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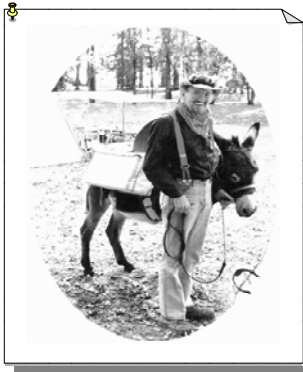
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WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

March 2005

President's Report

Just a reminder we are scheduled to have Dave McCracken speak at this months meeting. I also want to thank Gaylyn Cross who has volunteered to become our newsletter editor. This month events include the GPAA show at the Salem Fairgrounds on March 11 and 12, and the WVM 2 and 3 cleanup at Dad's Creek on March 25 and 26. Bring your muscles, picks and shovels, we need to make some trails down to the creek, actually down is easy, it's up that is the bear.

Happy Prospecting
Don Hammer
President WVM

Outings/Events

March 11-12 GPAA Show @ Salem Fairgrounds

March 16 Meeting

March 25-26 WVM 2/3 outing/cleanup Dads Creek

2006 Club Dues

If you have not paid your dues for 2006 this will be your last newsletter. I will say in advance if there has been an administrative error sorry. If you paid your dues and I somehow left your name off the list, I am sorry contact me immediately if you do not get a newsletter next month and I will correct the problem. Everyone that paid has gotten a 2006 membership card so all you have to do is show that to me as a receipt. I will hand around a list at the March meeting you can confirm your status at that time. Thanks for your patience. For those that did not renew you will be missed good luck. Sincerely Andy

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

Oct 20, 2005

Ken Haines, Secretary

The February meeting of The Willamette Valley Miners was held at the Marion County Fire Station, 300 Cordon Road N.E. in Salem, Oregon, at its usual time 7:00 p.m. Each month the meeting is held on the third Thursday, in the large downstairs gathering room in the rear of the fire station.

President Don Hammer opened the meeting and greeted the 29 members and 2 guests in attendance.

Don gave a brief explanation of the processes leading to the publication and distribution of the monthly Willamette Valley Miners Newsletter.

Our membership has come to rely on the information and scheduling that the monthly publication provides. Club news and miners rights are always topics of interest to all those who follow current local and regional events. And the publication even reaches other mining clubs and their membership through a newsletter exchange. The importance of our Newsletter becomes paramount in times like these, when our miners rights and the legitimacy of our mining claims are all being tested. The Newsletter is a window through which we can share both information and opinions with our fellow miners and see the broader picture through the eyes and experiences of our own Government Affairs Representative, Tom Quintal.

As we begin 2006, our long time CO-Editors of the Newsletter, Trudy Schrader and Mary Atkinson have stepped down from their positions. Their combined experience has been the life blood of our clubs newsletter process for many years. Thank you, Trudy and Mary, for your time, diligence and tenacity. The club is now actively looking for any members who would be willing to share some of their time in this endeavor. There are opportunities to share your skills in a variety of editing and publishing areas.

If you have time to share your skills and help with the clubs Newsletter, please contact: President Don Hammer, 541 924 0620, or Vice President Louie Frick, 541 327 1210.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written and accepted.

Treasurer, Andy Miller, gave the Treasurers Report which was also approved and accepted.

If you would like to pledge towards the clubs War Chest, which helps to fund the legal defense of our miners rights issues, please contact Treasurer Andy Miller, 503 585 8013, your donations are always welcome. Those who have previously pledged should finalize those.

A thank you was written in the Eastern Oregon Miners Newsletter for the support given by our organization.

Don reminded the group, that the 2006 membership dues are due now. Please renew your Willamette Valley Miners Family Membership for the New Year at the next meeting. Treasurer, Andy Miller, will be available to accept your renewals. A mere \$15.00 per year allows your family to receive the clubs monthly Newsletters enjoy the monthly outings and use the clubs gold claims. Tell all of your friends, where else can you get that much bang for your bucks.

New or renewed paid memberships will have access to the 2006 Willamette Valley Miners website password and the most up to date Willamette Valley Miners Gold Claim location packets along with any pertinent parking passes or authorization letters.

Past Club President, Paul Messersmith, announced that the Bureau of Land Managements Website is now up and running again, (LR2000), and using their system you can look up active claims. This valuable information source makes locating claims much easier. Paul will be giving a seminar later in the spring, detailing his understanding and use of the LR2000 System as it relates to filing gold claims. More information will be available at coming WVM meetings, or contact Paul, 541 9268153.

The clubs library also contains an in depth 'How To' book compiled by Paul, documenting the steps required to locate and file a gold claim in Oregon.

In a discussion regarding Executive Board positions, it appears that the Government Affairs position will require an addition to the bylaws and the refilling of the clubs 501-C. This will need follow up at the next meeting.

The GPAA annual Gold Show is scheduled for March 11th & 12th, 2006 at the Salem, Oregon fair grounds.

Each year, our organization participates in the shows overall set-up and tear-down. In return for our help, we are given a booth at which to promote our Willamette Valley Miners Organization.

Again this year our group has extended the invitation to The Linn County Miners to share our informational booth. President, Ray Porter, of The Linn County Miners and a member of our own organization has indicated that they will help at the booth.

Sign-ups at our November meeting, for show help during GPAA event were good, and there are still opportunities to help. Don't miss this show, each year this is probably the biggest and best venue for mining and prospecting equipment, detectors and detecting equipment, gold nuggets, and gold trips offered in our area.

The WVM ladies will be selling raffle tickets during the GPAA show for the large and beautiful hand made miners quilt they have been working on. Contact Trudy Schrader for tickets 503 859 3132.

The club will also be raffling a donated \$50.00 gold nugget at the show.

There were several items donated to the club, which were auctioned at the close of the business meeting.

They were a part of a silent auction, with the proceeds going into the clubs legal fund.

Other raffle items which are going to be used as fundraisers for the club at our upcoming monthly meetings include: The Monthly Gold Nugget, The Monthly 50/50 Money Raffle, Brand New Metal Detector, Brand New Pin Pointer, and our monthly table raffles of donated items.

Attention all detectors! February 25th at 10:00 a.m., Location: Bush Park, Salem, Oregon, near the Soap Box Derby Track. Outings are open to all Willamette Valley Miners, bring your metal detector and a friend and enjoy.

Posted: Paul Messersmith needs a rock tumbler 541 926 8153. Hank has Lost Dutchmen's Mining Assoc membership to sell, if interested inquire at next meeting.

Oregon Gold Trips LLC has guided gold expeditions available 877 672 8877.

During the evening break Raffle Master, Wes Jeffers, sold raffle tickets for the evenings fundraising raffles.

Immediately following the break, President Don reminded the group of the upcoming Rickreall Rock and Mineral Show coming up April 14th, 15th, and 16th at the Polk County Fairgrounds. Our organization will be hosting a booth and conducting panning lessons for the kids and the public. As

usual, we'll have real gold in the panning mix, that adds a lot of excitement. Mark out some time on your calendar for this one, it's a blast.

Government Affairs Representative, Tom Quintal, shared the latest on the issues surrounding the NPDS and 700 PM permits. If you have an interest in attending legislative sessions to show solidarity and support for your fellow miners contact Tom Quintal, 503 371 9747.

Dave McCracken of the "New 49ers" is scheduled to speak at our March general meeting, March 16th, 2006.

Meeting Adjourned.

Happy Prospecting.

Bush Park Outing

Gary Schrader

The metal detecting outing had a good turnout at Bush Park. I saw several swinging detectors while I was there, which wasn't very long. One of our members (Judy Straton) was in the hospital for an artery clean out, 98% blocked so wanted to check on her.

Cliff was at the park so anyone with questions had someone to help them. Andy had several coins and an interesting foreign coin we could not identify before a clean up. I hope all had a good time even if it was a bit cold.
PS Judy is home and on the mend.

Cliff's Corner

Cliff Winston

FACTS ABOUT GOLD*

Part One

1. GOLDS CHEMICAL SYMBOL IS AU.
 2. THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF GOLD MINED IN THE U.S. WILL MAKE A CUBE MEASURING A LITTLE MORE THAN 50 FEET ON EACH SIDE.
 3. ONE CUBIC FOOT OF GOLD WOULD WEIGH APPROX 14 HUNDRED POUNDS OR 1464.83 TROY OUNCES
 4. GOLDS SPECIFIC GRAVITY, A DENSITY MEASUREMENT, IS 19.3 THIS MEANS GOLD IS 19.3 TIMES HEAVIER THAN WATER.
 5. GOLD IS VERY SOFT, MEASURING 2.5 ON THE MOHO SCALE, WHILE TALC MEASURES AT ONE AND A DIAMOND AT 10.
- GOLD IS VERY DUCTILE AND MALLEABLE, CAPABLE OF ONE OUNCE BEING STRETCHED FOR 60 MILES, AND GOLD LEAF BEING FLATTENED TO 1/300 OF AN INCH.

KARAT MARK/GOLD PERCENT	
KARAT MARK	GOLD PERCENT
10K	.416
14K	.585
18K	.750
22K	.916
24K	100% PURE

PENNYWEIGHT IS ABBREVIATED DWT, AND GRAMS X .643=DWT, AND 20DWT = ONE OUNCE

DWT/OZ TABLE	
DWT	OUNCES
2	.10
4	.20
6	.30
8	.40
10	.50
20	1 OUNCE

TO FIND GOLD CONTENT AND DOLLAR VALUE USE THE FOLLOWING FORMULA:

KARAT DIVIDED BY 24, MULTIPLIED BY SPOT PRICE, AND DIVIDED BY 20 EQUALS THE PRICE PER PENNYWEIGHT.

EXAMPLE: 14K DIVIDED BY 24 EQUALS .583 .583 MULTIPLIED BY \$363 (SPOT PRICE) EQUALS \$212.80

\$212.80 DIVIDED BY 20 EQUALS \$10.64 (PRICE PER PENNYWEIGHT)

PRICE PER PENNYWEIGHT MULTIPLIED BY RING'S WEIGHT (MINUS STONES) IS THE SCRAP GOLD PRICE FOR THE RING CONTENT MAY BE LESS THEN 1/20TH TOTAL WEIGHT

Next month part 2 Gold jewelry.

Recipes for the outdoor camper

Gaylyn Cross

I've started gathering Dutch oven recipes and I've been watching on the RFD channel on my dish a show on how to cook with Dutch ovens. I'm sorry I don't have one for this issue ready to go but I just got the job last weekend. So next issue look for Sourdough pancakes and waffles you can cook for breakfast while out in woods.

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