



WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

May 2010

Meeting
May 20, 2010
7:00 pm

Vice President's Report

There was a good turn out at the meeting, and we accomplished a number of things that have been on-going issues and have been eating up valuable time at the meetings. After discussions back and forth, there was a motion to sell the Old Farts Dream Claim to member David Humbert who runs the Mid Valley Prospectors of the GPAA Brownsville Chapter with the agreement that the Willamette Valley Mining members have access to the claim, motion approved.

At the Gold Show, the club was also given a free trip for one to raffle off at our meeting by the owner of Oregon Gold Trips to spend three days at their Wines Camp (\$500.00 value). It was decided to sell the tickets at 5 dollars each. The tickets will be available by contacting Gary Shrader and also they will also be available at the May and June meetings. The drawing for the trip will be held at the June meeting. I have heard that this is a wonderful trip. What a generous gift, THANK YOU to them.

All members must have their membership card with them on the club claims and also in the windshield of the vehicle. It is also your obligation to check those you see mining on the club claims. If you do not have your proof of membership you can be asked to hand over any concentrates and to stop mining until such proof can be shown. These persons should be documented and reported along with any pictures if possible.

The sun is starting to shine and it is getting time to clear the cob webs off the equipment and make sure all those things that got broken, bent, and leak get taken care of so everything works good when you do get out to find that GOLD. Check your permits and make sure you're up to date. Tom Quintal had a presentation at the meeting that shed some light on the confusing permits issues. At the May meeting we are expecting that DSL will come and talk to the members about their permitting. Please attend and let's show our strengths.

Jeff Farrand
Vice President

Postponed from April Meeting -Kevin Moynahan, assistant director for Division of State Lands and Eric D. Metz, PWS Operations Manager, will give WVM a permit overview presentation including the new Essential Salmon Habitat miles being added to Oregon streams.

We would like to see a good WVM member turn out at the April meeting to show DSL we are a good size mining association

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 newsletter to me by the 25th of the month

Meeting Minutes March 18, 2010

The meeting was called to order this evening by Vice President Jeff Farrand. Our President, Eben Ray was unable to attend tonight's gathering of our members.

The meeting minutes for March were approved as read & as they were printed in the March newsletter.

Our Treasurer gave us an update on the Club's monies. Our savings & the Club's 2 CD's are now in a money market account.

After several meetings we have set a price for the "Old Farts Dream Claim". It was purchased tonight by David Humbert, President of the Brownsville Chapter. It will be for the use of his Club as well as any Willamette Valley Miners Club members.

Tom Quintal reported to us on Government Affairs. Tom gave us a rundown on the various permits needed by miners & their costs. Any questions on this should be directed to Tom. Tom is an expert for our Club on all Government Affairs issues. You can reach Tom by calling 503 371 9747. He can also be reached via e-mail at quintal@gmail.com.

Tonight we had with us 47 members & 4 guests.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen S. Phares,
Secretary
Willamette Valley Miners Club

Outings/Events

Wow! What a Great Day

The Basic Mining Workshop was well attended by about 58 people and we had a wonderful time. We focused on the simple aspects of mining so our new folks could practice panning with the help of experts like Lloyd Bridgmon, Wes Jeffers, Louie Frick, and others. Gary Schrader demonstrated a poop tube and I separated some gold with the use of my gold magic wheel. Lloyd set up his high banker/dredge combo and demonstrated how a sluice box works. We signed up 3 new members. They are now infected with the "fever". Many thanks to all the ladies and gents who provided us with a great potluck. All the major food groups were well represented, especially the pie group and Trudy's amazing oatmeal raisin cookies. MMM-MMM-MMM. I want to thank everyone for

coming and all those who helped to make this a great turnout.

Jim Perkey

May 28-31 Dads Creek Outing - Dads Creek outing is scheduled for May 28-31. This is scheduled at the same time as Vincent Creek. Dads Creek is for those who don't wish to travel as far. Dads Creek has multiple WVM claims on it. There are a number of areas along the claim to rough camp and is accessible with camper trailers around 28 feet + vehicle. WVM 3 is the first claim as you turn onto the road along Dads Creek. There are many places to prospect with bedrock shallow in some spots and deep in others. There is gold, one day you might not find any and the next you hit a good spot. Bedrock is the key for the better stuff, flood gold is on the top.

Exit 80 to Glendale, at stop sign set your mileage to "0", go straight to Glendale. After 2.6 miles, turn right and cross over Cow Creek River, (with-in a block) then turn left. This puts you on Ruben road. Go an additional 9 miles to road number 32-7-21 which is on the right. There are many sharp turns, small shoulders and sometimes gravel on this 9 miles of paved road. When you turn right on to the service road it is clear you are in the right spot because there is a large area of rock taken from the hillside on the left. Find a spot in this area or travel further up to WVM 4 and 5. You will pass a cabin on your way up. The dogs will chase you for a minute, just slow down they won't get you. There are more areas along 4, 5 and 6 to camp along. Contact person is Steve Landis (254)245-6776.

May 28-31 Vincent creek outing usually warm and dry a nice quite outing. This claim, also known as Sour Dough Pete, is in north eastern Oregon near Austin Junction in Grant County. There is plenty of area near the claim for camping of any type from small tents to large motor homes. This is primitive camp so remember be ready to pack it out. This is a road closure area that we have special permits to enter and you will be checked. So take the road permit and your membership card and window card with you to display. There will be extra copies at the April and May meetings. Contact is Eben Ray 503-508-1497.

Gary's Raffle Corner:

Congrats to Tim Holman - you won the dredge/high banker!!!!!! Jerry Garner won the nugget!!!

In May we get to start on a new large raffle, Oregon Gold Trips from Grants Pass donated 3 days at Wines Camp (value \$500.00) for us to raffle off and all the money goes to our club. We will be selling tickets for \$5.00 a ticket till the June meeting. We will pull the winning ticket regardless of how much we have made then. Remember, if you can not get to a meeting you can get tickets by mail. Just send your name and the money to the club address or to me, Gary Schrader PO Box 504 Lyons OR 97358.

Gary

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Farmer John wet suit should fit anyone 5'8 to 6' with a men's size waist 31" and smaller. Comes with boots. \$125.00 Jeff @ 503-371-3652

Wanted

Gold Screw

Dan @ 541-401-0922 (Sweet Home)

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