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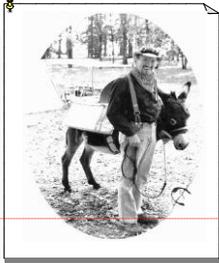
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the newsletter to me by
the 25th of the month**



WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

August 2011

Meeting

August 18, 2011
7:00 pm

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President's Report

Hello once again.

I hope this finds everyone well and good.

Today let's talk about what it means to be a member of Willamette Valley Miners. As a member you have access to **all the association has to offer**, that being 7 claims, many outings that are club sponsored, events that we set up booths to educate the public about what we do and **potlucks**. As a member you also have a few responsibilities

1. When you use a claim you have to report your work (assessment time) to the association or the claims committee
2. When working a claim care for it clean up and fill your holes.
3. Interact with others you see on the claim removing minerals and find out if they are members, all members will have a current card and have to show it when asked.
4. **If you are asked for your membership card you must show it.**
5. If you are on a claim and see a problem fix it, if you are unable to fix it contact one of the board members about it and they will try and get it fixed.
6. Help others when asked about mining. Teach them about prospecting/mining leave a positive impression about miners. This is just a quick and condensed version but now you know.

Now get out and find some gold.
Be safe.

Eben Ray

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 21, 2011

The Willamette Valley Miners monthly meeting was called to order by President Eben Ray and we recited the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

The financial report was given by Treasurer Larry C. We now have a membership of 326. Attending this meeting (per sign in sheet) were 42 members and 1 guest.

At this time the meeting paused for Howard C. to present part 2 of the "Disaster and Emergency Preparedness" program. Lots of helpful information and very well presented thanks!

Reports from: PAST OUTINGS/EVENTS - June 16-20 was the Miners Meadow Rendezvous and a great time was had by all. Thanks to everyone who helped. A thought for evening campfire entertainment for next year is some kind of showcase for "talented" members - Jim is looking for competition!

July 1-5 was Dads Creek outing. And it seems all miners found some gold there. A fun time and interesting -- Eben reported finding a fellow claiming to have bought our WVM #3 claim. That is "news" to us and Eben tried to set him straight but there may be more to come on it in the near future. This is a reminder to each member to be watchful and help "police" our claims, don't just wait for the officers to act.

July 15-17 was the Miners Jubilee in Baker City. And what a great turnout of around 2000 people. If you missed it, try for next year.

UPCOMING OUTINGS/EVENTS - August 6-7 is Myrtle Creek outing, call Leonard A. [503-983-1742](tel:503-983-1742) for info.

August 16-21 is the Clackamas County Fair in Canby. We will have a booth promoting mining and demo/hands on gold panning. He would like volunteers to help and you must dress in "mining period" type clothing (he will give a nugget prize for best outfit). Call him at [971-563-5080](tel:971-563-5080).

August 20 Steve L will lead a "mine tour" journey. You are to meet 8:30 AM at the Winco parking lot on Lancaster Dr. in Salem.

August 23-28 is Briggs Creek in southern Oregon. It's quite a long trip so plan to make several days of it. Tom Q. is contact person or call Eben as he plans to go too.

Sept. 3-5 is Dads Creek again. Good gold, good camping sites but NO campfires allowed. And water for mining drops dramatically.

CLAIMS - Larry C. reports that he has sent in the assessments for the year on all of our Club claims.

GOV'T AFFAIRS - Tom Q. gave his final report now that the legislature has adjourned. All in all it was a good year for miners in general as all "fee bills" got passed (killed) over. This was due in part to good response of our contacting representatives to voice opinions. We must keep it up too. Tom is retiring as gov't affairs person so we need someone to step up to the job. Volunteers?

Tom also reported the results of EOMA/Waldo drawings at the Miners Jubilee. Of note for WVM especially was member Mary Atkinson winning the silver bar. Congrats! Remember EOMA/Waldo tickets are still for sale and the BIG 1/2 pound gold drawing is in 2012 - you still have a chance! Mary and other pre winners will have their tickets put back in the pot for that drawing too. Sell some tickets to your neighbors!!

OLD BUSINESS - *Eben and Jeff gave a report of rewriting the membership application. Some new things were: Why do you want to join WVM? Change the word "employment" to skill, work/hobbies. Change "committee" commitment to list some specifics re: Pres., Claims, Gov't Affairs, etc. Change the meaning of membership (self and family) to read as our constitution does. More will be at our next meeting.

*Discussion turned to Club dues being changed and what if any effect this could have on our ongoing problem of members not participating actively in the Club and only using us as a source for claim use (and abuse). Someone suggested maybe that could be addressed by using a web cam on the website so more could "join" our meetings. Or Gary S. has an idea for "policing" the claims especially during

dredge season. Suggestion is that we have volunteers schedule to have a "presence" on each claim regularly. More to come on all of these ideas.

*Tom Q. (and others) questions our status as a club or an association. Do we need to do a corporate name change?

*On the Club logo t-shirt (etc.) project from T-Patch, question was asked on the embroidery fee. Discussion was tabled until next meeting.

*We will need an update on the NWMA application next meeting too.

NEW BUSINESS - no report

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Frick - Secretary WVM

Outings/Events

Hey you missed it! The Miners Jubilee in Baker City, July 15-17, was a HUGE success. WVM members Louie and Joan Frick and Tom Bohmker's manned their booths and promoted mining. About 2000 people enjoyed mining displays and sales and contest and silent auction, historical museum, carnival, parade, sidewalk sales, rodeo events, art in the park sales, Sunday morning breakfast, music, and lots of beautiful eastern Oregon weather and scenery. Why not try the Jubilee next year? Lots of FUN !

Bohemia Mining District Tour – Aug. 20th

The Bohemia Mining District is rich in mining history dating back to the late 1850's. It has been worked off and on ever since, including the present. This outing gives club members a chance to see a part of Oregon's history and enjoy some of the best scenic views in the Oregon Cascades.

We will meet at 8:00 AM in the Winco parking lot on South Lancaster in Salem and leave from there around 8:15. This is an all day outing so bring a lunch, snacks, drinks and perhaps a camera. Good footwear for walking to mine sites also an advantage.

For more information contact Steve Landis at [971-239-3374](tel:971-239-3374)

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

Dad's Creek Outing – Sept. 2-5 Dads Creek has multiple WVM claims on it. There are a number of areas along the claim to rough camp and they are accessible with camper trailers around 28 feet + vehicle. WVM 3 is the first claim as you turn onto the road along Dads Creek. There are many places to prospect with bedrock, shallow in some spots and deep in others. There is gold, one day you might not find any and the next you hit a good spot. Bedrock is the key for the better stuff. Flood gold is on the top.

Exit 80 to Glendale, at stop sign set your mileage to "0", go straight to Glendale. After 2.6 miles, turn right and cross over Cow Creek River, (with-in a block) then turn left. This puts you on Ruben road. Go an additional 9 miles to road number 32-7-21 which is on the right. There are many sharp turns, small shoulders and sometimes gravel on this 9 miles of paved road. When you turn right on to the service road it is clear you are in the right spot because there is a large area of rock taken from the hillside on the left. Find a spot in this area or travel further up to WVM 4 and 5. There are more areas along 4, 5 and 6 to camp along. Contact person is Jeff Farrand [503-371-3652](tel:503-371-3652).

Raffle Corner

Brock Sr. won the nugget at the July meeting.

Raffles going on right now.

The Wines Camp trip will be raffled at the Christmas Party, this is the trip the club won and has a \$500.00 value.

A very good GPS still has a ways to go. This is the raffle item the club has to get the cost + a percentage before it's winning ticket can be pulled. You can buy tickets at the meetings or send me the money, \$1.00 each, and your name and address to,

Gary Schrader
PO Box 504
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The faster we get the money the faster we can give these to a lucky winner.

At the meeting we also have the 50/50 and the nugget plus we are still selling tickets to the legal fund with the chance to win the big prize of 1/2 oz. of gold plus a lot other nice prizes.

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

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 Call Dennis at [541-345-2275](tel:541-345-2275)

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