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ATTENTION!! IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!! ATTENTION!!

PLEASE, *PLEASE* PLAN TO ATTEND OUR MEETING THIS MONTH ON **THURSDAY, AUG. 25th @ 7:00pm!!** Bring a guest! Because.....

We are honored to present our **Special Guest Speaker HOWARD CONNER** (of the Willamette Valley Miners)!! He has some vital information and recommendations concerning safety and survival during the current and upcoming economic downturns, and it's imperative that we all show up and give him our undivided attention! The presentation is in two parts: Part 1 (Aug 25th) and Part 2 (Sept 22nd). Let's make a statement of respect, and **be there!!**

"FAMILY PREPAREDNESS for EMERGENCIES & DISASTERS"

This presentation is in two parts. The first session provides the motivation to prepare ourselves and our families to meet the tough times ahead due to multiple threats to our safety, security and survival. The second session covers the various types of provisions we will need and storage methods and locations to build 72 hour to one year survival kits. This two part presentation can only serve as an overview of the topic as there is much to learn and a lot of details that vary by family needs and situations.

I will also donate to Millennium Diggers a VHS recording from the Discovery Channel that I made related to case studies of other families preparedness. Very interesting!!

Howard Conner, Risk Management Ent.

Meeting Minutes July 28th, 2011

Call to Order: Delmon called the meeting to order around 7:15, we were all so busy relaying stories and admiring each others gold and rock specimens; we were a lively bunch!

In Attendance: Not sure, approx. maybe 10-15 of us were present

Guests: Doug Holland (friend of Penny and Walt), and one other guest (?) Name? Can't remember!

New Members: ?

Old Business: Joe said he had sent out an official form in last months newsletter regarding *"What to do and say if we are hounded by the 'authorities' while mining"*.

New Business: Howard Conner is scheduled as our guest speaker for August meeting. So BE THERE!

Next Club Outing: **HOLLYWOOD RANCH- PETRIFIED WOOD _Saturday Aug. 20th Meet: 10:30-11:00 @ truckstop @ Brownsville/Halsey exit/east side of freeway–** We will be collecting prize pieces of **petrified wood** at the **HOLLYWOOD RANCH**, located up the Calapooia River, approx 20 miles east of Interstate 5. Please contact Penny Esplin for details and **let me know if you plan to go!!**

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Rocks Shared Beginning With the Letter "Q": Penny brought various specimens of quartz crystals, some druzy quartz, Marlea brought some quartzite specimens from northern Calif. Claudia showed us some of her treasures and souvenirs she brought back from her trip to Cambodia: several beautiful pieces of intricately woven fabric, a tightly woven basket that her guide's wife had carried on her back and sold to Claudia (they needed the money, Claudia said!) A soldier's helmet she had found in the river while dredging, and also a shell casing from a mortar round. I know there was more, I can't recall everything, but we were all quite impressed.

In August, Bring Rocks Beginning With the Letter "R" ..

Events/Activities during July's meeting: While we were taking our break, enjoying coffee and cookies, we gathered outside to admire the **Trommel** that Larry Sheridan has been working on. Also, Judy Smith's son had bought her a brand new **metal detector**, and as she was testing it out, Delmon and I were on our hands and knees in the parking lot, fully focused on the task at hand: picking up about a **quarter ounce of gold flakes** out of the blacktop with tweezers. One of his glass vials containing gold had slipped out of the box he was carrying and shattered with a

POP! on to the hard asphalt! He's quite sure we retrieved all of it, and I know I sure had fun helping!

We have a new Raffle item: Steve Davis donated a collection of **6 DVD's called "GOLD FEVER"**. We will keep the raffle going until we get \$60.00.

The recent price of Gold is now at \$1,621.00 an ounce!!

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Thoughts from the Editor: The back country roads here in Oregon are some of the most scenic and awe inspiring. For Walt and I, the more remote and rugged the road is, more the better! But, we are lucky to be blessed with our Forest Service Roads, interlocking the many Ranger Districts with roads that are paved the entire route! For example: about 7 miles south of Detroit (Hwy 22), Straight Creek Road (FS 11) is one heck of a wonderful drive! It is paved all the way to the headwaters of Quartzville Creek, then it's called Quartzville Road. It continues its windy way all the way thru to Foster Lake. I think it's approx. about a 44 mile drive, just on *that* road itself! But it is well worth the drive, and there are so many neat spur roads to explore along the way. The upper portions are some of my favorite places. At around 3400 ft in elevation (?), the divides between watersheds are so interesting and beautiful. Right around 3000 ft, you start to see noble firs, sub-alpine firs, bear grass, huckleberries and thimbleberries. Meadows are abundant, along with spring bogs and potholes. Here and there are secret little ponds, just beckoning to you, as if silently saying, "Come and sit by me. Let your mind drift with the gentle breeze. Breathe the essence of the beauty around you. For we are all a part of each other, all of **everything** is a piece of the whole. And although you will take from here only your memories of this special place, it is the essence of your love and respect that you leave behind."

(You'll have to excuse me, I got kind of deep there).. But if you haven't taken the drive, it's worth the time and the gas! Pack a picnic lunch, or just pick up a package of Oktoberfest sausages and cook them over a little campfire! Poke around on some of the logging roads, you'll be surprised to find how many of them will take you to places previously unknown to you. But make sure you stop and get out and experience the **essence**. It is a real satisfying exchange!

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The Millennium Diggers Club is a group based in Keizer, Oregon, which is near Salem, Oregon. The club is for people that share an interest in searching for things of value. The club's charter is to provide members with a club that will help promote the hobbies of metal detecting, prospecting, rock hounding, and treasure hunting. Part of our yearly dues pay for mining claims that are available for all club members to use. We use club meetings to share information about locating gold, silver, coins, jewelry, gemstones, fossils and metal detecting. We plan club outings each month where we can help each other learn all aspects of our hobbies. This is a

great family activity, bring the kids! Please feel free to drop in on one of the monthly meetings or outings.

We meet the **4th Thursday** of each month, 7:00 p.m, at:

Clear Lake United Methodist Church

920 Marks Drive

Keizer, OR 97303

We meet in the Fellowship Hall in the church off of Wheatland Road. The church is located across the street from the Clear Lake Fire Station. There's plenty of parking in back in the church's parking lot.