



WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

August 2013

Next Meeting
August 15, 2013
7:00 pm

August 16-18 Myrtle Creek Outing

Dad's Creek Cancelled Bohemia Mine Tour Postponed

August meeting program - Wilderness Emergency Treatment for Stings, Ticks, burns and Bites (snake)

President's Report

I have spent a great deal of time thinking about what I could write for this month's report and thought it has been some time since we've discussed safety. This passion we all share comes with inherent risks that we must accept, however we need to learn how to minimize those risks to the greatest extent possible. As an example, I'm one of those people who like to get off by themselves and a few years ago it almost cost me my life. I was working alone on Quartsville Creek just below Yellow Bottom, slipped on a rock fell, and I broke my left femur. I lay in the creek for about an hour calling for help. Some kids playing in the creek above me heard me calling and went to the campground to get their parents. It took over another hour for the ambulance to get there from Sweet Home. By this time I was very hypothermic and in immense pain. After getting to the hospital in Corvallis they couldn't operate till the next day because of the hypothermia. As it turns out the hypothermia saved me from bleeding to death. I still like to get off by myself but have gotten a satellite locator to help minimize that risk.

With the recent wildfires at or near some of our Dads Creek and Briggs Creek claims a few our members had to evacuate the area. From the reports I got in at least one case there wasn't much time and had to throw their equipment into the RV, get out, and worry about packing later. In the case of wildfire safety we all need to be aware of the weather forecasts, and heed the warnings. Some of our claims are remote and it is always a good idea to let someone know where you are and when you plan return.

Remember Have fun AND be safe
Alan

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**

Minutes

July 18, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Alan Mitchell We were led in the pledge of allegiance by Sue M.

Sue M. volunteered to take minutes for this meeting. (Thank you Sue)

The minutes of the last meeting (held at Minors Meadow) were approved as read in the newsletter.

The treasurers report was given by Jim P. and approved.

Larry C. reported that there were new signs on out Golden Dollar claim on the Calapooia.

Upcoming outings

Myrtle Creek – Aug. 16-18 – Louie F. camping together, you do your own thing

Dads Creek – Aug. 31 – Sept.3 - Jeff F. (**Cancelled due to wildfires**)

Gov't Affairs – SB838-10 Has been passed but is still on the Governor's desk and hasn't been signed. Old Business - Minors Meadow has been paid for next year's outing. A request was made to purchase 4 long tables for the potluck. Ebon made the motion to make the purchase and it carried.

New Business - Briggs creek claim – Our partner in this claim had heard rumors that someone was commercial mining this claim and camping there for the entire summer. Trevor and Sam gave a report on their last prospecting trip there and their feeling was there wasn't much gold left on the claim. After some discussion a motion was made by Howard to have the Board make a decision on how to best vacate this claim. The claim has been since listed for sale on Craigslist.

Meeting was adjourned

Events & Outings

There will be a special program as part of the August WVM meeting. "Wilderness Emergency Treatment for Stings, Ticks, burns and Bites (snake)". Hand-outs will be available. The presentation will take between 30 to 45 minutes,

depending on questions.

Presenter: Howard Conner (Senior Medic/PA Dispensary & Ambulance operations USN/USMC 3 yrs; Certified: EMT 35 yrs, EMS Instr. 8 yrs, ACLS Instr. 15 yrs; Fire Fighter I -5 yrs; Licensed Vocational Nurse 8 yrs; Professional/staff Educator in Medical, Safety & Disaster-Hospitals 16 yrs; Chief Tech/Tech. Director Cardio-Vascular-Pulmonary Depts-Hospitals 12+yrs)

Future Outings

Aug 16-18 is the scheduled Myrtle Creek outing but from the show-of-hands at the last meeting of those thinking to attend, it sure doesn't look like a crowded outing. The camping is sometimes a challenge -- take exit 112 on I-5 to access an RV park (be aware this is a very noisy camp because it is so near the freeway) or more bargain type camping is available at Poverty Flats owned by the city of Myrtle Creek and permits are obtained from Myrtle Creek city hall (weekdays) -- and this is a noisy camp too.

Even though I complain about the camping situation, Louie claims there are good gold finds in the Umpqua River -- most miners will try near Poverty Flats or Lawson Bar area. If you have questions on this outing call Louie and Joan Frick [541-327-1210](tel:541-327-1210).

Bohemia Mining Tour is being postponed this year due to the extreme Fire Danger that continues to plague the Southern Cascades.

Raffle Corner

Thanks to everyone for supporting our club through the raffles. The Oregon sunstone, donated by Tim Bronson, was won by Patty Perkey. Thanks again to Tim for donating the sunstone. It was a popular item! Keith Looney won the monthly nugget, and Rodney Chavez had the winning ticket for 50/50. Congratulations guys! At July's meeting a bowie knife was generously donated by John Tharp to be raffled off. This will be a large raffle item in the future. The next large raffle item will be a White's Bullseye 2 pinpoint, which was donated by Margaret Henderson. This is a tool every prospector can use! The pinpoint will run for two months, with the winning ticket being drawn at September's meeting. Be sure to buy some tickets.

Sam Seth

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