

# WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

January 2014

**January Meeting**  
January 16, 2014  
7:00pm

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See Calendar

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

## January Meeting - Monty from Monty's coins

### President's Report

Hello everyone. I want to start out by thanking all the officers, committee persons and members that help to keep the association going. The volunteers who help operate our club, are crucial for a successful year. This upcoming year we are planning to try some new ideas and restart some old ideas and your help is needed. I am personally grateful to those that have already stepped up to start some of these ideas.

To change the subject, I have been getting antsy about not getting out finding gold. I have been doing research about areas to go. Looking into different ideas about equipment and chasing down old maps. I know so much more about our Dad's Creek and Dry Gulch claims' history and geology now. I am now anxious to put that knowledge to work. It has been too cold to go into the garage and pan out my concentrates from last season. I am sure many of you would agree that finding gold gives a satisfaction that is hard to describe. I guess therapeutic would be the closest word I could come up with but therapeutic sounds so wrong when I think about the aches and pains after a hard day mining. For me, however, it's the mental relaxation I seem to get out of it. I can't wait for warmer weather. If you feel this way and I hope you do, we have a fight on our hands to be able to continue to do mining of any kind. Please step up and contact your government, help out the associations and clubs that fight for these very things. Willamette Valley miners are trying to put on another rally at the capital at the end of February. Please be a part of it (See Eben Ray's article).

With that said, we are hoping to set-up a way to notify our members by e-mail about such things as rally info, court dates, DEQ and DSL meeting dates where we can ask for membership attendance. Many things happen at such short notice that this seems to be the best way to get out quick notifications. Our intention is not to inundate members with garbage, but to keep them informed. This is why it is important that your correct e-mail address is included and legible when you fill out this year's application.

WVM President  
Jeff Farrand

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

## Meeting Minutes

### **No Minutes as there was no December meeting.**

Happy New Year to you all! Let me introduce myself as your newly elected secretary. My name is Patti Perkey, wife of Jim, life long Oregonian and member of WVM since 2008. I don't know that I'll be a very good secretary but I will try to do my best for you. Since there wasn't a meeting in December there are no minutes to report. Wow, that was easy! Now, I'm asking you to help me do my job. If I fail to do something that I should, please let me know. If you know of anyone in our association who may be ill, or needs some encouragement, or should have a "thanks", please inform me of these also. You can reach me by phone @ [503-390-7327](tel:503-390-7327) or by e-mail @ [jptoads@q.com](mailto:jptoads@q.com). Again Happy New Year and may you all be blessed with health, happiness and peace in 2014.

Patti

## Future Outings

### **January 18, 2014 - Bohemia Gold Mining Museum Outing**

The museum is open 1 to 4 pm.

For those wishing to caravan to Cottage Grove we will meet at the northeast corner of the Arco gas station (at the jct. of Hwy 34 and I-5) (the Corvallis/Lebanon exit) at 11:30 and leave from there about noon.

Contact Alan Mitchell @ [541-740-0720](tel:541-740-0720)

### **Jan 31-Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> :GPAA Gold Show - Roseburg Fairgrounds.**

Contact Wes Jeffers @ [971-563-5080](tel:971-563-5080)

### **February 22: Metal detecting-Stayton Pioneer Park @ 10:00a.m.**

Contact Gary Schrader @ [503-859-3132](tel:503-859-3132)

### **February 27 - Oregon Capitol Rally**

I have rented half of the Capital Galleria in the name of Oregon Gold Miners (sponsored by the Willamette Valley Miners) for a positive exhibition on what gold mining in Oregon does. We will be inviting others from around Oregon to join us. There will be room for 6 to ten booths depending on each exhibit size. Follow up to come.

Contact Eben Ray

## Members' Corner

The Willamette Valley Miners' annual Christmas Party was held on December 7, 2013 at (MCFD-1) the Cordon Rd. Fire Station. The number of those attending was less than previous years, perhaps due to the cold weather and the short Christmas shopping season. However, those of us that were there had a great time enjoying wonderful food, a 'bloodless' White Elephant Exchange and a few rounds of 'Bingo Madness'. As usual, we invited the on-duty Fire and EMS crews down to partake of our phenomenal lunch spread and paid tribute to their service, as well as, those serving, and having served, in our countries military. Special recognition must be given to everyone who helped decorate the meeting room, but especially Leah Beckstead who was asked to take charge of the decorating process and did a great job. Also, a great big thank you to all who helped take down the decorations and return the room to Fire Department readiness. For me, good friends working together and serving one another for the common good really helps bring out the JOY of Christmas! The Christmas Party always takes the place of our monthly meeting - so see you all next year on January 16, 2014, at MCFD-1.

**Here's wishing all our members a safe and very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a New Year standing up for mining rights!**

Howard Conner"

### **Scottsdale Potatoes**

Mix together:

2 c. grated sharp cheddar cheese

2 c. sour cream

1 can cream of chicken soup

1/2 c. chopped onion

3/4 stick butter, melted

salt and pepper

Pour and stir (maybe by hand, it's kind of thick) this into a 2 lb. (plus) pkg frozen Hash Brown Potatoes (kind of thawed)

Put all into a buttered 9x13 baking dish.

Top with mixture of 1 stick melted butter and 2 c. crushed corn flakes.

Bake 350 degrees for 1 hour (after 30 min.baking, top with some French Fried dry Onions, watch so

onions don't burn and probably cover loosely with foil).

Test for doneness in the middle cause it may want to cook longer, 30 min? The cold potatoes make it cook not as fast.

### Apple Crescents

- 2 tubes Pillsbury Crescent rolls (makes 16)
- 2 Granny Smith apples
- 1 stick butter
- 1 c. sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- cinnamon
- 1/2 c. softened Golden Raisins (optional)
- 1 can Mountain Dew soda pop

Peel and slice apples (8 pieces each). Wrap each slice/ piece with a dash of cinnamon in a crescent dough triangles and place in sprayed (greased) 9x13 pan. In a bowl, melt butter and stir in sugar and vanilla. Pour this over the top of wrapped apples ... or spread on top with a spoon. Pour the Mt. Dew all around and sprinkle lightly with cinnamon. Bake 350 degree for 30-40 minutes until crispy golden brown. Immediately out of the oven spoon a little saucy stuff over each crescent and (optional) sprinkle with softened raisins. A few raisins cans also be added in with apple when assembling. Serve lukewarm with ice cream or whipped cream. Yum!

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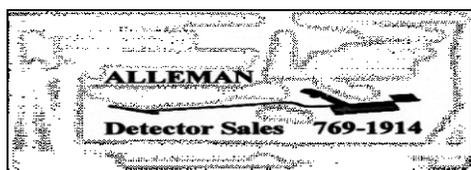
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