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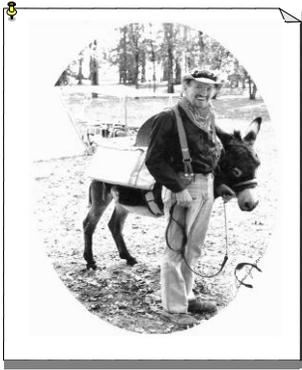
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**Please have all items for  
the newsletter to me by  
the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month**



# WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

July 2010

### Meeting

July 15, 2010  
7:00 pm

## President's Report

Hello everyone. We had another good turn out at the June meeting. The club now has 314 members and soon we will have enough to support me in my bid for Senator.

Members bring your stories and your show and tell to the meetings, if we don't have a speaker and we have time left at the end of the meeting, everyone would like to hear and see how your prospecting has gone.

Also an idea of writing a book of tips and tricks of the miner/pro prospector by club members, was presented to me, that could be given to members and new members of the club. What do you think? Let me know.

Now is the time to start saving the Lead and Mercury you recover while prospecting weigh it and let Jeff or I know or bring it to a meeting and we will weigh it for you. This way we can keep a record of the good we do for our water ways.

Be safe and find some gold.

Eben Ray  
President

## Meeting Minutes June 17, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7 P.M. by President Eben Ray. The first order of business was the Treasurer's report.

Lloyd Bridgmon reported that all is in order with savings & CD's now in Money Market accounts. It was voted on at the last meeting to give Howard Connor \$100.00 for prizes for the upcoming Miner's Meadow outing. We also voted to give \$500.00 to Linda Buchman & Guy Michaels for their court cases. Lloyd also announced that we now have 314 members plus a few new members that joined us this evening.

Jim Perkey reported on the Memorial Day, Dad's Creek outing. There were about 15 people that attended this outing. There was some gold found & everyone had a good time.

**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 Cont'd

Tom Quintal next gave us a rundown on all things government. Fees, permits, etc., it all seems confusing. The best advice from this meeting is that if you have questions regarding permits or fees or the like please call Tom to get the information. He can be reached at (503) 371-9747. I'm sure that he can set you straight on any of these issues.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Aug—Brigg's Creek--TBA  
Aug. 6-8 Myrtle Creek outing  
Aug. 28 Mine Tour  
Oct. 2-3 Beverly Beach

Respectfully submitted,

Karen S. Phares,  
Secretary  
Willamette Valley Miners Club

## Outings/Events

### Miner's Meadow Outing

SHA-ZAM! Was that a great Miner's Meadow, or what?! I'm sure there were well over 50 attendees and I hope they all had a good time; I know I did. Sorry that some of our regulars couldn't make it to the meadow, we missed you. The weather all four days was just perfect. A lot of you were busy, busy panning, sluicing and dredging and I do believe finding some color. All the activities had plenty of participants. Thank yous go to Gary and Wes for the duck races (even if I didn't win a thing!) Gary also took charge of the metal detecting contest. There was a poker chip hunt for all the kids in camp and they enjoyed that; especially the prizes – Money! They also got to participate in a panning contest and did really quite well. Speaking of that, since the GPS was cancelled this year, a speed-panning contest was held instead. You men need to do a lot more practicing because both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places went to the women with times of 10 & 12 seconds. Wow! The “campfire crooner” (Jim Perkey) serenaded us around the cozy evening campfires with wood provided by Gary and Jim and Jerry Garner, who made a special delivery on Thursday. Thanks guys. Tom Quintal gave a memorial talk about Clarence Janzen, one of the early members of Willamette Valley Miner's club, with some details of his life and involvement in mining. Now to the food-Joann and Louie provided all with warm tasty donut holes – yummy! Gary

and Trudy did a grand job fixing the burgers and dogs with all the fixings, and Don and Ruth deep fried two delicious turkeys. A big thank you to all you miners and miner-ettes for such a fantastic potluck – it was super! See you all next year!!!

Patti Perkey

### Dad's Creek July 4<sup>th</sup> Outing

The July 4th, Dads Creek Outing had a nice turnout of around 17 adults and 8 children. Everyone appeared to have gotten some gold. The weather was nice to start with and got better each day.

Most of us gathered around the fire each night to talk about our findings and eat S'mores.

The water was a little cold but there was enough to run the dredges. One new member (Chad) even ran down to Grants Pass to purchase a new 2 1/2" dredge. Eben Ray and Don Hammer helped Chad to set up the dredge and Don stuck around to instruct while Chad learned how to use the equipment in the same hole Don had punched out the day before. On the last day, four of us went for a walk up the hillside to do some exploring before packing up. The gold was good, but the time spent family and other members, getting to know them more and hangout was even more golden.

Jeff Farrand

### Gary's Raffle Corner:

Congratulations to Allen Mitchel who won the large raffle - Wines Comp 3 day mining trip.

Randy Hoge won the nugget this month. It was a really nice one. Lloyd showed us some of the other nuggets that will be coming up for the raffle table, WOW! I would show up for the meeting just to get a chance on any of them.

Larry Coons brought in Paul Messersmith's prospecting kit and donated it to the club for the large raffle item. It contains a sluice box, crevice pump, crevice tools, hammer, classifiers, pans, scoop, rubber gloves, sucker bottles, small clean up sluice, magnet all in a carry bag. The ticket for this will be pulled after 2 meetings.

Gary

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