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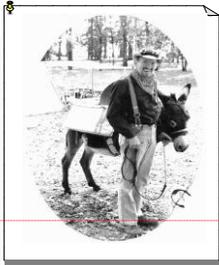
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the newsletter to me by
the 25th of the month**



WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

July 2011

Meeting

July 21, 2011
7:00 pm

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President's Report

Well if you didn't attend our June Meeting at Miner's Meadow you missed a good meeting. There were many members at the meeting and we had it around the campfire and all were relaxed (I might have even been a little relaxed). The meeting was followed by a concert (a good one too).

The outing at Miner's Meadow was OUTSTANDING a lot of members and a few guests and a lot of visiting and good times. You will hear all about that later in the newsletter I'm sure.

Jeff and I will be working on a new member application form and will present it to the group when we have it ready for your vote. Other than that we still need someone to step up and help with the government affairs OPENing.

A big thank you to all who put so much time and effort into the outing. Some of these were Howard, Trudy and Gary, Joan and Louie, Wes, the Hammers (turkey cookin'), Boyd and others. And again, thanks to Trudy for being behind the scene already working hard to get next year's event going.

Now get out and find some gold.
Be safe.

Eben Ray

Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2011

The Willamette Valley Miners monthly meeting was held around the campfire on Friday evening of the Quartzville Miners Meadow Rendezvous.

President Eben Ray called the meeting to order and the pledge of allegiance was led by Don H. Thanks Don and Ruth for providing the camp with a large flag and pole on this outing. Nice touch.

The minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.

The financial report was given by Treasurer Larry C. We now have a membership of 318 and each new member gives our organization more strength in numbers.

If you have changed your email/phone number or address please let us know by sending a note to the club mail box.

Minutes Cont'd

Getting an accurate attendance count (campwise, potluck, or meeting) proved to be a daunting task. Meeting sign in sheet totaled 72 with 3 brave new members recognized and eight (?) guests.

Before the usual meeting reports began we paused for Howard C. (PIC) to announce the next day, Saturday, schedule of events. Saturday proved to be a full day and serious mining to be squeezed in as best you can. Thanks to all of the volunteers making the "events" happen. And special thanks to Wes J. for providing a gold nugget prize (one of many times he has done so)

Raffle Table was open at this rendezvous for selling tickets on the GPS, Wines Trip, ducky races, and EOMA/Waldo legal fundraiser. These and "regular Raffle" will resume at the July meeting.

Reports from:

PAST OUTINGS/EVENTS - May 28-30 was the Vincent Creek outing. It was a good turnout of several hardy souls braving the weather and lots of cold water. Some good gold was found with Jeff F. having the best bragging rights.

June 11 the equipment demo on Quartzville Creek given by Rita, Steve and Louie was well attended by 60-65 people and one stressed BLM person. Information was plentiful and the day was enjoyed.

UPCOMING OUTINGS/EVENTS - July 1-5 is Dads Creek with Jeff F. contact person. This is one to find good gold on 3 claims, camping is easy at lots of turnouts, but watch for many creepy, crawly creatures.

July 15-17 is the Miners Jubilee in Baker City. Get to know some EOMA miners and others from around the state and even kick up your heels a bit.

August 6-7 is Myrtle Creek near I-5 exit 112. RiverWest Campground is a central location to camp, then venture out to various creek mining sites.

August 16-21 is the Clackamas County Fair in Canby. Wes J. will provide a booth for gold panning and promoting mining in general. It is a benefit to our Club if you can volunteer to help and be prepared to come in "mining period" clothing. (and for the best costume you'll win a gold nugget from Wes). Contact Wes at [971-563-5080](tel:971-563-5080).

August 23-28 is Briggs Creek with Tom Q. as contact person. Plan now for a several day trip as this is a ways to travel.

GOV'T AFFAIRS - Eben reported a couple things and reminded us all to watch for his e-mail alerts and even read your newspaper for info. We are still looking for a volunteer to help with this important and necessary job.

OLD BUSINESS - *The meeting program for July will be the part 2 of Emergency and Disaster Preparedness given by Howard C.

*Website - Don H. is wanting to meet with John McClure who may want to help out with the task of keeping the site current.

*Claims - Larry C. reports that the WVM #1 waver is ok'd and the gov't office will need to know who all is given a copy of this waver.

NEW BUSINESS - *Discussion led by Vice Pres. Jeff F. was quite lively on:

#1 perhaps the membership application needs to be rewritten as to membership in WVM being the member and family. Is that every relative? Is it member and spouse and children under 18? Is it one person only? etc. There are many ways to interpret this.

#2 is a closely related problem -- as to the membership fee of \$20. being too cheap? This problem is brought about by some few abusing the claims we have by letting every relative mine them on a one nominal fee. Would raising the Club fee discourage this? Would requiring meeting attendance help? How about different types of fees? Who's going to police this? Why do we want more money? - when we have a large bank account now?

#3 What is the procedure for terminating a membership?

A committee of Jeff and Eben will research all of this and report back to the group soon, more discussion and voting will be coming so stay involved. By-laws will probably need to be changed.

Meeting Adjourned,

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Frick - Secretary WVM

Outings/Events

Vincent creek outing

The Vincent Creek outing was fun, a little cold but we got through it. There were 10 rigs all together, this made 5 kids 18 adults. And yes there was some gold found, My gold is all covered with mercury that I removed from the environment. There were 2 4-inch dredges that one for sure took some gold out. My highbanker combo and 3 other combo set ups that took out some gold a couple of good amounts and one that has some nice nuggets. There were a couple of sluices running and I'm not sure how they did. A couple of members from Baker came out one day and did some sluicing and I didn't hear from them. We had snow and rain and a little sun but all in all it was a good turn out and I enjoyed some time with the other members and as always Jeff F's family and Larry were enjoyable to be around.

Thank You
Eben

Miner's Meadow in Review – 2011

“The biggest and bestest Miner's Meadow ever” many were heard to say!! The numbers speak for themselves. Approximately 90 people attended. They used 23 RV's & 11 tents to sleep in and many just drove up for the wonderful day on Saturday. The food was outstanding (as usual) and the sharing of gold stories and “how-to-do's” in prospecting was exceeded only by the good fellowship we all experienced.

Many prizes were awarded in many different categories and events, as follows:

Saturday Ducky Race:

Race:

1st Place =
Garett Vinson
2nd Place
Steve & Linda
3rd Place =
Joan Frick

Sunday Ducky

1st Place =
Randy Hope
2nd Place =
Desantis
3rd Place =
Desantis

Saturday GPS Hunt:

1st Place = Cassie Mitchel (5 points)
2nd Place = Nancy Reader (4 points)
3rd & 4th Place Tie Dillon K. & Jamie Hicky (3 points each)

Saturday Metal Detecting:

1st Place = Cassie Mitchell (most total finds) =213
2nd Place = Cassie Mitchell (most pennies) = 208
3rd Place = Jim Perkey (most white nickles) = 3 (+ pennies)
4th Place = Stephen Roberts (most blue nickles) = 3 (+pennies)
5th Place = George (least objects found) =21

Some lucky person found the gold nugget (donated by Wess Jeffers), but I do not have the name recorded. Congratulations!!!

Saturday Speed Panning:

<u>Adults</u>	<u>Kids</u>
1 st Place = Chad	1 st Place =Kayla
2 nd Place = Eben	2 nd Place = Melly
3 rd Place = Amy	3 rd Place =Cole

A great big THANK YOU to all who contributed food, time, tent set-up and take down and all the rest!!

And a very special THANK YOU to our own JIM PERKEY, musician extraordinaire, who once again filled our evenings with song and guitar of days past.

Dads Creek Outing

The weather was great, and the water was manageable. The turnout was about usual. Everyone found gold. Howard Conner, my son and I went for an exploration walk the first day and came across an old mine opening that had caved in. On Friday, others started to show up and we all spread out dredging and this continued for the remainder of the outing. Each morning Eben and Howard came over with offerings to cook, we had some good grub before heading out, and then we did it all again each evening as we returned to camp. It isn't all about the gold but the friends (family) and family we get to spend quality time with. Eben did come across a fellow who supposedly traded a motorcycle for WVM 3 from some other fellow. Eben seemed to have set him straight on who actually owns the claim. Eben also did some sign repairs and new postings.
Jeff Farrand

Oregon Miners' Jubilee

The Miner's Jubilee is July 15-17 in Baker City. Get to know some of your EOMA mining friends. Louie and Joan will be manning their booth at the beautiful city park and Tom Bohmker hopefully

plans a booth too. Stop by and say hi to us all. While in the area stop at our WVM Vincent Creek claim and also visit the historical mining area of Sumpter. More info through Louie and Joan 541-327-

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

Member's Corner

EOMA Drawing

Remember to buy your tickets for the 2nd EOMA drawing. Check their websites for the prize list and any updates at: www.waldominingdistrict.org or www.eoma.org

Folks we need to really get this web site information out to all including friends and family members who would enjoy a chance at some great prizes. Oregon miners are in need of serious funds for current court litigation to keep ODEQ from putting excessive 700 NPDES permit restrictions on our Placer mining activities and restricting our mining rights. If we do not take a stand now we will end up like California and who knows how long it will be before they are able to suction dredge in their streams.

EPA told Idaho miners they will not have their RESTRICTIVE NPDES permit until 2012, so you can see what the GREEN (EPA) agenda is doing to Placer Mining for our Western states. If we SNOOZE WE LOSE. Please get involved before it is too late.

Tom Q, WVM

Please distribute this address to everyone you know. Let's not just limit this to miners!!!

<http://easternoregonminingassocraffle.shutterfly.com/>

Recpies

Campfire Meatloaf

Recipe Ingredients:

- **Just use your favorite traditional meatloaf recipe.**

Cooking instructions:

The only difference is, to cut several large onions in half. Hollow them out, cutting up the insides to add to your meat mixture. Keep the shells for later. When your meat is all prepared, place a handful of meat into each half of onion shell, cover with the remaining half. Wrap entire ball in foil. Keep in a cooler until ready to throw it into the fire to cook.

Variations/Hints:

You could also store hamburger mix in a zip-lock and when you have the fire ready, grab a handful of meat and wrap it around a green stick (like a hot dog). Cover with foil and seal well around the stick. Cook over the fire (as you would with marshmallows).

Foil Hamburgers

Recipe Ingredients:

- **hamburgers**
- **your choice of vegetables**
(things like potatoes, onion, carrots)

Cooking instructions:

Place one hamburger in a foil, place your favorite vegetables on top of the hamburger. Then wrap it all up and have it cook on top of hot coals on the fire. Once they're done, grab your food with tongs. Enjoy!

Variations/Hints:

Do not put "runny" vegetables in the foil!

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