

Spokane Authors & Self-Publishers

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Bob Weldin
Former Vice President
Former Advisory Board Member

Bob is a published author and frequent speaker on such subjects as mining history, mineral resources, wilderness areas and motivation. He published *The Dry Diggin's Club*, a story of mining exploration in 2012.

Bob has been a lumber jack, rancher and miner. He graduated from the University of Idaho College of Mines and has done post graduate work in geology and related subjects, at Eastern Washington State University and other colleges in the Spokane area. He went to work for the U.S. Bureau of Mines as a mining engineer in 1960. He soon rose to the position of Chief, Branch of Engineering and Economic Analysis and retired in 1990 as Chief, Branch of Mineral Resource Evaluations.

Bob is the 2005/06 president of the national Mining History Association. He is an active member of Toastmasters International with an Advanced Speaking Certificate and, past president of a local chapter. He has been chairman of the Columbia Section, AIME, Society of Mining Engineers and vice-president of the Washington Chapter of the American Institute of Professional Geologists. He is a certified professional geologist in the State of Idaho.

Currently, Bob is writing and speaking on mining history, working on his memoirs and, doing research on polar explorers and men in mining.

Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers Listed Speaker

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Will speak to: Most groups and organizations

On subjects, such as: "Writing In Retirement" – "Artifacts of Mining History" – "Assessing Writers' Rules" – "My Ten Years in Wildernesses of the Northwest" – "Truth or Fiction? (Documentary vs. Novel)"

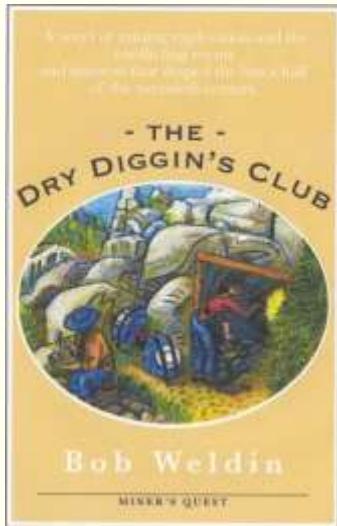
For (fees, etc.): I'm not opposed to accepting an honorarium, but normally, no fees are charged for giving a speech in the Spokane Area, if a book signing/sale is allowed after the speech.

Notes: Most speeches are about 20 minutes, followed by a question and answer period, followed by a book signing. The speaker furnishes no audio/visual aids, and normally none is required except a podium (or lectern) with a light, and sometimes a microphone.

Continue below for information about Bob's books.

(Includes Amazon™/Kindle™ ASIN codes)

The Dry Diggin's Club 0578106825



This *DRY DIGGIN'S CLUB* started as a documentary about wilderness experiences by the author and fellow field geologists. It ultimately became a historical novel when the author found it awkward to write history about characters who are still alive.

It's a story of adventure, risk taking, romance and intrigue by a group of young mining professionals. One of the protagonists is a female geologist who breaks into the all masculine domain of exploration geology, and helps in the creation a clandestine club that networked for pleasure and economic advantage.

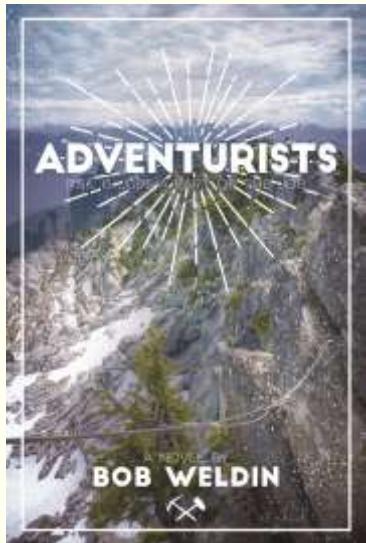
Historically, the novel deals with mining and minerals exploration methods of the 1960s, and some lasting sociopolitical impacts that occurred to the US mining industry during that decade.

The book was written for historians, adventurers, risk takers, and those who might quest for lost mines and valuable mineral deposits. Some characters discover

their soul mate or something within themselves that is more valuable than the riches they sought.

6X9 TRADE PAPER, 303 PP. ISBN: 978-0-578-10682-3

The Adventurists 153027253X



This adventure novel begins in an old underground mine in the North Cascades of Washington, next to the Canadian border. Danger, romance and intrigue follow Sara and Brad through the Idaho Primitive Area and the treacherous canyon of the Middle Fork of the Salmon River. They sometimes stray from their work plans to search for a lost gold mine or prospect for gem stones in the rugged Sawtooth Mountains of Idaho.

It's the summer of 1967, a time before GPS, cell phones or laptops. The geologists work in pairs but frequently have to split up to cover more territory. They carry Brunton compasses, which are used to map mineral deposits, but in their case sometimes used to find their way back to camp or to the nearest road out to civilization.

The Adventurists is a sequel to The Dry Diggin's Club. The main protagonists, Sara Mullin and Brad O'Conner characterize two of the many geologists charged with determining if valuable minerals occur in primitive or wild US Forest Service lands being considered for inclusion in the US Wilderness System.



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