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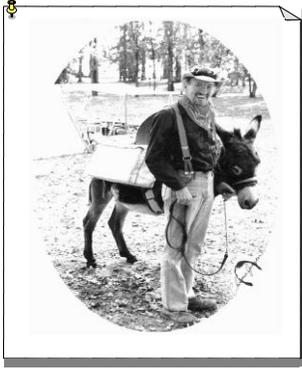
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# WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

August 2014

**August Meeting**  
Thursday, August 21, 2014  
7:00pm

## August 16-17 – Golden Dollar Outing

## August 30- September 1 – Dad's Creek Outing

## September 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>-Cedar Bend

## President's Report

I hope that others are able to get out more than I have this summer to do any mining. I wish I could have made it but it sounds as if the mining tour up at the Bohemian Mining District went well. I was told it was a beautiful day. Steve Landis's ashes were scattered up at the watch tower and the Forest Service blocked the road so the members had privacy while they were at the tower.

I hate bringing up safety so much, but remember that all the claims are in isolated areas. Public safety services are a long ways away. I cannot express how important going mining with a family member or friend is. Just make sure, whoever you go with, make sure you know them well enough to trust them and they are capable to assist if needed.

WVM President  
Jeff Farrand

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

## Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2014

The July meeting was called to order by VP Eben Ray. The members were led in the pledge of allegiance by Gary E. There were 34 members and 3 guests in attendance as per the sign in sheet. Joyce and Ellen volunteered to be our "Treat team" for next month. Thanks ladies.

Treasurer Jim P. gave his report for last month's expenses and income. Joyce made the motion to accept the report as read, Louie F. made the second and it was approved by vote. Eben asked for comments on last month's minutes; there were none. Mike H. made the motion to accept the minutes as written, Howard C. made the second and they were approved.

There was nothing from the claims committee this month. About the last outings, Mike Hunter coming from Vincent Creek, had a major breakdown on his RV. He thinks it would be good to travel with someone because people really don't want to pick up a hitchhiker, even one as good looking as him. And Chuck Choate wants to say thanks so much to whoever found his cane at Vincent Creek and brought it back to town.

Howard C. reported on Miners Meadow. Says thanks to all--those who helped release and retrieve all those little ducks, to the Schraders for cooking all those burgers and dogs, to the Fricks for the hot and yummy do-nuts, to Jonathan H. who cooked up biscuits and gravy, to "three-fingered" Cecil for the great B-B-Q'd turkey, and all you others that attended and helped make this year's event another grand outing. Mike H. stopped at Whites Detectors and talked to them about scheduling a tour of their museum and facilities. Perhaps that could be an outing for next year. He got their business card and passed that on to Howard.

Eben R. reported on helping out in the NW Mineral Prospectors booth at the Marion County Fair along with a few members from WVM. They were kind enough to let us hand out our brochures and applications at this event and several others over the past years. In appreciation of their consideration we will be sending them a big thank you and two free family memberships for 2014-15. Joe G. made the motion Mike H. made the second, and it was

approved by vote.

For upcoming outings the A.C. Gilbert Children Museum has asked us to attend their event on August 9<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 5pm. The panning tubs will be set up and Jim P. is asking for volunteers to help kids {and adults} learn how to do some panning. We will also be handing out brochures. If you would like to lend a hand call him at 503 390-7327.

On August 12-17 Wes Jeffers and Tammy Roberts will have a booth at the Clackamas County Fair. They are also asking for volunteers to join them. This is a fun event set in the Pioneer Village where everyone dresses in period clothing. You get free parking and free entry into the fair. Contact Wes at 971-563-5080.

On August 16-17 an outing is scheduled to the Golden Dollar Claim. For more information contact Larry C. at 541-905-4749

On August 30th-Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> is an outing to the Dad's Creek Claim. But due to the past forest fire, the logging activity in the area and probably the lack of water this is still up in the air. Be sure to contact Jeff F. for an update at 503-371-3652.

For Government Affairs Tom Q. related some of the topics discussed at the Governors Study Group he has been attending. And Oh-boy – ODFW asked if dredges should be licensed under the invasive species act just like other water craft. It seems like they are throwing everything under the sun at us miners. Oregon State Police are now enforcing permits. They have been active in Southern Oregon. The study group also talked about noise pollution from dredges particularly on the Rogue River but also everywhere one may be dredging. Now the BLM Agency wants to allow dredging in certain "zones". We don't know where they are going with that, and they don't either. Tom is not feeling very optimistic about this whole thing. He wants to thank Mike H. for his input on the Lamprey Eels; it knocked that issue down a notch. Also to those of you who have sat in on all these discussions and listened to all it's nonsense. Remember, if you are using a sluice or any non-motorized equipment you must have the Application and rules for the 700-pm permit. You can print it off the DEQ website at [www.deq.state.or.us/wq/wqpermit/mining.btm](http://www.deq.state.or.us/wq/wqpermit/mining.btm) .

The Raffle table this month was a two-fold event. Those of you that were at Miners Meadow probably know about Cecil B's finger injury. As it turned out he ended up in the hospital for 8 days. So, Gary E. from Capital Mining donated a sluice box, bucket and shovel, Eben R. donated a nugget and pan and John A. donated a small sluice to be raffled to help Cecil with some of his medical expenses. Thanks to all.

In new business Mike H. made a motion to send \$500.00 to buy raffle tickets at the Miners' Jubilee in Baker City. The proceeds of these tickets go to the PLG (Permit Litigation Group). Tom Q. suggested since litigating in court is so expensive that \$1000.00 would be much better. A show of hands was taken and the \$1000.00 won. A second was made and approved.

There was no old business to discuss.

For good of the order Jim P. bestowed the (Old Buzzard) to Howard C. in recognition of the many, many things he does for our association. Thanks so much Howard. Also, Trudy S. asked if anyone took pictures at Miners Meadow could you send them to her so she can post them on the WVM web site contact her at 503-859-3132.

Next Tom Bohmker told a story of when he was young and he would explore in old caves and tunnels and sometimes find old dynamite and caps. Not knowing much about that stuff he read the 1952 edition of the DuPont Blasters Handbook. Since Trevor S. is now working in the field Tom presented him with an edition of that same book. He also found a seam of interesting rock in an old tunnel at Quartzville and brought some samples to show. He and Trevor found a small amount of color in the two buckets full of material that they brought out.

After the raffle draw for Cecil the meeting was adjourned.

See you all next month, Patti.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**August 16<sup>th</sup>-17 – Golden Dollar Outing**

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## **Past Outings**

**Day's Creek Outing July 4-6**

Leonard Allen, Amy and kids from Salem were there all week long and found some good gold. The weather was wonderful warm and no rain. Allan Allen from North Bend was there for a few days and found a little gold. Thursday, Gary from Albany a new member came up and Tom, Chris, and John from Salem all new members were there for the weekend when we left on Saturday they had not found any gold yet but they were having fun looking for it. Hope we get so see them at another outing. Johnny and Kerry from bend were up for the day on Saturday. There were not logging trucks on the road but Superior was getting ready to log and they will probably start any time. They have put in some roads above #5 so maybe that will stir up and get some good water flow and wash some of that gold down the creek.

## Bohemia Mining Outing

On July 19, Penny and Walt led a tour of some of the mines in the Bohemia Mining District. The trip had several objectives. 1) To locate the Star Mine access road, 2) visit a few mines located around the Fairview Fire Lookout Tower, and 3) most importantly, to comply with last wishes of our past WVM member, Steve Landis, to have his ashes scattered around the base of the Lookout Tower. Steve grew up in Cottage Grove and knew the mountains better than most.

As we arrived at the top of the mountain (6,000 ft) we noticed the steep winding road up to the Lookout was gated and locked, which was unusual. There were several USFS trucks there manned by young people. It seems they were from as far away as Idaho. All local workers were out fighting fires. To a person they all said they wished they had the gate code and really wanted to support our mission. A little discouraged, but still having faith we would get the job done, we went down the mountain a ways to check out a mine.

We returned to the top of the mountain about an hour later and saw two more USFS pickups and a fire truck coming up the road. I watched as the driver of the Fire Truck left his vehicle and opened the gate. I approached him and explained what we wanted to do. He said that it was very important that we proceed with our mission and he would move his truck out of the way to let us pass and then re-block the road so that no one could go up until we came back down. We were up there for over an hour, during which time we prayed over Steve's ashes and I climbed the tower and gently dispatched the ashes on a gentle breeze.

Steve would have been very happy. The day was fantastic: very sunny, with clear air for miles and miles. From Hood to Shasta a magnificent view. We then went back down to the gate area and thanked the USFS guys and gals for their encouragement and support. The Lord worked a miracle on that mountain. Coincidentally, it was the 50th anniversary of the Bohemia Mining District and they were preparing for 1200 visitors the very next day. Yikes!! Glad we were not up

there then.

We then traveled south down the mountain for a few miles when I noticed a white pickup off the road with a door sign reading "Mine Patrol". I backed up and a woman was by the truck. We asked what they patrolled and if she knew where the Star Mine was. She asked us to drive in to where they were camped. She and her husband had a hard rock mine right there they were working. They told us all about the mine and were both quite knowledgeable about hard rock and dredging. They tried to visit many of the accessible mines in the area to discourage vandalism and claim jumping. She gave us good directions on how to get to the Star Mine and we departed.

We arrived at the road that is gated just up the road out of sight, for the Star Mine, around 1530. We decided that it was too late for a project of this magnitude and importance to begin that late in the day and that the mine was worth a whole day, sometime in the future. The Southern approach up the mountain from Cottage Grove is paved much of the way, is quicker and won't beat you and your vehicle to death.

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