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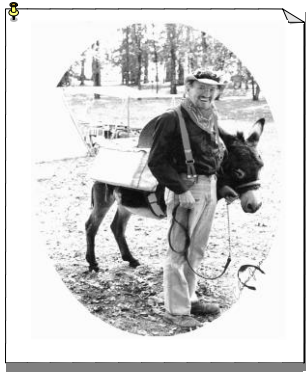
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**Please have all items for
the newsletter to me by
the 25th of the month**



WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

December 2014

No December Meeting

Happy Holidays!

January 17th- Rice Museum outing

February 21st- Metal detecting

March 20th- White's Metal Detectors tour

President's Report

We had a nice Christmas party, The food was good and it is always nice to socialize. Thank you to everyone who came and especially those who helped out in the preparations and clean-up. We have all new officers which have never been in any of the officer positions previously. It will be nice to see new faces and ideas to lead the association. We will also be getting a new newsletter editor and a new raffle person. Thank you to all who stepped up to fill the positions. Also, thank you to all the outgoing personnel along with all those that assisted throughout the year.

Jeff Farrand

Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2014

Well, another year has flown by already! Our last meeting for 2014 was called to order by V.P. Eben Ray who also led us in the pledge of allegiance.

There were 41 members in attendance this evening as per the sign-in sheet. Thank you Ellen C. and Trudy S. for bringing the cookies that we all enjoyed during the break. (Although I noticed quite a few of us having a little taste before we even got started—yum!) Ellen C. and Joyce M. volunteered to be the “treat team” for January.

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, cont'd

Jim P. read the treasurer's report for last month. Howard C. made the motion to accept the report as read, Mike H. made the second and it was approved by vote. He also noted that WVM has joined PLP (Public Lands for the People) but you as an individual could also join for \$40.00 per year. They do good work and certainly could use the funds.

Eben asked if everyone read the minutes for last month and if there were any comments or needed changes. There were none and Howard made the motion to accept the minutes as submitted, Mike made the second and it was approved by vote.

From the claims committee Larry C. said he tried to get to the Calapooia claim but the Canyon Creek road was closed due to a slide and he supposes that the Calapooia Road is closed also.

As to the monthly newsletter, our current and long-standing editor is resigning. Debi Farrand has been doing this job for years and she is asking that one of you take over these duties. So, if you have a computer and can do some editing once a month, please contact her at dfarrand@msm.com. Also Trudy says that the glitch concerning access to our web-page has been fixed. Somehow some switch was inadvertently turned off but now all is well.

Sam Seth, our raffle table guy, apologized for not being at last month's meeting and said he needs someone to take over his duties. He is going to be busy with other commitments for the next seven months and will miss meetings for that time. So, is there anyone willing to do it? If you're interested you can contact him at litlenorthforksantiam@gmail.com or give him a call at 503-602-4860.

About the past outing—metal detecting at Bush Park had a really good turn-out with 15 to 20 members attending. The weather was cool, but dry, and most everyone found stuff—especially pull-tabs, bottle caps, nails but some coins and even some jewelry, too. Grandma and Grandpa Fricks' kids and grandkids were there also.

The Planning Committee meeting put next year's

outings and events together for 2015. If you've noticed there is an open date in August. This is a great chance for you members to suggest something you may like to see or do then. Or if possible, something could be added to those months that have an event already scheduled. Let's give some input! Also, if you have any program ideas with a guest speaker you could get details together with that person and then notify Howard C. to finalize a date and time.

The upcoming outings will be a trip to the Rice Museum on January 17th. If you have never been to this place and enjoy the wonders of rocks and minerals you will be amazed at the hundreds (maybe thousands) of specimens on display. Louie and Joan Frick are the contacts and you can reach them at 541-327-1210. And on February 21st it's metal detecting with Jim P. and Gary S. The time and place will be announced at a later date.

In Government affairs Tom Q. reminded us of the cases going on in California which actually affect us too in regards to senate bill 838. The PLP is fighting the moratorium in that state but it is not going too well. Judge Ochoa is trying to get the different groups together to reach a compromise. Attorney Buchel is one of the attorneys working down there with the Western Mining Alliance. Now the EPA is pushing to make all U. S. waters under their control and then DEQ will come back with limitations put on the miners because even those little dry tributaries could be considered ESH. And apparently the DEQ has finalized their listing of 303-D streams. Tom said he heard they added 1200 more streams. Mike H. also noted that the U.N. 2111 small arms treaty that is trying to do away with our second amendment rights was rejected by the senate by a 56 to 43 vote.

Before the break Trudy S. gleefully presented the "Old Buzzard" to another member who has worked hard for our association. The lucky recipient this month (and the next) was Eben Ray. Congrats!

In old business the subject of a new meeting place at Pietro's Pizza had been suggested. Eben went to check it out and although it was pretty empty he found it to be quite noisy and

distracting. He doesn't feel it would be a good venue for our needs. Jeff also checked it out and due to noise, kids, games, etc. he also thinks it's not an option.

For good of the order Eben related that his truck was broken into and he lost a lot of belongings. He learned that though your vehicle is insured your belongings are not. So it is important to check that your personal belongs are insured against loss.

In new business it is election time. Thanks to all for participating in this process and a special thank you to those people who stepped up and volunteered to fill the offices. Our newly elected officers are – President Dave Darnell, Vice President Cecil Beckstead, Treasurer Rick Stepper, and Secretary Amy Allen, and second Vice President (or whatever he wants to be, said Joe G.) Mike Hunter.

Jeff and Eben both want to thank those people that have tirelessly been in charge of the committees. Larry Coon (Claims), Howard Conner (Events, library, Setting up the meeting room) and Tom Quintal (Government Affairs). Remember, we need a newsletter editor and a raffle table person. Give it some thought, OK?

The treasurer's audit will take place in December with the results being presented at the January meeting. With that Joyce made the motion to adjourn, it was seconded and approved by vote. Until I see you again, Happy Holidays to you and yours. Patti Perkey

Upcoming Events

Upcoming Outings

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Rice Museum Outing - Start off the new year with a tour on Saturday, January 17, at the Rice NW Museum of Rocks and Minerals near Hillsboro. See examples from the Northwest and around the world; you will see them all in shades of every color and enough gold to make you drool. Share this experience with your family and/or friends so they won't think you are just

making up a story about the varieties on display. Louie and Joan Frick will be your leaders and contact info on this. [541-327-1210](tel:541-327-1210) We will provide more info, pricing, hours and map in the January newsletter and at the January Club meeting, so save the date!

Member's Corner

On Saturday, December 6th the Willamette Valley Miners Assoc. held its Christmas Party for the year 2014. As usual, it was very well attended with around 60 members and family enjoying great food and friendship. Our annual White Elephant gift exchange followed the stomach stuffing with somewhat less bloodshed and animosity than in years past. A few brave souls remained, after the gifts were opened and/or stolen, to endure multiple games of bingo. Our table decorations were unique and awarded as prizes for those lucky bingoers.

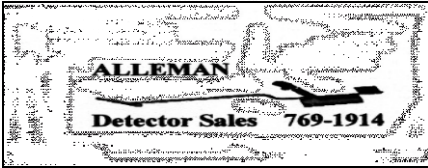
I want to personally thank all of you who came early and helped hang the decorations and cover the tables, and then, put away the chairs, clean tables and take down the decorations. "Many hands make light work"! A special thank you to all who prepared and provided food for our party. In addition, I want to thank Valerie Farrand for helping me call out the Gift Ticket numbers. Valerie is finding her "outside voice" and is one to watch!! I see an active WVM member in the making and perhaps an Officer position in her future.

For those of you who could not attend, we missed you and wish all of our member families a blessed and wonderful Christmas, and a "gold filled" New Year. Also, at years end, all of our WVM membership want to sincerely thank our officers, Debi Farrand for providing our Newsletter and Tom Quintal and Mike Hunter for riding herd on government mischief.

See you next year!

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Why would you like to join WVM? _____

What special skills / work have you done _____

Would you be willing to receive your newsletter by email/website? Yes / No

Which committee/office would you be interested in? (Circle one) President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasure, claim, Events, Programs, Website, Newsletter, Government Affairs

Please check: New Member _____ Membership Renewal _____

Please accept my application for membership in the Willamette Valley Miners Club.

I understand that the association is a non-profit organization of members with a common interest in small scale mining and Mineral prospecting and Education. I have read and understand the agreement below.

Annual Family membership dues - \$25.00.

Membership year begins in January for all members

Annual dues for individual or families including children under 18 years living in the same household.

As a member of the Willamette Valley Miners I hereby agree to abide by the rules and guidelines established by the association. A member may be removed from the membership by a vote of members at a normally held meeting if member is to be found violating the rules and guidelines.

I acknowledge that small scale prospecting may involve inherent dangers and I hereby release the Willamette Valley Miners, its officers, and claim holders from any and all actions, causes of actions, claims, damages, or injuries that may occur on any and all claims controlled by the Willamette Valley Miners, or other clubs who we share claims with. I further agree to hold the Willamette Valley Miners, its officers, and claim holders harmless from the results of any accident or incident that may occur while I am on said lands controlled by the Willamette Valley Miners or claims shared with others clubs.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

(Must be signed by spouse for family membership)

Amount enclosed _____

Please send application and remittance to:
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