January meeting. One person photographed his 50 plus pounds of lead removed last year on a single outing and shows the picture to every environmentalist that will listen. We need to try and do this this year and build a record to show how we help the environment. Thank You.

Now get out and find some Gold

Eben Ray
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 February 18, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by our President, Eban Ray. The first order of business was the Treasurer's report given by Lloyd Bridgmon.

Lloyd gave us the totals in our various accounts & following this there was some talk of whether we should have a financial advisor to further assist us in putting our monies where we might gain the most.

It was decided that the savings account and the CD's would be put in a Money Market account until perhaps we come up with better choices at a later date.

Tom Quintal reported on Government Affairs as our next order of business. The Division of State Lands wanted to change our General Authorization for removal/fill to a General Purpose Permit. It has been decided to stay with the General Authorization for removal/fill for at least another year. The 7 miners whose court date was set for February 23 in Federal Court in Portland now has changed to 60 days out from the original February date which will be set for sometime in April.

There are sign-up sheets here on the table for both the GPAA show & the Rickreall Rock & Gem Show. Please sign up & help the club at both of these great activities.

With us this evening are 38 members & 4 guests.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 20 Geo-cash outing
March 26-28 GPAA show(OR State Fairgrounds)
April 3-4 Beverly Beach Outing
April 16-18 Rickreall Rock & Gem show

Respectfully submitted,

Karen S. Phares,
Secretary
Willamette Valley Miners Club

Treasurer's Report

The year has gone by so fast it's hard to believe. I will say that it is time to renew our memberships and to look forward to the spring when all things are new. We have put an application in the newsletter for you, so it will be easier for a lot of you to get one. Please if you have a copier you can print one out and give it to a friend. With all the problems the

miners are having it would be better if we all stick together. You can also get an application from the net on our web site www.wvminers.com. The dues are still the same.

Outings/Events

Outings coming up

March 26-28 GPAA show. Don't forget to sign up and help. This is a great product and educational opportunity. There will be door prizes too!!!!

April 3-4 Beverly Beach. Fun on the coast and alot of fine gold and some fossil hunting along with agate and other beach stuff. Wes has this one and is always more then helpful.

Go south from Lincoln City to Beverly Beach campground. Then find a club member.

April 16-18 Rickreall Rock and Gem show. This one is very fun and educational with gold panning for the kids. The gems are outstanding in the rest of the show and people there are willing to share all sorts of information.

May 1 Basis Mining Workshop/potluck

Gary's Raffle Corner:

We are nearing our goal on the large raffle (dredge/high banker) Our cost was \$1200.00. As of last meting we were at 1109.00, \$90.00 short of our cost!!! Plus we need 15% over our cost to end the raffle or \$180.00, for a total \$1380.00 which means we **need only \$271.00 and we can pull the winning ticket.** We have been selling about \$90.00 per meeting and it would be great if we can have a winner before the weather turns nice!!! Mining season is near.

I was the lucky winner of the nugget this month (Marshal Phares drew my number) Thanks!!! Gary

Member's Corner

BRIGGS CREEK LOCATION AND DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS

Briggs Creek mining claim. Corpus Christi #2
ORMC 153009

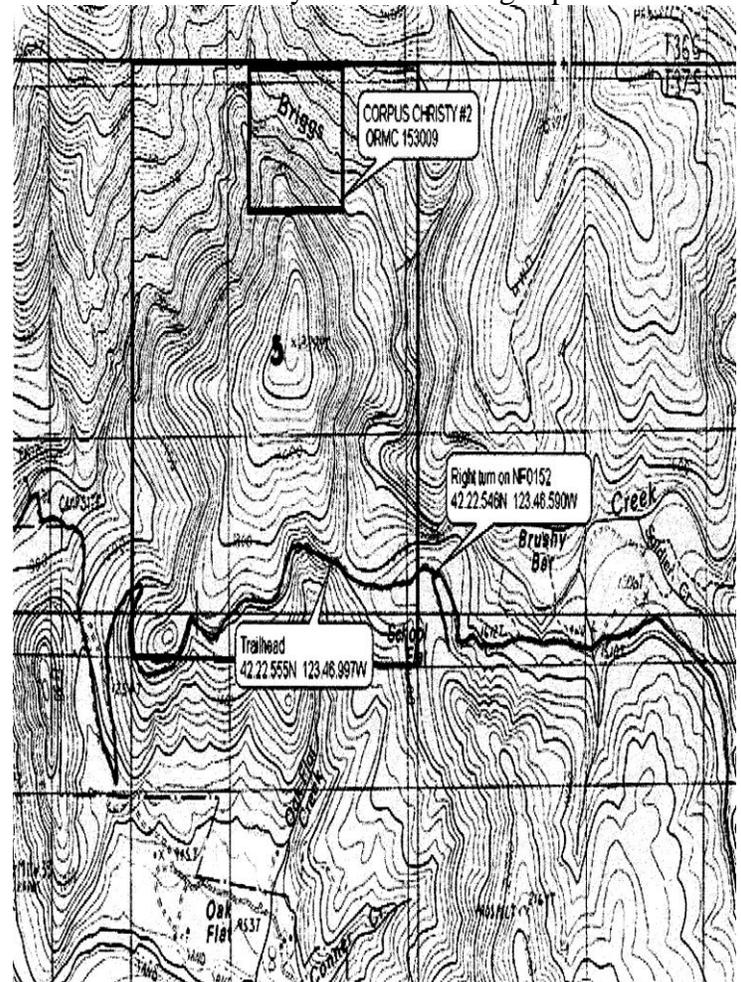
E 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 and the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 5 T 37S R 9W of the Willamette Meridian located in Josephine Illinois River area.

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 eighth 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.

Two lonely miners “read” the Sears Catalog

Moe and Joe were two young lonely miners working out at the isolated mining town of Stibnite in central Idaho in the 1950’s.

Moe was coming back from the outhouse in back of the bunkhouse and remarked to Joe, 'Have you seen the beautiful girls in the catalog we keep in the outhouse?'

Joe replied, 'Yes, they are very beautiful, and look at the price!'

Then Moe says, with wide eyes, 'Wow, they aren't very expensive, at that price, I'm a gunna buy one through the Company store come payday.'

Then Joe smiled and patted him on the back. 'Good idea! Order one and if she's as beautiful as she is in the catalog, I will get one too.' Then after a long pause he added with a far away look in his eyes. 'Why when we get married we could live in one of them little cabins the mine company has down by the creek!'

Three weeks later, Joe asked his friend, 'Did you ever receive the girl you ordered from the Sears catalog?'

Moe replied.....

'No, but it shouldn't be long now, I got her clothes yesterday.'

Submitted by Tom Bohmker

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with boots. \$125.00 Jeff @ 503-371-3652

Wanted
Gold Screw
Dan @ 541-401-0922 (Sweet Home)

Willamette Valley Miners

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE CLEARLY PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Name _____
Last First Middle Initial

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Please check: New Member Membership Renewal

Please accept my application for membership in the Willamette Valley Miners Club.
I understand that the association is a non-profit organization of members with a common interest in small
scale mining and Mineral prospecting. I have read and understand the agreement below.

Annual Family membership dues - \$20.00.
Membership card for dash - \$1.00
Membership year begins in January

As a member of the Willamette Valley Miners I hereby agree to abide by the rules and guidelines
established by the club. I acknowledge that small scale prospecting may involve inherent dangers and I
hereby release the Willamette Valley Miners Club, its officers, and claim holders from any and all
actions, causes of actions, claims, damages, or injuries that may occur on any and all claims controlled
by the Willamette Valley Miners Club, or other clubs who we share claims with. I further agree to hold
the Willamette Valley Miners Club, its officers, and claim holders harmless from the results of any
accident or incident that may occur while I am on said lands controlled by the Willamette Valley Miners
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Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

(Must be signed by spouse for family membership)

Amount enclosed _____

Please send application and remittance to:

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