



# **MILLENNIUM DIGGERS ASSOCIATION Keizer, Oregon**



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**PRESIDENT: Troy Ray**  
**VICE PRESIDENT: Christoph Schmidt**  
**TREASURER: (Penny/temp.)**

## **Meeting Minutes from July 23rd, 2020**

**Our meeting** was held outside in the church parking lot.

**Attendance:** There were 14 of us present.

**Call to Order:** After we recited the Pledge of Allegiance, Troy called the meeting to order. He mentioned the irony of how the Corona Virus sprang up right on the heels of Howard's Disaster Preparedness presentation.

**Treasurer's Report:** No changes since March (?)

**-Concerning the riots in Portland:** Troy's work has been busy up in Portland boarding up Chase Banks.

**-White's Metal Detector's** is closed.

**-Troy and John Stepisnek** went to Jeeter's claim in April (2<sup>nd</sup> trail), but water was too high. They went again recently and Troy waded across.

**-Troy and Mackenzie Dukes** went to Brigg's, just after a rainstorm. At Fossil Flats, all the trees are still there at the campsites along the creek, most of the underbrush was gone. Went to where road crosses creek to DT's#1, lots of thunder and lightening and the water was rising. Wasn't sure where road went, so didn't cross. (Delmon says it goes to Galice). Then went to steep road that had a sign "Thunder Canyon Claim", Troy slid in mud the whole way down. - After all that, they left the area and went to Dad's Creek (WVM claim).

**-DT'S#1 claim** is roadside to the west. Troy said the map is wrong in the membership packet (second map), the first one is correct. He said he and Claudia will get together and fix it.

**-Aug 7<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>** (approx) Christoph is planning to go down to Brigg's and camp for a week. Penny, Walt and Terrie plan to go as well.

**-About the Amicus Brief:** US court denied the appeal with no explanation, they refused to hear the case.

**-3 Members moved out of state:** Bill Moore moved to Michigan, Tim Kelly moved to Arizona and Ken Orndorff has moved to New Mexico. They all were important members and good friends.

**-To prosecute claim jumpers on your claim:** You must post a sign "POSTED: NO TRESPASSING" and have trail-cams in operation as well.

**-If you own a claim:** The Maintenance Fee Waiver Certificate is due to the BLM on or BEFORE Sept 1<sup>st</sup>.

**-George Crutcher** has recently had shoulder surgery. Penny will send him a card on behalf of the club.

**-Don** has been to his thunder-egg claim in E Oregon and found it had been looted. 300-400lbs of nice thunder-eggs had been stolen.

**-SAVE THE Date!-Potluck @ Don's Sept 12th**

**-Penny** talked about the 9 day camp trip to E Oregon that she, Walt and Terrie went in first part of June. From Summer Lake, to the sunstone desert, to Plush, Priday Res and back up Hogback Rd to Big Rock Res. While Walt fished, Penny and Terrie combed the rimrock and hillside behind. Finding many pieces and chips of bright yellow/green glassy agate/opal on the surface, Terrie started digging and found VOILA'! The mother-lode! (We will bring some of the better specimens to meeting in Aug). -But while at Summer Lake and the sunstone desert, **the weather** was HOT HOT! Then, **the weather changed** to gale force winds and sun, snow, rain, sun, snow rain and wind that howled! It really was a great camp trip.



Sunset at Ana Res., Summer Lake



June 2020

Io by Ana River, Summer Lake

# Fossil Flats Camp Trip

Aug 9th – 16<sup>th</sup> 2020



Sophia

The road going to Brigg's Creek

Aug 10<sup>th</sup> thru Aug 14<sup>th</sup>: Christoph, his daughter Adriana, his sons David & Dominic, their friend Jessie. Sophia & her son Nieko. Joey Becerra & his daughter Lily.



Lily (Joey Becerra's daughter)



Christoph, Joey, Lily & cousin Niekó (Sophia's son)



Christoph, Joey, Lily & Nieko



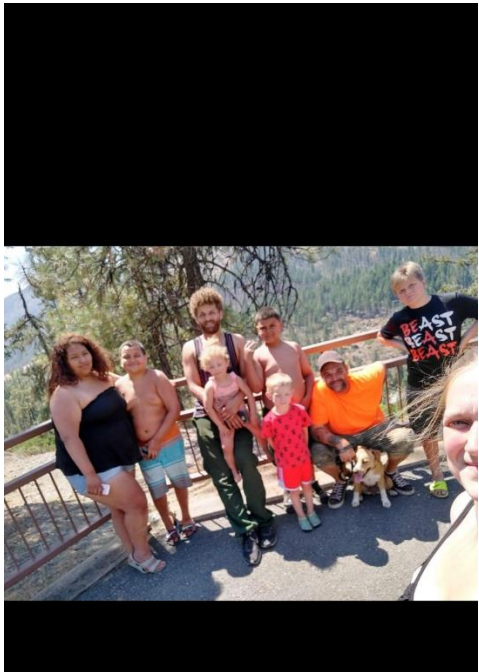
Lily is having so much fun!



Sophia & Lily



Nieko & Christoph



The "Crew": Adrianna, Dominic, Joey w/Lily, David w/Nieko, Christoph w/Gypsy & Jessie. Sophie in foreground taking picture.



Christoph, miner at work

Aug 9<sup>th</sup> thru Aug 16<sup>th</sup>: Penny, Walt & Terrie



Some of the burned area looking down towards Soldier Creek



Brigg's Creek crossing to DT's #1 claim. Water was a bit too deep for us to drive across. We waded across.

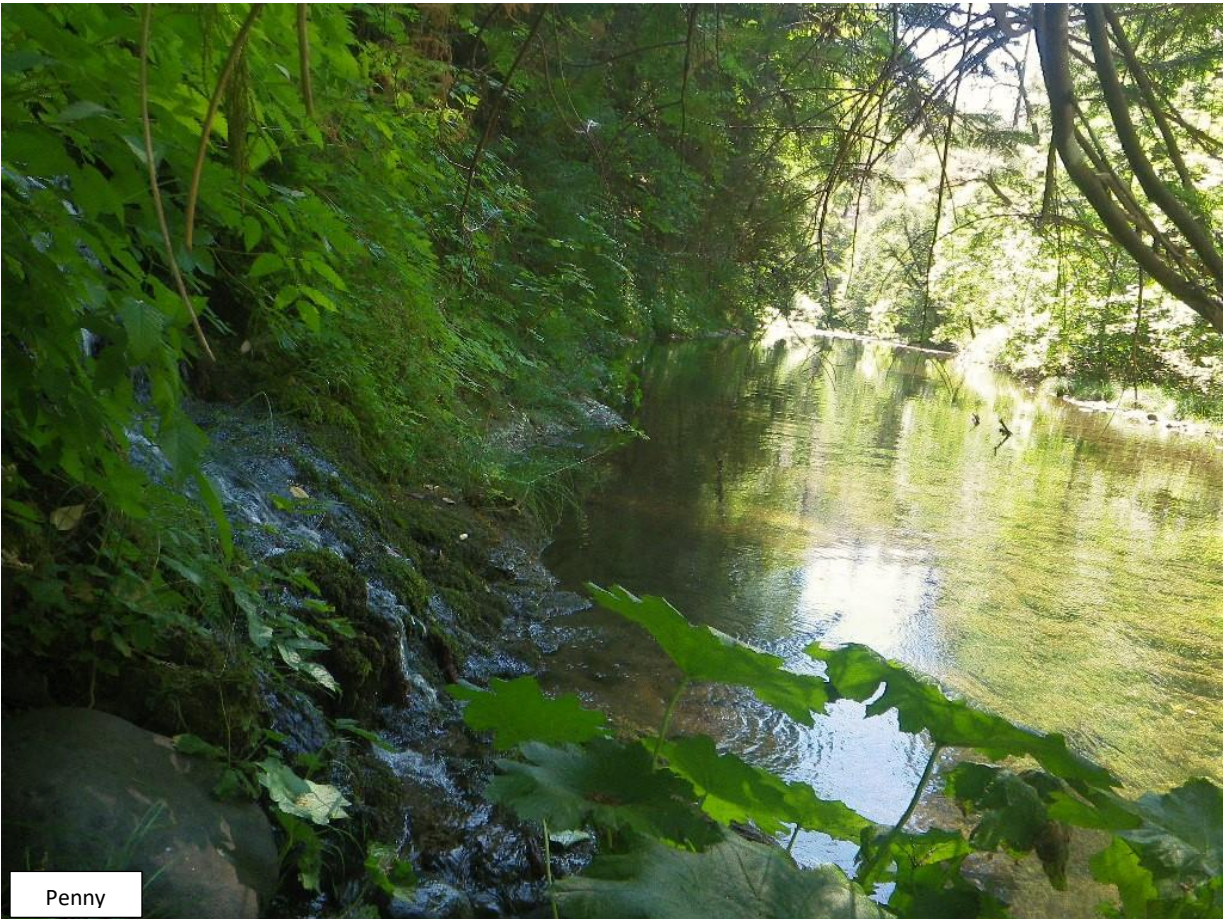


lo ran all the way back to camp & came back with his frisbee! Important stuff!



This photo of Walt reminds me of "Gorillas in the Mist"





Penny

Area downstream from camp where we spent a lot of time.

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