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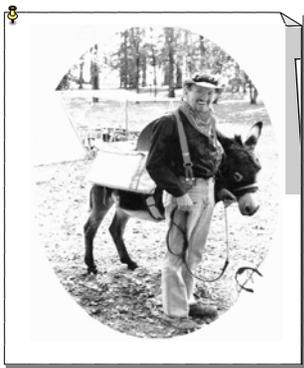
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Remember to have all copy for inclusion into the newsletter sent to me by the 25th of each month.



WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

February 2015

February Meeting

February 19, 2015

7:00pm

February 21st- Metal Detecting Fun

At Olde Mill Park, 7.5 acres that borders City Hall to the community swimming pool--meandering along the creek--a favorite of walkers and joggers; located 412 S. Water Street in Silverton. Has paved parking and walkways to picnic tables. Come meet us there and start about 10:00 AM. If you need more information contact Jim Perky (503-390-7327) and Gary Schrader (503-859-3132).

March 20th- White's Metal Detectors Tour

Plan to attend a 10:30 AM tour through the family-owned, USA made, White's Metal Detector factory in Sweet Home, Oregon, for a behind the scenes tour and museum visit. Everyone meet at 10:00 in the parking lot next to Swan's Restaurant 658 Main Street/Santiam Highway and signal light intersection of Highway 228.

Please update your calendars, On July 11th

Tom, with the *Bohemian Miners Owners Association*, has agreed to be our tour guide for our annual mining tour east of Cottage Grove. Tom does an excellent job with this, he knows the area well and does many tours each year. We had a couple of scouts go out last year on one of his tours and they came back with praises. I am hoping we can make a good showing. There will be more info such as directions, meeting place and times in the May, June newsletters.

Jeff Farrand

President's Report

Allow me to take this opportunity, with my first president's report, to thank you for allowing me the honor of serving as president of **Willamette Valley Miners**. My thanks also goes out to past officers and all who volunteer their time, talent, and treasure for the good of the organization as well as, the future of mining in our great state.

"The only way to truly produce something of value in this world is to take something out of the ground and make something from" is a piece of wisdom imparted to me by one older and wiser than myself and I found myself referring back to that concept throughout my professional life. Mining represents one of the purist forms of economic activity, taking something from the ground where it provides no value and transforming it into items of value. This economy of extraction is the historical basis for all meaningful economic activity.

It could easily be said that, as **long as human beings walk the earth their needs will only be met by taking something from the earth**. Truly our food from the ground or from the waters that wash it, our clothes from both the surface and beneath, our shelter from both the trees that populate the surface and the rocks below. Without extraction, mankind's most basic needs would go unfulfilled.

And so, with the best interest of our fellow man in mind, let's keep mining alive.

See you at the next meeting

David Darnell

President

Willamette Valley Miners

Willamette Valley Miners Association
MEETING MINUTES

The **January 15, 2015 meeting** of the Willamette Valley Miners Association was called to order at 7:00 pm, by President David Darnell. There were 40 members present. He gave a brief introduction about himself for some of us that had not met him. He is fairly new to the club but has a lot of experience in many different areas that will be very beneficial to our club and its members.

Approval of Minutes- Approval of November minutes was tabled until February meeting because they were not in the newsletter to be approved.

Treasurer's report- Jim Perkey gave our monthly financial report. It was moved by Patty and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. There was discussion on the recent audit. All was in order and accounted. Jeff brought up, with the increase in dues a few years ago and along with many members getting their newsletter via email, it has reduced costs to keep us financially in the black. Thanks to all and to Jim for your service!

Committee report-Claims- Larry was absent.

Website- Trudy relayed the password will be changed to access our website. If you have filled out this year's membership application you will be mailed/emailed the new password.

Newsletter- January was very short and not enough information. If you would like to add something to the newsletter please email Rick by the 25th of the month. Rick replaces Debi Farrand as the new Editor; Rick would like your stories or informational articles. Many thanks to Debi for the many years of tireless service producing our monthly newsletters.

Raffle Table- Valerie Farrand is our new raffle table person replacing Sam Seth--thanks Sam for your great service. At our February meeting, there is a beautiful Elk Carving that will be in a drawing, a 50/50, Nugget and table drawing. See Valerie's note in the February newsletter. There was a **request for volunteers** to bring refreshments for the next meeting Kathy and Amy volunteered. Our gratitude to these ladies!

New Members/Guests- Fred and Linda Countryman from Molalla and Joe Wilson and Grandson, Mike, also from Molalla.

Old Business

Past Outing- Christmas party - Howard was in charge--he did a fantastic job! Thanks Howard. We had lots of good food, fun and prizes as always. January 17, 2015, Rice Museum, by Hillsboro, with many great things seen: crystals, thunder eggs and rocks from all over the world.

Upcoming Outing- February 21st Metal Detecting at Olde Mill Park in Silverton. Jim Perky and Gary are the contacts. They will meet there and start 10:00 am. Directions will be in the newsletter.

Upcoming Outing- March 20th (Friday) 10:30 am White's Metal Detector factory tour in Sweet Home. Check Newsletter for more details.

Upcoming Outing- April 4, 2015, at Beverly Beach. Meet in the Day-Use Parking lot at 10:00 am; bring your gear and a lunch. If you plan to stay overnight you need to get a reservation.

Roseburg Mining Show March 20-22 at Douglas County Fairgrounds and this year's **GPAA Show** is March 28 at the Portland Expo center. GPAA has a new Gold show Gold Trails on KWVT which is channel 250 for cable viewers. Web streaming, you can watch online www.goldprospectors.org/GoldTrails; Facebook: www.facebook.com/GoldTrailsTV

Government Affairs- Mike Hunter will be meeting with a Senator on February 2 to discuss Senate bill 184 and request more information; he has asked Tom to accompany him.

There are some positive things happening in California. The prohibition of dredging permits was overturned. There was a case in Idaho where a rancher had been using water for 40 years he was told to stop because he might be hurting bull trout. Outcome of that case is that it has to be a proven harm to an endangered species not that it might.

Tom discussed the above cases and Senate Bill 838; when it comes out we need to be ready to go to Capital. More and more streams and rivers are being added to the scenic waterways restricting their use. He also brought up the Rinehart case in California, as well, it is a win for mining. Jim Perky brought up that our Club could become an associate member of the OCAPA at no charge. This would provide us an opportunity to be in their communication loop; a motion was made by Karen for us to sign up as an associate member to OCAPA (sand and gravel commercial company association).

Government affairs will be monitoring communication; motion was seconded by Tom and passed with no opposition. If you are in need of help with mining issues, contact the (PLF) Pacific Legal Fund. We need to be communicating that we are united as one voice--not as individuals--it is more powerful. David Darnell has worked in the War room and worked with legislative bills and encouraged us to come and see how it works; you can come for an hour or all day. If you are interested and have questions contact him.

Announcements- We received a nice Christmas card and personal note from the Rinehart family thanking us for our financial support.

Eben Ray presented the **Buzzard Award to Art Leppin**; so, Art needs to add something to it and then give it to another deserving member next month.

Eben motioned to **Adjourn** at 8:47; seconded by Mike Hunter.

Submitted by **Amy Goulter-Allen, Secretary**

Willamette Valley Miners

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE CLEARLY PRINT ALL INFORMATION or TYPE with FILL-IN FIELDS

Name: Last _____ First _____ M.I. _____

Address _____

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 / family, 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:
Willamette Valley Miners PO Box 13044 Salem Or. 97309

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We Meet Third Thursday of
the month, 7:00 pm at
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