



MILLENNIUM DIGGERS ASSOCIATION Keizer, Oregon



Secretary/Editor: Penny Esplin

PRESIDENT: Ken Orndorff

VICE PRESIDENT: Terrie Fox

TREASURER/MEMBERSHIP: Joe Greene

Claims Officer: Claudia Wise

Meeting Minutes from June 28th 2018

Call to Order: We all stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Ken called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Attendance: After everyone had signed in, we had a total of **20** in attendance.

Secretary's Report: Penny reported that May's minutes/newsletter was emailed to all members. Penny brought copies for anyone who wants to read it. A motion was made to accept the minutes as stated, it was seconded and the motion was approved by all.

Treasurer's Report: Joe wrote out a check to Claudia for securing Miner's Meadow for next year for a total cost of \$270.00- (\$185.00 for reserving the site plus \$85.00 for an **Annual Recreation Permit - required**). A motion to accept the treasury report was made, seconded and approved by all.

-Miners Meadow is now secured for June 20th thru 24th 2019- Thank you Claudia!

Claims Report: Claudia not present. Delmon took the DT1 paperwork to BLM and they said that because the claim is 40 acres, the document needs a second signature, and will need to be re-recorded with the Josephine Co. clerk. -Joe will pass this info to Claudia.

-IMPORTANT: If you worked at any of our claims, you need to fill out the maintenance work form located on the last page of this newsletter and give it to Claudia ASAP.

Old Business: Parking Fees on the Little North Fork: Any recent news about this? No. But miners do have the right to park there without having to pay a fee. We need to get

something **in writing from BLM** to take to Marion County, in person, regarding this issue because of our rights as miners.

Reports of recent outings: *Please see photo gallery taken during these outings at the end of the minutes.*

Miner's Meadow Outing: Even though it was wet, everyone had a great time. The potluck turned out nice, Don had set up his 10x10 canopy over the picnic table so we had a dry place to put out the food. John had a propane grill he loaned us to cook on. Terrie cooked the hamburgers. There was a lot of good food, and it actually stopped raining long enough for us to have a successful picnic! Don made a cobbler using charcoals over and under his Dutch oven.

-Penny reported: "After everyone was done eating, most people packed up and left because the rain became consistent and annoying. That was on Saturday. Walt and I stayed hoping to wait out the rain. But come Sunday, it didn't let up until afternoon, and then would stop for maybe 4 to 15 minutes, then it would start back up; off and on all day, but more on. John Rogers and his family had also stayed. Their camp was set up real nice and they invited us over for dinner that night. It was great! Chicken fajitas and beer then dessert and coffee! You can't beat that! Walt and I are very thankful and truly enjoyed their company.----

-Sadly, earlier that Sunday, down on the creek, I forgot to pick up my Ziploc baggie that had a glass vial in it containing 2 small pieces of gold I found while panning on the creek. So, whoever found it was probably quite pleased!"

Sunstone Trip-May 26th (thru June 4th) Penny, Walt and Terrie (and Yvette and Chuck): Penny reported: "We planned on meeting Yvette and Chuck on Saturday at the BLM public area but we didn't get there until Sunday night. We took the route from Hwy 31 thru Summer Lake, to Paisley, then a county road across to Abert Lake and 395 then to Hogback Rd. After all the time and trouble I spent on writing up the directions and making several copies, I didn't even bring a copy of the directions with me! And I needed them! It was at night, and I lost track of how many times we drove up and down that road, with Terrie following close behind in her car. Whenever I saw car lights, I would flash my lights and tear out after them. One guy just flew right past me. Another guy hadn't a clue where the sunstone place was (?) And the next time we saw car lights, I could never catch up, and there I was, madly flashing my lights and driving as fast as I could trying to catch up to these "ghost cars". They just disappeared into the night! We finally figured it out: they were on 395, and soon after, we were back at the junction of 395 and Hogback Rd. Again.

Well we finally figured it out. We arrived at the sunstone camping area around 11:30 Sunday night. Yvette had told me Chuck would be driving his Winnebago and towing a Jeep. Well there were 2 Winnebagos with Jeeps camped there. We camped a short distance away, and the next day, Chuck and Yvette came driving up in his Jeep. So we finally rendezvoused with them! They were on their way to the Spectrum Mine. They spent 7 hours there during that hot day! But Yvette came out of there with a nice cache of lovely sunstones. She was quite happy but both her and Chuck looked so exhausted. I think they left the following day.-We stayed one more night and from there went to Plush, then to Friday Res. (south of Plush), camped one night there. Back to Plush and Hogback Rd. To a little lake called Big Rock Reservoir. We found some neat clear bubbly looking rocks called Hyalite Opal. From there, back to 395, south to county road to Paisley then to Summer Lake and Ana Res. Caught about 4 nice trout, camped 2 nights there. Then over Picture Rock Pass to Silver Lake then to Thompson Res where we camped for 3 nights. We caught 5 nice fish there also. The camp trip was wonderful, and we look forward to going again.

Trip to Hampton Butte May 25th & 26th with Don.: Don reported: He got there on Friday at 11:00am and could see there were major storms brewing in the east. At 4:30 the storm hit with high winds and thunder and lightning. It rained really hard for 5 hours straight. A lightning bolt struck close by, then a second time real close. The next day he could see that a tree had been hit and was still smoldering. Saturday brought good weather and 6 people from WAMS showed up. Don brought 3 nice pieces of petrified wood he found to show us.

Trip to Hampton Butte June 1st with Ken, Joe and Claudia: Joe reported the trip went well; they each came back with nice pieces of green petrified wood. And the weather was much more to their liking.

<<SUGGESTION>> Don made a suggestion that we need to purchase 2 -10'x10' canopies for our outings, mainly our annual Miners Meadow camp trip. -Big 5 Sporting Goods has them for \$80.00, Costco has heavy duty ones that they sell for \$150, and would probably last us a lifetime. And a 10'x 20' canopy runs for \$200 to \$300 at Costco. -Don recommends the \$150 canopy. The cheaper models don't hold up to any kind of stormy weather; they completely blow to pieces in a hurry. He's been witness to that disaster at the recent rock show in Prineville, it was a mess. You really get what you pay for and we would totally benefit from it, even if used only once a year. He agreed he could store it at his place.

Break Time and Raffle Sales: David Schmidt treated us all to Strawberry Shortcake with whipped cream! (He even brought his own electric mixer). We all thoroughly enjoyed our

break time with this wonderful dessert! Thank you David for doing this for us. It's almost like you are our Summer Santa Clause!

Letters for June "E and F": Don brought 3 pieces of petrified wood he dug up from Hampton Butte; one had green moss with white, a tree limb that had been totally replaced with blue/green jasper (rare), you could still see the fibrous wood grain in it and another petrified wood piece with red and green moss. All were very special and beautiful.

-Penny brought from her collection: **F**luorite (calcium fluoride) and a green **F**uchsite sphere (aka "chrome mica") with Ruby inclusions. She also brought some of the sunstones she and Walt collected on their recent camp trip. Plus, some of the bright green chert pieces and the Hyalite opal pieces as well.

-Delmon brought his polished beach agates he found on Fogerty Beach, he had tumbled and polished them and they were quite nice, with a lot of blues, carnelians and jaspers. A lot of them looked to be "iris agate" with the concentric lines so fine and parallel they looked 3-D.

-Ken brought his petrified wood and jasper he recently dug during the Hampton Butte outing. One looks just like a piece of wood and also one with red jasper and a chunk of the green jasper. He also had a rock with epidote crystals from Calif. And a rock with chalcocopyrite that looks like gold!

-Ken also told us he has a **file saw** for sale out in his truck, with 3- 6" blades. It uses water to cut with. \$75.00.

Letters for July "G and H"

Raffle Held

Meeting Adjourned.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday July 26th @ 7:00

Please see below for a photo summary from our recent outings!

M.Digger's at Miner's Meadow Potluck and Camp Trip June 7th -10th 2018



CJWise

Left to right: Don, Christoph, Joe, Ken and Walt. On bottom left, Don's making a cobbler, Dutch oven style!



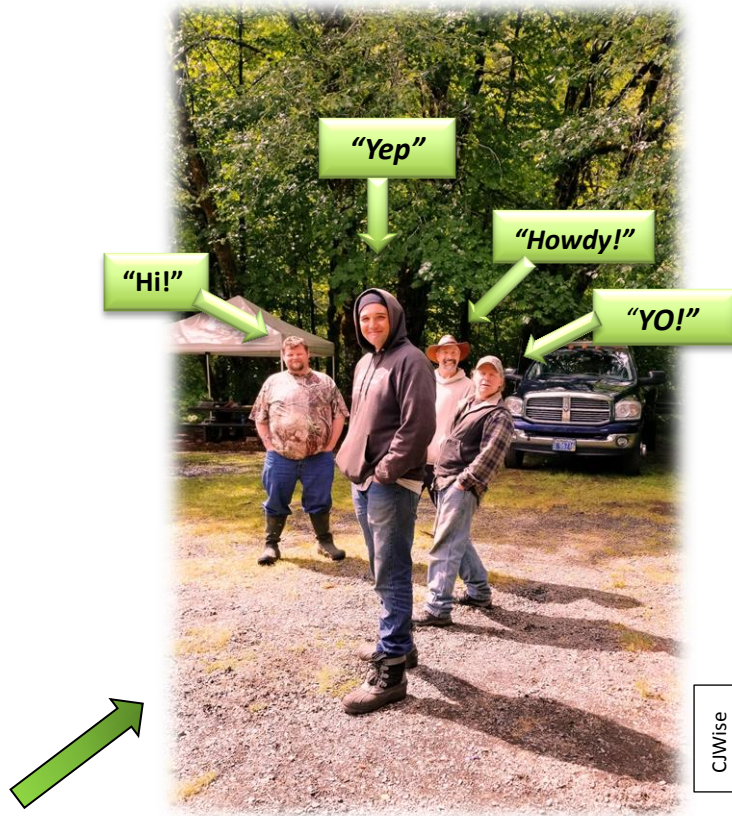
CJWise

George Foreman, step aside! Terrie's flipping burgers!



(Terrie's thinking) "...I'd really like to beat her with a rake..."

2 new guys from Astoria, Don, Delmon, Penny & Terrie



This looks an Album Cover! Christoph in front, Delmon leaning back & the 2 new guys from Astoria.



Here, everyone is just kind of milling around; it was in between the rain showers, and we were taking advantage of the sun shine for a minute or two. Christoph seems especially rejuvenated!



CJWise

Ken, Joe, Walt, Don, the 2 new guys and here comes Delmon with a gold pan!



CJWise

John and Tim. Looks like Tim has loaded up his quad.



CiWise

John, Tim, Christoph and Joe



CiWise

Milo is such a very good boy!



CiWise

John's daughter Jenny, his wife Lynnette & John



CiWise

Penny and Lodi



J.Rogers

At John's family's campsite with son in-law Doug & Walt & Penny. -Sunday, after everyone else had left, John invited us (me & Walt) over to their camp for dinner: chicken fajitas! It was wonderful!

SUNSTONE TRIP May 26th thru June 6th 2018
(Penny, Walt and Terrie and Lodi)



P.Esplin

While looking for sunstones, Lodi found his very own little mud puddle!



T.Fox

Moonrise over Priday Res., about 5 miles south of Plush.



P.Esplin

Heading up Hogback Rd, we *just missed* this cloud burst! It had left the ground white with hail.



T.Fox

Taken from Hogback Rd. Thunderstorm action!



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Thunder head, looks like a mushroom cloud from an atom bomb! Hogback Rd



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From Hogback Rd headed towards Big Rock Reservoir



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Taken from Big Rock Res



Looking south-(west of 395) View of Abert Lake (fault block valley) and Abert Rim (2,000 ft high fault scarp)

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Ana River at Summer Lake Wildlife Refuge (off of Hwy 31 south of Silver Lake and north of Paisley)



T.Fox

Thompson Res by the dam.



P.Esplin



Hager Mtn and Thompson Res. We caught a lot of nice sized trout here.



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FORM FOR REPORTING MAINTENANCE WORK DONE WHILE ON MILLENNIUM DIGGER CLAIMS.

Your Name:

Name of Claim:

Date(s) Worked:

Description of Maintenance Work (Labor) Performed:

(example: clearing trail, removing hazardous obstacles, shoring up embankments, prospecting, etc. Cleaning up garbage will not count as "maintenance". Actual mining and/or working the claim itself does not count either)

How Many People Involved:

Hours of Labor Involved:

Your Signature:

Please fill out this form, sign it and give to Claudia **by August 1st**, so she can submit the MAINTENANCE FEE WAIVER to BLM.

If you have a claim, remember to file your paper work in time. The Maintenance Fee Waiver Certificate is due to BLM before Sept 1st, (no filing fee). And the Affidavit of Annual Assessment Work is due before Dec 30th: It needs to be notarized and recorded by the county clerk for a fee (in the county where claim is located), then sent by certified mail/return receipt requested to BLM to get recorded and time stamped and returned to you. Be sure to include a \$10.00 check to BLM for the filing fee.