



WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

May 2013

Next Meeting

May 16, 2013
7:00 pm @

May 25-27 Vincent Creek Outing

June 1-10 Briggs Creek Outing

June 13-16 Miners' Meadow Outing

July 4-7 Dad's Creek Outing

**Speaker For May Meeting - Monte Berry,
owner of "stinkwaterwells" in Beaverton.
He specializes in Metal Detecting and Whites Detectors.**

President's Report

Hello everyone.

May is here and gold prospecting time is on. Vincent creek at the end of the month so let's go and get some nuggets!

I'm going and I plan on packing clothes for cold weather and clothes for warm weather and taking water and food. It will be nice to camp in an RV but some do stay in tents. We know that we can find a place for anyone to camp. Might not be enough water to float a dredge but you could set it on the rocks and dirt. When we are done you won't even know we were there, because the holes will all be filled and the garbage gone. At WVM we claim to leave it better then we found it!!

We have new members and I want everyone to seek them out and help them in any way you can. NEW members, if you feel unsure or are too shy, find me (Eben) and I will either help you or get help and I do bite! Also the club has loaner pans and other equipment contact Jim Perky.

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

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

President's Report Cont'd

Hey your Legislature <http://www.leg.state.or.us> is still busy passing and killing laws. Are you watching or do you have your head in the SAND? Writing? Phone Calls?

To let you know GOOD Bill HB2841-A, written by miners, needs support. Bad Bills SB838 and SB401 are still alive. Senator Dingbat and Senator "the Master Bates" who wants all the slaves of Oregon to give up their rights deserve a letter to scold them.This is my opinion and is no way a statement by or for WVM I just state what I alone feel....

I have a question if these BAD laws pass does the membership of WVM want to do something about it? Such as litigation since they wouldn't be able to use power equipment on their claims. Having a Claim is for mineral recovery; it isn't camping rights or fishing rights.

What do you think? Let me know I can be found at miningisnotevil@yahoo.com or at the monthly meeting and you can give me a written statement on how you feel. I seem to run out of time to talk to individuals with everyone at the meeting and do forget some of the conversations I have, sorry just human I guess.

So this time of year gets very busy for folks and some of us just run out of time to get it all done, give your friend, neighbor, mining partner a little slack or even a helping hand they will eventually get it done. We need to be safe out there so be safe, watch out and watch out for each other not just on the claims but every day. I don't want to see you injured.

Now get out and find some GOLD

PS. I also keep honey bees. If you have a swarm show up, please give me a call.

Eben Ray

Minutes

April 18, 2013

Meeting Started at 7 PM by Eben Ray

Eben led with Pledge of Allegiance

Guests and New Members were introduced approximately 12.

Several of the older members stood up and told of their specialties in mining and volunteered to train/advise on different methods of Mining.

Eben asked for Minutes of last meeting to be approved as printed in the Newsletter. Howard Conner made a motion to approve and Darrell seconded it. And a vote was held and approved.

Treasurer's report was given by Jim P. Howard made a motion to approve the report as stated and Trevor S. seconded the motion and a vote was held and passed to accept the report as stated.

Good of the Order:

If you are not getting updates on e-mail from Eben, e-mail him at miningisnotevil@yahoo.com The club has been making phone calls and writing letters to fight to keep our rights. Eben talked about all the ANTI Mining bills and their status. For update info get signed up with Tom Quintal at quintalt@gmail.com

Eben ended the meeting at 9:02 PM.

Events & Outings

Past Outings

Beverly Beach State Park - April 6th and 7th.

Approx 30 people showed up and they did find Gold. Wes spent a lot of time showing people how to get the gold.

Rickreal Rock & Gem Show - April 19th and 21st

A terrific time was had by all who helped with the WVM booth set-up on Thursday and our booth activities on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Thank you to all who gave of your time, talents and community outreach. We had plenty of people helping and we all had a lot of fun!! I don't know how much money was collected in the quarter-drop, but 6 nuggets were won by lucky folks. 175 bags of sand and gold were sold and Jim Perkey said he received 5 applications for new membership.

A great big THANK YOU to Don Esch and the leadership of the "Rock and Gem show" for the additional space WVM enjoyed this year. This extra space allowed us to set-up and talk about both a 4" dredge and a High-banker combo and provided an excellent teaching opportunity.

Beginning Mining Workshop – May 4th

22 miners, 12 new miners and 3 new miners that signed up at the workshop made the day a good one. We talked about basic equipment to start with, and then collected some concentrates by running material thru a high-banker.

Louis Frick and Tom Quintal demonstrated their final cleanup equipment and Wes Jeffers and others helped the new miners with their panning skills. Thanks to all who helped, and for their involvement.

The potluck was varied and delicious and no-one suffered from lack of food. Even the main food group (the heavenly raisin) was well represented. A special thanks to my wife for helping me with the setup, and all she does.

Future Outings

Vincent Creek Outing in May 25 - 27

See your Member pack for map.

Start making your plans for this outing. Eben Ray is the contact person and I plan on being there.

Last year was a really good year for Vincent Creek people and we even had a dinner party. The weather is always a guess so plan on cold and possible rain for your clothing. Camping is abundant in the nearby area and we can fit any size traveling home. There is also an RV park not far away. Bring your food and water. If you plan on having a fire, bring wood as what is there will still be wet. Highbanker combos work well here as well as sluices. Some have even brought 3" dredges and set them on the ground.

Make sure you bring your Member Dash Card as that's your pass to get into the Animal Protected Area that the Claim is in. Note it must be current. There is going to be a potluck and also there is a City wide Garage sale in Sumpter the same weekend.

Briggs Creek Outing in June 1 – June 10

Contact person is Tom Quintal 503-371-9747

Miners' Meadow Outing in June 13 – June 16

Contact person is Howard Conner 503-399-0292

Dad's Creek Outing in July 4 – July 7

Contact person is Jeff Farrand 503-371-3652

Members Corner

Ideas for Grilling in Foil

How to make a foil packet:

1. Lay a large sheet of heavy-duty foil or a double layer of regular foil on a flat surface. (Use nonstick foil where noted.)

2. Put the ingredients in the center of the foil. Bring the short ends of the foil together and fold twice to seal; fold in the sides to seal, leaving room for steam. Grill as directed. (Each recipe serves 2 to 4.)

Jalapeno Poppers Remove the stems from 8 jalapenos; scrape out the seeds and stuff with cheese. Toss with olive oil, salt and 1/4 teaspoon each ground cumin and coriander on a sheet of foil. Form a packet. Grill over medium-high heat, turning often, 10 minutes.

Spiced Nuts Toss 2 cups salted mixed nuts, 1 teaspoon chipotle chili powder, 1/4 teaspoon each ground cumin and pepper, and 1 tablespoon butter on a sheet of foil. Form a packet. Grill over medium heat, turning often, 8 minutes.

Tomatillo-Pineapple Salsa Toss 3/4 pound diced husked tomatillos, 1/2 cup diced pineapple, 1 each minced jalapeno and shallot, and 1 tablespoon olive oil on a sheet of foil. Form a packet. Grill over high heat, 12 minutes. Stir in some chopped cilantro.

Jerk Chicken Wings Toss 6 split chicken wings, 1 tablespoon vegetable oil and 3 tablespoons jerk seasoning on a sheet of foil. Form a packet. Grill over high heat, turning once, 25 minutes. Top with cilantro and serve with lime wedges.

Quesadillas Sprinkle shredded pepper jack cheese on one half of a flour tortilla; top with chopped rotisserie chicken and cilantro and fold in half to close. Repeat to make more; seal in individual foil packets. Grill over medium heat, turning once, 5 minutes.

Lemon-Herb Chicken Toss 4 skinless, boneless chicken breasts, 1/4 cup chopped mixed herbs and 3 tablespoons each olive oil and lemon juice in a bowl. Divide among 4 foil packets. Grill over medium-high heat, 12 minutes.

Meatballs Mix 1 pound ground beef with 1 egg, 1/4 cup each breadcrumbs and grated parmesan, 1 minced garlic clove and 1/4 teaspoon each salt and pepper in a bowl. Roll into 1 1/2-inch balls. Arrange in a single layer on a sheet of foil; top with 1/2 cup tomato sauce and form a packet. Grill over high heat, 20 minutes.

Popcorn Combine 1 tablespoon vegetable oil and 1/4 cup popcorn kernels in a disposable pie pan. Seal the pan in foil, making a dome shape on top. (Use 2 sheets of foil, if needed, to cover.) Grill over high heat, shaking, until the popping stops, about 8 minutes. Season with salt.

S'mores Popcorn Make Popcorn. Toss in a bowl with 2 tablespoons cocoa powder and 1/4 cup each confectioners' sugar, crushed graham crackers and mini marshmallows.

Roasted Broccoli Toss 1 head broccoli florets, 2 sliced garlic cloves, 1 tablespoon olive oil, 1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes, and salt on a sheet of foil. Arrange in a single layer and form a packet. Grill over medium-high heat, 10 minutes.

Potatoes with Bacon Toss 1 pound halved baby potatoes, 1 chopped bacon slice and salt on a sheet of foil. Add 2 tablespoons water; form a packet. Grill over medium-high heat, 20 minutes.

Salt-Roasted Potatoes Combine 2 cups kosher salt and 2 sprigs chopped rosemary on a sheet of foil. Bury 1 1/2 pounds baby potatoes in the salt mixture and form a packet. Grill over medium heat, covered, 45 minutes.

Apple Dumplings Mix 1/2 stick softened butter, 1/4 cup brown sugar and 1 teaspoon apple pie spice; stuff into 4 cored apples. Wrap each in 1/2 disk refrigerated pie dough; seal in individual nonstick foil packets. Grill over medium heat, turning a few times, 30 minutes.

Rhubarb Compote Combine 2 sliced rhubarb stalks, 1 pint halved strawberries, 2 tablespoons honey and a squeeze of lime juice on a sheet of foil. Form a packet. Grill over medium-high heat, 15 minutes.

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