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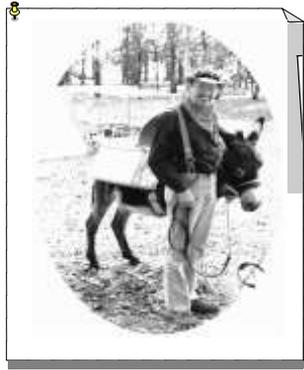
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**Please have all items for  
the newsletter to me by  
the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month**



# WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

March 2012

## Meeting

March 15, 2012  
7:00 pm

## President's Report

Serving in the past as Secretary and also Vice-president, I would get phone calls and e-mails complaining about many things, some that the members alone could have and should have dealt with. I knew that being President of the club would involve some time to deal with these issues and we are tackling them one at a time. Some of these issues are discussed over and over at the meetings and never go anywhere and just eat up time. I realize that it is hard to please everyone, but the intent is to hopefully improve the club and to resolve items that keep coming up in meetings. Lately the club has been receiving letters by members thanking the club for what we do. Instead of complaints, I have been getting e-mails and phone calls giving much appreciated idea and solutions that can be considered. I also have members offering to help with the issues.

The Annual dues were raised to \$25.00 at the last meeting and the window/dash card is no longer \$1.00 but included in that increase. This will be effective come March 15<sup>th</sup> so if you or someone you know is going to renew or join, try to do so before March 15<sup>th</sup>. This is to keep the account at its current amount so that in the future we can continue to preserve the rights of miners and if a good claim becomes available, maybe the club can purchase it.

The WVM Constitution is being reworked to clarify items that involve officer duties, guest and finances. We are working on a few touch-ups as discussed in the meeting and we still should be able to vote on this in April as scheduled.

Boyd Pucket is currently working on the Website. He is totally revamping it to be more up to date, and user friendly. This will allow for easier updates, and better access to information..

Alan Mitchell is currently looking for a new location to hold the meetings. If you were at the last meeting, you would know we had a full house. Normally we will have many more at the meeting after the GPAA and Rickreall shows. The criteria is to hold at least 100 people, have some kind of kitchen for the Christmas party, and be easily accessible from the freeway somewhere in the south area around Salem. We will also be working on a nice version of a newsletter that can be posted on our new Website. We are also asking members now on our new application if they would except the newsletter by e-mail verses by mail. This will not be right away but when the time comes, we will be ready to go

**If you have changed your email/phone number or address please let us know by sending a note to the club mail box.**

This e-mailed version can be in color, have pictures and have more information that we can't get into the mailed in version due to cost. The members who need to receive the mailed version would continue to see the same set-up as currently goes out.

I am grateful for all the Officers and the volunteers that do so many things to keep this club going. Don't be just a member but be a part of the club. We are looking for help at the GPAA show and the Rickreall show, you will have fun.

May even a spec of gold in your pan bring you smiles.

President  
Jeff Farrand

## Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2012

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

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. As per sign in sheet we had 65 members and 4 guests present. Great to see more out and remember the more we're all involved the better the Club becomes.

The treasurer's report, given by Larry C., was approved. Have you paid your 2012 dues? All yearly member application forms must show an e-mail address, please and print clearly.

Reports from:

**UPCOMING OUTINGS/EVENTS-** (NOTE for all contact people in charge of these - be sure to publish 1 to 2 newsletters ahead of the outing/event and then follow up a few words report after the outing/event too. Let's keep everyone informed!) **Feb 18** is metal detecting with Jim P. at Indp City Park. Rain or shine come prepared.

**March 24-25** is the GPAA Gold Show in Salem. Set-up day is the 23rd and when we help, our Club gets its booth free. Sign-up sheet was passed for helpers but you can still call Wes J. on this and manning our booth too. Thanks. April 20-22 is the Rickreall Rock and Gem Show. Howard C. will need help on this and set up on Apr. 19. If you missed the sign-up sheet on this we still have another meeting before this or call Howard. Thanks.

**PAST OUTINGS/EVENTS-** **Jan 21** was the trip to Rice Museum near Hillsboro. This was led by Jim P. and even though it was a small group, they

had a very interesting time. A worthwhile field trip even for your personal family sometime.

**CLAIMS-** Larry C. asks that we be sure to fill out the assessment forms when we use the claims. This helps with the paperwork necessary to keep our claims open.

**PROGRAMS-** Howard C. has enlisted Tom B. for this evening's program on Basic Rock/Mineral ID. Upcoming meetings will feature Don E. Joe G and Claudia W. who have lots of good info to share. He's always looking for more speakers too. Interested??

**LIBRARY-** Howard C. also "faithfully" coordinates the library. Check out (for 2 months) the books, videos, DVDs, maps, etc. for free. - such a deal!

**NEWSLETTER-** We are reminded to have any news or articles to the editor by the 25th each month. Suggestions for added fillers of the newsletter are members stories, and recipes. Others? Also the ads published will now be dated and only run for 3 months.

**WEBSITE-** Boyd P. is working on this and the site is getting a "remodel" so it will be more user friendly and updated regularly, consistently. Speak up "now" (not after the fact) if you have suggestions on this project.

**GOV'T AFFAIRS-** Eben wasn't available tonight to report on this new committee. But Tom Q. filled in some on hearings, litigation, permits, terminology and also what the 700 permit has to do with EOMA/Waldo 1/2 pd.gold (and other items) drawing to happen (tickets still available) at the Salem GPAA Gold Show. He also introduced Glenn Z. helping as a contact with some of the writing of DEQ-700permit litigation.

**RAFFLES-** Gary S. reminds us that the GPS tickets are still being sold. And thanks again to all who bring items for the meeting night raffle table. Looks good!! full table!! And one more meeting to get your EOMA/Waldo tickets.

**OLD BUSINESS:** \*Constitution Revision -Jeff read and explained the new changes suggested by the Officers. Most were just adding or changing words to clarify but Article V, Section IV Expenditures: No funds shall be allotted to individuals other than for club operations, club related issues or to preserve the rights of miners. All funds other than for normal club operations shall be voted on at a regularly held meeting. and Article VIII Gov't Affairs, Section I: Keeps club members informed regarding legislation at the State and

Federal levels. (This position may not always be filled.) are entirely new. Members were furnished with copies to read and these changes will be voted on at the April meeting. Gary S. also had questions on Article IV Duties, Section I Vacancies. It was decided not to address this now but in the near future we will look at it.

\*The Clubs ongoing question pertaining to dues and newsletter publication. The Officers meeting reports a strong suggestion to raise the yearly dues by \$5. and Jeff talked some on why the need for a large savings account - having it on the ready for any litigation or decision to purchase new claims. Motion made by Joe G. and seconded by Claudia W. and Joyce W. is to raise the dues by \$5(and includes the dash card in that)by March 15, 2012. Approved.

\*Newsletter. Officers also concur that the newsletter will need to be changed to the website and/or e-mail publication, with very few still receiving postal. Costs are only continuing upward. This complete transfer will take time, probably over this whole year. Going electronically will also allow us to expand the newsletter and even include pictures. More to come on this and answer the question "What about people with no computer access?"

**NEW BUSINESS:** \*Jeff has had the suggestion of a 'point system' to be adopted. That means keeping track of meeting attendance, claims use, outings/events, etc and then yearly rewards to members for participation. After discussion the consensus was NO.

\*A new look at an old and ongoing problem called 'looking for a new meeting place'. Alan M. will have a go on this and report back. (Tonight our attendance was nearly double from Jan.) Some things he'll be looking for are: easy access from freeway, 100 member cap., small kitchen, third Thurs availability, etc.

Good to the ORDER: Steve Landis who has been dealing with a huge medical issue expressed his THANKS to everyone for all their support and financial help. He and his family appreciate it so very much.

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by: Joan Frick, secretary WVM

## Events & Outings

It was a wet, cold, and windy morning as 16 treasure hunters went out on the grounds of Independence city park. Just as it looked like sunny weather was coming, here comes the rain. As I sat in my nice warm pickup eating donuts, and drinking hot coffee listening to the pitter-patter of the torrential rain pounding on the roof of my truck, a very wet and soggy waif in the form of Joan Frick was peering in my rain streaked window with her lone penny. She was giving up. Seriously, we had a good time and some coins and jewelry were found. For those who showed up, thank you, and for those who are new to detecting, practice, practice, practice..Jim Perkey

**The May outing to Vincent Creek** is right on large calendar but on the wallet calendar it is blocked off a week early. It is May 26-28.

## UpComing Events

GPAA Show

Our club gets a very desirable booth space for free if enough members show up on Friday at about 8 AM to help set up the room. We are treated to a fine lunch, also for free by GPAA. We are usually finished around 2 PM.

Many members are needed on Sat and Sun to man the booth and meet other clubs members to network for the common good against big government.

Members are needed on Sun PM at 4 PM to help tear down the room and our booth. GPAA gives gifts to those who do!

Free admission is available to those who volunteer in the booth. They should come around to the North-West door by our booth if they don't have a pass which will be obtained by Wes on Fri.

The drawing for the half pound of gold and other prizes will be held, probably on Sunday.

Howard Conner

## Raffle Corner

Congratulations to Jim Perkey for winning the nugget this month.

We had a goodly amount of donations for the table raffle, thanks to all who brought stuff in. Every little bit keeps the club going.

We have about \$60.00 left to get before we can give the GPS away. I am getting tired of hauling it to the meeting each month so let's buy up the tickets so we can start on something new.

Gary Schrader  
PO Box 504  
Lyons OR 97358

## Members Corner

Just to clarify the article on Dry Gulch in last month's newsletter, you will need the waiver to dredge on the Dry Gulch claim, but this is only during the "out of work times".

The claims committee would like to remind all the club members to please keep track of the following information while using club claims.

Your Name:  
Claim name:  
Dates worked:  
Equipment used:

Also please include other activities such as picking up garbage and other kinds of maintenance.

The above information is very important for us to keep on file every year to back up your annual assessment work papers which are now requiring greater detail.

At the club meeting there are also forms available for you to pickup to use for logging claim activities.

Please give your completed claim work information to one of the claims committee members at the meeting or mail to (Willamette valley miners, PO Box 13044, Salem Or. 97309-1044.

Thanks and happy digging.

Larry Coon

Here is an idea how to remove ticks that works. Our Dad's Cr. claim seems to always have more than its fair share.

Apply a glob of liquid soap to a cotton ball. Cover the tick with the soap-soaked cotton ball and let it stay on the tick for a few seconds (15 to 20), after which the tick will come out on its own and be stuck to the cotton ball when you lift it away. This method is great, because it works in those places where it's sometimes difficult to get to with tweezers; between toes, in the middle of a head full of dark hair, etc.

**Tom G.**

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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**

Gold Miners Wheel for sale.

Bought last year new, used only a few times.

\$275.00 [503-510-1878](tel:503-510-1878) Jeff 3/2012

**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.waldomingdistrict.org](http://www.waldomingdistrict.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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**EOMA/WMD DRAWING, P.O. BOX 1574, CAVE JUNCTION, OR 97523**

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