

WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

February 2014

February Meeting
February 20, 2014
7:00pm

February Meeting – Sam Seth is giving a presentation

February 22: Metal detecting-Stayton Pioneer Park

February 27 - Oregon Capitol Rally

Mar. 22 - Equipment demonstrations

President's Report

You know you have “gold fever” when you are forced to go to the Container Store and all you can think of is how the shelving drawers that are grated might work nice for classifying. You know it when you go to Lowes for home supplies but your thoughts stray and you check out any form of matting to see if it might work out in a sluice for fine recovery or you check out the supply of shovels to see if there is a new selection or just walking down some miscellaneous isle and imagine how some of the items could work out for mining. When you go to Cabela’s and hang out in the metal detector isle, GPS and mapping areas. You know you have it bad when you go to the Claim Jumper and all you can do is stare at the picture of the donkey with the gold pan, pick and shovel in its saddle and you wonder what it would be like to enter the picture and go prospecting. And yes, sad as it is, WinCo, they sell the GPAA, and Rock and Gem magazines. Well, I must have the fever. I finally got a free day on my schedule to go out and then the snow hit. AUUGGGHHHH!

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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.

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

Meeting Minutes

The first meeting of 2014 was called to order by newly elected President Jeff Farrand. The pledge of allegiance was led by Eben Ray. There were 48 members and 6 guests attending. The program for tonight's meeting was given by Monte Mensing, owner of Monte's Coins & More in Stayton. His presentation was about tokens; their beginnings and history along with a collection of examples. As always, he is informative, educational and entertaining.

The treasurer's report for Dec. 2013 was given and approved. The 2013 treasurer's audit was held Jan. 11th and approved by those attending.

Larry Coon (Claims) is working with Gary Ashley in regards to the access to the Dry Gulch claim. Apparently, it crosses private property and due to some problems the owner of that property has said "no trespassing". Also, the Forest Service will be doing some enhancement work on the Calapooia river but it shouldn't affect the Golden Dollar claim.

Karen Darnell has volunteered to work with Trudy S. on the WVM web-page. Thanks, I'm sure she will appreciate it.

Thanks to our cookie providers for the snacks at break time.

Regarding government affairs; Tom Q. reported more on SB838, the possible moratorium, and certain "proceedings" about it all. He also suggested that donations might be made to help get reliable phone communications with Tom Kitcher, who has been a critical key person for the causes of Oregon miners.

From Mike Hunter who attended a BLM "community listening session". Apparently, the public attending did NOT agree with BLM proposals and let them know it in short order!

It was mentioned that the club calendar should be printed up in the website and newsletter. Debi F., who compiles the newsletter each month, will be notified.

Trudy S. has volunteered to print up name tags for

those of you who wish to have them. Contact her at gldlooker2@live.com or the WVM website and click on "contact".

Jeff and Jim will be working on an "E-mail" project to have better communication with our membership.

At the February meeting Jeff would like to have a display of different types of gold pans. So if any of you have any old, odd or curious pans, please bring them along for all of us to see.

Don't forget the mining display in the Galleria at the State Capitol on February 27th. This is an informational and educational (especially for our Legislators) booth only-NO picket signs-and it would be a great show of force if as many of you as possible would attend. Contact Eben Ray at 503-508-1497 or miningsnotevil@yahoo.com. Be sure to reference mining display!

Are you feeling lucky? Ellen C. is selling raffle tickets on behalf of Northwest Steelheaders. They are \$1.00 each and the first prize will be an Alaskan fishing trip. The drawing will be held April 30th.

And if you've ever wanted to be a T.V. Star how about being part of the Discovery casting call for the "Gold Rush" show. If interested call Jim P. for information at 503-390-7327 or e-mail jptoads@q.com.

Hoping to see you next meeting—Patti.

Audit Report

The Audit of the Association Books was completed on January 11 by Larry Coon, Trudy Schreder, & Howard Conner. They were found to be correct, and the results presented at the January 16th monthly meeting. James Perkey Treasurer.

Future Outings

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 503-508-1497 or miningisnotevil@yahoo.com Be sure to reference mining display.

Mar. 22 - Equipment demonstrations time and location - TBA.

Raffle Corner

Thanks for a great start to the New Year at the raffle table. Participation in the raffles was great at January's meeting.

The large item for the night was a one ounce silver round that the club won in a past EOMA raffle. Boyd Jackson had the ticket for the ounce of silver, and then got lucky again with the nugget drawing. Nice job!

Gary Schrader took home the prize for the 50/50 drawing for the second drawing in a row. He won at our last meeting of 2013 in November as well.

Also in November, Mike Hunter won the pinpointer, which had been the large item for several months.

Look forward to a piece of steel artwork made by Louie Frick at this month's meeting

Members' Corner

I was talking with Rita and Steve (Oregon Prospecting in Sweet Home) yesterday and they informed me they were starting a Metal Detecting club. The first meeting is on Feb. 19th at 6:00 pm at there shop. This may also include at some point

some gold nugget metal detecting in Nevada which would be really fun.

Larry

Willamette Valley Miners has rented the Oregon State Capitol West galleria for February 27th to have an exhibit of the good Oregon Gold Miners and Prospectors do for Oregon.

Along with a display from WVM I would like to include others from across Oregon both placer and load gold. In that endeavor I am looking for other Gold groups that would like to display an exhibit that would accomplish that goal. If you have such a display and would like to show it please contact Eben Ray at miningisnotevil@yahoo.com (if for some reason you need to [503-508-1497](tel:503-508-1497) however I don't carry my phone at work). The area is not very large but I would like to fill it, also not over fill.

You can access the capitol calendar and rules for use at <http://www.leg.state.or.us/>

Eben Ray vice-president Willamette Valley Miners

Mining Word Definitions:

Acquired lands

Defined by the U.S. Department of the Interior as "lands in Federal ownership which were obtained by the Government through purchase, condemnation, or gift, or by exchange for such purchased, condemned, or donated lands, or for timber on such lands. They are one category of public lands." Public land laws are generally inapplicable to acquired lands.

Mineral entry

The filing of a claim for public land to obtain the right to any minerals it may contain.

Mining

The science, technique, and business of mineral discovery and exploitation. Strictly, the word connotes underground work directed to severance and treatment of ore or associated rock. Practically, it includes opencast work, quarrying, alluvial dredging, and combined operations, including surface and underground attack and ore treatment. CF:[mining geology](#); [mining engineering](#).

Mining claim

a. That portion of the public mineral lands that a miner, for mining purposes, takes hold of and possesses in accordance with mining laws.

b. A mining claim is a parcel of land containing valuable minerals in the soil or rock. A location is the act of appropriating such a parcel of land according to law or to certain established rules. See also:[claim](#); placer claim; location.

c. In the General Mining Law of 1872, that portion of a vein or lode and of the adjoining surface, or of the surface and subjacent material to which a claimant has acquired the right of possession by virtue of a compliance with such statute and the local laws and rules of the district within which the location may be situated. Independent of acts of the U.S. Congress providing a mode for the acquisition of title to the mineral lands of the United States, the term has always been applied to a portion of such lands to which the right of exclusive possession and enjoyment by a private person or persons, has been asserted by actual occupation, and compliance with the mining laws and regulations. Syn:[holding](#)

d. Distinction between mining claim and location is that they are not always synonymous and may often mean different things; a mining claim may refer to a parcel of land containing valuable mineral in its soil or rock, while location is the act of appropriating such land according to certain established rules. A mining claim may include as many adjoining locations as the locator may make or purchase, and the ground covered by all, though constituting what is claimed for mining purposes, will constitute a mining claim and will be so designated.

e. Title issued by the Government concerned to an individual or group, which grants that individual or group the right to exploit mineral wealth in a specified area by approved methods in accordance with the ruling laws and regulations

f. A claim on mineral lands.

Adit

a. A horizontal or nearly horizontal passage driven from the surface for the working or dewatering of a mine. If driven through the hill or mountain to the surface on the opposite side, it would be a tunnel. Syn:[drift](#); [adit level](#). See also:[tunnel](#)

b. As used in the Colorado statutes, it may apply to a cut either open or undercover, or open in part and undercover in part, dependent on the nature of the ground.

c. A passage driven into a mine from the side of a hill.

Alluvial

a. Said of a placer formed by the action of running water, as in a stream channel or alluvial fan; also said of the valuable mineral, e.g., gold or diamond, associated with an alluvial placer. *AGI* b. Pertaining to or composed of alluvium, or deposited by a stream or running water; e.g., an alluvial clay or an alluvial divide.

Riffle

a. A natural shallows extending across a stream bed over which the water flows swiftly and the water surface is broken into waves; a shallow rapids of comparatively little fall.

b. The lining of the bottom of a sluice, made of blocks or slats of wood or stones, arranged in such a manner that chinks or slots are left between them, into which heavy mineral grains fall and are held for recovery.

c. The raised portions of the deck of a concentrating table, that serve to trap the heaviest particles. Syn:[rippled](#). A device used to reduce the volume or weight of a sample consisting of a thin metal plate on which is mounted a series of metal strips to guide or deflect a small portion of the sample material into a separate container. CF:[sample splitter](#)

e. Sample reducing device such as Clark riffler or Jones riffle, which splits a batch sample of ground ore into two equal streams as it falls across an assembly of deflecting chutes. See also:[sludge sampler](#)CF:[Jones splitter](#)

Mineral assessment

a. The process of appraisal of identified and undiscovered mineral resources within some specified region, and the product of that appraisal.

b. The estimation of mineral endowment, meaning the number of deposits or the tonnage of metal that occurs in the region, given some minimum size of accumulation (deposit), minimum concentration (grade), and maximum depth of occurrence. Syn:[predictive metallogeny](#)

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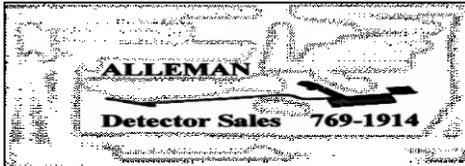
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