

WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

July 2013

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July 18, 2013
7:00 pm

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

July 19-21 Miners' Jubilee

August 16-18 Myrtle Creek Outing

President's Report

We had a great time at Miners Meadow and there was a great turn out. Thank you everyone that attended and everyone that helped. The outing is one of our great events each year and I hope that it will continue to be. Don't forget to get involved with the new people and the kids so that our heritage can continue.

As of the writing of the newsletter SB 838 looks very dangerous and could pass. It looks like the greenies are working hard again, I hope everyone has woke up and is calling their Senators and such, to late to write now. Use your phone and call. Even if they win let the people responsible know how you feel.

As those know that were at the outing this is my last Presidents Report and your Vice President will know be your new president please show him the respect you showed me and take care of each other. I will see you at future meetings and outings, but for now I have to put my attentions elsewhere. As I said before there is not a single member of this organization that I do not care a great deal for. Thank you for putting your trust in me and showing me kindness and friendship. Humbly your friend EBEN

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

Minutes

June 14, 2013

Meeting Started at 7 PM by Eben Ray at Miners Meadow on Quartzville Creek

Eben led with Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting Minutes of May meeting was missed by the Secretary due to personal reasons and inability to make arrangements in time to have a stand-in arranged for.

Treasures Report was given by Jim P.

Howard made a motion to approve the report as stated and the motion was seconded and a vote was held and passed to accept the report as stated.

Upcoming events:

Golden Dollar July 27-28

Contact Person is Larry Coons 541-905-47492

Past Events:

Briggs Creek Outing on June 1 – June 10

Contact person was Tom Quintal 503-371-9747

Miners' Meadow Outing on June 13 – June 16

Contact person was Howard Conner 503-399-0292

Howard having the charm to enlist volunteers for all of the associated events made the Rendezvous a great success. The turnout was lighter than previous year's maybe because of threatening rain but overall the weather was acceptable and everyone seemed to have a lot of fun.

Dad's Creek July 4-7

Contact Person was Jeff Farrand 503-371-3652

Eben Ray gave a detailed report of the status of the Anti-mining Bills and requested that anyone wanting more info to contact Tom Quintal 503-371-9747 or quintalt@gmail.com to get on his E-mail list for info.

Eben talked at great length on were these bills stand and reminded us on the importance of individual letters and e-mails as almost all of the greenies had

sent in form letters that all count as 1 Letter. So get busy writing with personal requests.

Before Eben ended the meeting, he explained that he was sorry that he had to step down from the position of Willamette Valley Minors President due to personal reasons. He appointed Alan Mitchell (Vice President) as President for the remainder of his term.

Eben will be missed as a true leader and 150% passion for mining, He will continue being a Member and helping as he can but will not be able to expend time and energy as he has been.

Events & Outings

Past Outings

2013 Miner's Meadow Rendezvous

This year's rendezvous was better than ever for many reasons. The weather was fantastic; the pot-luck lunch on Saturday was very, very, yummy; the "ducky races" were attended by a live momma duck and 15 little quackers; and, there were many acts of kindness, generosity, sacrificial service and individual contribution to the group experience. The following indicates prizes won and special mentions.

- 1) Rick Denton donated \$20.00 for the legal fund.
- 2) Josh McMyne, in an extreme act of kindness, gave his many chips (Poker Chip Hunt) to Angel Cordes, who came late and found none. Way to go, Josh!!!
- 3) Johnathan Hays from Bend provided biscuits and gravy on Saturday morning for all and also won a prize for coming the greatest distance.
- 4) Joan Frick cooked up donut holes for all on Saturday and Sunday morning.
- 5) Chad provided barbecued pork for Saturday night.
- 6) The Ducky Races netted \$100.00 for the Club general fund.
- 7) Murry did a wonderful job as Ducky Game Warden and Principal Retriever.

8) Hailey Rogers and Gracy did a fine job as Registrars of Ducky Race Winners.

9) Jim Perkey performed many songs/crowd favorites with guitar, Howard Conner sang Unchained Melody, and after some pushing, shoving and arm twisting Faith Schuetz played guitar and sang, accompanied by Hailey Rogers on a "Dixie Cup Percussion System" WOW!! Get Faith Schuetz's autograph now before she becomes totally famous, because she will be!!! A beautiful girl, a beautiful voice, and only 14 years old.

10) Saturday Duck Race: Josh McMyne \$30, Alicia Spencer \$15, Kody Coen \$5.00

11) Sunday Duck Race: Vincent Self \$30.00, Amber Wichman \$15.00, Eben Ray \$5.00

12) Junior Speed Panning: Aliviah 1st, Cole 2nd, Savannah 3rd.

13) Senior Speed Panning: Amy 1st, Chad 2nd, Eben 3rd.

14) Metal Detecting: Carol Cordes 1st-384, Jim Perkey 2nd-372, Angel Cordes 3rd-270.

15) Poker Chip Hunt (7 and older): Faith Schuetz; (6 and younger): Jaedin.

VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU's go to Gary and Trudy Schrader and Patty Perkey for cooking the meat for the Saturday Brunch. To Leah Beckstead for helping lay-out and manage games and prizes. To Gary Schrader for braving the cliffs and launching the Ducky's (the plastic ones only). And, to FAITH SCHUETZ for swimming the cold - swift waters of Quartzville Creek to retrieve wayward Duckies that got past Murry!!! YOU ALL ROCK!!!

Our best wishes go to Eben Ray who resigned as WVM President due to personal issues. We will miss your leadership, Eben! Stay in touch and know we CARE!!

This was one of the most memorable Rendezvous ever and one of the most fun. Thank you to all who attended and participated

Howard Conner

Dads Creek Outing

There were many members that came and went each day throughout the whole week. I didn't get a good count. Unlike other years, there were many more new faces and new members. I didn't get to talk to all as Howard and I might have been on the gold which might have had me a little distracted. Howard and I didn't even get our annual hike up the hill done. All the members that I did come across had great spirits and were having a nice time. It was hot and dry everyday but much cooler down at the creek. The water level was really low up on 4, 5, and 6. There was just enough to run a 3 inch on 3. There was a Forest service representative and a Douglas county person that came to the claims separately to check out the road and to see who was up there as logging is starting above claim 5 and the road will be redone all the way up and there will be a lot of trucks going in and out. They were very nice to talk to and were not in the least concerned about our activities as far as mining. One of them joked about losing his one ounce piece and was hoping we could find and return it. The Douglas County guy was also checking out fire hazards as Fire Level was raised that day.

Jeff Farrand

Future Outings

The Miners Jubilee in Baker City is coming July 19-21. Many, many people enjoy 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, 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.

August 16-18, Myrtle Creek Outing is fast approaching, plan now. Contact is Louie and Joan Frick [541-327-1210](tel:541-327-1210)

Members Corner

I have a feeling even if you weren't at Miners Meadow you still heard us, that really loud bunch in the big yellow RV! And no doubt you now know I'll answer to "Papa" ever since I got "adopted". Thanks WVM for a great family camp. All the kids had a SUPER time, made some friends, enjoyed some fun activities and learned a thing or two. I've been a member for three years, living in Bend, and only made the Vincent Creek outings. Miners Meadow was a great setting for the "grandkids" first camp-out, and while we didn't see Bigfoot we did catch the last, lost duckie #38.

"...you need to take a lotta, lotta marshmallows if your gonna go campin' Momma" Jarris 5yrs

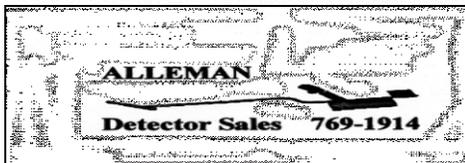
Jonathan Hayes

A Note from the Editor

I apologize for the huge blank spots in this newsletter and the lateness of getting it out. We were out looking for gold last week and I have been trying to get back into the swing of things. Hopefully it won't happen again.

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