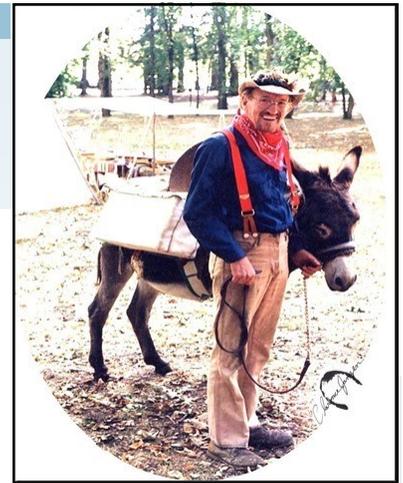


Willamette Valley Miners

June 2018



Upcoming Events:

JUNE 14th - 18th : Quartzville Miner's Rendezvous

July 6th-8th : Dad's Creek Outing

July 21st : Roaring River Fish Hatchery

Tour

Meeting Minutes May 17, 2018

Hello there miners! Tonight's meeting was called to order by Pres. Jim P. and then he led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. There were 28 members in attendance this evening but no visitors for a change. Thanks go to Mark M. for the cookies we had at break time. Joan and I will be the "Cookie Crew" next month.

Don Esch told us about a trip he just returned from in Southern Oregon. He spent time with Trevor S. and Sam S. and said the area they have down there is quite impressive. There is history at a creek there that was the first gold strike in Southwest Oregon. Sam has been doing a lot of exploring and studying of that area and he has found some old mining camps with artifacts still in place, an old hand dug ditch about two miles long, and an area above that where hydraulic mining had been done. Originally, the old timers had to remove 20-30 feet of overburden to get down to the creek's bedrock. Pretty amazing. Anyway, he had a lot of fun down there and since he wasn't in the water he decided to do some metal detecting on the hillsides. He found one area where there were some "hot" rocks that once crushed contained quite a number of gold flakes. He brought in some of those rocks for us to look at and you can see gold specks in them. So don't discount hillsides above creek beds where gold has been found.

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Minutes –continue

Rick S. gave us the Treasurer's report for last month's finances. Patti made the motion to accept the report as read, Tom Q. made the second, and the motion was passed by vote. He also said there are still some WVM patches available for sale for \$5.00 each but the caps are all gone. And the new revised membership handbooks are finished and are available now. If you want a new one mailed to you send a check for \$5.00 (that's three dollars for the book and two dollars for the postage) to WVM, P.O. Box 13044, Salem, Or. 97309-1044 or you can get one at the meetings for \$3.00 each. You'll find them easier to read and full of new and useful information.

Larry C. gave us his Claims report stating that mining season is coming up and that's exciting. The outing to Vincent Creek will be over by the time this letter is published but as a reminder if you plan on being on that claim in the future remember that the area is an animal protected corridor. Be sure to close the gate behind you, either going in or out, and you must have your WVM dash card on display while there. Be sure to keep the claim site clean and do no damage to the trees or terrain. Also, at the Golden Dollar claim on the Calapooia, the road is now open but the Forest Service is proposing a corridor, from the forest line up to where the 18 Creek joins the Calapooia, that restricts all camping. So, if that proposition passes, there is no more camping at our claim. Claudia W. said they can't keep us from camping on our claim and Larry said he wrote the F.S. a letter stating that fact. We'll see what kind of reply he gets, if any. Jim reminded us that we need to document the dates and times you spend on any of our claims doing prospecting, cleaning up trash, improving trails etc., so that information can be sent to Larry or

Jim. This info is compiled each year for the work waivers and sent to the B.L.M.

The WVM newsletter had not been received by the time of tonight's meeting so there was no discussion about last month's minutes.

Our upcoming outings and events are as follows: June 14th-18th is the Quartzville Miner's Rendezvous. This is on Quartzville Creek at about mile post 23 in the Old Miner's Meadow outside of Sweet Home. This is our biggest outing of the year so all of you are encouraged to come and enjoy the festivities. You can come for the weekend or a day. There will be contests for kids and adults on Saturday with prizes awarded to the lucky winners. There is the famous duck race where you can buy a chance to share the purse. Saturday at noon is a wonderful pot-luck lunch. WVM will supply the burgers, dogs, a deep-fried turkey (thanks Jeff and Debbie), table service and water you bring the sides. In the evenings, around the campfire we gather for a bit of music, so please, if you play an instrument, sing, tell jokes (clean), do magic tricks or whatever, feel free to join in the fun. Remember, this is a primitive campsite—no water, power or sewer although there is a pit-toilet (advised to bring your own T.P. just in case). Pets are welcome if they are quiet and they must be on a leash and you are responsible to clean up after them. AND---dear Howard C., who has been so instrumental in setting this event up, will not be able to handle the usual things this year. So, we are asking you to volunteer to set up some of the contests. If you would like to help out or need more information call Jim P. at 503-390-7327. .

On July 6th - 8th is the Dad's Creek outing. This is held on our claims there outside of Glendale. The contact person has not been decided yet but we will discuss this further at the June meeting. On July 21st there will be a tour of the Roaring River fish hatchery. This should be very interesting and the contact person is Mike Hunter. For more info call him at 503-502-2382.

In Government affairs, Mike H. lost his bid for District 19 but he said he learned a lot and it definitely was an experience so now he can get back to a normal life and maybe a game or two of golf. Tom Q. reported that there was a hearing on the 700 DEQ suction dredge permit in the Oregon Supreme Court. Our Attorney, James Buchal, made a pretty fair presentation. Some of the judges asked some very good questions in regards to DEQ's claim that we as miners are adding pol pollutants back into the streams. These claims didn't make much sense to them. Anyway, you must have a "copy" of the 700 permit in your possession while working in a stream even if you are just using a sluice. Panning doesn't require it. You can get the permit on-line on the DEQ website at www.oregon.gov/DEQ. No news yet in regards to that hearing and it may take some time before we do. Let's hope for the best.

Trudy S. generously donated (along with tons of other stuff for the raffle table) a lovely miniature tea service. This was hand painted and trimmed in 24 karat gold so Jim decided to auction it off. Bidding started at \$5.00, went to six, then 7 and ended up at \$11.00. Thanks Trudy. Lastly, Jim gave us an up-date on Howard. His heart surgery went very well, post-op was a bit shaky, but now all and all things are good. He is recuperating at home, regaining his strength and doing well. But no driving for at least six weeks.

Maybe you could give him a call just to say "howdy".

With that the meeting was adjourned. See you all next month. Patti P., Sect.

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You're invited to include articles, classified ads, promotional notes, and/or advertisements and pictures of events. Remember to have all newsletter material sent to me by the 25th of each month. Thanks!

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Please send:

- Jokes,
- Articles,
- Recipes
- Upcoming events, etc.

If you have things you are selling and want to put an add in If you go to an outing take pictures and send them. I will put them in the newsletter. Just send it to me in any Word document in an email.

I was contacted on recently by Don Form (541) 405- 3290 he is currently not a member but is thinking about joining. He has a private claim up in the Miner's Meadow area. He is looking for some with a dredge and 2018 permit to help work his claim. If you are interested please call him to discuss the details. Dredging season starts soon.

Howard sent some *Words of Wisdom* to ponder over coffee in the morning:

I changed my password to "incorrect" so whenever I forget it the computer will say "Your password is incorrect."

I'm great at multi-tasking— I can waste time be unproductive and procrastinate all at once.

Behind every great man is a women rolling her eyes.

Women spend more time wondering what men are thinking than men spend thinking.

I was going to wear my camouflage shirt today, but I couldn't find it.

If tomatoes are technically a fruit, is ketchup a smoothie?

No matter how much you push the envelop, it'll still be stationary.

If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.

The grass may be greener on the other side but at least you don't have to mow it.

New Membership Handbook

The Membership Handbook has been updated and revised. You will notice a new cover page and all of it is in an improved binder. This handbook contains several new articles, updated claim maps with GPS coordinates, the most current Constitution and Bylaws, Standard Mining Operating Procedures for WVM members, Current rules (as of publication) on laws and regulations on dredging, Govt. Agency's & Contact info., including more places in Oregon that are open for gold panning and metal detecting.

The New Handbook costs \$3.00 (to cover printing)
And \$2.00 to mail it to you.

I will also have them the monthly meetings

To get a copy for contact:

Rick Stepper, Treasurer

503-507-8844 or send a note to us stating that you want a new book, along with \$5.00 and we will mail it to you.

To: Willamette Valley Miners

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Club Seeks Gold for Purchase

30 mesh gold used in club fund raisers (gold bags) needed urgently. Will pay going rate-contact Treasurer, Rick at 503-507-8844

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Our purpose is to keep alive the spirit and preserve the rights and privileges of all miners and prospectors, by educating and encouraging small-scale mining and helping establish a positive image of today's mineral prospectors and miners.



Meetings Third Thursday of each Month 7:00 PM

Marion County Fire Hall
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