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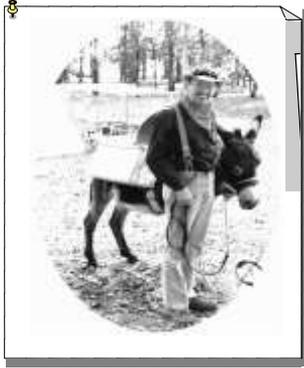
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**Please have all items for
the newsletter to me by
the 25th of the month**



WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

October 2012

Meeting

October 18, 2012
7:00 pm @

**October 20th – Annual Outings Meeting
Jim and Patty Perkey's**

**November 10 – Metal Detecting Outing
Wallace Marine Park**

November 15th Monthly Meetings - Elections

**October Meeting Program:
Precious metals and the future economy
Montie, Stayton Coin Shop**

President's Report

As I read e-mails that come across my computer, the GPAA magazine, the GPAA Gazette and other information, I only wish that everyone else received this same information to read up on. I saw a poster awhile back of a fellow sitting on the toilet reading a newspaper. At the bottom it said "The job isn't over until the paperwork is done." I found this to be hilarious. Truth be told, maybe everyone needs to get a magazine rack for their bathroom to read what can be tedious reading. Tedious reading or not, maybe then miners will get off the pot and get to action, combine forces, help with funds. Look at the separation of "Church and State." Thomas Jefferson was one of the people who used this phrase to explain to others the intention of the First Amendment to the Constitution. Over the years, government continuously tries to mix politics with religion. Just recently, Obama Care did just that, telling churches that they must provide contraceptives to the members that work for the churches. With churches combining forces and the backing of large money, as they have done since the First Amendment, they were able to get this solved for the most part, but without either one, this would have been "law."

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

Go get information regarding your rights, the taking of your rights. You can get it from many resources. Read it on the toilet if you have to, but afterwards get up and do something. There are outfits that are fighting for you to keep your right to prospect. Support them. If you don't know who to support, mail something to the association noting the purpose. The officers and committee members generally know which outfits are needing help and at what times. Lawyers and Litigation is not cheap. You can also write your congressman and legislators. How you vote can also make a difference. Soon I hope, the association can provide its members with more information in regards to your rights, mining, and the attempts to take those rights away. I hope that the newsletter can one day be enlarged to provide such information but mailing by postage has its restraints, mostly cost. Some things needed to be dealt with first to make this more possible through e-mails. The new web-site is up and running. It has a few things that need tweaking, but they are being dealt with. The applications have a place for your e-mail address. Please fill this out when you renew your membership. Yes, for those without a computer, (get one) we are still trying to figure that out. What is next is to gather some members together, maybe form a committee that can set up a format and provide information to the newsletter. I hope that the membership as a whole will continue to pursue this avenue.

The EOMA address is "EOMA, Gold Drawing, PO Box 932, Baker City, OR 97814

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 member Claudia W.

As per sign in sheet, we had 49 members attending and 3 guests. Larry C. reports that we have a membership of 375.

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

Reports from:

CLAIMS-

1. The meeting on Corpus Christi 2 (Briggs Cr.) was held as planned on Aug. 20 at the claim, From those findings we will need to adjust and relocate our postings and place new signs. Tom Q. reported on this in the Sept. newsletter. Discussion was lengthy with references to a 1922 map starting point and a 1926 claim over the old Alice Mine claim (making CC2 an 86 years old claim). Tim Cremer filed again in 1996 and WVM joined ownership in 2008. Claudia Wise questioned the "misunderstanding" on such an ancient claim and wonders if we need legal consultation over these matters. This gives us "thought" and discussion will continue. Also, does this cause a domino effect for neighboring claims?

2. Always be sure to file your assessment forms (available from Larry C) when working any of our club claims. Thanks.

3. Steve and Rita Houston are looking to donate a mining claim to the association. This is the Golden Dollar on the Calapooia River about 40 miles from Sweet Home. A small group of members sampled the claim and report they find it worthwhile. Motion made to accept the claim, by Joe Green and second by Louie Frick, was approved. Larry C. will work with Steve and Rita to handle the paperwork. Motion made to offer Steve and Rita lifetime Association membership as a thank you, by Joe Green and second by Claudia Wise, was approved.

4. The WVM #1 (Dry Gulch) claim is a mess with people not filing holes and replacing rocks. October 14, 10am, meet at Miners Meadow on Quartzville Cr. to form a work party and do clean up work on the claim. Eben Ray will lead on this - questions call 503-508-1497.

NEWSLETTER- no report.

WEBSITE- The leader Boyd P. was absent tonight so Jeff reported that parts of the new site are up and running - more to come. If you have questions or comments call Boyd [503-931-6028](tel:503-931-6028) or Trudy S. [503-859-3132](tel:503-859-3132).

PAST OUTINGS- Briggs Cr, Aug 20-31 was addressed under claims and an article in the Sept. newsletter. Clackamas County Fair, Aug 14-19 with Wes Jeffers was left with no comment other than the Fair was very slow this year. Mine Tour, Aug 25 was canceled due to leader Steve Landis' health concerns. He has had surgery and looking for a good recovery. Doctors are very hopeful; we send good wishes too. Dads' Creek, Sept 1-3 was a few members finding good gold, low water, and "threatening" wildlife. Interesting time was had by all.

GOV'T AFFAIRS-

1. Glenn Z reports that our tax exempt papers to be filed with the IRS are about ready and we will need to pay an \$850 processing fee for this filing privilege. Ouch!

2. A first meeting with DSL was attended by a few members and highbanker/powersluice was the discussion topic. Second meeting was held with the removal fill technical advisory committee. One thing for sure coming soon will be a change in our fuel usage and storage on mining sites.

3. Joe Green reported on Joshua Tree Nat'l Park where it is environmentalists vs. miners on more land usage and regulations. He talked on Cascadia Wildlands from Eugene and their wanting to curtail our mining rights. Tom Q. told about KSWild-Illinois River restrictions proposed and more BLM fee changes to comment on before Sept 25 (too late for this newsletter). ALL of these and more need comments from us miners -- we need to speak up -- get on Glenn or Tom's e-mail list to get this info --

be an aware and proactive miner. (Start with Glenn's e-mail located on the front page of this newsletter).

RAFFLE TABLE- Gary S. reports our BIG nugget raffle is still selling and not ready to draw yet. Thanks for all the raffle table donations tonight; it's a big help.

OLD BUSINESS: * Handbook has been finished and printed by Jeff. Thanks for all the work and time, Jeff. The secretary will now make sure each officer and committee chair has a copy for next year. And this will be updated yearly too.

LIBRARY - Howard C. gave a quick recap for all new members and reminded everyone to return borrowed items. Also available are articles on emergency preparedness and safety/trip planning when mining.

NEW BUSINESS: The item of new Golden Dollar claim was discussed under claims report. No other New Business.

PROGRAMS - Louie Frick talked on the powersluice and methods of using a sluice box.

October, we will have Montie from Stayton Coin Shop talking on precious metals and the future economy.

November, we will not have a program but it will be Election night - after nominations at the October meeting we expect a forward looking election for our association. Volunteer!!!

December = no meeting, no program.

GOOD TO THE ORDER - On the state and national upcoming elections we had many comments and thoughts reminding us to remember to vote for mining friendly candidates. Comment from one member - "Doesn't the Governor work for us?" brought a huge laugh. Think about it!

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by: Joan Frick, secretary WVM

Events & Outings

October 20, 9:30am

will be the annual committee meeting to set up our 2013 WVM calendar. We are always looking for new ideas on this undertaking! Location for the meeting is at the Jim and Patty Perkey farm. Call [503-390-7327](tel:503-390-7327).

November 10, 10am

is a metal detecting outing with Jim Perkey/Gary Schrader at Wallace Marine Park in West Salem. Look for the group to be near the boat ramp on the river and under the bridges. Jim is [503-390-7327](tel:503-390-7327) or Gary is [503-859-3132](tel:503-859-3132).

The November 15th monthly meeting

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

December 1st

is the Christmas Party. It is held in our regular meeting room. Potluck starts at noon (Club provides the meat and table service - you bring the rest - be creative!), followed by a Wild and Crazy Gift Exchange (bring something under \$10. or white elephant item), and (hopefully) fast paced Bingo. Expect an afternoon of lots of fun and socializing.

Raffle Corner

Bruno won the small nugget this Month!!!

We had a good number of items on the table, Thanks to all who donated. Keep up the good work. I am sure we will be able to draw for the large nugget next meeting if we have a good turn out.

Member's Corner

Web-site

The new web-site is up. There are some hick-ups, but they are being dealt with. If by chance you happen to log into the old site, you will need to clean your cookies on you internet site. Please send comments if you wish. The username and password is the same as in the past.

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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.

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