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See Calendar

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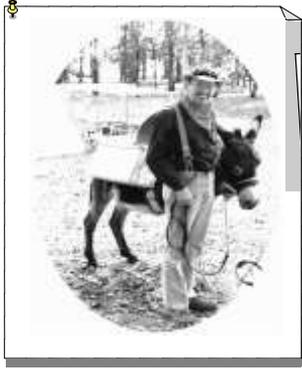
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**Please have all items for  
the newsletter to me by  
the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month**



# WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

February 2012

## Meeting

February 16, 2012  
7:00 pm

## President's Report

Well, the New Year is upon us, halfway through the off season. I would like to ask members to start thinking about the GPAA (March 23-25) and the Rickreall Gem Show (April 20-22). Not just attending but volunteering your time for set-up, working the booths, or tearing down. Please free up your time to help.

We had a discussion on a revision of the WVM Constitution at the last meeting. The changes being made are minor. Adding education to the clubs "Purpose" was a must. We are also trying to close some loopholes that previously may have not been foreseen, but in today's times and with a much larger membership, needed to be addressed. Another issue brought forward was the clubs expenses vs. the money coming in. It's not dire, but it does merit discussion. The officers are meeting to discuss all the options discussed in the meeting.

Joe Greene has informed the club of an organization that is fighting for your rights to mine called the Western Miners Alliance. Please go on the web site [www.thewma.org](http://www.thewma.org) and check them out, become a member.

President

Jeff Farrand

**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

January 19, 2012

The Willamette Valley Miners monthly meeting was called to order by Pres. Jeff Farrand. We were led in the pledge of allegiance by Eben.

As per the sign in sheet, we had 36 members attending this meeting and 1 new member introduced himself. We hope to see more "faces" at future meetings. Jeff especially wanted to start with a BIG THANK YOU to all who put in an extra effort to make this Club function. An special recognition to Eben for the fine job of president these past few years.

No minutes were read or needed to be approved as there was no meeting in December.

The treasurer's report, given by Larry C., was approved. He reminds all (353 members) that yearly dues are now due and you have until March. PLEASE NOTE -- ALL MEMBERS (even lifetime, officers, special, etc.) need to fill out the membership form every year and return it to the treasurer. Discussion in detail of future finances and dues was tabled until the new business (section).

Reports from: CLAIMS -- Larry C. just wanted to remind us that the WVM #1 waiver paper is available through him and we must be sure to have it with us while working that claim.

WEBSITE -- The complaint is that the site doesn't get updated consistently. Vice Pres. Boyd P. and member Mark G. will be working on this and checking with Don H.

PROGRAMS -- Howard C. reports that though we have no speaker tonight, he will be scheduling Tom B. for Feb. and Don E. for March. He hopes to have Joe G. soon and several ideas for programs were mentioned to him too. Programs are short (usually 45-60 min.) and add to the meeting night with helpful information.

NEWSLETTER -- no complaints. And Jim P. stated that "Debi is doing a fine job." We all agree too! Thanks, Debi.

RAFFLE TABLE -- Gary S. gave a short promotional on the raffles and purposes. The GPS should be drawn soon, the Wines Trip was won by Jeff F., the EOMA/Wlado 1/2# gold will be drawn in March at the Salem GPAA Gold Show and be

sure to keep up with your meeting night donations. Thanks.

PAST OUTINGS/EVENTS -- The Nov. 19 metal detecting at Bush Park led by Jim P. went well with about 6 members enjoying a few finds.

Dec. 3, Howard C. reported, was our Xmas Party and members seemed to have a "merry" good time. If you missed it - how come?? Thanks to everyone who helped out. December 10 was the Club audit and the committee found a "well executed and balanced" financial record. Larry C. is doing an excellent job!

UPCOMING OUTINGS/EVENTS -- Jan 21 is the trip to Rice NW Rock and Mineral Museum near Hillsboro. Feb. 18 is metal detecting at Independence Park with Jim P. and Gary S. This is a new location to us and with recent river-water flooding may be interesting finds will be found (?). Feb. 22 Jim P. has volunteered to promote the Club and mining at a meeting of the Kiwanis. Part of our Club constitution is to "encourage small scale mining and help establish a positive image." (If you didn't already know, Jim is quite an "ambassador" for mining and our Club too). Thanks. March 24-25 is the Salem GPAA Gold Show. We hope you're planning to attend. We will need help with set up, 8am on the 23rd at the State fair Grounds.

OLD BUSINESS: \*none addressed.

NEW BUSINESS: \*The bank has advised us that we need to officially vote on people/signatures needed on our checks for Club business. It was voted and approved to remove Eben (past Pres.) from the checks as of Feb. 29, 2012 and to authorize that Jeff Farrand and R. Joan Frick be added along with treasurer Larry Coon. This is official for 2012 and we will vote again on this next January 2013.

\* Revising our Constitution was discussed in depth. Several things need to be clarified and this is only the first reading and discussion of such. Jeff will be working on it more. Under Article VI - Amendments: This constitution may be amended at any legally constituted regular club meeting by a 2/3 vote of the members present, provided such amendment has been submitted to the membership in writing at least 30 days prior to the meeting.

\* Club expenses/fees: Again we are discussing raising dues or revising the publication of the newsletter and how it is delivered and our website

usage. Looking at the statistics we are not meeting the actual income with the continuing and rising expenses. Question was asked - Do we have a revenue problem or a spending problem? More to come.

GOOD TO THE ORDER -- \*Joe G. talked some on WMA - Western Miners Alliance. This is not a club but rather an organization/alliance of miners fighting to restore our legal mining rights. If you want, you can join as an individual or we as a Club. [www.thewma.org](http://www.thewma.org)

\*Tom Q. -- DSL vs the Corps: 404 Assumption meetings are scheduled to start in June.

\*Eben held a short meeting (after the regular meeting) with the newly formed committee on Gov't Affairs coverage.

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by: Joan Frick, secretary WVM

### Events & Outings

Nine members met at the harbor freight lot for the trip to rice museum. It is extremely interesting to see all that they have on display. Beautiful, GOLD, meteors, agates from all over the world, petrified wood, and much more. If you have never been, it's worth the trip. We had a great time.

Jim Perkey..

P.S.I found that my meteorite is worth \$250.00

### UpComing Events

**Feb. 18 – Metal Detecting – @ Independace Park**  
– Jim Perkey/Gary Schrader 503-390-7327/ 503-859-3132

### Raffle Corner

The table raffle was well supplied this month. Thanks to those who donated!!

Sorry, but I did not get the name of the nugget (several pieces of gold) winner.

We only sold 11 tickets for the GPS so pulling the winning ticket could take longer then expected if this keeps up.

Just a reminder, the drawing the 1/2 pound of gold raffle for EOMA will be at the GPAA show in March which is just around the corner. See Jim Perkey for tickets. All proceeds go to court costs for our dredge rights!!!!

Gary Schrader  
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*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**

**Wild West Gold Sales**

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 Ph: 541-791-9986

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 email: ericgallaway@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  
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**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](http://www.eoma.org), or [www.waldominatingdistrict.org](http://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*):

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL NUMBER OF ENTRIES:  AMOUNT ENCLOSED (\$5 EA. OR SIX FOR \$25) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***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:**

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