

MILLENNIUM DIGGERS CLUB NEWS

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MAY 2005 MEETING

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CLUB MEETING:

**2ND TUESDAY EACH MONTH
7PM – 9PM
KEIZER / SALEM SENIOR CENTER
930 PLYMOUTH DRIVE NE
KEIZER, OREGON**

OFFICERS:

**PRESIDENTS: TED STALEY &
ED JOHNSTON
TREASURER: OUIDA STALEY
SECRETARY: ROBIN CALLANDER**

THINGS TO REMEMBER...

August 13th & 14th Metal Detecting – area to be announced.

MEETING MINUTES:

- Opening with President Ted
- Introduction of Members and NEW Members, WELCOME!
- Treasurers Report not for this month. Ouida's computer has all new insides now so we hope that her accounts and newsletter e-mailing will be much easier for her.
- A new Raffle! You can buy tickets for a new Christmas raffle. Just \$1 for 1 ticket or \$5 for 6 tickets, half to you half to the club!
- 2005 raffle tickets for DREDGE now available
- Use last year's Permit OK'd for dredgers this year.
- Waldo Mining will be getting LEGAL help, can we help with \$\$\$ if they need it?
- Briggs Creek has about 10 hrs assessment work. Creek is high!
- Video – Commercial Mining with T. Mckracken
- Sunstones, Quartzville Creek and the Umpqua river outings.

 Happy Birthday to all May and June members !

We have had three group outings since I've last written, we have had a lot of fun and good food even if the weather did not cooperate. Our trip to the Sunstone area near Plush and the Dust Devil Mine was anything BUT dusty! Beautiful lighting displays were followed by drenching, chilly rain. We had good surface picking after the rains and fine fishing in the Staley's own private lake...unfortunately it was inside their tent! What a night of rain!

Mr. Delmon set up a terrific cooking tent, complete with stove and oven, enclosed on three sides. Our head cook (Ouida) was out of the wind, dry and food was easy to prepare. THANK YOU, DELMON.

We were disappointed with the Dust Devil mine, they said they'd be ready for us but the equipment hadn't arrived to clear the pit, not much to be found. Some of the group went over to the Spectrum mine and found some nice schillers but overall it was nothing like last year's findings.

We'll just have to go again next year!

Quartzville was another "iffy" weather time. The thunder rolled in the mountain tops like something out of Rip Van Winkle and the creek poured thru boulders and crevices. What a wonderful area for hiking, camping and DREDGING! We had a good time ...and Ted's group had a good time, unfortunately we never found each other. We were up at Yellow Bottom area and they were down by the second bridge somewhere.

We'll get 'em next time.

But at last came our outing to the lovely Umpqua River at Round Prairie. The weather was warm, the breezes cool and the water perfect for swimming and not too bad for fishing either. A few of us got sunburned but the dredging was going good.

Thank You all for the good times, laughter and great food...and the pretty rocks and the lovely gold flakes and more pretty rocks and let us all find a lot more GOLD. Robin.

SunStone Outing:



Umpqua River

