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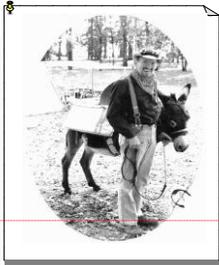
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**Please have all items for
the newsletter to me by
the 25th of the month**



WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

August 2011

Meeting

August 18, 2011
7:00 pm

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Vice President's Report

Vice Presidents Report

We are now coming to the end of the dredging season for most of the rivers in the state. It will come time to start storing equipment soon. Take notes on those items that need fixed or tweaked and make sure that they get fixed. If you wait till next year's season, you may forget about those issues until you have the equipment in a remote location.

For those who are purchasing equipment, especially used, if you are not fully knowledgeable of something you are buying, ask (not the person you are buying from), or do your research. I have talked to some lately that are not happy with their equipment. One person had the wrong hose set-up from the pump to the nozzle on a used set-up, not to spendy to fix but very frustrating when you spend the money and expect it to work. It can be time consuming also for a newbie who is learning.

At the meeting I had to try to explain to a person that their metal detector is not going to pick up stuff at a 4 foot depth. Mining equipment can be expensive and if you are not getting what you expect or what you are told it might deliver, you will be very disappointed.

Elections are coming up and the President's and Vice president's terms are max'd out. Also all other positions are voted on.

Jeff Farrand

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

August 18, 2011

The Willamette Valley Miners monthly meeting was called to order by Vice Pres. Jeff Farrand. He led us in the pledge of allegiance with 41 members and 2 guests in attendance (per sign in sheet). Welcome new members.

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

The financial report given by Treasurer Larry C, was approved. He stated also that printing price of the newsletter will be increasing in the near future. Something to consider.

Reports from:

PAST OUTINGS/EVENTS - Aug 6-7 was the Myrtle Creek outing with only Leonard A. and Louie F. reported to have been there but never saw each other. It seems the gold is there but it's not a popular outing.

UPCOMING OUTINGS/EVENTS - Clackamas County Fair is in full swing at the time of this meeting. Wes J. is promoting mining with his booth and could have used some more volunteers there.

Aug. 20 is the Bohemia Mining District Tour with Steve L. "Journey into the past" with an excellent guide.

Aug. 23-28 is Briggs Creek in southern Oregon. Tom Q. gave a pep talk on our newest claim. Directions are in your club packet; there is good gold and challenging terrain so be prepared if you go.

Sept. 2-5 (over Labor Day) is Dads Creek and at this time of year the water will be substantially lower.

Not mentioned, but should be, is Sept. 24-25 Beverly Beach north of Newport with Wes J. as contact person.

CLAIMS - While on our claims be sure to fill out your assessment forms and turn into the claims committee (Larry C.). It sure helps with their yearly paperwork! For this year assessment forms have been filed, reported Larry Coon. Don't forget you need an ODFW waver for dredge work on WVM #1, it must be on your person when mining there. To obtain this contact Larry through the WVM mail address: PO Box 13044, Salem, OR 97309-1044 and he will respond.

GOV'T AFFAIRS - Tom Q. is still willing to train someone and we now have Rod Sedivy willing to try the position. Thanks for stepping up.

RAFFLE TABLE - Pitching in tonight in Gary's absence are John M. and Jim P. Tickets are available for the Wines Camp Tour, GPS, nugget. 50/50, and meeting night raffle (hodge podge). Fundraising in a fun way! Also a WARNING from Howard - he has been bringing used white plastic buckets to the raffle table and he intended for them to be used as rock/concentrate storage. These have held chemicals called calcium hypochloride tablets in the original storage so never store food products in it unless the bucket is washed thoroughly.

WEBSITE - no report. NEWSLETTER - no complaints.

LIBRARY - Howard C. reports a new video about Emergency and Disaster Preparedness is available to watch. This

should be popular so check it out but return it in good time as others will be waiting to view it.

OLD BUSINESS - *Lost and found stuff is still lingering around from the June Miners Meadow Rendezvous. Please, please claim your items! Check with the Perkeys, thanks.

*Membership application form is being rewritten and we didn't have a copy to talk about at this meeting. Anyway this is mostly Eben's project so we will talk about it next meeting.

*Club logo t-shirt (etc) from T Patch. A \$72.00 initializing fee for the embroidered logo was discussed. Motion by Jim P. and second by Steve D. to fund this was approved. T Patch is on Market Street in Salem and you can purchase from them the items you want. FYI - also Salem Emblem in Salem has a name tag/badge available for \$15. (or there is a shop in Albany that does tags too - we need to research this).

*NWMA membership was again brought up but no one had answers if this was accomplished yet. It will be discussed next meeting.

Also GPAA - What happened to chapter to be formed with our Club? Fred F. will check on this. (FYI - next Salem GPAA Gold Show will be March 24-25, 2012)

NEW BUSINESS - *Concerns over "road closures". Discussion was about if anyone is talking this up? Tom Q. gave some info and advised we call our District Rangers or Congressmen. Is this just more gov't control and pushed by money, money, money??

*Club elections will be coming soon. Have you thought of volunteering? (or twisting your friends arm?) Pres. and Vice Pres. will especially be up for grabs - plan your "campaign" now!!

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Frick - Secretary WVM

Outings/Events

Bohemia Mining District Tour – Aug. 20th

Bohemia Mining district Tour: Fourteen members and two guests attended. The first stop was the Star Mine. It was a steep hike to the mine but well worth the effort. Then, it was off to the Bohemia Saddle Park and lunch. During lunch Steve held a drawing for a small gold picker. A young man attending with his dad won the gold, they were guests. After lunch we all went up to the Fairview Lookout for a fantastic view of the Oregon Cascades. We finished up the day at the old Champion Mine and Mill Site. Then it was off to Cottage Grove, Carl's Jr. for dinner before hitting I-5 North and home. Everyone had a great time! – Steve Landis

Beverly Beach Outing – September 24-25th

Contact person is Wes Jeffers

Member's Corner

New Nugget discoveries and mining news from Washington State, by Tom Bohmker

The resources coalition had their annual miners' rally this year in Liberty, Washington on a member's mining claim. Previously this event to show support for small time miners and the legislative issues at hand was held in Oroville Washington but was moved to this more centrally located town, SW of Wenatchee. This year the event was held on flat of unworked mining ground of a member's claim adjacent to the famous Williams Creek. There was plenty of camping, and open panning, sluicing dredging and detecting for all at the free event. Also there were well attended seminars on detecting, panning, mining regulations and such with a night detector hunt among other activities. Every panner I spoke to found some color and one visitor with a high banker found a 1 dwt nugget the size of a raisin but the big excitement came during the pot luck dinner Saturday night. Cathy, the wife of a mining acquaintance of mine from Oroville Washington detected a flat, dusty nugget in front of their campsite on the dirt trail only 2" deep in hard, dry clay some 100 yards from the center of the event. An excited crowd of well wishers surrounded her and escorted her husband bearing the nugget over to my booth (Cascade Mountains Gold) to weigh it officially. I heard some in the crowd say "I held it, I think it is almost an ounce". Actually it was of less weight but did scale out at 107 grains weight, just shy of 1/4 ounce. This is the first time I have witnessed such a "public" nugget celebration on the spur of the moment. The only thing different from gold rush days was that no one became intoxicated.

The next day, Mike, a long time miner from a Baker Creek drift mine just a mile away showed up with a nugget over an ounce and a larger one just less than 2 ounces to show off. Also the Monday before a dredger on "Open to public mining area" just 1/2 miles up Swauk Creek found a 5.9 ounce nugget, the biggest in years!

Before leaving town a friend Bill and I were able to start filming a documentary on Pocket Gold Mining and we were able to trace the veins, mineralized zones, dikes of basalt on the surface and underground with commentary that were clues to a friend's successful discovery last fall of a near surface pocket. We also filmed the milling of some of the 2 1/2 tons of ore that yielded some 7 or 8 ounces of gold. Everyone had a great time this year.

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Only 3 Falcon Pin Point Detectors left at the old price. The price is going up and I can only get 3 more at the old price of \$219.95 each. The new price will be \$249.95 but the ability to pick out gold flakes the size of the period in this sentence will be the same. Tom @ Cascade Mountains Gold 503-606-9895

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