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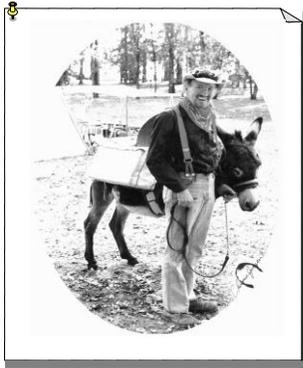
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**Please have all items for  
the newsletter to me by  
the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month**



# WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

June 2013

## Next Meeting

June 14, 2013  
7:00 pm @ Miners'  
Meadow

**June 13-16 Miners' Meadow Outing**  
**June Meeting will be held here on Friday night**

**July 4-7 Dad's Creek Outing**

## President's Report

If you don't believe that Miners in Oregon are in a fight for their lives **Do not keep reading.** The state government and the Green Machine have been trying to do us in with lies and it has almost worked for them. What could they do with the truth??? Why, when you know we are in a fight to continue mining and prospecting, would you give the offense ammo to use against us????? Yes we can do road maintenance and trail repair, but cutting down trees in a wildlife management area is not a good idea and saplings are considered trees. There are trails on our claims that have been used for years and the general public doesn't even know they exist. That is until someone comes along, cuts down a few saplings, leaving stumps from 4 inches to 24 inches high, and trims a bunch of branches making an opening large enough to drive an SUV through. Kind of like hanging a sign that says "LOOK over here see what I did to the forest". Now I can go down to the stream dig into the bank and no one will notice, right. Why give your enemy more ammo???? **STOP, THINK, BEFORE YOU DO.** Be good stewards to the claims and reflect to the world that you care and give the miners a chance to carry on.

Along these same lines... When you are in PUBLIC and you say "**I AM A WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINER**" you are then representing our whole club. As a representative of our club, please, do not be negative or derogatory to the people in our communities. Do not say demeaning things about any business you are frequenting, their products, or their customers. In general don't be rude. Some of you will say what?! Recently I have received complaints that reflect badly on the club as a whole and I don't like it. The members who have created these complaints know who you are ""**PLEASE STOP**"". As I said earlier, Stop and Think, BEFORE you act.

As a member you have a responsibility to others in our group and the group can vote you out, which is something I do not want to see happen. If you now realize the impact you have had it would be a good time to go apologize for your actions. There is not a member in this group that I do not like and I take it personally when things like this happen so please stop and think.

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

## President's Report, Cont'd

Before the last meeting I asked the membership if they wanted to get involved in a lawsuit if the bad Legislation in Oregon passes. I said "let me know in writing how you feel about this" no one answered! So let me know either in e-mail or hand written letter so I know how you feel about how we as a group should respond if Bad Legislation passes.

Keep up the e-mail/phone calls to your state and federal legislators every day and let them know your thoughts and wishes on how they should act. Give them a few facts to ponder about during their terms as your employees! Yes they should work for you, you hired them.

### Minutes

April 18, 2013

**No Meeting minutes taken.**

### Raffle Corner

I'd like to send out a big thank you to Margaret Henderson for donating a White's Bullseye 2 pinpointer at the May meeting! This will be a large raffle item later this year. At May's meeting Joe Weber won the nugget, and Eben Ray won the pump that had been the large item for the last three months. Congratulations to both of them! The next large item will be a faceted Oregon sunstone that was donated by Tim Bronson. This item will only run for one month, so be sure to buy some tickets at the next meeting. Thanks to everyone for buying tickets and donating to the table raffle. It really helps support the club!

Sam Seth

## Events & Outings

### **Past Outings**

**Vincent Creek Outing** - What a turnout at Vincent Creek. Twelve groups totaling about 36 people including the kids. Now that, is a showing. It rained a lot and made for a good nap. There was gold found by all the participants, some more than others. I myself got in a lot of walking and talking and gained 4lbs, "thanks Jeff and Debi". We had a

great potluck and more visiting and friendship arranged by Alan and Sue. Larry Coon, as always, stayed around till the last and made sure things on the claim were in shape before he left. "A Big Thank You to Larry".

### **Briggs Creek Outing in June 1 – June 10**

#### **Future Outings**

### **Miners' Meadow Outing in June 13 – June 16**

June meeting will be held on Friday night at Miner's Meadow. Contact person is Howard Conner 503-399-0292

**Dads Creek July 4-7** - 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 Dad's 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.

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](tel:503-371-3652).

**Miners Jubilee in Baker City** - Hey you missed it last year!! It was a HUGE success. **The Miners' Jubilee in Baker City is coming July 19-21.** Many, many people enjoy mining displays, sales, contests, a silent auction, and the historical museum, carnival, parade, sidewalk sales, rodeo events, and art in the beautiful park. Sunday morning breakfast, music, Oregon's largest gold nugget on display at the bank, Oregon Trail Int'p

Museum, and on and on, plus lots of beautiful eastern Oregon weather and scenery. Why not try the Jubilee this year and visit with fellow Oregon miners and experience EOMA hospitality. Lots of FUN! Contact Louie and Joan Frick [541-327-1210](tel:541-327-1210) for more info.

## Members Corner

This very yummy recipe was brought to the potluck at Vincent creek.

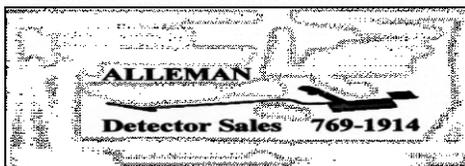
### Easy Peach Cobbler

1 Large can Peaches including juice  
 1 Yellow or white cake mix  
 2 cubes butter  
 ¼ c. vanilla extract  
 Cinnamon  
 Nutmeg

Dump the can of peaches into a baking dish and chop into bite size pieces, melt butter in separate dish and add vanilla extract. Cover peaches with cake mix. Drizzle the butter and vanilla mixture over the entire pan. Sprinkle with cinnamon and nutmeg until well covered. Bake at 350 degrees for one hour.

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

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 See me at next meeting. Eben Ray  
[huntgold@yahoo.com](mailto:huntgold@yahoo.com) (4/13)

### Wanted

### Gold Screw

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