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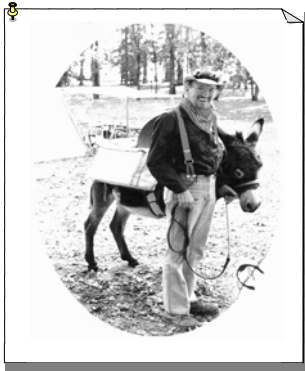
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**Please have all items for
the news letter to me by
the 25th of the month**



WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

July 2009

Meeting

July 16, 2009
7:00 pm

President's Report

Well as I've said before "another good turn out for the meeting." We had 6 new members join at the meeting "Welcome all" this brings our membership to 285. WOW

Outings have been going great with good turnouts and participation. Vincent creek 2 families and some good nuggets. Dad's creek at least 10 people putting 6 hours each on trail work and cleanup (way to go Thank You). Louie's workshop at his home 11 people. Louie and Rita's workshop at Quartz Ville 78 people and some of them joined our group.

Briggs creek work party 80 hours on trails with chain saws and labor and Joe has made the maps of the trail. WOW

As a club we are probably going to help out some other clubs that are in courts fighting for our right to pursue happiness and riches in our given recreation. We need to also be helping as individuals by writing, e-mailing or calling your State Representatives, Senators, Governors, President, about our beliefs and recreational benefits. Get active or lose it!

Loaner equipment check out form is ready. Loaner equipment is coming together and soon will be available. Contacts and phone numbers to be posted soon. You can donate equipment by calling Jim Perky or Eben Ray.

The discussion on meeting places is on going, talked about Aumsville Community center and McKay high school. Bring your research to the meeting.

Discussion points for July:

- Should we limit the size or type of equipment used on some of our claims?
- Raffle gold nugget size and if we need to carry over more then one meeting to pay for it?
- Buddy List how to use it and post it?

Take water be careful and find some Gold.

Eben
Vice President

*****A cap was found at the booth after the show. (86 AES Always Ready 86th Aeromedical Evacuation Sq.) Contact Howard Conner if you are missing it.**

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 June 18, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Vice President Eban Ray. Our president, Paul Messersmith is a little under the weather from his cancer treatments. We all hope he will be able to rejoin us soon.

There was some discussion regarding the dates for the upcoming Miner's Meadow outing. After some discussion & the checking of the calendar brought us to the realization that the dates for Miner's Meadow are June 25, 26, 27, & 28. We hope to see many of our folks there – as this is always well attended & great fun for all.

There was a motion made to purchase new ducks for the race at Miner's Meadow. As you may recall Our ducks from previous years were caught in the fire At Wes Jeffers home and all were destroyed. We will spend about 50 dollars for new ducks! Also Don Hammer will be cooking the Turkey at Miner's Meadow & Gary Schraeder will be doing the hot dogs and hamburgers. So bring your favorites & join us for all the festivities. There also will be a metal detecting contest, & geo-cache. The cast iron group may join us for the pot-luck & may also do some cooking for us.

There was a lot of news from Tom Quintal our government affairs officer. It gets rather confusing So not to confuse you all further, I think it best to call Tom with any questions you might have on the latest government issues. Tom can be reached at (503)371-9747.

I have a confession to make. My recorder wasn't doing its thing very well at the last meeting so, I don't have much to add to these minutes. Sorry, I will change recorders for our next meeting. Hopefully, I will have better luck when we meet again on July 16th.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen S. Phares, Secretary
Willamette Valley Miners club

From the office of the treasurer

We have started a buddy list in the club, and I see no reason for me to keep it to myself. So if anyone is looking for someone to go out mining with, this list might help.

Leon Haight - 4179 Riverdale Salem 97302

Phone 503 399 9690

Karen Kenney - 3416 Desert Rd. Silverton

Phone 503 383 2431

Stacy Anderson - 299 Santa Clara Av. Eugene

Phone 541 729 4754

Ken Doran - PO Box 64 Scotts Mills 97375

Phone 503 873 9611

I hope someone will look up these miners as we all want the best out of our friendships.

Have fun and may the bottom of you pan turn yellow.

Member's Corner

Government affairs Report

Hello prospectors, Tom Quintell would like everyone to know a few things that are happening in our world. I will attempt to pass these on as simply and as accurately as I can. However you need to research and get involved before quoting me as fact. Water diversion permits for Highbanking are needed to operate in Oregon waters.

Oregon Water Resource Department a Limited License to divert water from a stream to run a high banker/power sluice. The Limited License cost \$150.00 annually and is site specific for only one stream. If you move your pump on the stream a few feet they want another \$15.00. Most miners work multiple streams each year so they will really spend large sums of money to high bank in Oregon.

You are also required to have the Free ODEQ 600 permit to run a high/banker/power sluice discharging diverted water from a stream into a settling pond.

Get involved or lose it.

Eben

<http://www.westernroundtable.net> Want to get involved this site makes it easy for federal government problems.

Outings/Events

Follow up for workshop held June 6 at Louie's Welding shop in Jefferson. We had 10 members attend for several hours of demonstration & instruction of the powersluice/high banker, panning, self-contained separating system, and a Gold Genie. There was much discussion & interesting questions.

Thanks to all who came & I hope that I got your questions answered.

The display outing with Rita's- Oregon Prospecting on June 13, was also a good display. We had about 80 that attended. On display was a 2" combo, and a large sluice was setup, and the cleanup of both unites was panned out, and a small amount of gold was found.

Rita and husband Steve displayed several metal detectors, and how to set them up. After the setup of the various units had been gone through and questions answered, those who brought their own detectors, were invited to take part in a treasure hunt. So everyone lined up- ready - set - go, and away they went. I don't know how much in coins were found but fun was had by all.

LOUIE FRICK

MINER'S MEADOW OUTING

This year's Miner's Rendezvous was fantastic in every way!! Fifty six members and four guests enjoyed terrific weather, outstanding food, great prospecting and wonderful fellowship.

The attendees all want to thank Boyd and Kathy Puckett for providing the dining area canopy and an opportunity to hone skills using a variety of GPS units. Seven GPS folk participated in an orientation hands-on briefing and then a search for eight targets. GPS users found their units to highly complex and require a lot of reading of the owner's manual prior to beginning field activities. The Puckett's may be able to present a workshop in the future, but each person would have to have studied their book first.

Jeff & Debi Farrand won prizes for finding the most "1st find" targets, most targets and the "special" target.

Three "Duckie" races were held, two on Saturday and one on Sunday. Thanks to the ingenuity and hard work of Gary Schrader the races went off without a hitch and all but two or three of the little yellow quackers were recovered. Thanks Gary for netting the ducks while navigating the very slippery bedrock and thanks to Wes Jeffers for climbing down the cliff to release the ducks. In the 1st Race the club took 25% of the purse, for expenses, then the winners split the purses thereafter.

Winners:

1st Race: Art Leppin 1st Place, Valerie Farrand 2nd Place & Joan F. 3rd Place.

2nd Race: Lucky Puckett 1st Place, Don Hammer 2nd Place & Mary McLurg 3rd Place.

3rd Race: Boyd Puckett 1st Place, Dillon Rhinhart 2nd Place & Dale Thiel 3rd Place.

Nine Minor Miner's participated in our first "Poker Chip Hunt" for kids. Jack Schnebelen, Damien Berdge, Cole Allen, Briauna Akin, Dawson Akin, Valerie Farrand, Nathan Farrand, Dillon Rhinhart and Gabe Schafer participated. Each received a quarter for each poker chip found.

Metal Detecting Games proved, once again, to be interesting. Three of the four main prize rings were never again seen, even by the person (me) who planted them the day before. However, a ring I planted last year was found by Diane Smith.

Detector Hunt winners selected a prize from the prize table in the following order. Art Leppin (Red Band Ring), Diane Smith (Silver Band Ring 2008), Wes Jeffers (Most pennies 224, Wes Jeffers (most nickels 13), Wes Jeffers (most blue nickels 8), Wes Jeffers (most white nickels 5). For Minors 12 and under: Leah (?) (most pennies 49) & Nathan Farrand (most nickels 5).

A special award was given to Ellen Compton for collecting a large bag of trash while in the process of Metal Detecting Competition.

Many a grateful stomachs gave praise to Don Hammer who once again deep fat fried two delicious turkeys. And, for those who filled the tables with mouth watering delights – WOW!! Gary Schrader worked his magic cooking hamburgers and dogs in his vertical cooking machine. And both the Schraders and the Pucketts Dutch Oven prepared scrumptious early morning pastries for the group. Thank you – thank you – thank you!!! I think we should all do it again very soon.

Please note: A small black pair of binoculars was found. To claim them please call Howard at 503-399-0292.

A big SORRY to all of you who could not attend. Better come next time. We had a blast!!!

Howard

Left at the camp ground

I have one swimsuit, one long sharp knife, one clear glass bowl, one spoon, one shovel and one mining tool that do not belong to me, from the miners meadow outing. I will bring them to the club meeting so the owners can pick them up.

Thanks to the ladies that helped me cut up the stuff for the potluck and setting the tables up.

Thanks to all the people that helped get rid of all the doughnuts and Kathy & Boyd's cooking help the second morning.

Trudy

Dad's Creek Outing

Dads Creek had a small turn out, 11 in total. It was hot and the water was low. We were able to still dredge with 3 inch dredges by recirculating. All of the four dredges in the water were finding good gold. Flakes, pickers, and even a nugget was found. It was a great weekend, we got to spend time around the campfire and get to know a little about each other.

Jeff Farrand

Dump stations

Sweet Home

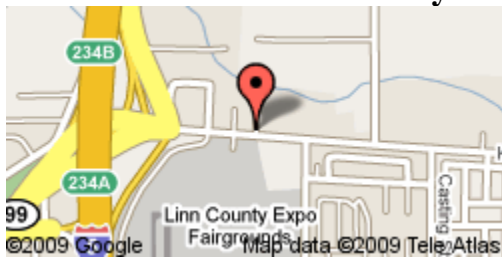
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Gary's Raffle Corner:

Raffle tickets by mail – Big Raffle Item!

We are now selling raffle tickets for the new large item raffle. A land based 2" highbanker (powersluice)/dredge combo, complete with engine, pump (high pressure or trash type), dredge attachment, foot valve and hose, stiff highbanker hose attachment, 2" nozzle and hose, water line hoses and quick connects where appropriate – a complete system ready to setup and go! Pictures will be available at the monthly meetings.

We have \$600.00 sold on the large raffle item so far, that leaves us with \$800.00 more to go. Let's keep up the good work and reach our goal of getting the high banker/dredge combo to some lucky miner during this summer mining season.

For those club members who live a considerable distance and for those who have difficulty making meetings, you can now purchase Big Raffle Item tickets by mail. The winner will be notified by phone and/or mail if not present at the meeting when the drawing takes place. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Send your ticket request and check to:

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Dan @ 541-401-0922 (Sweet Home)

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Wet Suit - Farmer John type - 6 mil. NEW - Medium size - fits 140 to 170 pounds - 5'4 - 5'9. Includes new weight belt. \$125 OBO.
Paul @ 541-926-8153

Wanted

Gold Screw

Dan @ 541-401-0922 (Sweet Home)

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