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Events & Outings

See Calendar

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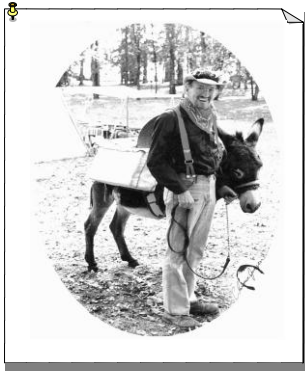
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**Please have all items for
the newsletter to me by
the 25th of the month**



WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

March 2013

Next Meeting

March 21, 2013
7:00 pm @

March 16 - Metal Detecting in Albany at TimberLinn Park
just off I-5.

March 28-30 - GPAA Salem Gold and Treasure Show at the
State Fairgrounds

May 25-27. Vincent Creek Outing

President's Report

Well since the meeting we had a ***RALLY on the Capitol steps***. There were 300+ people in attendance some from WVM. Southern Oregon's miners had a bus full and a few of them came by personnel vehicle. NWMPA had quite a few there. Eoma had members present and some miners not associated with a group. There were miners that came from as far as Canada to attend. The speakers at the event were varied and educational. We even had Les from Jobe talk for awhile. Our members did an outstanding job with their booth. Demonstrating, panning, small business, paying for my college education, why a sluice works, and dredges. Thank you all for the great demo's.

Also all the work on the signage was spectacular. There were a few TV cameras and several newspaper interviews waiting to see how all that turned out. And we left it cleaner than we found it.

We had been told by the Senators as we gave invitation that they don't speak at rally's like this however, 3 senators and 2 state Reps came out and took time at the podium to speak to the crowd, it was too well attended to ignore, I guess.

With that said we as WVM are a group of miners with the interest of educating and fostering Gold and Mineral prospecting and mining. It appears, as I have heard, that myself and a couple of others have scared away people wanting to join our association, when we talk about politics. Well guess what, ***we are up against some tough competition at the legislature and I for one am fighting to keep YOUR mining rights and am not going to apologize for trying to get people active,*** I am going to continue!

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

On lighter note we have some great outings coming up so try to attend and remember you can bring a guest. Also anyone can organize a potluck to go with it. So come out and play. At least bring cookies.....

Minutes

February 21, 2013

Call to order – Pres. Eben Ray @ 7PM

There were 53 Members present with 4 Guests.

Miners Rally was the topic of the meeting. Eben ran the meeting and laid out the plans for our involvement and the reasons this needed to be a success. Because of the various ANTI-Mining laws proposed in Oregon.

Gary Schrader purposed that a Legislative Reimbursement Account be opened with Key Bank for donations under the name of Willamette Valley Miners for use in the help with compensation of expenses for Members when attending to the State Legislature. Howard Conner Seconded the motion. A vote was held and passed. Jim Perkey, Treasurer, has signing authority. We have already received a donation from EOMA and WVM will also be donating to the fund.

Jeff Farrand made a motion to have the Club reimburse club members for expenses for the Mining Rally. Chad Seconded the motion. A vote was held a passed

Eben Ray closed the Meeting at 9:16 PM

Events & Outings

March 16 try more Metal Detecting in Albany at TimberLinn Park just off I-5.

March 28-30. GPAA Salem Gold and Treasure Show at the State Fairgrounds, **Need** volunteers for set-up and **Please** plan to help with our WVM booth also.

May 25-27. Vincent Creek Outing

Gold Bagging Party

Twenty one people came to bag some gold, and participate in the Potluck. The bagging went very quick, and special thanks to Valerie Farrand for jumping right in to help. The food was good, and we took the opportunity to discuss the legislation going on at the capital. Thanks to everyone for coming.

I think everyone had a good time, I know I did. The hors d'oeuvres and pie were wonderful.

February 23rd Metal Detecting

Bush Park metal detecting outing Sat 2/23. About a dozen turned out to play with our detectors. The weather co-operated with only a light shower however it was cool. Personally I found a \$1.00 coin, 1 quarter, 1 dime and several pennies and of course the usual pull tabs, foil and bottle caps.

Our next detector outing will be March 16th at Timber Linn Park in Albany. Meet at the gravel parking lot just South of the fair grounds.

Vincent Creek Outing in May 25 - 27.

See your Member pack for map.

Start making your plans for this outing. Eben Ray is the contact person and I plan on being there.

Last year was a really good year for Vincent Creek people and we even had a dinner party. The weather is always a guess so plan on cold and possible rain for your clothing. Camping is abundant in the nearby area and we can fit any size traveling home. There is also an RV park not far away. Bring your food and water. If you plan on having a fire, bring wood as what is there will still be wet. Highbanker combos work well here as well as sluices. Some have even brought 3" dredges and set them on the ground. More info in next month's Newsletter.

Government Affairs

The following 3 individuals need letters that say something like, "shame on you". These people are the ones responsible for trying to kill Oregon's economy with bad bills such as SB401, SB115, SB370 and many more.

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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.

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I Buy & Sell Gold nuggets and Fines no amount is too small. E-mail: wrtckenhaines@comcast.net
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 \$225 OBO Phil 541-990-8850 (12/12)

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