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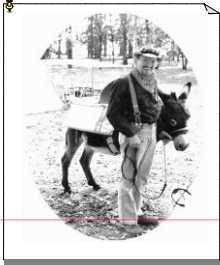
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**Please have all items for
the newsletter to me by
the 25th of the month**



WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

April 2011

Meeting

April 21, 2011
7:00 pm

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President's Report

Hello all,

Another good meeting with some discussions on upcoming events. The main topic was helping out and putting forth a positive public image at all of the upcoming events. So take a little time and come out and help, you will learn a lot and have some fun. The event schedules and contacts are further in the news letter.

We also discussed the upcoming busy meeting months. Greet our new members and remember seating could be limited.

Government affairs has been busy and they have had some success with stopping bad Senate Bills that have been formed to cost us more money and limit our ability to pursue our chosen hobby of mining. We are still in the fight with BAD DEQ permits so buy some raffle tickets and support the effort. Remember be heard and write your elected officials or make a phone call. Your voice does matter.

Now get out there and breathe some fresh air.

Sincerely,

Eben

April Meeting Program

"Emergency & Disaster Preparedness" Will include personal and family survival kit lists, types of emergencies to plan for and wrapping our collective heads around mutual survival despite media disinformation. Real knowledge is real power in a real threat!

Presenter: Howard Conner

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

March 17, 2011

The Willamette Valley Miners general meeting was called to order by President Eben Ray. We began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes were approved as published in the newsletter. But the newsletter was corrected as to day of the week for Mar. 19 outing and the time of day for this monthly meeting tonight

The financial report by Larry C. was approved.

The members signing the meeting sign-in sheet was 61 and we had 3 guests. Usually members are asked to wear name tags (blue) and a new idea is for guests and new members to wear red tags. This will help all to be aware and greet and welcome them to the Club.

Before business began, Darrell T. furnished the members with free handouts of disaster preparedness. In light of the recent world events this was very helpful. Thanks.

Reports from the RAFFLE TABLE: The next big item, a GPS, will start soon. There is a reorder to workout first. The "treasure box for gold" built by Jim P. has one more meeting before raffling time. A silver round was drawn at this meeting. Gary S. gave a refresh of why we have raffles and when at each meeting night.

EOMA/Waldo raffle tickets are still on sale and prizes will start being drawn at the Salem GPAA Gold Show this April. Be sure to support this effort as the litigation hasn't even got to hearing yet and already much \$\$ has been spent. This is for all Oregon miners and we need to fight for our rights.

Past OUTINGS: Feb. 19 was the GPS/geocaching and unfortunately the turnout was very small. Thanks anyway to Boyd and Kathy P. for their efforts and time. Feb. 26 was a "gold bagging" work party at Schrader's. Eleven members made quick work of preparing over 450 bags. These bags are sold when we have panning at the Shows. The activity encourages educational and fundraising for the Club.

Upcoming outings/EVENTS: April 1-3 is the GPAA Gold Show in Salem. Wes J. is in charge of our booth.

April 14-17 is Rickreall Rock and Gem Show at Polk County Fairgrounds. Howard C. and Jim P. are the set up people. Volunteers are needed to help. It's a good time to do "educational panning" and also get some personal practice. Wes will raffle a signed gold pan and donate the funds to the Club. May 1st is a basic mining workshop at the Jim P. farm/workshop. Come and get some helpful pointers. It's also a potluck - bring the food.

May 28-31 we travel to Vincent Cr. in far eastern Oregon. It's a "ways" to go but worth the gold. Eben will be the leader. *Be sure to display your larger Club card on your dashboard when on any of our claims (especially this one!)

July 15-17 (it's not too early to plan for this) is the Miners Jubilee in Baker City. Get to know some EOMA people!

GOVT AFFAIRS: Tom Q. reported a victory for miners! The Senate Bill 765 was pulled due to overwhelming objection e-mails. We can get results! He also talked some on HB 2351 (and 2245) which are upcoming and he will let you know when to comment on this legislation. Fighting to keep our mining rights is an ongoing battle (like 700 permit litigation, etc.). Are you on his e-mail list so you get helpful info? He works very hard at this "big job" - give him support and encouragement.

OLD BUSINESS: *Question was asked about the Backlund case. Tom reported the structures have been removed but they are still appealing the charges. WVM is still welcome to hand mine on the claim.

*The "gold donations" given at recent meetings have been discussed. Motion was made by Trudy S. to have the Club purchase this gold at 80% spot price for our gold bags, etc. Proceeds from the donation go to buy EOMA/Waldo fund tickets. Seconded and approved.

*Another reminder to welcome new members and be friendly as we enter this spring show time and we have "full house" meetings.

*Update on the Club packets - Larry reports the job is completed.

NEW BUSINESS: none addressed.

Committees: **CLAIMS** - Larry is having a good working relationship with the Forest Service about Vincent Cr. claim. He is working with ODFW on WVM#1. Even though both of these claims are year round claims and fish free, stay within the high water mark and fill in your holes. Let's be a good example and keep on good terms.

WEBSITE: no report. But have you checked out the new links for government workings yet? Lots of info!

PROGRAMS: Howard C. reported some ideas for Alaska Gold Rush speakers and also a disaster preparedness speaker. Howard also keeps the Club library functional - books, VHS tapes, maps, etc. Please sign out and in the items. You may keep these for a couple months but he advises 2-3 years is a bit long. Are you guilty?

NEWSLETTER: no report.

Meeting adjourned after "member speaking"

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Frick, Secretary WVM

Outings/Events

The outing on March 19th was well attended by 15 of our club members, and the weather cooperated, with no rain. Some folks new to detecting got help in learning their machines from the old pro, (Gary Schrader) and I think everyone found some treasures. The fairgrounds is run by the state parks department, but is not a park. Anyone can obtain a permit for detecting there by going to the fair office and requesting one. Thanks to those who came and for sharing your knowledge.
Jim Perkey

Vincent Creek outing is approaching so get your equipment ready to find some gold in NE Oregon. This year it will be happening May 28-31. This is usually the same time as Sumptner is having their Big event. Eben Ray is the contact person and will have some info at the next couple of meetings. This

outing is a good camping outing with lots of room for RV's of all types. Have warm clothing and possibly rain gear. I have had some very nice days at this outing in the past just wearing t-shirts and even went swimming due to Trevor. As far as equipment, the highbankers work well here and the smaller dredges. This is a great area for sluice boxes and other hand equipment as well. And metal detectors have been known to find artifacts here. While we are there we will do a little claim upkeep so bring along some tools for that type of work we won't take up a lot of your time just a small amount.

There is plenty of parking area for camping of all types. Once you're at the gate, look around before you drive a big rig in, most of the larger vehicles park outside the gate! This year I would like to attempt a potluck (weather permitting) while there so let me know what you think? If you're going to this outing try and let me know. ebenray44@yahoo.com (put " Vincent creek outing" in the Subject)

Maps are in your member packet and the directions are very accurate.

Thanks, Eben (503-508-1497)

Beverly Beach – Wes Jeffers is facilitating an impromptu outing to Beverly Beach on April 23rd. Since this is Easter weekend, this will be a one day outing only. Beverly Beach is just North of Newport on highway 101. Call Wes for further information. 971-563-5080

A basic mining workshop will be held at Jim Perkey's home on May 1 at 10:00am 1133 Simon St N., Salem 97303.

We will focus on activities helpful for new members, such as panning and the use of gold wheel's for separating gold from black sand. Introduction to dredging with a small dredge, and clean-up of amalgamated gold and mercury. We will barbecue hamburgers & hot-dogs so bring a potluck dish to share. (dessert-raisin cookies lol)

Member's Corner

<http://www.miningrights.org/legal-news/soredi.html>

SOREDI: A Major Threat to Josephine County?

On March 30th, many residents of Josephine County watched in total dismay as Southern Oregon Regional Economic Development Inc. ([SOREDI](#)) attempted to push a controversial draft proposal to two of our Josephine County Commissioners. Fortunately, with Commissioner Ellis being absent, both Commissioners Cassanelli and Hare refused to weigh in on the issue.

The draft proposal, known as the 2011-2016 Josephine County Economic Development Strategic Plan not only aims to make Josephine County a "sustainable community" through so-called "smart growth", but also seeks to change our current method of government through methods of so-called "revision" and "modernization". As we all know, these terms are the language of so-called environmentalists that are thrown at the general public in an attempt to justify the theft of private property and to destroy the traditional economies of a given area. What SOREDI is proposing could best be summed up as being the same type of system which was pushed onto the people of Spain, which ultimately resulted in the complete unraveling of their economy and an upheaval of civil unrest.

Read SOREDI's proposal below:

[Read SOREDI's proposal to Josephine County Official Comments from EDSC members regarding County Administrator expanded Board of Commissioners issue](#)

Recently, a similar plan was introduced to the Board of County Commissioners of Carroll County, Maryland. Fortunately, their leaders had the courage and insight to reject the plan, stating that they felt it violated the U.S. Constitution.

See - <http://americanpolicy.org/sustainable-development/thank-you-carroll-county.html>

We request that miners (and non-miners) who are concerned about SOREDI's activities make it a point to attend the upcoming public meetings of the Josephine County BCC and to speak out against SOREDI's plans. The next of these meetings is on

Wednesday, April 6th at 9 AM at the Anne Basker Building in Grants Pass. More information is available on the BCC's calendar.

If you cannot attend, please at least make your voice heard by writing an e-mail to the commissioners and tell them that you do not want this nonsense being perpetuated here in Josephine County.

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Tom Q, WVM

HB3469 is having public hearings in the state legislature House Revenue committee.

This bill requires all Oregon citizens who buy or sell precious metals to take a photo of items and keep a record of that information like a Pawn Broker.

HB2431 Land Corner Preservation/Surveyors bill want and additional \$5.00 to record all documents with county clerk.

Miners have an exemption amendment waiting to be added to this bill if HB2431 receives a hearing in House Revenue committee.

Tom Q, WVM

EOMA Drawing

Now that the 1st Preliminary Drawing is behind us, it's time to get busy with the 2nd! More information at the next meeting and in next month's newsletter.

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Dan @ 541-401-0922 (Sweet Home)

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the month, 7:00 pm at
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