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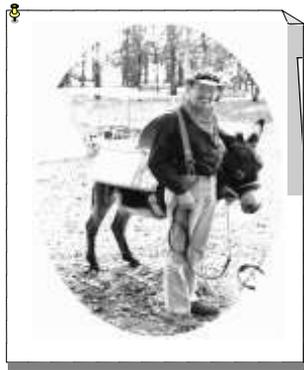
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**Please have all items for
the newsletter to me by
the 25th of the month**



WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

April 2012

Meeting

April 19, 2012
7:00 pm

April 20-22

Rickreal Show is coming up!
Volunteers needed!

May 5th

Basic Mining Workshop & Potluck
@Jim & Patti Perkey's

May 26-28

Vincent Creek Outing

April Meeting Program

Claudia Wise on Selenium antagonism to mercury, "Does Methyl mercury cause significant harm to fish or human health?"

President's Report

Hello to all. The GPAA show turned out very well. I would like to thank all those who volunteered their time at the booth and for the show itself. There were many old and new faces that visited the booth. I was impressed with the fellow that won the quarter drop twice in a row. On Saturday when I finally got there, you could hardly get around as there were a lot of people, Sunday was less busy. Congrats to Don Esch for winning a Wines Camp trip.

I also want to thank all the members and officers that met for over 5 hours on March 31st. We spent some time going over the duties and requirements of each position held in the association along with detailed info for the major outings. Laying out the detailed operations to pass on to future persons who perform duties will help simplify any transitions such as officer changes.

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

Afterwards we broke up into two groups. One group discussed the revamping of the web-site. Trudy Schrader provided information on the things she had looked into. We discussed some things that we would like to see changed or fixed. Trudy is going to continue to work on a new site (watch for smoke rising east of Salem.) The second group made salted sand bags for the Rickreall Show.

The printer for the newsletter, MVP, has closed it's doors and we have found a new printer at this time to get the newsletter out. We will be working on this issue and am hoping for a smooth transition. It is looking like the printing of the newsletter is going up in price. We are still working on the idea of sending the newsletter out to those members who wish to receive it e-mail or on the new web site as this will help save on costs.

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

Jeff Farrand

Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2012

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

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. Tammy noted that again there was no mention in the newsletter of the April 7-8 Beverly Beach outing (see upcoming outings).

The treasurer's report given by Larry C. was approved. As per sign-in sheet tonight, we have in attendance 53 members and 3 guests. Larry reports we have 183 renewed members for 2012.

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. AND a reminder to all members that "contact people" are listed on the Club calendar and if you can't connect with them call an officer listed on the front page of the newsletter. Thanks.)

March 24-25 is the GPAA Gold Show in Salem at the state fairgrounds. Wes J. reports that we have a good number of sign-ups to help with this. Thanks.
April 7-8 is Beverly Beach north of Newport. Wes will meet at 10am in day parking area and have a joint permit available for the Club. With the recent storms, expect lots of black sand and good mining.
April 20-22 is the Rickreall Rock and Gem Show at Polk County fairgrounds. Sign-up sheet for that is filling up good too.

May 5 is the basic mining workshop/potluck at the Jim and Patti Perkey farm north of Salem/Keizer. Lots of fun learning time and good eats. May also brings Vincent Cr. near Austin Junc. and Hwy 26. June brings Miners Meadow at Quartzville Cr. and a work party to Briggs Cr. near Selma.

CLAIMS-- Larry C.-no new info, read your previous newsletters.

NEWSLETTER-- Debi is still doing a great job and no complaints were voiced.

WEBSITE-- Several people-Boyd P.- Jeff F.- Trudy S.-are working on this with several ideas in the mix. They are always open to "knowledgeable" people??

RAFFLE TABLE-- Gary S. reports that the GPS tickets are almost all sold and the drawing will be soon. **We will be needing to decide on the next "big raffle"** item. In the meantime we will have some nice sunstones, bookends, and a leather wallet to raffle. He also said that the meeting night raffle table had another good supply tonight. Thanks everyone for the donations. The EOMA/Waldo 1/2 pd. gold will be drawn at the GPAA Show soon. Eben R. made a motion that the Club purchase another \$1000 worth of tickets for the EOMA draw. Joyce W. seconded and it was approved. This drawing helps with legal litigation funding and if we win any of the prizes we can then raffle them to our Club. Could be a win, win for all!

GOV'T AFFAIRS-- This position is still being run by a committee basically. Glenn Zimmerman has attended 2 gov't meetings and is getting a feel for the job. Remember all of their public (gov't) meetings are open to the public by law. There are many rules, hearings, reports, permits, agencies etc. to consider and attend on this committee and best way to learn about the findings is with these Club

meeting night reports which are too numerous to record. Also contributing tonight were Tom Quintal, Don Esch, Jeff Farrand and Gary Schrader. You can contact them for in depth info.

OLD BUSINESS-- *Constitution revision. Jeff has been working on this and has added under Vice President: "If the President's position is determined to be vacant, the vice president shall fill that vacancy until next regularly held elections." and under Term Limits: "Filling a vacancy for 6 months and less does not count as a term." A copy of the revisions on the proposed Constitution Revision was posted at the sign-in sheet table tonight and the Club will be voting on all revisions at the April meeting.

*Looking for a new meeting place. Alan M. reports that he and Glenn Z. have found three possibilities -
1. Public Works Bldg. at the Marion County shops;
2. A site on Portland Rd. near Kale St. ;
3. Church of Nazarene in south Salem.

NEW BUSINESS-- *Special meeting. Saturday March 31, 9am will be a handbook/webpage meeting at Pres. Jeff's house in west Salem. Call him for more info. All officers (past and present) are asked to attend and bring ideas.

SPECIAL OLD/NEW BUSINESS-- *In the past the Gov't Affairs director has had Club business cards to handout to legislators and this item will again be available soon.

*A reminder to all members that the Club makes available a few pieces of mining equipment to loan out. It is stored in our Club trailer and checked out through Jim Perkey [503-390-7327](tel:503-390-7327).

*What happened to the "buddy list" for mining trips? Be sure to ask around if you want company sharing the "work, energy, \$\$\$, fun.....".

PROGRAM-- tonight we have Don Esch, rock hound, and where to find 'all those rocks'. April meeting program will be presented by Claudia Wise on Selenium antagonism to mercury, "Does Methylmercury cause significant harm to fish or human health?" and in May we will be listening to Joe Green.

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by: Joan Frick, secretary WVM

Events & Outings

Basic mining workshop on May 5th at Jim Perkey's home at 1133 Simon St., N Keizer-Potluck, bring something to share. We will provide hamburgers and hotdogs. Workshop will consist of: where to find gold, how to read a waterway, panning, sluicing, dredging, highbanking, collecting concentrate, and cleaning concentrate. Start time is 10:00am, call for information, and directions. [503-390-7327](tel:503-390-7327)

Vincent Creek outing is approaching so get your equipment ready to find some gold in NE Oregon. This year it will be happening May 26-28. 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 once 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 even 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! 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)

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.

Briggs Cr. outing starts June 18th through June 30th. Leave for Briggs Cr. early Monday morning June 18th expect 6 hours travel to Briggs Cr. claim.

The first week June 18th through June 23rd. is a scheduled for major trail maintenance. June 24th

through June 30th scheduled for one week of mining. Return home Sunday July 1st.

Those planning to do trail maintenance, please bring chain saws and a few sharp chains, some 25' to 50' lengths of decent size cable and heavy duty Come-A-Longs, shovels, picks, large long nails or self tapping long screws and 18V drills and extra 18V batteries for foot bridge building, plenty of fuel for equipment. Chain saw winches would be much appreciated. Jack hammers, generators and 50 foot heavy extension cords to run hammers would be welcome. I guarantee this work party will be one to be remembered. We have a few trail locations on this mile long trail to the claim where a few boulders need to be relocated and a 40 foot long rock wall will be jack hammered to widen the existing trail for safety purposes. Three large downed old growth fir trees need wider path openings and any downed trees across trail that might need clearing. Some pick and shovel work will be needed to widened parts of the dirt trail areas. Possible foot bridges may be built across two trail locations. Some spraying of poison Oak on trail sides is planned. I know it sounds like work, but if we want to use this claim and haul equipment in safely, the trail improvements will be much appreciated by all WVM members instead of just the hardy few who have already experienced the discomfort accessing this claim.

Contact Tom Quintal at [503 371 9747](tel:5033719747) on or before Sunday June 17th if you want to caravan to Briggs Cr. I will be leaving early Monday morning June 18th and plan to return Sunday July 1st. The driving instructions and maps to Briggs Cr. Claim are in your membership packets.

Tom Q.

GPAA show results

The show was, I think, quite successful. We signed up 40 new members and 29 members renewed.

The quarter drop was also quite a hit which collected just by its watery self \$208.62.

And thanks to Eben for all the great help assisting in signing up members. We all had a good time and met and talked with a bunch of really great people.

Larry Coon

Raffle Corner

Trevor won the nugget drawing!! He can even find gold at meetings.

We were able to raffle the GPS this meeting and Chuck Choate of Keizer won it. Congratulation!

We have 3 things that have been donated to the club to use as raffle items, a leather billfold with a WVM miners stamped in the leather, a bag of sun stones and a pair of book ends made of cut and polished stone. The next meeting we will raffle choice of one these prizes. Thanks to all who donated to the table, it is much appreciated.

Gary Schrader
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Members Corner

A note about your newsletter editor:

The newsletter editor has never been bitten by the same gold bug that seems to have bitten most of you. She is not interested in searching for gold in any way, shape or form. The only interest she has in gold is its monetary value of which it has none since her husband would never part with a speck he ever found. She took the job of newsletter as a favor to her husband and was told when she took the job that all she had to do was organize the information sent to her and get it to the printer. Writing articles was not supposed to be part of the job. She is not a writer and has no clue what would be interesting to you who have gold fever so, if you do not submit anything there will not be anything to read.

In an effort to help make sure the outings section is completed on schedule, Joan Frick has graciously accepted the responsibility of being the overall coordinator to make sure the outings get in to the newsletter so you should all be sure to give her a big thank you, she is doing a great job.

As proof of point, without this article, there would have been even larger blank spots in this edition.

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

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Gary Schrader 4/2012

[503-859-3132](tel:503-859-3132)

Wanted

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Dan @ 541-401-0922 (Sweet Home)

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