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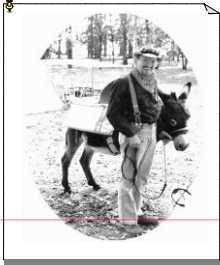
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**Please have all items for
the newsletter to me by
the 25th of the month**



WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

December 2011

President's Report

Pot Luck

December 3, 2011

11:00 am
**NO OTHER
MEETING
THIS MONTH**

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See you at the Christmas Party.

Oh yeah, there was a November meeting were you there? We had 1 new memeber and 2 guests. A fair number of members were present however there were a few empty seats. Many things are discussed and learned at the meetings you snooze.

The new lineup for next year was voted on and you will have a new President and two new Vice Presidents. So give them your support and help your Association grow and prosper.

We need a few to come forward and help with Government Affairs. I am starting a group to work together to cover the needs of this very important area. Tom has done alot of work to protect us and the next 5 years will determine the future of mining and prospecting for our children and grandchildren. We need to be on top of these government officals or we LOSE.

Remember DSL report is due and they won't issue the permit for next year without it.

Be safe!

Now get out there and find something, maybe gold!

Your President
Eben Ray

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 17, 2011

The Willamette Valley Miners' monthly meeting was called to order by President Eben Ray. We were led in the pledge of allegiance by Ken.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

The treasurer's report given by Larry C. was approved. He wants to impress upon us that a big monthly expenditure is our newsletter (\$341.). It would be helpful if we could find a way to control this -- ideas would be appreciated.

As per sign in sheet, we had 55 people attending with 1 new member and 2 guests.

Reports from:

RAFFLE TABLE - Gary S. explained our ongoing raffles and their purpose. The Wines Trip will be drawn at the Christmas Party. And he really appreciates the response of items brought for the meeting raffle table (these proceeds help some on our newsletter expense). We need to keep up the donations each month. Jim P. reminded us that EOMA/Waldo 1/2 pound Gold tickets are still for sale -- proceeds help with litigation funds which are fighting for all miners rights in Oregon. The BIG drawing will happen at the Salem GPAA Show in March.

PAST OUTINGS/EVENTS - Oct. 22 was the winterize workshop at Louie's Welding near Jefferson. It was a small turnout but good ideas and sharing made for a learning time. Oct. 29 a group got together at Jeff F's home and created the schedule of Outings/Events for 2012. Thanks to all who put in their time for this.

UPCOMING OUTINGS/EVENTS - Nov. 19 is metal detecting with Jim P. at Bush Park in Salem. Rain or shine - come prepared to hunt.

Dec. 3 is our Christmas Party here in the meeting room. It opens 10-11am to decorate and organize, then eating around 12noon-ish. This is potluck with the Club providing meat, coffee and tableware. Sue M. will cook turkey and Penny E. the ham. Thanks. If you wish to be in the gift exchange, bring a wrapped item valued at \$10. or less. It's a great time of "foolishness and fun". Stay for bingo time too and win great prizes.

Dec. 10 is the Club yearly audit to be held at Larry C's home. Members have already volunteered.

GOV'T AFFAIRS - no official report. But discussion seemed to drift from general mining rights, to road gates, to enforcement, to reports and paper work due dates, etc.

CLAIMS - yearly reports for any claim are due Dec. 30. Also Dec. 30 is the date for the DSL general authorization water usage report. Be aware of all paper work to keep up with as you may have no GA permit next year or even lose your claim. Ouch! (Note - some reports can be done online).

PROGRAMS - Howard C. is still looking for program ideas. These short "programs" add to our meeting night with helpful information.

LIBRARY - Howard C. promoted Bedrock Bustin' by Perry Massie a video in the library about safety underwater for dredgers. Check it out and be informed. Also check out our family 'disaster preparedness and survival' video.

OLD BUSINESS - *NWMA - we have officially joined.

GPAA - Eben has reviewed the material and from general consensus has tabled this for now.

NEW BUSINESS - *with a new year almost upon us for the Club we are all reminded that Club committees could sure use some new volunteers. The more you join in, the more fun!!

* The ongoing problem of a Gov't Affairs person to lead out is still in question. One suggestion was for a committee type position to form -- maybe with several active people. Could Tom have done too good a job??- He's a hard act to follow!

GOOD TO THE ORDER - Tom Q. gave a talk and showed a video on the hydroforce nozzle used for inland dredging (booming in CA.). Interesting! But remember it still needs the high banker 600 permit (free) to use this.

and finally ELECTIONS FOR 2012 - With sooo many members "wanting" to run for office - like the nutty secretary, the eager treasurer, the two fighting over Vice Pres. and the arm twisting of a Pres., we even have to revise our bylaws. Motion by Howard C. and second by Boyd P. was made for us to have Vice Pres. be a shared-dual position with ongoing training to the presidency next in line. Approved.

Our new officers are: Pres. Jeff Farrand, Vice Pres(s). Alan Mitchell and Boyd Puckett, Secretary Joan Frick, and Treasurer Larry Coon.

NOTE - Jeff's was an almost unanimous yes vote - the exception was 1 no vote by proxy (Trudy) for Debi (Jeff's wife). He said to be sure and put it in the newsletter and in his defense to get in the door at home!!

Meeting adjourned
Submitted by Joan Frick, WVM secretary

Raffle Corner

We had a good selection on the table raffle this meeting, thanks to all the people who donated, it makes the raffle more fun to have lots to pick from and gets more people to buy tickets. Thanks to Bob DeSantis for driving down and dropping off the fresh made wreaths and then not even staying for the meeting.

The nugget was won by Scott, a real new member that just joined the club that night. How is that for luck.

The Wines Camp trip will be raffled at the Christmas Party so that means you still have one more time to buy tickets. You do not have to be present to win of course.

We are now about 2/3s of the way on the GPS and I will have those tickets available at the Christmas Party also. This GPS is a real nice one, as we have been telling everyone, it can be used back packing, hunting, driving, boating, biking or even looking for gold. Let's get the tickets bought up so we can go on to a new item.

Don Esh has donated a pair of book ends he made from cut & polished rock, they will look great on some lucky person's book case or mantle. Thanks Don, they will be raffled off next year.

As a side note: Steve Davis gave WVM a disk with pictures from the mine tour so if we can get Don to put them on the web we can all get to see them.

Gary Schrader
PO Box 504
Lyons OR 97358

Member's Corner

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Book publishers and small mining consultants

Finally after 3 decades (on and off) of research, a new Mining Book

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

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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

For Sale

Proline 2.5 Highbanker Combo with 2 Honda motors (5hp & 2hp) and all accessories to go along with the unit. It is 2 years old and less than 16 hours on the machine or motors. - \$1,500
Call Dennis at [541-345-2275](tel:541-345-2275)

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)

ONE-HALF POUND OF GOLD DRAWINGS



EOMA, with the help of the WMD are holding a series of drawings to raise the necessary funds; with the **Final Drawing to be held at the Spring 2012 GPAA Gold Show, Sunday, March 25, 2012** in "Columbia Hall", Oregon State Fair Grounds, Salem, OR.. A **Final Grand Prize of 1/2 Lb. (troy) of placer GOLD** (pictured at left) will be given to some lucky participant - (could be YOU!). Other prizes include a new 2009 Lambretta motorscooter*, and a 3-Day Trip for Two to Wine's Camp Gold Mining Adventure trip*. (* Donated by OREGON GOLD TRIPS, DAVE RUTAN, AND CHETCO RIVER MINING & EXPLORATIONS, LLC)

All entries in our first two Preliminary Drawings are eligible to win in this Final Drawing. Need NOT be present to win.

BASIC RULES: WHO MAY ENTER: Anyone at least 18 years of age. OFFICIAL COUPON NOT NEEDED. For more information, including Official Rules, Up-Dated Prize Lists, plus more information on the permit litigation please visit our websites at:

www.eoma.org, or www.waldominatingdistrict.org.

TO ENTER EOMA/WMD's 1/2 POUND OF GOLD DRAWING, please fill out the below form (or send us the required information on a plain piece of paper), along with your Entry Fee(s) to the address below (*Please print clearly*):

NAME	PHONE	EMAIL (optional)
ADDRESS	STATE	ZIP
TOTAL NUMBER OF ENTRIES: <input type="text"/>	AMOUNT ENCLOSED (\$5 EA. OR SIX FOR \$25) \$	AGE

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OR M.O.'s PAYABLE TO: EOMA

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 14 TO BE ELIGIBLE IN THE JULY 17, 2011 DRAWING.

SEND TO:

PLEASE INCLUDE A S.A.S.E. IF YOU WOULD LIKE A RECEIPT FOR YOUR ENTRIES.

EOMA/WMD DRAWING, P.O. BOX 1574, CAVE JUNCTION, OR 97523

Willamette Valley Miners

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE CLEARLY PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Name: Last _____ First _____ M.I. _____

Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ -- ____ -- _____

Email _____

Why would you like to join WVM? _____

What special skills/work/hobbies have you done? _____

Which committee would you be interested in? _____
(Committees: Events, Government affairs, Programs, Raffles, Website, Newsletter, Being an officer)

Please check: _____ **New Member** _____ **Membership Renewal**

Please accept my application for membership in the Willamette Valley Miners.

I understand that the association is a non-profit organization of members with a common interest in small scale mining, mineral prospecting and Education. I have read and understand the agreement below.

Annual Family membership dues - \$20.00.

Annual dues to be a donation for an individual or families including children 18 years and under living in the same household.

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 association.

I acknowledge that small scale prospecting may involve inherent dangers and I hereby release the Willamette Valley Miners, 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, or other clubs who we share claims with. I further agree to hold the Willamette Valley Miners, 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 or claims shared with others associations.

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
each month, 7:00 pm at
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300 Cordon Rd NE
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