



MILLENNIUM DIGGERS ASSOCIATION Keizer, Oregon



Secretary/Editor: Penny Esplin

PRESIDENT: Ken Orndorff

VICE PRESIDENT: Terrie Fox

TREASURER: Yvette Burkett

CLAIMS OFFICER: Claudia Wise

Important News Updates:

-Guest Speaker @ this Thurs. meeting (4/25) - **Jared Richey TOMORROW!**

-April 27th and 28th Glass Buttes - **THIS WEEKEND!** Contact Don Esch 503-884-2501 **HE IS LEAVING THIS FRIDAY!** (Don says there are 32 different varieties of obsidian in the Glass Buttes area)

-AgFest **this weekend** @ State Fairgrounds-Sat 4/27 & Sun 4/28 (NWMP will have booth in Jackmond Long Bldg)

-Outing scheduled for Sat. May 22 to Jay Cota's place for Rocks in Lebanon

Meeting Minutes from March 28th 2019

Call to Order: Terrie presided as president, Ken was unable to attend. We all stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Terrie called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Attendance: After everyone had signed in, we had a total of 11 members present.

Secretary's Report: Penny had sent out February's minutes on Monday. A motion was made to accept minutes as stated, was seconded and passed by all.

Treasurer's Report: Yvette, our new treasurer, read the report, our bank account looks good. We have a total of 17 paid members. A motion was made to accept and passed by all. Collection of membership dues is ongoing. Yvette laminated 2019 MDiggers membership cards and gave out to each who paid.

Claims Report: Anyone visit any of our claims? Not yet. But when and if they do, we have "**Maintenance Work Report Forms**" available to fill out, (which are necessary to turn in when it comes time for us to renew our claims paperwork, due before Sept. 1st this year).

Old Business: We again discussed purchasing a canopy for us to use at our outings; mainly the "Miner's Meadow" outing (*don't forget, June 20th thru 24th*). Claudia said she will look at several we talked about and compare quality, utility and cost, then purchase the best one. (Costco- 10' x 20' w/sides for \$95.00)

-The Trommel, parked at Penny and Walt's now for about 5 or 6 years has always been available to use. It would be nice to have it parked at someone else's place and USED! Last time it was used was on the South Umpqua River in 2012.

-Also, the club's metal detector has been returned, and it is now at Penny & Walt's. It is a **Minelab Explorer II, w/rechargeable batteries and charger**. We will bring it along for anyone to use at some of our outings. Or if any members request to use it, please don't hesitate to call: 503-508-6582 (cell)

Upcoming Events:

-April 20th and 21st "River of Gems" Rock Show (Willamette Agate & Mineral Society), Polk Co Fairgrounds, Rickreall

- April 27th and 28th AgFest @ state fairgrounds. **THIS WEEKEND!** Wes and Tammy there with NWPC. *Pan for Gold!*

-May 4th Saturday Metal Detecting @ Polk Co Fairgrounds, Rickreall (join with Willamette Valley Miners)

-May 11th Saturday trip to Lebanon to Jay Cota's to look thru is rock collection he sells @ .50 cents a lb. Possible BBQ if more than 5 people show!

-June 20th thru 24th Miners Meadow

-August 3rd and 4th Rice Museum

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We discussed some **suggestions for outings and guest speakers** (will make decisions on dates and times at our April meeting when more members will be present and offer their suggestions).

Here are some tentative ideas:

-For a Guest Speaker: Invite Jared Ritchy (Mining Administrator/Willamette NF) to come to a meeting and update us on the status of the Quartzville area and the impact of the recent hazardous logging by our claims. – Penny said she would contact him soon. **UPDATE: He is coming to our meeting this Thursday 4/25**

-Metal Detecting/Suggested Outings:

-Pioneer Park in Stayton

-Albany Parks: Bowman Park, Bryant Park, old picnic area by 3 Lakes

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Senate Bill 501- Gun Control: Chuck talked about the new gun bills introduced to legislation; mainly SB501. Please read:

SB 501 ranks among the most anti-gun bills ever introduced in American, let alone Oregon, history.

See below:

A brief summary of SB501 from the Oregon Legislative Assembly:

- Requires person to secure permit before purchasing or otherwise receiving firearm. Specifies qualifications for permit and manner of applying for permit. Creates procedures for appealing denial of permit. Punishes receipt of firearm without valid permit by maximum of 364 days' imprisonment, \$6,250 fine, or both.
- Requires person who owns or possesses firearm to secure firearm with trigger or cable lock or in locked container. Punishes failure to secure firearm by maximum of 30 days' imprisonment, \$1,250 fine, or both.
- Requires person who owns or possesses firearm to report to law enforcement agency loss or theft of firearm within 24 hours. Punishes failure to report loss or theft by maximum of 30 days' imprisonment, \$1,250 fine, or both.
- Prohibits possession of magazine with capacity to hold more than five rounds of ammunition. Provides that person in possession of such magazine must sell or otherwise dispose of magazine within 180 days of effective date of Act.
- Punishes unlawful possession of magazine capable of holding more than five rounds by maximum of 364 days' imprisonment, \$6,250 fine, or both.
- Requires criminal background check before transfer of ammunition. Restricts ammunition receipt to 20 rounds within 30-day period.
- Prohibits transfer of firearm by gun dealer or private party until latter of 14 days or Department of State Police has determined that recipient is qualified to receive firearm or a minimum of 30 days' imprisonment, \$1,250 fine, or both.

This bill would completely eviscerate Second Amendment rights in Oregon if it becomes law, so we need your help to beat it! **Contact your legislators right now and tell them to vote NO on SB 501!**

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Yvette brought several sluices she has donated for our members to use:

- A Beach Sand Sluice
- A Bucket Sluice
- and a Home Made Sluice (her father made), non-motorized, works by gravity, has hose hook-up. -

**Letters for March "F and G":** Sorry, can't remember exactly everything Don brought in, but he did bring a wonderful array of stones including some of his cut and polished beauties. He also brought a box of rocks he had found in a box in his shop and he was giving most of them away! There were a lot of different pyrites, including some Bornite or "Peacock Ore", Chalcopyrite, some Kyanite, a piece of Opal, Galena, and more.

-Penny brought: A Fossilized imprint of a Fern Leaf, a sphere of Fuchsite (w/fluorescent Ruby), several pieces of Fluorite (calcium fluoride); some as beads and some in their crystal form: a super-light blue octahedron, "Kool-Aid green" cubic crystals w/pyrite on matrix and blue cubic crystals w/pyrite on matrix; all fluorescent. Also, a nice specimen rock with Stilbite crystals (a tectosilicate -zeolite mineral) that are bright fluorescent yellow green. And, a piece of Fire Agate.

**Letters for April "H and I"**

**Breaktime and Raffle**

**Meeting Adjourned**

*Our next meeting is April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00*