

Millennium Diggers Club News

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Club Officers

- President – **Ted Staley**
- Vice President – **Tom Ashworth (moved)**
- Co- Vice President – **Dan Williams**
- Treasurer – **Ouida Staley**
- Secretary – **Debra Ashworth (moved)**
- Phone Reminders -- **Lynn Baustian**

Please help our officers by volunteering for committees or items of interest!

MEETINGS:

2nd Tuesday Each Month

7pm-9pm

Keizer/Salem Senior Center

930 Plymouth DR. NE

Keizer, OR

Rescheduled Outing

The August 15th Rock Hunting in Prineville at Richardson Ranch was canceled and will be rescheduled at a later date when the weather is not so hot.

We do not have an outing planed for Oct. so maybe this would be a good one for then.

Presidents Corner

I want to thank all the people who have made this a great summer. The outings have been attended by so many.

The directions to the Briggs claim are in this newsletter.

A RSVP is needed by Aug 27th so Ouida can purchase the appropriate number of steaks for the outing.

It is POTLUCK so bring a dish to share.

Ouida and I are bringing baked Potatoes and Corn on the cob.

. Due to the extreme dry weather we are having there will probably be no campfires. Bring a propane stove or charcoal. BBQ grill for cooking

Hope to see you all there
Ted.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

JUNE 2004:

**Mike & Barbara Parker
Kevan Schwartz**

JULY 2004:

Fred & Carla Ahl

JULY BIRTHDAYS:

**Howard Morgan Ed Johnston
Ted Staley Bill Billera
Inna Cutting Darren Johnston
Laurie Atkins**

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

**Tom Atkins James Lyman
David Caderwood Johnnie Stolz**

Labor Day Outing

Briggs Creek Claim Directions

Take I-5 South to Grants Pass Take the first exit.

Armadillo Mining is at this exit

It will be you last chance to get any mining supplies you might need

Go through town, it's a one way street.

Take the Red Wood Highway (High Way 199) to Selma.

This is your last chance to get Ice, Groceries, etc.

Bring **Bug Spray** they were awful in June

Turn Right (west) on Illinois River Rd.

This is across the street from the market. It might be a Century Market

Go apx.8 miles to Six Mile Rd. Forest Service #4105.

Turn Right This is a gravel Road

Go apx. 13.5 miles to the road into the claim it will be on the right.

(We will mark this with green flags in the trees)

You will need to go past the road about 25 yards and turn around.

Come back to the claim road.

This road is not bad but there is a sharp turn and on the right is a big tree.

Last year we lost the trailer lights.

Be careful to go wide.

Cross the creek (it has some big rocks so go easy)

Go. about 25 yards up then turn left through the trees go about 40 yards and you are there.

The road down to the claim is 4-wheel drive when it comes to crossing the creek,
because of the rocks.

If you have a 2-wheel drive

Park at the top and honk your horn and someone will drive up to get you and bring you down.

You can camp on the flats if you have a trailer that can not get down to the claim.

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July 13 Meeting 22 Members Attending Presentation by Paul Bourgeois,

Paul spoke to the club about the trip he took to McGrath Alaska. and showed a video of the trip.

There are no roads in to this village you have to fly or take a boat about 90 miles.

The Iditarod goes through this village.

There is 1 store so you must buy all supplies there if you forgot something.

The cost of some items are as follows:

Cherries \$8.00 \lb

Strawberries \$4.59 Each

Glad I don't live there.

When Paul flew to the mine he was going to he said there is no words to express the feelings when the plane drops you off and fly's out over the horizon and you are left out there alone.

He found him self at the dirt run way about 1\2 mile from the cabin with 150 lbs of gear to tote to camp.

He found a old three wheeler and got it running. This made getting his gear moved much easier.

But it was almost out of gas. How to get the bags back at the end if the trip? This is to figure out later.

Things you will need if you take one of these trips:

1. Air to Ground radio
2. GPS
3. Satellite Phone
4. Compass
5. Army Type Shovel
6. Flagging Tape
7. Head net for the bugs.
8. Metal Detector
9. Gun

On Paul's last day of detecting he found a nugget This made it all worth while.

There were many types of equipment that were sitting around the camp

He was able to find enough gas to get the old three wheeler running and take his gear back to the air strip.

Paul requested and received a multitude of information and maps from the tourism and visitor's information centers to share with the club.

I am reasonable sure that most of us will never be able to make this trip, so I want to thank Paul for sharing with the club his wonderful experience along with the video of his trip.

Thank you Paul.

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July 17 & 18 At Round Prairie

Camping was at Myrtle Creek RV Park.

What a good turn out. 22 people showed up a good time was had by all in spite of the hot weather and sunburns,.

Friday night we met a man and his wife from Washington who were going to a Seminar at Treasure West. He and his wife are retired and he does a little prospecting. How nice to meet new people.

On Saturday we had 11 dredges, 1 Power Sluice, and 6 people panning. Our new friend Loyd joined us.

Saturday Ted took Fred Ahls niece Niki and showed her how to dredge. She geared up and under she went, without hesitation. Our next generation of dredgers in the making?.

Noon Potluck with sandwiches, soda and water offered.

Saturday evening had a BBQ with hamburgers and hotdogs. After the BBQ everyone sat around and shot the breeze. The stories that were told!!!!!!

Delmon brought his DVD player, some of us watched "Holes" until we fell asleep in our chairs

Up early the next morning and off again to dredge for most of the day.

What a successful outing. Everyone found Gold.

Good Friends Good Food and lots of Gold.

August 10th. Show and Tell Meeting

23 Persons in Attendance

Delmon had pictures of A "Glory Hole" from a dredging trip last year. They were getting about a ounce a day. The pictures showed the gold in the sluice box. Also a ½ ct. CZ "Diamond" found by a friend.

Another friend found a large nugget that turned out to be buckshot and a copper penny. What a let down.....

Ted told of his dredging under a rock that produced about ¾ oz.

He had specimens from the Briggs creek claim. Graves Creek sample even has a little gold in the quartz.

One of the things pointed out was that in metal detecting around old claims you should detect the tailing piles because you will almost always find gold .

They were sizing for a certain size nugget and a lot of the larger ones went out with the tailings.

Joe told of a friend that found a diamond and his son who found a diamond earring.

Now on the Business:

There is not another outing till Briggs over Labor Day weekend.

The Assessment fees are due before Sept 1st.

They are \$125.00 per claim. We have 4 claims that's \$500.00

And the County Fees that are due in the county of the Claims.

\$36.00 to One and \$16.00 in another.

Thank you so much to:

Laurie Jusme for taking notes of the meeting

Lynn Baustain for selling raffle tickets

Next month we hope to get Les Berg to come and give a seminar and demonstration of metal detectors.

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What a Mottly crew!

