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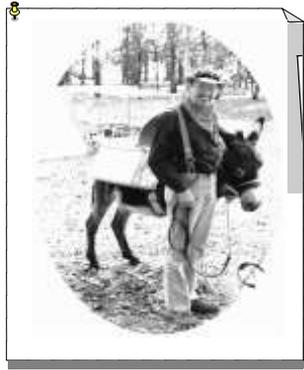
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Please have all items for the newsletter to me by the 25th of the month



WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

July 2012

Meeting

July 19, 2012
7:00 pm @

July GPS – TBA @ July Meeting

July 20-22 – Miners Jubilee – Baker City

August 14-19 – Clackamas Co. Fair – Canby

**August 25 – Mine Tour, Bohemia Mining Dist.
Cottage Grove**

August 30-31 – 2nd Briggs Creek Outing

September 1-3 – 2nd Dad's Creek Outing

July Meeting Program

GPS Basics – Dan Seeley, Wholesale Sports

President's Report

I have in the past mentioned what the outings can provide to the members. I think that the Miners Meadow outing lived up to it all. What a great time. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked so hard to make this a successful outing. I would also like to thank those that lent their equipment, such as metal detectors, out to others that did not have one and thank those that shared their knowledge. I personally was grateful for the offers of assistance and advice that I received with my battery issues I was having and the offers from members to help with moving my equipment in and out of the water.

An example of something the outings offer. I had never hookah dove before. The closest I had come to going under water while dredging is by snorkel. I had asked Chad Kleinschmit and Murry Hickey if they would allow me to try it out on their equipment. Even though they were busy with activities, Chad lent me some weights and advice, Murry lent me his dredge that was already in the water along with more advice and Murry's son and his son's friend helped me at the dredge.

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

Even though it was short, it was a great experience. I thank them for giving their time and equipment. What great stewards of the association.

On another note, safety. Jim Perky and I went to Cedar Bend while at the outing. We analyzed the river and found a place to cross the river. We managed to get a rope across to help manage the moving water but decided to reevaluate our crossing just in case we overlooked a safer route. With some added time we found a new crossing that was twice as wide and added about 4 times the amount of hauling equipment than the previous location but the water was moving slowly in this area and was much safer to manage. Getting up and down

Please remember to clean up any messes you come across on our claims. BLM is very appreciative of any help they can get in this area and even gladly let Jim, Rick and I use their dumpster at Yellowbottom to dispose of the mess we found at the Cedar Bend claim.

In the discussion with the BLM official, he stated that these messes are the reason they are working to discontinue all roadside camping in the corridor and to have fee use areas only. They know that it is not the miners abusing this area but a select group who, sadly, will ruin things for everyone.

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

Jeff Farrand

Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2012

The Willamette Valley Miners' monthly meeting was called to order by Pres. Jeff Farrand. The meeting was held on a Friday night only for the month of June as we were camped at Miners Meadows for the clubs biggest event. The rainy weather made for an interesting and short meeting. We were led in the pledge of allegiance by Gary S.

The treasurers report, given by Larry Coon was approved. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Larry reports that the membership is now 349. Attending this outing/meeting were around 65 people (it was hard to pinpoint an exact number as

"everyone" seems to count in a different version (I give up). Six new (?) people introduced themselves.

Reports from:

CLAIMS - Larry C. needs assessment forms for using club claims turned in on a regular basis. While on our claims we need to clean up "the dirty messes" made by ourselves or others - everyone needs to take responsibility - USFS is watching. They are also watching to see if we fill in our "holes". Also, be sure to follow our club rules on inviting guests to be on our claims. Don't abuse the privilege!

WEBSITE- This is still being worked on and we hope to have it fully functional soon. Trudy S. asked why someone was revising items on the old site - we were under the impression that the site would change only in one sweep- old out, in with the new ??

HANDBOOK- This work needs to continue and be finished soon. (I, the secretary, confess that I have been sidetracked by some discouraging happenings on this "work" - so will try soon to get back to the job.)

PROGRAMS - Howard C. reports that the July program will be led by a store representative concerning GPS functions. Bring your GPS. This will lead up to an outing soon led by Boyd Puckett at which you can practice your GPS skills.

GOV'T AFFAIRS- no report

PAST OUTINGS- Vincent Creek was over Memorial weekend, May 26-28. A record 32 people attending "all found 'some' gold". Eben found the biggest gold by metal detecting and finding VP Alan's lost ring. Those miners are really resourceful people ! Weather was a smorgasbord but generally fine.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

GOOD TO THE ORDER- * Special thanks to all for a fine Miners Meadows Event -- to those planning and getting the supplies, to those cooking and cleaning up, to those leading the activities, to

our very "musical star" and sidekick too, to those building and planning a new large canopy tent for us, and to all who attended in the challenging Oregon weather.

* Message from Jeff -- SAFETY, think safety and before you act BE AWARE of your surroundings. Use the "buddy system" -- lets all come home safely

* Chuck Choat reports the siting of a big black bear in the Dry Gulch (WVM #1) area. Be aware.

* In the Salem area, a new mining supply as opened: Capitol Prospecting LLC [503-269-8640](tel:503-269-8640).

This along with all those advertising in our classified section want your business and we need to patronize them to keep mining alive and well and providing a fun recreation for Oregonians.

See you all at the July meeting.

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by: Joan Frick, secretary WVM

Events & Outings

UPCOMING OUTINGS AND EVENTS as always follow your Calendar and Newsletter to be prepared for great times out there!!

July GPS outing led by Boyd Puckett will be announced at the WVM July 19 meeting.

July 20-22 is the Miners Jubilee in Baker City. The usual, around 2000 people get to experience mine supply displays and vendors, arts and crafts in the city park, parade, music, rodeo events, carnival, historical museum, Oregon's largest gold nugget on display, Oregon Trail Int'p Museum, on and on. Visit with fellow Oregon miners and experience EOMA hospitality and the extra plus of beautiful eastern Oregon scenery and weather. Worth the trip! Call Louie and Joan Frick [541-327-1210](tel:541-327-1210) for info.

August 14-19 is the Clackamas County Fair in Canby. A booth representing and promoting mining is run by Wes Jeffers. This is not an official club event but we do benefit for sure, so he would appreciate help. You must dress in "miner period" costumes (and he gives a prize) too. More info call Wes at [971-563-5080](tel:971-563-5080).

August 20-31 is another Briggs Creek outing with Tom Quintal. Call him for more info at [503-371-9747](tel:503-371-9747).

August 25 is the Mine Tour led by Steve Landis. This is to the Bohemia Mining District near Cottage Grove and Steve is very knowledgeable of the area after working there for many years. This is a very interesting day so plan to experience it all -- you'll be rewarded. Steve at [971-239-3374](tel:971-239-3374)

September 1-3 is another time for Dads Creek mining. Contact Jeff Farrand [503-371-3652](tel:503-371-3652).

Member report on Vincent Creek

If you made it out to Vincent Creek I hope you had as much fun as I did though one couple I spoke with were somewhat dismayed with their results digging under the roots of some fallen trees. I believe the key to finding gold at VC is getting to the bedrock. I had good results a little above the road where I found some water and a bit of exposed bedrock in the creek with a large boulder and half buried log wedged together. Working with a shovel, bucket and screens I found my first picker in three scoops of clay and gravel along the bedrock under the boulder in the #8 screen. My brother and I were able to run a 2" dredge intermittently and cleared out the mud & gravel under the log and boulder to bedrock where we found a number of pickers, some wire gold and lots of fines! My brother worked the rest of a hole at the bottom of the trail and found a picker and fines also, thanks Eben. So the gold is there with the bigger pieces in that clay and gravel, close to bedrock & some fines replenished in the overburden. May your next pan be better than your last!

J.Hayes

P.S. - a member left a small sluice @ the Vincent Creek outing.-contact Jonathan Hayes in Bend, Or. @ [541-610-3208](tel:541-610-3208) or jrhaka24kt@hotmail.com to arrange return.

Miner's Meadow in Review – 2012

“The biggest and bestest Miner's Meadow ever” many were heard to say!! The numbers speak for themselves. People used RV's & tents to sleep in and some just drove up for the wonderful day on Saturday, despite the rain. 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:

1st Place = Gary E.
2nd Place = Branden B.
3rd Place = Branden B.

Sunday Ducky Race:

1st Place = Gary S.
2nd Place = Graycy H.
3rd Place = Patti P.

Saturday Metal Detecting:

1 st Pick=Erynn B.	6 th Pick= Joan F.
2 nd Pick=Leah B.	7 th Pick= Hailey & Gracy
3 rd Pick=Mike H.	8 th Pick= Cassie M.
4 th Pick=Jim P.	9 th Pick= Gary S.
5 th Pick = Erynn B.	10 th Pick= Ellen
	11 th Pick= Nathen B.

Saturday Speed Panning:

Adults Speed Panning:

1st Place = Chad
2nd Place = Amy
3rd Place = Alan

Kids

1st Place = Cole
2nd Place = Leah
3rd Place = Hailey

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

Special recognition: For outstanding acts of unselfish generosity goes to Erynn Buchmeier and Chad for putting others first. YOU ROCK!!

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. And I give a big thank you to Jim for allowing me to sing along with him. What fun!!

Submitted by: Howard Conner

Quartzville Miners Meadow Rendezvous

This outing takes a great deal of time and work to get organized and I just wanted to thank all of those involved. I would also like to single out a few young volunteers who donated their time and effort. Dillon Kleinschmit, Jaymy Hickey, and Calvin Hemmers who braved the cold water to help retrieve the ducks after the races both days. Erynn Bushmeir and Leah Beckstead for helping out Howard with the games.

Alan Mitchell
Vice President

Raffle Corner

We did not have a raffle at the June meeting as the meeting was held at Miners Meadow, however we did have duck races, one Saturday and one Sunday. The results were—

Sat – 1st - Gary Earle, 2nd – Branden Buckmier, 3rd – Branden Buchmier, yes you read that right , 2nd and 3rd were won by the same lucky person.

Sun – 1st – Gary S (yes that's me) 2nd – Graycy Hickey, 3rd – Patti Perkey

The water was really fast so the leaders made the course in under 5 min. we were able to retrieve most of the flotillas, thanks to the retrieval team. I'm not sure who all was on that team so I'll just say great job to all who went in the water after the ducks. I did hear some of them were young and did not have wet suits on. BURRRRRRR!!!!

Wes we missed you, Mike Hunter had to step up and take your place to start the race on both days.

July meeting have all your table goodies ready to bring as the raffle table will be open for business.

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Finally after 3 decades (on and off) of research, a new Mining Book

Gold Panner's Guide to the Oregon Cascades

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.

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Give me a call at 503 371 9747 ask for Tom Quintal WVM member. 5/2012

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