



WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

November 2009

Meeting
November 19, 2009
7:00 pm

President's Report

Hello all

Another good meeting with 3 new members and about 50 regular members. The room can comfortably seat more so come to the meeting.

The club is sending some funds to Guy Micheal to help support his legal battle of mining law that will help all prospectors/miners. We also voted to buy 3 cd's on mining law for our library.

The meeting was quick with the help of all members and we where able to get to the good stuff. Tom gave a slide show and briefing on the Briggs Creek claim and I can't wait to get there myself. After some other show and tell the members stayed and talked about everything. It was good to see all the interaction. There will be show and tell after the next meeting so come prepared.

Paul has written a formal resignation of his post of President (see below). It is with heavy heart that I accept the position and pray to do a fraction of what he wanted for our club. Paul may there always be Gold in your pan.

Now get out and find some gold.

Eben (Acting President)

Greetings Fellow Miners,

It is with great sadness that I find it necessary to resign as President of WVM. Perhaps I should have done it sooner but I was hopeful that my physical condition would improve. After three different chemo treatments over 8 months, there has been little improvement. All of my vital organs are still very functional but I remain very weak with not much energy. I sleep well and continue to eat well. I'm hoping to perhaps make the November meeting but time will tell.

I am so grateful that members have stepped up to 'keep the ball rolling.' Please encourage the membership to get involved and keep involved. There's some pretty good "horsepower" sitting in the audience. Encourage those folks to get more involved.

Please keep in touch and if you're in the neighborhood, please drop by. I'm home most of the time.

Thanks and best wishes in the future.

Paul Messersmith

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

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

Meeting Minutes October 15, 2009

This evening's meeting was called to order at 7 P.M. by Vice President Eben Ray. Paul Messersmith, our elected president, was unable attend this evening due to continuing illness.

The meeting to plan next year's calendar of events has been set for Saturday October 24th at 2 P.M. This meeting will be held at the home of Jeff Farrand in West Salem. Anyone interested in helping to plan outings and events for 2010 is welcome to attend this gathering.

At this evening's meeting Tom Quintal gave us a very good slide show featuring the Brigg's Creek area. However, it was brought up by Tom that some additional work needs to be done in the area to make the roads more accessible and the trails wider. Tom's pictures were beautiful and it was a very interesting presentation.

We have talked for several months about trying to find a new place for our monthly meetings. No one had any contributions to make on this subject. It will be on the agenda once again at our next meeting.

Our meeting in November is the election of new officers for the coming year. Up for election are the following:

President	Eben Ray
V. President	Steve Landis
Secretary	Karen Phares
Treasurer	Lloyd Bridgmon

In attendance this evening were 29 members and 4 guests.

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

Outings/Events

Oct 17 metal detector outing

I must apologize for dropping the ball on this outing, I seemed to have spaced it out and got nothing in the newsletter beforehand.

At the Oct 15th club meeting we decided to go to Cascade gateway Park to have the hunt and 5 people came to play. We managed to get in 25 minutes of detecting before it started to rain. It

looked like it might last awhile so 3 of us, Jim, Wyatt and I went to Denny's for breakfast. Returning to the park 1 1/2 hrs. later and still raining we decided to call it a day. Wes, however, had on his rain gear and was busy detecting so we left him there. He called later and said he was having a good day, finding jewelry and coins. Guess he had lots of people interested in what he was doing.

I feel it was a successful outing even on such short notice. I was able to meet and visit with a member who has not been able to attend meetings and other outings (Wyatt Baker of Dallas) and hope to see more of him at club functions. Just sorry we didn't see more members there.

Gary Schrader

Christmas Party Dec 5 11:00 - ?

Yes, it is getting to be that time of year again.

At the Oct. club meeting we got 3 people to step up and volunteer to cook the turkeys and ham. Thanks loads!!! Howard is going to do the table decorating and help set it all up again. Isn't he great! He will need help. The club will supply coffee and juice drink, plates and plastic ware but you can also bring your own.

The members need to bring some yummy favorite dish to the potluck. Eating should start around 12:00ish.

There will be the usual gift exchange game so bring one wrapped gift (up to \$10.00) for each family member that wants to play. The more that play the meaner it gets. When you get to the party you give the wrapped gift to the person with the tickets, he/she gives you a ticket for each gift you bring. You need a ticket to play. We are not sure of having bingo this year but we will try and the bingo prizes will be cash.

Gary's Raffle Corner:

The table raffle is not getting the donations needed to spark sales of tickets!! At the last meeting thanks to Wes, who put down 2 nuggets, Steve who went out and got a bottle of wine (something we should all carry with us in case of emergency, and one other member (did not get her name) we had enough interest to sell 49 tickets. This was after Trudy brought up the sad state of items on the table. Any useable item you can think of will do for the Raffle.

Please help to support YOUR club; you get so much for your membership dollars!!! I could list all the benefits this club offers but you should already be aware of them. If you aren't, just ask me.

Our large raffle item (dredge/high banker) was voted for by the membership quite a few months back. At the time some thought it was too expensive and would take too long before the winning ticket could be pulled, but were convinced that we could do it. Over half a year has gone by and we are just now halfway to the \$1400.00 we need. It does not look like we will be raffling it off at the Christmas party as we would have liked to do. I know we have members that have many tickets and feel they don't want to buy any more. That leaves us at a standstill. We are over 300 members strong, if each member put in \$5.00 for 6 tickets we would have more than enough. Where else could you (maybe?) buy a dredge/high banker for \$5.00?

You do not even have to come to a meeting, (although we wish you would). You can send your money to me and I will put your tickets in the pot. \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

Gary Schrader
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Or to the club address on the back of your newsletter.

Congrats to:
Cecil who won the gold nugget
Steve Ikman who won the 50/50 of \$12.50

Member's Corner

I just received a phone call from DSL advising the comment period closes November 20, 2009 for the proposed 2000 ESH additional waters being added to existing 19,000 ESH streams. If mining associations are interested, it might be a good idea to set up your miners meeting before that date, unless you are satisfied with the DSL proposed public meeting locations in Salem, Roseburg and Bend.

I hope each mining association representative will request their name be added to Division of State lands e-mail contact list for future notifications regarding proposed rule changes and public hearings that could affect mining in Oregon.

Unfortunately I have not been able to reach all mining associations with my contact mailing list. Those on my list include EOMA, Waldo, Millennium diggers, WVM and NWMP. The associations that still need to be contacted are SOMA located in the Grants Pass area, Bohemia miners in Eugene or Cottage Grove area, North Bend Prospectors located in Gold Beach and all the GPAA associations in Oregon.

If anyone has information for associations I do not have, I would appreciate receiving their names and e-mail addresses and I will relay the proposed changes to them in case they want to set up their own meeting with Eric Metz of DSL. Thanks.

Tom Q, WVM

1866 Mining Law

This link will take you to the 1866 mining law so you can print it out for yourself. www.grantedright.com. Once there, look at the top of the page and click on the Law.

Lloyd

Yardage Limits

As a recreational gold prospector I posed this question. What is happening to our yardage limits in the up coming ESH changes? Tom replied with this. The yardage is not supposed to change. We should still have the 25 cu. yards per stream reach per year in ESH streams. The change will be adding new 2,000 mile ESH extensions to existing ESH streams and I would guess adding new streams to the existing 19,000 miles of existing ESH streams. In other words figure they will have around 21,000 miles of ESH streams in Oregon if the 2,000 miles are added. More control of not just miners, but anyone wanting to remove and fill from a stream. Streams that are not designated as ESH can remove and fill up to 50 cu. yards with a free GA or General Authorization permit without paying DSL a heavy permit fee.

This Friday at 1:00pm three mining association representatives will meet with Eric Metz from DSL to preview the maps and proposed ESH request.

The public meeting will be Nov. 18th and final comments must be in by Nov. 20th. NWMP from Portland, Millennium Diggers in Keizer and WVM me will be at tomorrows meeting.

Folks its time to get active and get out and help Tom!

http://www.oregon.gov/DSL/rules_activity.shtml

Remember last year what you where going to do and then didn't. Well this is the time of year to think about maintenance of your Equipment. Have you changed the oil in your engines on your dredge? What about the fuel. Is it stabilized or do you need to drain it out of the tank? Fuel is another question with new mixes being sold at the gas station what do you do? Well do some research and make up your own mind on that one. How about that air filter, is it clean or worn out? The hoses put away out of the sunlight (haha in the Willamette Valley). Is it time to change that dreaded belt?

Is your breathing apparatus in good shape, dry and stored so that it will be usable next year? Check your hoses to see if they are clean and oil free so that they don't rot away. This would be a good time to get that regulator checked out at the dive shop and have it adjusted so it works well and doesn't leave you short of breath. How about the air filter? Hang your wet or dry suits on the appropriate hangers so they stay in good shape and maybe (deodorize) them too.

Has your beach sluice been cleaned since your last visit to the salt water?

How about that plastic container you store all your stuff in during the season is it clean and dry so you don't get rusty tools next spring and the extra stuff you don't need next year could be put on the raffle table? What are you needing for the next season? Could it be on that raffle table or should you start your Christmas list?

Camping gear? Clean that BBQ now the grease will come off so much easier now then months from now. Get the sleeping bag dry cleaned and packaged.

Get that gold nugget put on a chain or ear post to show it off next season. Or put all of them on a watch band like Jeff.

Now that all the chores are done and everything is ready for next year. Read, study, and plan for a great next season.

The Gremlin



-Miner #1: I'm not feeling too well today. You better take my temperature.

Miner #2: What's the matter?

Miner #1: I think I have "gold fever

Beautiful young people are acts of nature,
But beautiful old people are works of art.

Learn from the mistakes of others.
You can't live long enough to make them all
yourself.

The tongue weighs practically nothing,
but so few people can hold it.

Editor's Note

If you have an ad in the classified section, please let me know when it should be taken out of the newsletter. Several of these have been in for several months.

Please remember that this is your newsletter. We would love to have your input. If you have any articles, camping recipes or even a good clean joke or two, please e-mail them to me at dfarrand@msn.com.

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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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the month, 7:00 pm at
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