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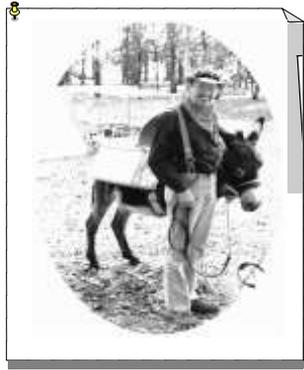
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**Please have all items for  
the newsletter to me by  
the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month**



## WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

June 2012

### Meeting

June 22, 2012  
7:00 pm @  
Miner's Meadow

June 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>

Miners Meadow Rendezvous

July 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

Dads Creek Outing

### June Meeting Program

Meeting will be held around the campfire at Miner's Meadow  
(See event schedule under Events & Outings)

**No meeting at the Firehouse this month**

### President's Report

Hello all. For those who missed the Vincent Creek outing, it was great and there was a nice size turnout. You will have to read Eban's outing report on this. By the way Eban, I like that "biggest piece of gold" "hands down" part.

One thing from this outing that I would like to touch on is safety. I have to admit that I got hurt twice. Luckily, not too bad. Right off the get go I got too close to a 3 foot ledge, not paying attention and my feet went out from under me and I landed on my arm. I don't know how it didn't break, it was bruised good and a week later still hurts in that area. The second time, I saw two good size rocks, one on top of the

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other. The bottom one looked like an easier one to pull out. As I reached for it, my brain told me this was a bad idea but my hand decided to pull it out anyhow. Down came the top rock right onto my thumb. I showed the fellows at the river a few new dance moves.

The number one reason why people get hurt is from not paying attention, the second is stupidity. I did both consecutively. Another fellow was on a ladder at his trailer and fell off. He was held up for a few days limping around. Remember that most mining trips are remote and help is a long ways away. I have to say that after the thumb incident, I slowed down and paid more attention to what I was doing. I hope that everyone can have a safe year.

Just a reminder, the June meeting is at Miners Meadow on Friday the 22nd at 7:00. Howard Conner is working hard to organize the outing, games and prizes. I suspect, he, and those helping him, will provide a swell time. I hope to see you there.

May even a spec of gold in your pan bring you smiles.

Jeff Farrand

## Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2012

The Willamette Valley Miners monthly meeting was called to order by Pres. Jeff Farrand. We were led in the pledge of allegiance by Eben R.

As per sign in sheet, we had in attendance 66 members and 7 guests.

The treasurer's report given by Larry C. was approved. And the minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Reports from:

PAST OUTINGS/EVENTS - May 5 was the basic mining workshop/potluck at the Perkey farm. Jim wrote a nice follow up in the newsletter already but also reported on a good turnout and fun learning time was had by all attending. We thank Jim and Patti for sharing their facilities.

April 20-22 was the Rickreall Rock and Gem Show at the Polk County Fairgrounds. Lots of gold bags were sold, the coin drop brought in \$58. We signed 3 new members, and 5 renewed. (we now have 327

members) The booth ran smoothly and was fun but it seemed that all volunteers who signed up to help, didn't really follow through. Please be mindful of your commitments as it puts others in a bind sometimes. Thanks.

UPCOMING OUTINGS/EVENTS - are now in their own column - be sure to read the whole newsletter.

CLAIMS - Larry C. didn't have anything new to report. A few members advise that WVM #1 is now entering its "diminished water supply" time of the year - maybe that's why it's also referred to as Dry Gulch?

NEWSLETTER - nothing to report.

WEBSITE - It is still being worked on and so a "work in progress". Hopefully soooooon we will have a fabulous site!

GOV'T AFFAIRS - Glenn Z. reports that the 404 Assumption committee held one meeting this month but he was unable to attend. Upcoming at DSL, Mill Creek Room, 11 am, June 7 will be a short meeting with them and miners. Tom Q. advised it's important for as many miners as can to attend these meetings and show support. He suspects a possible elimination of the General Authorization (GA) thus triggering other permits and fees of which "we will not like or want". Tom and Glenn provide a lot of info through e-mails. If you want to be on their list to receive them, talk with them. We need to be aware of what's happening and learn to stand up for our mining rights. Don E. stated that he subscribes to "environmentalists" magazines and newsletters just so he can keep a watch for what they're up to next. You may find this helpful to do also. We all snooze - we lose!!

RAFFLE TABLE - Gary S. again thanks everyone for their meeting night raffle table donations. It's very helpful. Coming soon is the raffle of a BIG nugget, well over a \$200 value. Why not get in on the fun!

OLD BUSINESS:\* Alan M. is still looking at places we can move to and hold our monthly meetings. He has recently looked at Macleay Grange which is not too far from our present location but is larger and looks promising. Jeff

would like a few to meet soon and have a viewing of it. More to come.

NEW BUSINESS: none addressed.

PROGRAMS - Tonight we were privileged to hear from Joe Greene on "Small-scale Gold Suction Dredging". He had lots of interesting information and even elaborated on some "scary" government tactics in the works. We thank him for all the time he puts into fighting for miners rights.

June meeting - no program

July meeting - GPS instruction in prep for a GPS outing with Boyd Puckett.

GOOD TO THE ORDER - Next WVM monthly meeting for June is FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 7PM around the campfire at QUARTZVILLE MINERS MEADOW campout. See you there.

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by: Joan Frick, secretary WVM

### Events & Outings

**The Vincent Creek outing** was well attended. We had 32 people in 14 camps. That's a lot for this outing and every one found gold. We had three groups panning and sluicing. There were 5 high banker combos and 2 dredges and some others that I didn't see running. One night we had impromptu pot luck and sat around the fire talking and getting to know each other a little. Jeff had a chance to play President and started the introduction and gave a big thank you to those that attended. There was some trail maintenance and downed tree removal in the camping area and a little other claim care done. Weather was mostly good not too cold and several of the campers slept in tents. I believe Jeff found the most gold with Chad probably second, however Eben found the biggest piece of gold this year hands down "sorry Jeff" but if you want to know how big you'll have to ask VP Allen about that. Thanks to all that attended and for the chance to get to know some of you better.

Eben Ray

**Briggs Creek outing June 18-30** -- The driving instructions and maps are in your membership packets. Contact Tom Quintal at [503-371-9747](tel:503-371-9747) on or before June 17th if you want to caravan there.

Lots of trail and claim maintenance plus good gold prospecting. See you there.

**Miners Meadow campout and potluck June 21-25.** We have rented this beginning Thursday, 10 am, June 21 through Monday, 11 am, June 25. This is a busy, fun weekend so pack your energy. If you have enough time you can even do "real" gold mining at your leisure. Nearby WVM claims are Cedar Bend and WVM #1 plus Quartzville Creek is available. The campground is great from tents to RV's. No potable water or power is available so bring your own. Directions: On I-5 near Albany take exit 233 to Hwy 20 going east thru Lebanon and on thru Sweet Home. Continue east on Hwy 20 past Foster Lake, then turn left and across the 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. You have arrived. Hope to see everyone there! Howard Conner [503-399-0292](tel:503-399-0292)

### **Miners' Meadow Schedule**

Friday 22 June, 2012

**1900 WMVA June meeting**

Saturday 23 June, 2012

Tentative Schedule of events:

1000 Ducky Race

1100 Kids Poker Hunt

1300 Lunch Pot Luck

1430 Metal Detector Hunt

1600 Speed Panning Contest

1900 Fireside entertainment and fellowship

Sunday 24 June, 2012

1000 Ducky Race #2

## Member's Corner

**Dads Creek July 4-8** -- It has multiple WVM claims on it. There are a number of areas along the claim to rough camp and they are accessible with camp trailers around 28 ft. + 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 on 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. Directions: Off I-5 use 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, (within a block) then turn left. This puts you on Ruben Road. Go an additional 9 miles to road #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 onto 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 or Eben Ray 503-508-1497.

Hey you missed it last year!! It was a HUGE success. **The Miners Jubilee in Baker City is July 20-22**. About 2,000 people enjoyed mining displays and sales and contests and silent auction, and the historical museum, carnival, parade, sidewalk sales, rodeo events, art in the beautiful park sales. Sunday morning breakfast, music and lots of beautiful eastern Oregon weather and scenery. Why not try the Jubilee this year and meet some fellow miners from around the state. Lots of FUN! Contact Louie and Joan Frick 541-327-1210 for more info.

Gold is a chemical element with the symbol Au (from its Latin name aurum) and atomic number 79. It is a highly sought-after precious metal which has been used as money, a store of value and in jewelery since the beginning of recorded history. The metal occurs as nuggets or grains in rocks, underground "veins" and in alluvial deposits. It is one of the coinage metals. Gold is dense, soft, shiny and the most malleable and ductile substance known. Pure gold has a bright yellow color traditionally considered attractive.

Gold formed the basis for the gold standard used before the collapse of the Bretton Woods system. The ISO currency code of gold bullion is XAU.

Modern industrial uses include dentistry and electronics, where gold has traditionally found use because of its good resistance to oxidative corrosion.

Chemically, gold is a transition metal and can form trivalent and univalent cations upon solvation. Gold does not react with most chemicals, but is attacked by chlorine, fluorine, aqua regia and cyanide. Gold dissolves in mercury, forming amalgam alloys, but does not react with it. Gold is insoluble in nitric acid, which will dissolve silver and base metals, and this is the basis of the gold refining technique known as "inquartation and parting". Nitric acid has long been used to confirm the presence of gold in items, and this is the origin of the colloquial term "acid test," referring to a gold standard test for genuine value.

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By WVM member Tom Bohmker. Covers areas to pan w/o a claim from Portland to Cow Creek south of Roseburg,. How to pan mining stories, 87 pages 9 maps. \$17.50, \$2.00 postage.

## Classifieds

### **Wild West Gold Sales**

I Buy & Sell Gold nuggets and Fines no amount is too small. E-mail: wrtckenhaines@comcast.net

Ph: 541-791-9986

## For Sale

Gold Miners Wheel for sale.

Bought last year new, used only a few times.  
\$275.00 [503-510-1878](tel:503-510-1878) Jeff 3/2012

10" table saw w/cast iron top, belt driven motor recently rewound \$150.00

Gary Schrader 4/2012  
[503-859-3132](tel:503-859-3132)

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Give me a call at 503 371 9747 ask for Tom Quintal WVM member.

## Wanted

### **Gold Screw**

Dan @ 541-401-0922 (Sweet Home)

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