



# WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

March 2014

## March Meeting

March 20, 2014

7:00pm

## March Meeting – TBA

### Mar. 22 - Equipment demonstrations

## President's Report

As I sit trying to think of something to write for the president's report, I realize how discouraged I have become. We are slowly losing all of our rights to do the things we love to do. For those of us in the club the most noticeable right we are losing is the right to dredge. When are people going to wake up and realize that they can no longer sit back and rely on the few who are willing to actively step up and fight? Things are only going to get worse unless EVERYONE steps up and does their share. The time has passed for sideline quarterbacks and back seat drivers. Look in the mirror and ask yourself, are you really actively participating to help keep our rights or are you sitting on the sidelines and just complaining because your rights are being taken from you? If you find yourself in the latter category, maybe it is time for a change. It is not too late to let your voice be heard.

Write your lawmakers, support the litigation funds, volunteer within your club, join together as one and focus our energy on fighting against the common enemy

WVM President  
Jeff Farrand

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the newsletter to me by  
the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month**

## Meeting Minutes

Wow, what a great turn-out this month! The meeting was called to order by Pres. Jeff Farrand and led in the pledge of allegiance by Chad K. There were 56 members and 8 guests as per the sign-in sheet. It seemed like there may have been more than that though. Please remember sign in so I can get an accurate head count. Thanks.

The gold pan display was quite impressive. There was a wide array of pans from tin, copper, steel and plastic. Some were old, some new and even a "gold cone". I was puzzled by that one. Jeff showed us his home made classifier. What a great idea to save wear and tear on one's back. Did you check out the early metal detector brought in by one of our new members? It had a wood shaft and wooden coil—odd and interesting. Thanks to all for bringing these in.

Sam Seth showed us a power-point presentation he is working on to show some of the clubs activities. He would like to use this as an education tool for use in schools, community clubs and to the general public to encourage small scale mining. But, he needs more material to complete his work. So, if you have any photos he could use, perhaps from a GPAA show, Rickreall Gem show, sluicing, panning, kids' activities, metal detecting, etc..., you can send him an e-mail attachment at [litlenorthforksantiam@gmail.com](mailto:litlenorthforksantiam@gmail.com).

Thanks to the "treat team" for bringing in the cookies and brownie bites-- dee-lish! Joyce and Howard volunteered to bring snacks for March.

Jim P. read the treasurer's report for January and it was accepted. The January minutes were also accepted.

Larry C. stated there was nothing new to report on the claims. Trudy S. also stated that there was nothing new about the web site. Debi F., the newsletter editor, could really use some more input for the newsletter. If you have any articles, stories, events, recipes etc., you think may be of interest, please e-mail them to her at [dfarrand@msn.com](mailto:dfarrand@msn.com). The newsletter is now available by mail, on our web-site or by e-mail. If you are on the mailing list for the newsletter and you would agree to receive it by mail, please notify Jim at [jptoads@q.com](mailto:jptoads@q.com).

Reporting on the past outing to Cottage Grove museum Alan M. said the weather was beautiful, but cold. There were 10 or 12 members attending so he felt that it was a pretty good turn-out. Wes J. thought the GPAA gold show in Roseburg was pretty good but not as big as the past shows in Salem. There were some new members signed up and some renewals taken. Thanks to all of you that made the trip and helped out in the booth.

The upcoming outings will be: a work shop on Sat., March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 a.m., at Louie and Joan Fricks. There will be different pieces of mining equipment displayed and how they are used. So, if you are new to mining, need some advice, or just want to look and visit, come on out. Their address is 1307 Talbot Rd., Jefferson 97352. Phone 541-327-1210 if you need directions.

On Sat., April 5<sup>th</sup> Wes Jeffers will lead the outing at Beverly Beach. This is 7 miles north of Newport. Meet at 10:00 a.m., in the day use parking lot. From there, we will walk 1 mile north up the beach to the creek. Wes will have some extra equipment to use if you don't have the right kind. Retrieving the gold from black beach sand is a whole different process so come on over and learn how it's done. Bring your small sluice box (needs ribbed matting), a bucket, shovel, scoop and maybe a sack lunch. There is a nice state RV park there if you wish to camp for the weekend but reservations are recommended.

On April 18-19-20<sup>th</sup> is the Rickreall Rock and Gem show at the Rickreall fairgrounds. We will have a space available for gold panning, signing new members and showing the public what we're about. But, this will take volunteers to set up, man the booth, and take down. So if you would like to help out, contact Howard C. at [connerh@centurylink.net](mailto:connerh@centurylink.net) or sign up at the next meeting.

On Sat., May 3<sup>rd</sup> there will be a potluck picnic at the Stayton Pioneer park at 12:00 with lunch about 1:00. This will be a good chance to just "chew the fat", eat good food, and get a little "R&R". Contact Mike Hunter at 503-502-2382.

For Government affairs Tom Q. talked about SB 1585 that was killed in the Legislative session. We are now trying to get clarification on what can or cannot be done in salmon streams if the moratorium goes into effect in 2016. Thanks to Mike Hunter and Don Esch for their help in these areas. Also, it would be a good idea for us, as miners, to send a thank you in appreciation to Senators Boquist and Ferrioli for their support in stopping SB 1585. You can e-mail Sen.BrianBoquist@State.or.us And Sen.TedFerrioli@State.or.us

In new business, member Karen Darnell who is president of "Stream Savers", presented what their new organization is trying to do to clean up trash and pollutants in the streams. Penny E. made a motion to make a donation to Stream Savers. It was second and voted on to be accepted to help them in their endeavors.

Last but not least, congrats to Tom Q. for being selected to sit on the Governor's study group for a report to the legislature. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted - Patti

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Work Shop: March 22 at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Beverly Beach: April 5 at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Rickreall Gem show: April 18-19-20**  
**Potluck Picnic: May 3 at 11:00 a.m.**  
**Stayton Pioneer park**

### **Future Outings**

**Mar. 22** - Equipment demonstrations - Mining equipment display and demo plus learn some mining etiquette at the Workshop taught by Jeff, Mike, Penny, and Louie on March 22, 10am. The place is: Louie Frick, 1307 Talbot Rd., Jefferson, OR. To get there, travel I-5 to exit 242 (Talbot Rd.) then turn toward Jefferson and go 1 mile. WVM sign will be posted at the driveway. Sorry parking is limited, so any carpooling is encouraged. Questions: [541-327-1210](tel:541-327-1210) or cell [541-990-2621](tel:541-990-2621).

### **Raffle Corner**

At February's meeting Joyce Wrightman won the metal artwork made by Louie Frick. Doug Morehead won the gold nugget.  
Sam Seth

### **Members' Corner**

The Capitol event was a success this year. We had miners from southern Oregon that displayed some very nice Oregon nuggets. Some miners from northern Oregon had a display of trash removed from streams by miners. A display from Capitol Prospecting showed how mining supports several different businesses. There was a display on the downfall of the economy in Oregon due to bad government. We also had a display showing how mining is a family project.

Thank you to the miners that came out and helped this year. Several state representatives and a couple of Senators stopped by along with many office staff and lot of the general public.

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### LOST DUTCHMAN'S MINING ASSOCIATION MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN PURCHASING A PATENTED GOLD MINING CLAIM IN WESTERN OREGON

At the Roseburg GPAA Gold & Treasure Show, Kevin Hoagland LDMA/GPAA Executive Director of Development informed me that he is interested in purchasing a patented claim of at least 100 acres in Western Oregon. He requested any information be emailed to him at: [khoagland@goaldprospectors.org](mailto:khoagland@goaldprospectors.org)

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