



WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

December 2009

Potluck

December 5, 2009
11:00 am

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**Please have all items for
the news letter to me by
the 25th of the month**

President's Report

Hello and Happy Holidays

We had a great year with several good outings with outstanding turnout. The members of Willamette Valley Miners did a few hundred hours of assessment work and a few hundred more of prospecting. They even found some of the yellow metal we all love. Along the way we heard a few stories and made some more great ones. Friendships were renewed and more friendships started and grew. As a group it appears that we enjoyed.

The last meeting was almost a full house, all meetings this year were well attended and I, for one, really appreciate all those who attend. THANK YOU everyone. Most old business was completed last month and we only started 1 new business item of maybe looking at selling off a claim to open up room for getting another, the claims committee will be working on this to bring to the membership. The main business was Tom Q. and the government affairs section, there is much happening in this arena and could use more people to be involved. If interested give Tom a call. We also had elections of officers and it had some very tight races, we will have the results in the minutes. The highlight of the evening was the raffle table. It was full of good things including some gold nuggets, one of which I now own.

The Christmas party is next and should be well attended. The party is a good time and place to thank all those who put in extra effort to make all of our outings and events successful.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Eben Ray
President WVM

If you have changed your email/phone number or address please let us know by sending a note to the club mail box.

Meeting Minutes November 19, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7 P.M. by Vice President Eben Ray. Our President, Paul Messersmith, was unable to attend this evening because of illness.

Lloyd Bridgmon gave us an updated Treasurer's report. He informed us that we have our current meeting room booked for 2010 & also our Christmas party for 2010 will be December 4. Our Christmas party for this year is coming up shortly on December 5th. Please remember to bring a wrapped gift, not to exceed \$10.00 in value for our gift exchange. This party is always a fun time so come and have a great afternoon with us. Remember this is a pot-luck so bring a favorite dish. The party starts at 12 noon.

The election of officers for the coming year was held this evening. The results are as follows:

President: Eben Ray
Vice President: Jeff Farrand
Treasurer: Lloyd Bridgmon
Secretary: Karen Phares

There were 58 members & 4 guests with us this evening.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Phares
Secretary
Willamette Valley Miners Club

Outings/Events

Christmas Party

Do not forget, Dec 5 is the party/potluck. Club will furnish the turkey and ham, the members bring the rest of the goodies. Set up starts around 11, eating starts at noon. If you want to be in the gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift for each one in your party that wants to participate. Bring your gift to Gary and get a ticket for each gift. The games will begin after we have eaten our fill.



Upcoming Outings

Starting off the year of 2010 our January outing will be a trip to Rice NW Rock and Mineral Museum in Hillsboro, OR on January 16, a Saturday. The Museum opens at 1pm so we need to meet in the parking lot of Harbor Freight, 4675 Portland Rd NE (just off I-5), Salem at 11:45. We will caravan (and/or carpool) from there. Bring a friend to share a fascinating time. Rocks and minerals and petrified wood like you've never seen, from the NW and around the world. Price to the Museum is \$7. adult and \$6. for seniors. The tour takes 1-2 hrs (more time if you want). The January newsletter will have detailed driving directions, very easy to find just off Hwy 26.

Contact person: Louie and Joan Frick 541-327-1210

Gary's Raffle Corner:

The response for donations to the raffle table was great!!! to say the least, it is much appreciated. Thank you to all who donated and let's keep up the good work next year. There will be no table raffle in December.

Wes won the nugget this month and he also salted the table raffle with several small nuggets. Lloyd has informed me that larger nuggets for the raffle will be coming next year. The Dredge high Banker is still lagging, remember, if you send me your money I will enter your tickets into the drawing. \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Thanks for your response!

Member's Corner

Dutch Oven Chicken Pot Pie

- 2 Large Chicken Breasts cooked and cubed
- 2 Large Cans Mixed Vegetables (w/potatoes in it)
- 1 Can Cream of Chicken Soup
- 1 Can Cream of Mushroom Soup
- 1 Can of 10 Refrigerated Biscuits

Mix chicken, vegetables (including liquid) and both cans of soup. Put in a dutch oven and warm over coals. Don't boil. When warm, place biscuits on top of chicken mixture and cover with lid. Place coals on lid. Check after 15 minutes. Cook until biscuits are done. Usually takes about 30 minutes.

Serves 3-4

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Suction Nozzle

Recently I organized my mining storage and found a used but little worn Keene 2 ½ suction nozzle. This is great for working shallow water, connects to 1 ½" fire hose. \$49.00 Tom at 503-606-9895

Mercury for Sale

Dan @ 541-401-0922 (Sweet Home)

“Keene” 5” dredge older model triple sluice, upgraded with 8hp Honda. New T80 compressor, reserve tank and air hose. High volume pump. Swivel Nozzle, quick release fittings, complete. Great condition. \$2800. OBO. Contact member Brian @ 541-929-3825

Wet Suit – Farmer John type – 6 mil. NEW – Medium size – fits 140 to 170 pounds – 5’4 – 5’9. Includes new weight belt. \$125 OBO.
 Paul @541-926-8153

Wanted

Gold Screw

Dan @ 541-401-0922 (Sweet Home)

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**We Meet Third Thursday of
the month, 7:00 pm at
Marion County Fire Hall
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