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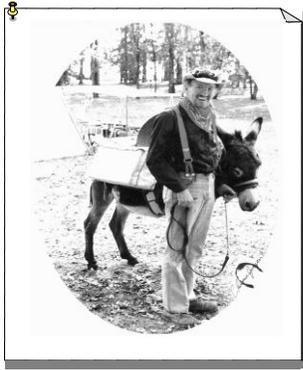
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**Please have all items for
the newsletter to me by
the 25th of the month**



WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

February 2010

Meeting

March 17, 2011
7:00 am

Vice President's Report

We had a large group for the meeting of roughly 77 members and guest. The Christmas and Brownsville outings seemed to have gone off well with a large attendance. The February Geocaching outing is coming up on the 19th and then in March is the metal detecting outing. These activities are a great way to get out there and learn hands on how to use these somewhat complicated pieces of electronics.

It has come to light that our claims packet needs to be up-dated and this process is taking place. For those with claim packets, WVM #2 was combine with WVM #4 to make it one claim which is numbered WVM #4. Currently there is no WVM #2. Also the Old Farts Dream claim is no longer a WVM claim. This claim was sold to the Brownsville GPAA Chapter last year with the understanding that any WVM card holding member can utilize it. We hope to get this noted as such in the new packets. We would also like to reiterate to the members that it is your responsibility to confirm that others on the claims are WVM card carrying members if they are doing any prospecting. All members working on the claims must have a current membership card on hand.

More and more the right to prospect is being challenged. Get out there and learn your rights. There are many worthwhile web sites with information. We are looking to post some of these sites on our website. Keep up the fight and write to your elected officials. Also help in the EOMA legal fund by purchasing the raffle tickets that were sent in last month's newsletter.

Jeff Farrand
Vice President

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

The Willamette Valley Miners general meeting was called to order by Vice Pres. Jeff Farrand. President Eben Ray was unable to attend this month. In attendance (per the sign in sheet) were 42 members, 4 new members and 2 guests.

There were no meeting minutes to read or approve as there was no meeting in December.

Treasurer's report was given by Larry Coon. He also reported we have 354 members and reminded the group that the 2011 membership dues are due. This allows your family to receive the Club monthly newsletter, enjoy the monthly outings, access to the WVM website and to use the Club claims. The more we become involved the better our Club will become.

Reports from the committees:

CLAIMS - Larry C. asked the members to fill out assessment work forms when you visit the claims. Any work done on the claim is essential to report for end of year paperwork. The form will be in the newsletter and on the website - make copies and have with you. Tom Q. also asked we watch for claim jumpers. Members need to always display Club sign on their vehicle dash or window and have your membership card. If you suspect violators, question their right to be there. If they are removing minerals, we have the law on our side. Remind them of signs posted on our claims. Get a license plate number and picture if possible. Or offer them to join our Club and have membership forms with you. Above all - watch your safety!

A representative from the Brownsville Club reminds us that WVM still has the OK to mine on Old Farts Dream claim, which we sold to them.

OUTINGS - Trudy S. offered an assessment of the 2010 Christmas Party. It was a happy crowd, excellent food, fun present exchange and fun games and prizes. Next year we could use a few more people to attend. Patty P. reported that the January outing to Brownsville and the Living Rock Studio Museum was quite interesting and well worth the time. An impromptu lunch followed in town and made for a fun day.

Upcoming outings are: Feb 19, 10am GPS and geocaching class with Boyd and Kathy Puckett AND March 19, 9am Metal Detecting with Jim Perkey.

GOV'T AFFAIRS- Tom Q. reports that while the Oregon Legislature is in session this spring, we need to follow bills and litigation that are affecting all of us miners. He reminds us that sometimes gov't affairs are quite lengthy and you may not care, BUT some of the affects in the future (for your mining rights) you will. Be active and get on his e-mail info releases or take the time to get on websites of DSL, DEQ, BLM, FS. Know your representatives and question and communicate with them. A terrific and necessary way to be involved is help with the legal fund for litigation ongoing right now.

EOMA/Waldo legal fund raffle tickets are on sale for all (members and general public). Motion was made by Chad that we use the proceeds of our Club raffle of a metal detector (also a display box for gold) to purchase EOMA/Waldo legal fund raffle tickets. Thus helping that fund and if we win a prize the Club will then raffle it off. Second by Gary S. Motion passed. It was mentioned that EOMA/Waldo needs to advertise on their raffle more and we can all do our part too. Sell to friends, family, coworkers, strangers, and even do your own advertising. And we can put it on our Club website too. Our BIG prize will be winning the court cases. On another note: Tom Q. gave out "orange cards" to carry with us if we're ever questioned by authorities out in the field about supposed violations. These will help you remember your rights, like ask for ID/business cards, to write down the specific wording of the violation, keep your cool and remember basic mining rights. Info furnished by Jerry Hobbs - don't change his wording on the card.

PROGRAMS- no report given from this committee as Howard C. didn't attend the meeting.

Old Business: none discussed

New Business: *Gary S. from the raffle table asked for permission to have a GPS as the next large item for the Club to raffle. The consensus of the members was yes.

*A proposal was made that we need a volunteer to help out with keeping the website updated. No one with this technical ability came forward so we will ask through the newsletter.

*Questions were asked about the “gold” we’ve collected -- what to do with it? - How much do we have? - Was it specific for EOMA/Waldo legal fund? - do we need it for Club use? Discussions were tabled until next meeting so President Eben would be present.

No further business -- short talks by Don A. on his trip he won to Nome, AK and also by Jim P. on metal detecting and his show and tell of “strange creature”.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Frick, Secretary WVM

Outings/Events

The Brownsville outing was well attended. We had 16 members and 4 kids along with a family that joined at the museum. Almost everyone arrived early and they were ready to explore and enjoy. The exhibit was very interesting and our guide was very enthusiastic about the museum since her father built it. The museum itself was built from the rocks collected around the area and the state by the builder, his family, and friends. Along with rocks and minerals there is also art work and antiques on display. If you ever get a chance drop by the Living Rock Museum and visit, the price of entry is a donation. After the museum we ran to downtown Brownsville and ate lunch as a group at the Corner Cafe. The food was good and the visiting was great. Thank you all for your attendance and camaraderie.

Eben

March 19th Metal Detecting outing - Sunday, March 19th at 9am. We will meet at south parking lot of the State Fairgrounds. (off Sunnyview) For more info call Jim Perkey at 503-390-7327.

February 19th Geocaching Event - Don’t miss out on this geocaching event open to everyone. If you want to learn how to use your GPS navigational unit or just have some fun, join us for a geocaching event. The event is scheduled for Saturday, 2-19-11 at 10:00 a.m. We will be meeting at Creekside Dining located at 939 Oak Street SE in Salem, Oregon. Creekside Dining is located in Building D of Salem Hospital. We will be meeting inside the restaurant to go over general use of the GPS unit and to enter coordinates for geocaches hidden nearby. We will then go out and enjoy the hunt!

We encourage everyone to try to find all of the geocaches and have a good time searching for them.

The best place to park is in the surface lot, which is located directly across Oak Street from the front door of Creekside Dining. The surface lot is located just east of the emergency entrance to Salem Hospital. The coordinates for the parking lot entrance are N44 55.951 and W123 01.955. The coordinates for the entrance to the restaurant are N44 55.976 and W123 01.996. Enter these coordinates into your GPS unit and follow the directions to the location. It should take you straight to us. After you enter the restaurant, go to the left and we will be sitting at the tables on the left side of the entrance. Feel free to grab some breakfast or coffee to warm up before heading out for the outdoor adventure.

See everyone on the 19th!

Boyd & Kathy Puckett

Raffle Table

Willamette Valley Miners are not having a large raffle item at this time. Our main raffle will be the big one for the 1/2 lb of gold and all other prizes that were listed in last month's newsletter. The metal detector will be going at this month's meeting. Of course we will have the gold nugget, 50/50 and table raffle as always so please bring stuff for the table.

Gary

Members Corner

The link below allows you to send our elected people back in Washington DC what is on your mind. I have used it for years and every now and then I hear back from them.

http://letter2congress.rallycongress.com/698/?gclid=CJPIi4WxzY8CFSAwYAodR2A_pg

The link provided is an excellent resource for your mining interest. You might want to print out some of the information as it could be used to your benefit when confronted by a federal enforcement officer.

Hal Anthony has provided a complete list of the pertinent mining laws for us.

<http://www.miningrights.org/>

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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: ericgalloway@hotmail.com

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Sen. Ron Wyden 202-224-5244

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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 _____

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Amount enclosed _____

Please send application and remittance to:

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