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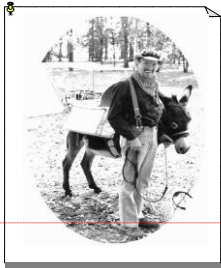
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**Please have all items for
the newsletter to me by
the 25th of the month**



WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

June 2011

Meeting

Miner's Meadow

June 17, 2011

7:00 pm

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President's Report

Hello All

May flew by and the meeting went fast since I had to go to work after. Thank you everyone for letting me expedite. Another great turn out with several new members and guests. Everyone present learned about the great upcoming outings and that next month's meeting will be during the outing at Miner's Meadow. Some active discussions were had and the club voted to help out some of the individual miner litigation's happening that will positively help us as miners if they win. Also we are joining a national association that should help increase the power of our voice.

Government affairs has been very active and shared some very important info (Tom Q. will be very missed on his extreme activity to save us dollars in fees and from major restrictions on mining in Oregon)

We are a lucky group to have a few people that take time to fight to protect our chosen hobby or lively hood of gold mining/prospecting, think about what you can do to help these individuals with our battle against the machine.

Now get out and find some gold. Be safe.

Eben Ray

June Meeting

June meeting will be held at Miner's Meadow. Friday, June 17th at 7:00 by the campfire.

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

May 19, 2011

The Willamette Valley Miners' monthly meeting was called to order by President Eben Ray. The pledge of allegiance was led by Howard C.

The minutes were approved as published in the newsletter. And a side note on the newsletter - Lloyd B. did not receive his for May 1, he hopes to be "reinstated to the list". No others reported problems.

The financial report was given by Treasurer Larry C.

In attendance we had nine new members and 1 guest. It's always interesting of our varied backgrounds and mining experience. Welcome. The sign-in sheet showed 50 members attending.

PAST OUTINGS: May 1 was the basic mining workshop/potluck at the Perkey's farm. It was a fun turnout of about 55 people. We all went home full and happy and smarter. Excellent!

UPCOMING OUTINGS: May 28-30 is Vincent Creek with Eben leading. This is a good claim for gold finds. Remember that you must display the dashboard "card". E-mail Eben for weather conditions before you start out.

June 11, a Saturday, around 10am is a mining equipment demonstration at Quartzville Creek (about milepost 19-20). This is led by Rita and Steve Houston of Oregon Prospecting Supplies, Sweet Home and Louie Frick of Fine Recovery products, Jefferson.

June 16-20 is the Quartzville Miner's Meadow Rendezvous (milepost 25) with Howard C. in charge. Come for all days or just part(s). This is one of our finest outings with easy mining, Saturday potluck, metal detecting, games, evening campfire entertainment and fun. NOTE: our June monthly meeting is 7pm, Friday evening around the campfire. Also it would be good for us all to bring some firewood, please. Motion made by Lloyd B. for \$125 to be spent by Howard on game prizes. Seconded and approved.

GOV'T AFFAIRS: Tom Q. is continuing his retiring from "gov't affairs" and as the legislature adjourns soon. He's had talks with John Graham about possibly taking over.

Joe G. presented a petition against government closing public land and public domain under the guise of environmental protection. If you'd sign it, it could possibly benefit us miners too.

The EOMA/Waldo litigation against DEQ is still ongoing but moving slowly. Our fundraising for it is ongoing too. Guy Michels has been a terrific worker on research for this litigation too and is in need for special funds. Motion by Joe G. was made to donate \$500 to him. Seconded and approved.

OLD BUSINESS: * John R. reported on Club logo shirts, hats, etc. at T-Patch. He displayed some samples and had price list for anyone interested. There are varied prices for transfer type or embroidered. You can check with our price list (we can vote on embroidery fee next month) or go directly to T-Patch on Market Street, Salem. He also showed a magnetic name tag from Salem Emblem for \$15.

*Larry C. and Tom Q. have been negotiating with ODFW and DEQ about the annual and year-round waver for WVM #1. We will not have to give them each member name and address but you must have a copy of this waver on your person when working this claim.

NEW BUSINESS: *Joe G. gave a report on some of the "California issues" and his and Claudia W. research testimony there on suction dredging. He reported also about receiving help from more powerful mining associations. One of the things he strongly advises is we become more active in the NW Mining Assoc. We need a more powerful base for addressing mining rights. There is power in numbers. A motion was made by Tom Q. to have the Club join NWMA at \$125 yearly fee. Seconded and approved. Joe will also be checking on the national mining organization so we can possibly join there too.

Meeting was adjourned to the raffle table. Howard C. will present part 2 of "Emergency and Disaster Preparedness" program in the near future.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Frick, Secretary WVM

Outings/Events

This year's **Miner's Meadow** outing promises to be better than ever!! The Meadow Campground will be available from about 10:00 on Thursday, June 16th and end at 11:00 on Monday, June 20th. This is a **MUST ATTEND** event for those who want to learn more about the many ways to find **GOLD** in our beautiful Oregon streams and, of course, get to know some really great fellow prospectors. On Saturday we will celebrate eating a huge amount of the best food on earth. The club provides the meat and cooking and the rest of us bring the salads, rolls, deserts and etc. Don Hammer will, once again, deep fry turkeys for everyone's amazement and Gary Schrader will perform magic with his gravity defying hamburger roaster.

As usual, there will be tons of fun with a Metal Detector Hunt, the famous **DUCKY RACE**, a Poker Chip Hunt for the kids and (for the technologically minded) a GPS Geo Cache search. Did I mention the great prizes for the lucky winners??!!

On I-5, in Albany, take exit 233, to hwy. 20 going east through Lebanon and on through Sweet Home. Continue East on Hwy. 20 then turn left across Foster Lake on Quartzville Drive Road. Signs read to Yellowbottom and Quartzville. Continue on to mile marker 26, watch carefully on your right for WVM signs. Turn right off the road then an immediate left through the chain-link gate. The campground is great for tents or large RV's. No potable water or power is available so bring your own.

We will have more fun with you there, but we will be there listening to the outstanding Jim Perkey concert, drowning ducks and all the rest no matter what!!! Hope to see everyone there! Howard Conner [503-399-0292](tel:503-399-0292)

The annual mining equipment demonstrations presented by Oregon Prospectors Supplies, Sweet Home (Rita and Steve Houston) and Fine Recovery products, Jefferson (Louie Frick) is to be Saturday, June 11, about 10am on Quartzville Creek (milepost 19-20). Bring your lawn chair and lunch, and come with your questions, also get some hands on time with your metal detectors. This is not a Club scheduled event but it's a fun learning day and experience to be gained. For more info, call Louie and Joan [541-327-1210](tel:541-327-1210).

Oregon Miners' Jubilee The Miners' Jubilee is fast approaching. This is July 15-17 in Baker City and is a weekend of activities in the beautiful city park and blocks around (the place is jumping!). Get to know some of your EOMA mining friends. While in the area stop at our WVM Vincent Creek claim (better weather than Memorial weekend!?) and also visit the historical mining area at Sumpter. Contact for this outing is Louie and Joan [541-327-1210](tel:541-327-1210).

Brigs Creek outing Aug 23-31. Contact person is Tom Quintal

Raffle Corner

I hope you all can overlook my stressed out attitude of this last meeting. Due to the abruptness of the meetings end (from break to when the raffle is done) I did not have time to be as prepared as I want to be. We keep a record of each raffle and how they are doing, (currently there are 5 on going raffles) which takes some time to make sure the \$\$ and tickets sold add up right. The raffles are important and I don't want to discourage any one from participating. My apologies if I offended anyone in anyway.

Robert (?) was the winner of the nugget this month! There will be no table Raffle, nugget or 50/50 this month. However the GPS and the Wines trip tickets will be available at Miner's Meadow. We will also have the duck race as usual up there. Hope to see you all at the Meadows!!

Gary

Jim P says advertising helps – I like chocolate chip cookies!!!!

Member's Corner

EOMA Drawing

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**We Meet Third Friday of
this month, 7:00 pm at
Miner's Meadow**

