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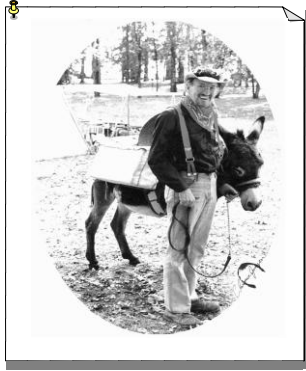
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**Please have all items for  
the newsletter to me by  
the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month**



# WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

January 2010

## Meeting

January 20, 2010  
7:00 am

## President's Report

### **Happy New Year Everyone**

We had a very nice Christmas party that was attended by 50+ people. There wasn't a regular meeting so nothing to report on there.

As we start out the New Year remember to set up your schedule of events from the Club calendar you received in November for 2011 club events. We have quite a few outings and events with some changes in the usual outings, that were beyond our control, for instance there is only one outing at Miners Meadow. All of our regular outings are on the calendar including the Christmas party every year, so if you miss one it wasn't because no one told you. We will have an outing January in Brownsville check the schedule and let me know if you are going to attend so I can get a count on how many will be attending.

I would like to get e-mail addresses from our members so that I can share information with you that isn't newsletter worthy. So if you could write your E-mail address in my book at any meeting or e-mail me with your name and **WVM member** in the subject line I can get this list put together. I will not be sending jokes or other spam to this list and I will be using the bcc line so your address doesn't appear for everyone.

Be safe and be kind,  
Now get out and find some gold.

Eben Ray  
President

Call our Oregon Senators

Sen. Ron Wyden 202-224-5244

Jeff Merkley 202-224-3753

*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

No meeting in December.

## Outings/Events

**January 15th** - Brownsville Living Rock Studio Museum meet in parking lot at 10:30am

Howard Taylor created a rock and cement structure to display his art and carvings, some inspired by stories in the Bible.

Address: 911 W. Bishop Way, Brownsville, OR

Directions: Take I-5 south from Salem or north from Eugene, Oregon. At the Brownsville turnoff, head east 5 miles, approximately at mile marker 5. The Living Rock Studios are on right, on west side of Brownsville.

Admission: Donation.

Hours: Tu-Sa 10 am-5 pm (Call to verify)

Phone: 541-466-5814

**Tips dress warm and bring a small Flashlight.** I

think that we should meet for lunch after viewing the museum. We can decide on this while we are there. Contact person Eben Ray, please let me know if you are coming, so I can give them a count.

## Raffle Table

We had a great time at the Christmas Party, Great food and I (WAHOO) won the metal detector!! (no, I did not pull the ticket). I have decided to donate it to the legal fund so you will have another chance to win it!

We now need to decide what the next big raffle item is going to be so when you come to the meeting have your ideas with you.

At the next meeting I think the EOMA will have available information and chances on their legal defense raffle. Please support this effort!! It is important to all miners.

Gary

## Members Corner

Johnny Calliham here, many years ago I came up with this little ditty I called "Ridiculous", I am now changing the name to "Safety First" because of what Eben Ray said about my fall at Beverly Beach in which I broke four ribs. I think this just about says it all:

## **"SAFETY FIRST"**

DO YOU SUPPOSE THAT MAN WOULD TRY  
IF HE WERE CONVINCED THAT HE COULD  
FLY  
AND IF OR WHEN HE FOUND HE COULDN'T  
IT WOULD BE TOO LATE HE'D JUMPED AND  
SHOULDN'T

## **NOTICE TO ALL INSTREAM MINERS IN OREGON:**

The future of all small-scale mining & prospecting in Oregon streams and rivers is in dire jeopardy. For years, Oregon DEQ and the U.S. EPA have gotten away with regulating suction dredges in Oregon by issuing the permits as "*Natl. Pollutant Discharge Elimination System*" (NPDES) permits under Sec. 402 of the Clean Water Act (CWA). These are the same types of permits required by municipal sewage treatment plants and other industrial facilities required for the "*discharge of pollutants into waters of the United States.*" These are also the wrong permits.

Under the CWA, the discharge from a suction dredge or sluice box being operated in a stream or river is defined as "*dredged materials*" (and not "*pollutants*" being added), and thus are under Sec. 404 of the CWA and the Army Corps. of Engineers (and not the EPA) (if such discharges fall under the CWA at all). DEQ and the EPA do not agree, and claim they have jurisdiction.

Since 2005, the Eastern Oregon Mining Association (EOMA), Waldo Mining District (WMD) and others have been actively fighting to protect your rights to mine in Oregon by taking DEQ to court over the 2005 700PM permit, and now the 2010 "*In-Stream Mining Permit*". Currently pending are: an Appeal to the Oregon Supreme Court (over the 2005 700PM permit), & Petitions for Judicial Review (of the new 2010 700PM permit) in both the Oregon Court of Appeals and the Circuit Court for Marion Co. (EOMA is also intervening in the environmentalists (NEDC et.al) challenge to the permit filed in the Circuit Court for Multnomah County).

Let there be no doubt: The outcome of this litigation will affect all future In-Stream Mining in Oregon.

## **WIN 1/2 POUND OF GOLD**

EOMA/WMD is holding a series of Drawings to help raise the required funds for the permit litigation. Entry into any one (1) of the Drawings enters you into ALL subsequent Drawings (need not be present to win), including the:

**FINAL DRAWING** for 1/2 POUND OF GOLD (troy) to be given away in the spring of 2012 at the GPAA Gold Show, Salem OR. (Date to be announced); and the 1ST PRELIMINARY DRAWING on April 3, 2011, at the GPAA Gold Show, Salem, OR.

**1ST PRELIMINARY DRAWING PRIZE LIST** (To date): Grand Prize: 1 oz. of Gold Nugget Jewelry (including an 18.4 dwt. Nugget Necklace); 1<sup>st</sup> Place: 3-Day Gold Mining Adventure Trip for one (1) to "*Wines Camp*".

**FINAL DRAWING PRIZE LIST** (To date): Grand Prize: 1/2 LB. OF GOLD (6oz troy); 1<sup>st</sup> Place: New 2009 Lambretta Motorscooter - (Winners choice of UNO150cc or DUO50cc – fob Vancouver WA); 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: 3-Day Gold Mining Adventure Trip for Two to "*Wines Camp*".

### ***MORE PRIZES TO BE ADDED***

FOR MORE INFORMATION INCLUDING: Official Rules, Printable Entry Coupons, & Updated Prize List, send an SASE to the address below or go to: [www.eoma.org](http://www.eoma.org) or [www.waldominatingdistrict.org](http://www.waldominatingdistrict.org)

**TO ENTER:** Fill out an Entry Coupon or send us your Name, Address, Phone/Email along with \$5 per Entry (or 6 for \$25) to:

**EOMA/WMD DRAWING, P.O.B.  
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**Gold Panner's Guide to the Oregon Cascades**  
 By WVM member Tom Bohmker. Covers areas to pan w/o a claim from Portland to Cow Creek south of Roseburg. How to pan mining stories, 87 pages 9 maps. \$17.50, \$2.00 postage.

**Classifieds**

**Wild West Gold Sales**

I Buy & Sell Gold nuggets and Fines no amount is too small. E-mail: wrtckenhaines@comcast.net  
 Ph: 541-791-9986

**For Sale**

Only 3 Falcon Pin Point Detectors left at the old price. The price is going up and I can only get 3 more at the old price of \$219.95 each. The new price will be \$249.95 but the ability to pick out gold flakes the size of the period in this sentence will be the same. Tom @ Cascade Mountains Gold 503-606-9895

**Garrett Scorpion Gold Stinger Metal Detector**  
 Good as new. Good for coin-relic and gold hunting  
 \$325.00 Ph. 503-859-3132

**Wanted**

**Gold Screw**

Dan @ 541-401-0922 (Sweet Home)

**Need a claim for dredging this summer.**

Experienced dredges with 4" dredge and hooka need decent diggings. Can travel, already have grubsteak, good truck and provide own camp. Dependable and hard working. Good references. Contact Eric @541-852-1929  
 email: ericgallaway@hotmail.com

# Willamette Valley Miners

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

**PLEASE CLEARLY PRINT ALL INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Initial

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check:**      \_\_\_\_\_ New Member      \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Renewal

Please accept my application for membership in the Willamette Valley Miners Club. I understand that the association is a non-profit organization of members with a common interest in small scale mining and Mineral prospecting. I have read and understand the agreement below.

**Annual Family membership dues - \$20.00**

**Membership card for dash - \$1.00**

**Membership year begins in January**

As a member of the Willamette Valley Miners I hereby agree to abide by the rules and guidelines established by the club. I acknowledge that small scale prospecting may involve inherent dangers and I hereby release the Willamette Valley Miners Club, its officers, and claim holders from any and all actions, causes of actions, claims, damages, or injuries that may occur on any and all claims controlled by the Willamette Valley Miners Club, or other clubs who we share claims with. I further agree to hold the Willamette Valley Miners Club, its officers, and claim holders harmless from the results of any accident or incident that may occur while I am on said lands controlled by the Willamette Valley Miners Club or claims shared with others clubs

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Must be signed by spouse for family membership)

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send application and remittance to:**

Willamette Valley Miners  
PO Box 13044  
Salem Or. 97309

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We Meet Third Thursday of  
the month, 7:00 pm at  
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