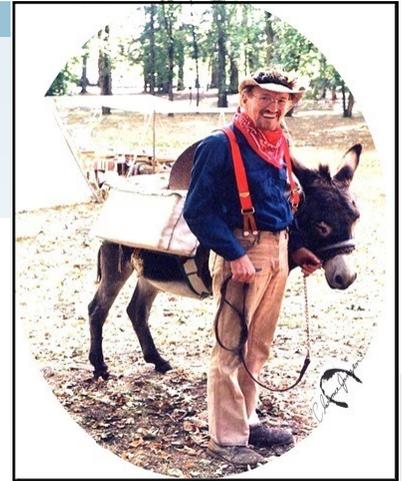


Willamette Valley Miners

July 2018



Upcoming Events:

July 21st: Roaring River Fish Hatchery Tour

August 4th—Rice Rock Museum Tour

September 7th-9th—Ochoco Area Tour

Meeting Minutes July 21, 2018

Hello all! Tonight's meeting was called to order by V.P. Eben Ray who then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. There were only 23 members in attendance this evening. New members Troy and Krisha, brought in a vial with some material he found up on the Little North Fork and he wasn't sure what it was. I'm sure Wes could identify it for him. Thank you, Joan for the yummy goodies you brought tonight. John R. and Howard volunteered to be the "Cookie Crew" for next month.

Pres. Jim asked members if anyone has been on a WVM claim and if so, did you fill out a work-sheet showing what you did there? These work-sheets are compiled for the annual work waivers that are sent to BLM—they are important to verify those waivers!

Rick S. gave his Treasurer's report for last month's deposits and expenses. Howard made the motion to accept the report as read with Keith L. making the second and the motion was passed by vote

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Minutes –continue

The minutes published in last month's newsletter was accepted by vote with a motion made by Howard and a second from Louie F.

For the Claims report, Larry C. stated that the assessment reports are about half done so when they are finished they'll be sent to the various counties to be recorded. Also, he and Louie were up at Dry Gulch and found that a sizable hole had been dug into the bank up there. He reminds us NOT to dig into the banks because that's just a big red-flag to the Forest Service, or whomever, that may go up there and look around. We certainly don't need them coming down on us for that. Keep in mind that any holes you dig anywhere need to be filled in when you're done. Jeff F. reported that he was down at the Dad's Creek claims and where #5 ends there has been a gate installed. So he advises that if you take your RV up there you won't be able to turn around further up the road as we've done in the past.

Our raffle table looked a bit bare tonight. Jeff asks that if you have any usable items you no longer want, bring them to next month's meeting, especially if they are mining related. This is one of our revenue sources.

Our up-coming events are as follows: July 21st is a tour of the roaring River Fish Hatchery outside of the town of Scio. We will have a pot-luck lunch while there and you can get directions to the hatchery on the internet. Your contact person for more info is Mike Hunter at 503-502-2382. On August 4th there is a tour at the Rice Museum of Minerals. This is a very interesting place with specimens of rocks from all over the world. We'll talk more about this

at the July meeting. On September 7th-9th is the Ochoco outing near Prineville. Hopefully, Casey Keizer can give us a personal tour of the area. Again, this will be discussed at a future meeting.

Since Mike H. and Tom Q. were absent tonight there was nothing to report on Government affairs. But Jim heard that apparently the state lost a court case in California and that judge has instructed the Fish & Game Department to start issuing permits to the miners allowing them to work the creeks again next year. Maybe that will bode well for us, too. Seems like Oregon follows California's lead. Let's hope!

In new business: We have been invited to participate in a function at the Crook County library in Prineville on July 31st. Jim, myself and Mike H. will be going over to set up a couple of panning tubs for the 30-40 kids that may be attending. The Coordinator has asked that we dress in period clothing and tell a bit about Oregon's gold history. And an early head-up for next year. The 2019 Miner's Rendezvous at Miner's Meadow will be held June 13th-17th.

Meeting adjourned, Patti Perkey, Sect.

Miner's Meadow in review!!

Well, another Miner's Rendezvous has come and gone and what a good time we had. The weather was pretty good except for a few off and on showers, but if you asked Larry and Louie they would say one of those showers was more of a deluge! We had a fair turn-out, not as many campers as in the past, but Saturday's pot-luck had over 70 people attending. Thanks go out to Jeff and Debbi for the great turkey and gravy, Chad and Jim for the burgers and dogs, all you guys and gals for the wonderful lunch buffet, Joan and Louie (and the elves) for the morning donuts, and Jonathan's yummy biscuits and gravy.

Thanks also to you guys for the set-up and take-down of the shelters, Diane with her UTV for rounding up the picnic tables, and all the ladies who helped get the tables ready. We owe member Chris G. a huge thank you for taking over Howard's jobs. He found it to be quite an undertaking but he did just fine.

Thank you also to Valerie F. and Haily K. for being such a help to Chris. The prize winners for Saturday's duck race were 1st-Jim P., 2nd-Valerie F., 3rd-Jaiden J. Sunday's race was 1st-Jaiden J., 2nd-Jenny M., 3rd-Dillon V.

In the adult speed panning 1st went to Amy A., 2nd-Jeff F., 3rd-Mitch.

In the kid's panning 1st went to Colton, 2nd-Alessandra, 3rd-Dillon V.

In the metal detecting 1st, 2nd, and 3rd picks went to Louie F., Gary P. and Gary P. again. Colton found the most pennies for the kids.

In the kid's poker chip hunt Jaedin J. took 1st place, Dillon V. 2nd, and Colton 3rd.

Lastly, thanks to member Josh and to Kathy for joining the campfire entertainment. You did great! Thanks everyone for coming- hope to see you all again next year. Regards, Patti P.

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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 posted this a few years ago but we have a lot of new members.

If you are looking or a why to give back and get some produce in return, and a fun way to get exercise and see the area. Check out Salem Harvest. www.salemharvest.org. Local farmers donate excess produce anything from berries to onions. They are two hour harvest in the County. You get to take half of what you pick and the other half goes to the foodbank. I have been involved for a few years now. You sign up on like and then you just check when there is a harvest if you want to go you sign up and then they give you the address and you go pick you can take kids also. If you have questions check out the website or contact me. Amy Goulter-Allen.

I when at picked Marion berries and had enough for several batches of Jam. Berries were all free.

Some up coming events:

*Marion County Fair July 12-15 Salem, OR
Santiam Stampede July 20-21 Sublimity, OR
Linn County Fair July 18-21 Albany, OR
Oregon State Fair August 22-September 3 Salem, OR*

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.

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

