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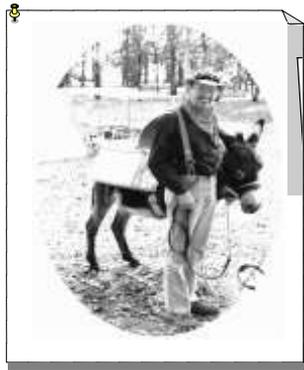
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**Please have all items for  
the newsletter to me by  
the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month**



# WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

September 2012

### Meeting

September 20, 2012  
7:00 pm @

**October 6-7 - Beverly Beach 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**October 20<sup>th</sup> – Annual Outings Meeting –  
Location will be decided at next meeting**

**November 10 – Metal Detecting Outing**

**November 15<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meetings - Elections**

### **September Meeting Program:**

**The fundamentals of gold recovery using power equipment.  
Louie Frick**

### **President's Report**

I am an electrician and I do not have a college degree. Five years of on the job training and a few hours of classes each week during those 5 years. The other 15 years were spent learning from doing my job and a few required class hours every three years. I run electrical work and install many systems. I “work” with Architects and Engineers that went to college for years and have some sort of degree. At times I see drawings that have some minor flaws, easy to deal with and others that are so flawed, that it's a wonder no one up the chain didn't catch the issues, fire someone, and have a new set of drawings done up. Engineers will get ideas, “special offers”, pushed from manufacturers, to use their stuff but really have no clue on its true performance until there is a guinea pig. They want to have something installed a certain way but they have never done the work themselves or had to go back and fix it. Yet, when I approach any issue, I have to play “politics”. I have to ask questions, make suggestions in such ways as to indicate that they are the ones who know best. And after it's all over, they tweak the suggestions just enough to make it their ideas. After all, they hold the degree. Yes, “Politics”, I sat in an association meeting where I listened to how the state of Oregon has the authority over the Federal government, the 1872 mining law has no purpose.

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

## President's Report Cont'd

How, if I followed their permit, I couldn't utilize 5 of our claims except to pan. How the "rule makers" don't know what the equipment being used, is used for. How changing a name of a piece of equipment we have used for years, may satisfy their need even though the use doesn't change. Knowing that this very person probably has never prospected. Oh, I am sure he heard what we were saying and knows that how we do things make sense but is still influenced by authority, environmentalist and "political" science. Yet, for the sake of it all, I play "politics", I held back the anger inside and smiled as he walked out the door. Why, because I am told that we need to have a good repoire to deal with the issues, "politics". I then went mining for the long weekend. I found myself in that 5 claim situation. I can't do this, I can't do that. My anger started to boil. Mining claims are just that, to recover the gold that is on that property. I understand that there are good practices that should be followed, but it appears there is no common sense used in the rule making. Yes, I pushed the limits to the max, the boulders, I moved by hand, the holes I filled in, I did no harm to wildlife and in a month when the rains hit, there will be no evidence I was there. I also know that there is good gold in that very place I am told I can't go. "Politics", as the president of the club, I am expected to be an example to others. I have watched people prospect, seen things happen I know is against the permits, heck, I have to admit I am guilty in participating in some activities, I am not necessarily proud of. I have done my best to stay within the permits and I am asking members to know their limits and to follow them. All members represent the membership as a whole and big brother is watching, you will get the fine, the membership gets the shame. The obvious issues of damaging claims, moving boulders by machine, not filling holes in when done, undermining trees, and a pet peeve of mine and not in the permits, leaving garbage behind are issues. "Politics", I mentioned rock moving by machine at the meeting, this was not a dig at any one person; it was an example of an activity mentioned by the speaker. I am really against this rule as that is one location where the good gold is and I have to say it is neat to see such a big rock move. We should at the least be given a distance they can be relocated, but even so it is on the permit and such an activity can do damage to the membership. "Politics", I am sure that there are good government workers out there who want to

work for the people and not for government, who want to abide by the constitution, laws and grants that are existing, but they most likely have a position because they play "politics". "Politics", I know for a fact that there are also really good Architects and Engineers that work hard and understand how things work in the real world, and they have my respect. If anyone is truly offended, I am "politically" worn out, sorry

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

Jeff Farrand

## Meeting Minutes

August 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 Jerry G.

As per sign in sheet we had 40 members attending with 1 new member and 6 guests. Larry reports that we have a membership of 370.

The program portion was held first and was presented by Eric Metz from the Division of State Lands. Members had many questions and comments and were given the typical and to be expected government answers -- interesting, debatable, and frustrating.

The treasurer's report given by Larry C. was approved. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Reports from:

CLAIMS- One of the biggest concerns is the problem with our Corpus Christi claim at Briggs Creek over boundaries with neighbor claim, Wild Cat. Tom Quintal and Larry Coon have been working on this; several of our members have been run off and intimidated about their safety. Having a professional survey done is very cost prohibitive so all parties involved have agreed to have Tom Kitchar from Waldo Mining District work an assessment on the claim. Aug. 20th WVM will meet with Wild Cat owner and talk it over. Tom K. will be paid a fee for his services and those

members helping (Tom Q. and ?) will be reimbursed, with approval of the board/officers, for expenses incurred. Motion to this effect was made by Howard Conner and seconded by Chad Kleinschmit and approved. After this session of establishing boundaries, we may need to proceed with mineral trespass charges. Other claims info: 1. A warning was issued in the Quartzville/McQuaid Creek area by Rob Guinn (FS) on illegal mining activities and signage. Please do your part to help by being observant and reporting on any incidents to the Forest Service. 2. Our Vincent Creek claim near John Day has been hit by vandalism. Be an active member and report to authorities as soon as you observe wrong doing. Thanks to all of you who do!

NEWSLETTER- Again is the request for interesting articles to publish and help fill out our newsletter. Submit them to Debi Farrand by the 25th of each month; her email is on the front newsletter page.

WEBSITE- Boyd P. reports that we are ready to go "live" just as soon as we get the user name and password; so look for it soon.

PAST OUTINGS- July GPS event was again "a bust"... We appreciate Boyd's willingness to lead, just too bad we don't follow through. He said he's willing to talk GPS with anyone individually too.

GOV'T AFFAIRS- Glenn Z. attended another 404 Assumption meeting and listened to a consultant's report on initial findings -- the process continues. He is proposing a large e-mail list to be able to send members information concerning government affairs. (Tom Q. used to have this list in operation too.) So here's your chance to stay in the know and perhaps attend some meetings too. Be a proactive miner.

RAFFLE TABLE- In the absence of Gary, we had Jim and Patty Perkey running the raffles tonight. Thanks to everyone for donations on the raffle table. The big nugget has sold \$79 and needs to reach \$250 before the drawing can happen.

OLD BUSINESS: \*The Handbook is continuing to be written and getting more information. Jeff hopes that it will soon be printed. \*Our tax status with the IRS (501 C4) is still in question. Larry C and Glenn Z. are still filling out the papers.

NEW BUSINESS: \*Discussion of our claims usage. We're having land abuse on several claims and we're not sure if it's from our members or outsiders. The rule is to follow the associations basic rules (mining is a "by hands only" operation) for using the claims or you will be disbarred (canceled) from membership. Jeff proposes to in the near future expand the membership application to clarify and expand on your consequences. The abuses we're seeing are very apparent to BLM, FS, DSL, DEQ, etc. and we could be assessed huge fines. All members need to be vigilant and helping us stop this abuse activity.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS- September will be Louie F. showing a sluice box and basic operation of it and the functions of a powersluice. We're hoping new members will find this helpful. October is Montie from the Stayton coin shop talking on precious metals and the future and economy. No programs for the months of Nov. or Dec.

GOOD TO THE ORDER- Ellen Compton brought the Aug 5th Corvallis Gazette Times to share. The story of interest was on the BIG changes coming to the Quartzville Recreational Corridor and our camping opportunities. Because of the general publics' abuse, we will all be regulated more and more. Read more about this at [www.linn.or.usparks/generalinfo/parkplanning.html](http://www.linn.or.usparks/generalinfo/parkplanning.html)

Meeting Adjourned  
Submitted by: Joan Frick, secretary WVM

## Events & Outings

Dads Creek Outing,

It was wonderful weather, but not too many members made the trip. Friday night there was only about 5 members, Saturday and Sunday there was some stragglers with about 8 members and on Monday there where about 7 members. I think all found gold and I hope that all had a nice time. There was one new member that was working with a dredge, I didn't find out how he did on his last day, but Howard and I showed him there was definitely gold at Dads Creek. I had a nice time talking to those members I was able to seek out between finding gold. Howard and I proved that you don't need tent poles to hold up a tent. Someone, left the

poles behind, but he reminded me I forgot the cups and bowls. We made that work out also. There is a coyote that maybe getting used to people in the area. I was opening some pulled pork at dinner and breaking it up in a pan when I turned around to see the coyote 25 feet from my back. As I turned around he ran off to the right on a trail and stood there for a few minutes staring about 50 yards away. A member said they had a similar thing happen to them at their camping area the week before. I would also like to say that I came across some cut up pieces of dredge hose and rope in the creek. To that person, you have the ability to carry your dredge in, work the area, carry the dredge, hoses, tailings and motor out and can't clean up a few pieces of stuff because it is garbage to you.

Shame!!!!

Jeff Farrand

### **Beverly Beach 2<sup>nd</sup> outing is on October 6-7.**

Meet on Saturday, 10am, just north of Newport and Wes will lead out from the day use parking lot. He will have the necessary group permit for beach mining. Metal detecting people will need to get their own permit at the park office. Contact person is [Wes Jeffers 971-563-5080](mailto:WesJeffers@wvm.org).

### **October 20<sup>th</sup>**

Annual meeting to set up our 2013 WVM calendar. Location is to be announced at the next meeting.

### **November 10**

Metal detecting outing with Jim Perkey/Gary Schrader and the location yet to be announced?

### **The November 15<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting**

WVM Officer Election time. Are you doing your part to be a productive member of the WVM association?

### **~WHAT'S THE VALUE OF ONE MEMBER?**

Ten little members standing in a line  
One disliked the president, then there were nine.  
Nine ambitious members offered to work late,  
One forgot her promise, then there were eight.  
Eight creative members had ideas good as heaven,  
One lost enthusiasm, then there were seven.  
Seven loyal members got into a fix,

They quarreled over programs, and then there were six.

Six members remained with spirit and drive,

One moved away, then there were five.

Five steadfast members wished they were more,

One became indifferent, then there were four.

Four cheerful members who never disagree,  
Til one complained of meetings, then there were three.

Three eager members! What do they do?

One got discouraged, then there were two.

Two lonely members, our rhyme is nearly done,

One joined a bridge club, then there was one.

One faithful member was feeling rather blue

Met with a neighbor, then there were two.

Two earnest members, each enrolled one more

Doubling their number, then there were four.

Four determined members signed up 16 more,

In another six verses, there'll be a thousand and  
twenty-four !!!

Anonymous. ( article taken from an "ancient"  
WVM newsletter )

## **Member's Corner**

### **ACRONYMS**

Reading the newsletter, attending the associations meetings, understanding Gov't Affairs committee reports, permits/licenses/rules, AND just government -acronyms- in general. WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT? I get lost in the ACRONYMS. Do you? How 'bout a start here and add some each newsletter -- file it in your membership packet even. Basic start is: WVM = Willamette Valley Miners

Then agencies: DSL= Division of State Lands

DEQ= Department of Environmental Quality

ODEQ= is that Oregon DEQ or Office of DEQ?

BLM= Bureau of Land Management

USFS or FS= United States Forest Service

ODFW= Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

EPA= Environmental Protection Agency

And on: EOMA= Eastern Oregon Mining Association

WMA= Waldo Mining Association

JMD= Jefferson Mining District

PLP= Public Lands for the People

Permits:

GA= General Authorization

NPDES=

NEDC=

## Corpus Christi 2 Claim

WVM needs to get the word out to our members for our new Corpus Christi 2 claim location. Andy will continue to be agitated if more WVM folks work what we thought was our claim.

Our new claim location requires more hiking, because the trail has more uphill twist and turns. Total distance to the new Corpus Christi 2 claim is about one and a half miles from where you can park a car on the old log landing area or some call it School House Flat. Approximately 1/2 mile down the main trail do not take the right fork down to the old Corpus Christi 2 claim location, because that will lead you to Wild Cat 2 claim. You will want to stay on the main trail that leads to the big cable donkey. Then take a trail from the cable donkey downhill and follow an unimproved trail along the stream until you see a big rock close to the stream painted with yellow marking that says CC2 which is our upstream boundary next to the Wild Cat 2 downstream claim boundary. Not sure how long the painted markings will stay on the boulder when high water blast through this area.

We really need to remark our claim with the Federal claim marking signs above the high water area. From the CC2 marking on the rock you travel downstream where our claim takes in a large boulder field and water fall. Downstream you will find what is believed to be Moon Cr. The map shows a horseshoe bend and Briggs Cr. takes a Southwesterly direction. This is our downstream boundary. The access for equipment to the lower claim area will be extremely difficult and dangerous for most folks since no trail exist for over half of the downstream claim and is made up of large boulders. There are some workable areas in the upstream part of the claim, but it will be a serious pack to get equipment into it. Could be excellent gold located on this claim, because not many folks will want to pack their equipment in that far over rough terrain. Good luck and please do not use the old Corpus Christi 2 claim location anymore or Andy Kenneth may try to have you cited for mineral trespass.

Tom Q.

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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

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