

Millennium Diggers Club News

Volume 5, Issue 7

October 25, 2004



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**

MEETINGS:

**2nd Tuesday Each Month
7pm-9pm
Keizer/Salem Senior Center
930 Plymouth DR. NE
Keizer, OR**

Outing For October 30th Has Changed.

This Outing was for the Richardson Rock Ranch.
The Rain we have had and the predicted rain for this week has canceled this outing.
We will reschedule it for another time

Sorry....

There will be an outing to the **Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals.**
Meet there Saturday October 30th at 1:00 PM

26385 NW Groveland Drive
Hillsboro, Oregon 97124
Phone: 503-647-2418
www.ricenwmuseum.org

Open to Visitors

1:00-5:00 P.M. Wed-Sun

ADMISSION:

Adults - \$4.50 Seniors - \$4.00 Students - \$3.00 Under 6 - Free

Directions:

West of Portland, Oregon Off Hwy 26 West, Exit 61 North. Take first turn West on to Groveland Drive.
From Salem:

I-5 N toward PORTLAND	32.1 miles
Merge onto OR-217 N via EXIT 292A toward TIGARD/BEAVERTON.	7.5 miles
Merge onto US-26 W via the exit on the LEFT toward TILLAMOOK/ASTORIA.	8.0 miles
Take the HELVETIA RD. exit- EXIT 61- toward CITY CENTER.	0.2 miles
Turn RIGHT onto NW HELVETIA RD.	<0.1 miles
Turn LEFT onto NW GROVELAND DR.	1.3 miles
End at 26385 Nw Groveland Dr Hillsboro OR	

Millennium Diggers Club News

Volume 5, Issue 7

October 25, 2004

The October Outing was a Coin hunt.

The hunt was divided into three areas

1. Never used a Metal detector or children,
2. Persons who had some working knowledge of the metal detector .
3. Persons who had used their detector and had a good knowledge of use.

There were 9 persons who attended. Coffee and punch were served.

First Prize in each area was a Silver Round for finding the "Token."

Second Prize in each area Walking Half Dollar "Most washers found"

Third Prize in each area Mercury Dime "Most Unique Junk"



The Day was a wonderful fall day and the hunt was a lot of fun!!



First Prize
Area 1.
Tristeen Akins



First Prize
Area 2
Amber Parker



First Prize
Area 3
Vern Nussbaumer



Second Prize
Area 1.
Andy & Cristal



Second Prize
Area 2
Barbara Parker



Second Prize
Area 2
Frank Landon



Third Prize
Area 1
Andy & Cristal



Third Prize
Area 2
Amber Parker



Third Prize
Area 3
Frank Landon

Millennium Diggers Club News

Volume 5, Issue 7

October 25, 2004

Presidents Corner:

The November Meeting will be nominations for next year's officers and a discussion of how we are going to proceed with the club.

The ballots will be sent out about a week after nominations and must be returned at or by the December 14th meeting.

The ballots will be counted (by an outside person) by December 17th and the new officers will be announced at the Christmas party.

Ted

Treasures Note:

I want to thank every one for the wonderful things brought to the meetings for auction.

This is what has paid for our meeting room and refreshments at the outings and meeting

Thank you all.

Ouida

The dredge raffle will announced at the Christmas Party Dec 18th.

Get you tickets for a chance at a great Christmas present....

November Birthdays

Jerry Elrich

Darrell Collingham

Floyd Dunn

Joe Geene

Richard Harley

Meeting October 12, 2004

The meeting guest speaker was Brian Stocker of American Coin & Gold.

He presented us with information on how to clean and preserve old and rare coins. It will depend on the coin if just old or if possibly rare as to how the coins should be treated or not.

The most damage to a coin is the oxidation. You should keep your coins in a oxygen free holder or book.

The soil in Oregon is also very damaging to our coins due to the high acid content.

Sometimes just cleaning of a rare coin can damage its value.

Most of the coins found with s metal detector are just old with little more than face value. If you are in question you should take the coin to Brian at his shop or call him.

One of the cleaners used was "Simple Green"

I was surprised at how it cleaned the coin Brian brought as an example.

Vinegar and Lemon Juice work but not with the dramatic difference as the "Simple Green"

Most coins value is about twice face value unless it is a very special mint or very rare low production coin.

For More information about preserving and storing your coin collection contact:

American Coin & Gold

4922 River Rd. N

Keizer Or 97303

503-304-3998

Millennium Diggers Club News

Volume 5, Issue 7

October 25, 2004

Greetings to All of Ya'll!!

By Jim Williams

It has been a spell since the last note and there is a reason for it. Many things have taken place between that one and this one I am putting together now. For the most part it is all good but some of it is the pits.

On June 10th, Creagh, Rickei (dog), Bonnie and Clyde (two cats) hit the road for a trip that would go as far as the Black Hills and Custer SD. Now before I go to far I must tell you we got home on July 18th and during that trip we only had six days without any rain. Now some parts of the country loved us as we brought the rain (they say) and some parts had already had enough and are still getting hit.

We pulled out of La Pine and headed for Winnemucca NV where we hooked up with a HAM's friend son. Rick took us metal detecting for gold and Creagh found a little chunk. We had stopped to take a break and have something to drink and eat. We got that done and Mom had already had a rock in the pickup (lots of rocks on this trip) well we heard her on the hill bellowing something about this rock she found and it was going on the trip with us. Well it turned out to be a LARGE hunk of Quartz with BIG crystals on it. Well she got us up there and we started to trying to get it cut off at first, Mom took and sat on it and used her water to wash the crystals off. I got up there with a rock hammer and a chisel and tried to cut it in half. Well none of that worked so I got down into this hole and was going to try and roll it out. Well I got it to move and finally rolled it over. Now this is where things got real exciting as you see, under that darn rock was this snake and my fingers were only about 6" from it at first. I thought things went into slow motion at that point but Mom and Rick said I moved darn fast. It seamed like it took forever for me to get my snake killing 38 out and kill that darn thing but it did the job. I now have 9 rattles and a button and Mom has her BIG ROCK and Rick has memories of two darn crazy people. After a couple days playing out of Winnemucca we headed for Ely NV. Now that should not seam like a big thing, right? Well let me tell you, they have Mormon Crickets in that country. The road had many on them (you would have 2 square feet without one on it) but when we headed south out of Battle Mountain heading for Austin we hit a stretch for about a mile that had the darn things about 2 1/2" thick across the whole darn road. Now if you don't think that is not a mess. They sound like popcorn popping as you drive through them. That is sure some interesting country. Well we got to Ely and spent a couple days there. From the book, Gem Trails of NV we headed out to the Garnets digging area. The first day we did great but on the second day, things were not as fruitful. You will see some of them on the JPEG. From there we hooked up with our new friend at the old ghost town of Osceola, NV. I have to tell you, Bob is one heck of a fine person. He can build anything and do anything. Bob invited us to stay on his patented claim and metal detect and have a great time. Well we did and had a ball. (We will go back there) Anyhow we got to work his claim with him and see his operation in operation. Now keep in mind, he uses stuff like a Cat 966 (not the right number but big) front loader to feed the trammel he has built. Yes we did bring some of his rocks home. We were out with our metal detectors and working our way up the draw when I stopped, there was this little buzz tail about 5 foot away and saying you are not going any further. Well I gave him every chance in the book to get out of there but he stood his grounds. So I had Mom give me a rock (she knows her rocks) well I ended up with a rattle and a button out of that. We hated to leave Bob but we had a date at Idaho Springs, CO.

Our next stop was at Moab UT. We went and saw the arches and got some blue quartz rocks out where the Gem Trails of UT said to. On our way to Moab we lost a tire but being the 5th wheel was tuned for Alaska travel we had plenty of spares. When we got into Moab we had the tire replaced and just had it in the back of the pickup and it was along on the rock hunting trip. On our way back to town we ran across this rig pulling a 5th wheel with only three tires on it and making it's way down the shoulder. Well I pulled over to see if I could help these people. Well it turned out that we put my new tire on his trailer and they followed us into town. The next day we got him all fixed up and we headed for CO. It turned out that the driver was from Globe AZ and worked road construction and he had been operating cat at 134* and was headed to CO to a coal mine where it was cooler. He was close to 70 years young . We did also get some red rock from that area and left the tourist behind.

Our next stop was Idaho Springs, CO where we were going to take part in the DEF rally. Let me tell you, it really rains there every day. We had one heck of a great rally, made tons of new friends and even got some gold and yes some rocks. While there we got a tour of the place where they make the Atlas Rockets, saw the bridge that the beam fell off and killed them people not long ago, was inside a silver mine, took a steam train ride and went into a gold

Millennium Diggers Club News

Volume 5, Issue 7

October 25, 2004

mine. I have to tell you, the rally was great and we worked with not only the CO officials but a lady from WDF&W was there. We will see her at the WA rally in August.

When we left the rally we headed for the country where my Williams grandparents lived and we lived when I was knee high to a grasshopper. We did manage to find the old place which is a rest stop now and we also found some old family friend which my brother and sisters knew. It was a great find. We also found my grandparents grave, got all kind of records for our genealogy work and found there old homestead called Nina View. Yes we did get a rock from it and pictures. We were camped in Wal-Mart lot and our last day there we went out to Jack Wiseman place (brother and sister friend and ours now) for a dinner (middle of the day) of home made Mexican food. Wow what a treat. Then we headed north to Laramie WY.

AT Laramie, WY I have a nephew that is 10 days older than I am and he has all of his kids there. Well to make a long story short, we had a ball and they came out to Douglas Creek on July 4th and we BBQ'ed. I had great, great nieces and nephews there and boy did that feel good. Douglas Creek is about 40 miles southwest of Laramie and is the location of Leonard and GPAA gold claims. We did get a little gold there but most of all; we had a ball with friends.

Next on the trip we headed for Custer, SD. Now you know how well I like tourist traps, let me tell you, that is a BIG one. We did have a good time in the Black Hills and saw Mt. Rushmore and Crazy Horse and all the things we were to see. Yes we did get a rock or two there, the pickup is starting to ride a bit smoother by now.

Our next stop of any time would be Cody, WY. We had planned a couple days at the Cody Museum to see what we could see and to look up some history. I had heard that an old family member had rode with Bill Cody and his name was John Williams. Well by crackie we found that information on record of 1902. While in Cody we stayed at the daughter of an electrical inspector friend Jack Morrison. What a place to park, we had deer and cottontail rabbits all over. Well Jack and his bride met us there and we went out hunting all kind of fossils and rocks. We spent a few days there with them and Cody is a must see. Now you know I do not like tourist traps but this is one that needs a good looking at.

Somewhere around 20 some years ago Larry (my nephew) met us at Jackson Lake, WY and we had a ball fishing. Well I wanted to see that again. It has grown to the point that we could not find the Forest Service camp ground that we stayed at. I wanted to fish the area where we had fished before but no such luck this time. We started working our way home and feeling darn good about the trip. It took us three more days to get home as we retraced some of the country that the wagon trains took. We lost a wheel bearing on the trailer in a little town in ID just before we got into Oregon. Got that taken care of and made it to Burns for our last night out.

We pulled into the home place at about 09:47 on Sunday, July 18th. We found cop cars and neighbors around the drive way. Some!@#\$%^&*(!@#%&*('s) broke into our place and stole 3 guns, had ripped my locked gun safe and drug it out back. They never got it open as their plans were interrupted by a great neighbor. Not much damage was done to the place but they did party with the old wine and other OLD booze. They did get some nice prints and I hope that they belong to the!@#%&*('s and not us.

We have spent the last week getting our act together, repairing the fence out front hat they cut, getting the broken window fixed and all the stuff that needed taken care of. We do have a meeting this Tuesday evening to form a neighborhood watch program.

I do not think one would want to come on our place soon as we now have more lights and alarms and stuff hooked up. Now that is what been happening around this neck of the woods, what been happening around yours?

Keep em grinning and be safe.

Jim and Creagh

UP DATE: Oct 23 2004

Deputy Joe came by this afternoon with good news. About two hours before he located the jerk that broke into our place and put his fanny in JAIL !!

I have to tell you, that sure feels good and now we can start getting back to normal but the place is all ready for any low life jerk that tries it again.

JAW