



WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

August 2010

Meeting
August 19, 2010
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 all. The July meeting attendance was down a little but still had about 50 people. These are the people that are always there and the ones that get to vote on club activities and involvement. If you want to be involved come to the meeting and let your voice be heard. We have had some very good outings this year with good attendance and several hours of assessment work done, however we need to be getting reports from users of our claims as to hours worked and the activities that they are doing. There are new forms out that you can fill out and send or bring to the club so we can tally this.

Now I would like to talk about and say thank you for the hospitality that our members show others. We have a great group of people that attend the outings and many of them welcome others into their camp or ask each other over for a meal. This is great and I for one really appreciate this. I recently spent a weekend with a family and another person where we shared breakfast and dinner almost every day for three days and it was just like being one of the family. We all put in some food and the family did all the cooking so we tried to help with the clean up (I was probably more in the way but I tried). This was probably one of the best camping trips I have ever had with other people and I look forward to getting to do this again with this group. I'll bring a lot more food next time including steak! Thank You!

It's time to start thinking about getting on a committee or about running for an officer position. We will be taking nominations soon so look around and encourage who you believe would make a good officer. All positions will be open for this next year. We also need some one interested in learning about the political part of the club as it pertains to the Government affairs. Remember to write your State Representative and Governor and Senators about your thoughts on what is happening to mineral prospecting. If you don't get involved, you don't get to complain!

Be safe 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 July 15, 2010

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

Lloyd reported that our savings account and the Club's 2 CD's are earning good interest having been placed in Money Market accounts. The Club's member status now stands at 330 members. This is the highest membership count that the Club has ever had. Lloyd also mentioned that the Eastern Oregon Mining Assoc. is having their annual Jubilee in Baker City this coming weekend. The dates are July 16, 17, & 18.

The next order of business was a report on outings. Jim Perkey reported to us on the recent weekend at Miner's Meadow. There were a number of activities at the outing. Metal detecting, duck races, panning contest (which was won by the ladies). Jim says the weather was perfect for the entire weekend & a great time was had by all who were able to attend.

The next outing was at Dad's Creek. This was July 3rd, 4th, & 5th. Jeff Farrand reported on this weekend. Those that were able to attend had a good time. Jeff said that sitting around the campfire in the evening & getting to know each other a little better was the most enjoyable part.

Howard Connor is in charge of the Club's library. He asked for & was given funds for purchasing new totes for the library's contents. Apparently the old totes are falling apart and are becoming quite brittle.

Another subject came up and was briefly discussed. We feel we should somehow relieve the treasurer from having to do membership duties as well as handling all the monies. It will be brought up again next month—hopefully solving this double burden for the treasurer.

Wes Jeffers has asked for volunteers to help at the Clackamas County fair from August 17th thru the 22nd. The hours are from 10 a.m. until dark. He has parking passes as well as free admission for anyone who may be able to help him. The volunteers are asked to dress up as old timers for this project. For

additional information you can contact Wes at 971-563-5080.

Wes has a sign-up sheet that he is passing around this evening.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen S. Phares,
Secretary
Willamette Valley Miners Club

Outings/Events

Bohemia Mining area Outing

Will meet at Winco parking lot on Lancaster, Salem and head out from there at 9:45am on August 28th Bring lunch stuff as we will have lunch at the park on Bohemia Saddle, and tour some old mining sites and fairview. Any questions feel free to call, if I don't answer please leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Steve Landis 645-654-6776
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Gary's Raffle Corner:

The next meeting (Aug 19) Paul's Prospecting Kit will be raffled off. You need not be present to win so if you want to send money for tickets (\$1.00 per ticket) send it to Gary Schrader, 661 Elm St., Lyons Or 97358 or send it to the club mailing address. Only 66 tickets sold so far so your chances of wining are pretty good!!!!

Karen Phares won this month's nugget drawing. It was a beauty.

The table raffle was a little empty this month. If you are coming to the meeting remember to bring something, the donations for the table, are much appreciated, please help out.

Gary

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Dan @ 541-401-0922 (Sweet Home)

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