



**MILLENNIUM DIGGERS  
ASSOCIATION  
Keizer, Oregon**



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**\*PRESIDENT: Karen Darnell\***

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

At our next meeting, May 26, Bill Moore will be showing the movie "Blue Beats Green," so please join us for this enlightening documentary!

From the "Blue Beats Green" Facebook page:

- BLUE is more than a film, it's an idea. Ideas have the power to change the way we think, begin movements, and even change the world. One of the most prominent idea of our time today is the Green Movement, which says that the Earth is threatened by the activity, even the existence, of mankind, and that the noble response is to restrict our freedom in order to save the planet. The movie BLUE challenges that idea. BLUE is an independently funded and filmed documentary by director, JD King.
- Starring
- Lord Christopher Monckton  
E. Calvin Beisner, Ph.D  
Robert Zubrin, Ph.D  
Vishal Mangalwadi  
...and many more!

Hope to see you there!

## April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order:** All stood for Pledge of Allegiance. There were no guests.

**Attendance:** There was somewhere around 20 in attendance.

**Introducing Our New Vice President, Ted Staley:** Ted proceeded to enlighten us with some of the history of when the Millennium Diggers first came to be. Ted was a key player in its history! It was founded in 2000, when Tom and Debbie Ashworth and Ted thought to form a club that would cover rockhounding, gold prospecting, and camping (and metal detecting). But most of all, the enjoyment that comes with the camaraderie and fellowship of doing these things with people sharing that same passion. Five people attended their first meeting! Ted has been MD's president several times. He recalled some of his fond memories. He also told us there was a time when the Digger's had 9 claims, *all at one time!*

**Scheduled for Next Month's Meeting (in May):** Movie: "Blue", hosted by Bill Moore. (See the "Prez Says" column for a description of the movie.)

**Show and Tell Letter "G" and "H":** **Gold spot price is \$1,246.<sup>00</sup>.** -**Delmon** whipped out his personal pocket case containing many vials filled with **Gold** and some **Platinum**, all from various places including: S. Umpqua, Quartzville, and Brigg's. One weekend, on the S. Umpqua, he got a good 2 ounces of Gold! -He also brought a **fossil rock** he found at Beverly Beach, containing what appeared to be a possible **walrus tooth!** Truly fascinating! All of us are looking forward to him breaking it out of the soft sandstone it's in.

-**Marlea** brought a collection of old photos (from the '60's?) of a brand new rock crushing machine/mill used to extract **Gold** contained in the rocks. It looked to be quite a feat of engineering.

-**Karen** brought some rocks from Brody's (her grandson) collection, including **Gypsum** and a **Geode** (not yet cracked open, but a geode for sure!). He will be joining Jr. WAMS.

-**Penny** brought a small case of **Gemstones**, some **Garnets** and a crystalized specimen of **Halite** (sodium chloride/salt).

### **May's letters are "I" and "J"**

**Minutes:** Karen read the minutes from our March meeting. Alice made the motion to except the minutes, it was seconded and passed.

We discussed the pros and cons of lobbying. There seems to be a lot of cons.

**Treasurer's Report:** Claudia reported (as per Alice) our checking account balance. There was a question regarding a check made out to Waldo Mining District; Alice did not receive any information about it. Karen and Claudia will handle it. -**There are still several members who have not paid their membership dues for this year. Now is the time!**

**Membership/Claims Packet:** Claims packets will not be sent out until our membership list has been updated. Joe will work on this.

**Snacks Calendar:** **May-** Wes and Tammy **June-** David Shultz **July-** ??  
**Aug-** Don's place/potluck **Sept-** ?? **Oct-** Tim Kelly and Ken (?)

**Proposed Outings:** May 27<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup>. McDermitt/Rye Patch. Don Esch is the contact person. \*\*\***UPDATE:**  
THIS OUTING HAS BEEN CANCELED

**OFFICIAL OUTINGS:** **June 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>** or longer –**Fossil Flats, on Briggs Creek**. The creek is “Non ESH”. Karen mentioned having a work party day to help fix the rutted out road going in to the claim. It's a good 5 hour drive getting there. Karen is the contact person.

**-Rally Around The Flag-**(Oregon Lib. Coalition) **July 30<sup>th</sup>**, Cottage Grove fairgrounds. Karen will have a booth. It's an opportunity to raise funds for the lawsuits/court costs. Karen mentioned possibly raffling off Marion berry pies and homemade ice cream as part of the fund raiser. Karen is the contact person. Please volunteer for this event if you can. We need at least four people dedicated to this event to have the pie booth and our regular small-scale mining table.

**-Rice Museum Aug 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>** (Grandkid's Days) There will be an hourly raffle -NW Mineral Prospector's will have a table with raffle items, M Diggers will put raffle items on their table to gain money for court costs. Wes is the contact person.

**-Potluck at Don's: Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup>. Set up 10:00 am**

**-Jeeter Creek/September** (after Labor Day, date and time TBA)

**Old Business:** Re: The ongoing lawsuits and injunction, needs more money for funding!

**New Business:** -Several important Bills are going through legislation with an “***Emergency Clause***” attached in order to suppress our votes. Wes passed around a petition modifying the “Emergency Clause”. We are to collect names and signatures of registered voters on the petition to help in stopping this abuse of the Oregon constitutional amendment. The petition needs to be turned in by July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**-Movie: “The Climate Hustle: Are they trying to control the climate or us?”** Shown for one night only on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. In Salem at the Regal Santiam. If you went to see it, what did you think?

-On the table was an issue of Oregon Fish and Wildlife Journal with a great article written by Mark Anderson (of StreamSavers), with a photo of Don Esch (removed text) at Mill Creek Park in Aumsville.

### **BREAK TIME**

-Tom Quintal (WVM) is looking for anyone willing to get on the legislative team to help in fighting the 1510 bill that Bates is sure to bring back next year.

-At the Capitol: Oregon Citizens Lobby is there to help with confronting legislation. They are non-partisan. – Oregonians for Scientific Justice gathers data then gives the legislators the correct information regarding science; because the legislation has been getting the wrong science. – Oregon Women in Mining is a new group that will be speaking up for women in the mining industry and is looking for members with organizational skills and willingness to engage legislators. Karen is the founder! (*Proof that my passion is more prominent than my spare time!* – kd)

-Hats and T-Shirts? Penny asked if there has been any progress. We discussed the potential problem with changing the design on the logo. Ted said the logo had a copyright. He will make a phone call to find out about making any changes on the logo. Then we will vote on what to do to it if we can or potentially create a new logo.

**Meeting Adjourned**

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS MAY 26<sup>TH</sup>  
BE THERE!**

Visit our website at <http://www.millenniumdiggers.com/>

The Millennium Diggers Association is a group based in Keizer, Oregon, which is near Salem, Oregon. The Association is for people that share an interest in searching for things of value. The club's charter is to provide members with an Association that will help promote the activities 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 Association meetings to share information about locating gold, silver, coins, jewelry, gemstones, fossils and metal detecting. We plan Association outings each month where we can help each other learn all aspects of our outdoor activities. This is a great family activity, bring the kids! Please feel free to drop in on one of the monthly meetings.

We meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m, at:  
**Clear Lake United Methodist Church**  
**920 Marks Drive**  
**Keizer, OR 97303**

We meet in the church's Fellowship Hall; a real a nice meeting place complete with tables, chairs and a kitchen. The church is located across the street from the Clear Lake Fire Station. There's plenty of parking in the church's parking lot which is located behind the church.

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