

# WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

January 2013

**Next Meeting**  
January 17, 2013  
7:00 pm @

**January 19 – Tour Cottage Grove Museum/Bohemia Mining Museum**

**February 23 - Metal Detecting practice in Bush Pasture Park in Salem**

**March 16 - Metal Detecting in Albany at TimberLinn Park just off I-5.**

**March 28-30 - GPAA Salem Gold and Treasure Show at the State Fairgrounds**

## **President's Report**

No President's Report as there was no meeting.

## **Meeting Minutes**

December 2012

There was no meeting in December. However, due to the loss of our member Steve Landis there were several of our members at his Celebration of Life on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

After this there was an Audit of the Treasurer's books at Jeff Farrand's home. The attendees were

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|-----------------|--------------|
| Jeff Farrand    | Boyd Puckett |
| Joan Frick      | Mike Hunter  |
| Louie Frick     | Jim Perkey   |
| George Crutcher | Eben Ray     |

The Treasurer's books were found to be in order and a vote was held to accept the documents as presented as being accurate and were turned over to the new Treasure Jim Perkey. After Jeff Farrand closed the audit Joan Frick turned over the Secretary records to the new Secretary George Crutcher.

Submitted by: George Crutcher, secretary WVM

*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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## **Events & Outings**

See Calendar

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

## Events & Outings

**January 19** will be a tour of the Cottage Grove Museum / Bohemia Mining Museum at 737 B. Main, Cottage Grove OR. Alan Mitchell will lead this so meet him at **10:00 AM** at the Arco Station west side at Hwy 34 and I-5 south of Albany. Travel from there in a caravan and have an interesting day with your fellow WVM members and family.

**February 23** get in some Metal Detecting practice in Bush Pasture Park in Salem. **10:00 AM** near the soap box derby track on Mission Street. Rain or shine be brave!

**March 16** try more Metal Detecting in Albany at TimberLinn Park just off I-5.

**March 28-30.** GPAA Salem Gold and Treasure Show at the State Fairgrounds, **Need** volunteers for set-up and **Please** plan to help with our WVM booth also.

## Raffle Corner

No meeting so no raffle.

## Member's Corner

On December 6th about noon, Janie Miller called me and asked me to come over right away. I was able to speak with the Hospice Nurse who was there at their home. She announced that Steve had lapsed into agonal breathing and that the end was near.

At Steve's side were Jim Hubbard, Steve Davis, Janie, Nancy, Steve's sister Sharon, a neighbor Kathy, myself and his nurse. Odyssey Hospice Chaplin Frederick Preston (former TSA Captain), who arrived just in time, led a prayer for Steve.

Steve Landis was promoted to Glory at approximately 1:30 PM on Thursday November 6, 2012.

Steve's mortal remains were cremated. And a

celebration of his life was held at the Kroc Center Chapel, on December 15th.

Steve's family is very grateful for the financial generosity shown by members of WVM over the past 16 months. Anyone who wishes, can donate to a fund to help cover final costs. This has been a very expensive medical journey for the family.

Janie Miller  
1118 Lancaster Dr. NE,  
Salem, OR POB #308 97301

I know that Steve could hear us right up to the end. He had some of those who loved him beside him, on this side of the veil, and others with outstretched arms welcoming him home to heaven on the other side.

Submitted by Howard Conner

## Government Affairs

**NOTICE: EMERGENCY DECLARED!**

**TO ALL FRIENDS OF MINING - Due to the overwhelming number of threats currently against prospecting and mining, THE WALDO MINING DISTRICT HAS DECLARED AN EMERGENCY . . . AND WE NEED YOUR HELP BEFORE OUR MINING RIGHTS DISAPPEAR!**

**PLEASE follow THIS LINK [www.waldominingdistrict.org](http://www.waldominingdistrict.org) to visit the Waldo Mining District's website where we have information posted about these threats, and what YOU can do to HELP SAVE MINING IN OREGON.**

**UNITED WE STAND - DIVIDED WE WILL SURELY FALL!**

## Miscellaneous

**-Lawyers should never ask a Mississippi grandma a question if they aren't prepared for the answer.**

In a trial, a Southern small-town prosecuting attorney called his first witness, a grandmotherly, elderly woman to the stand. He approached her and asked, 'Mrs. Jones, do you know me?' She responded, 'Why, yes, I do know you, Mr. Williams. I've known you since you were a boy, and frankly, you've been a big disappointment to me. You lie, you cheat on your wife, and you manipulate people and talk about them behind their backs. You think you're a big shot when you haven't the brains to realize you'll never amount to anything more than a two-bit paper pusher. Yes, I know you.'

The lawyer was stunned. Not knowing what else to do, he pointed across the room and asked, 'Mrs. Jones, do you know the defense attorney?'

She again replied, 'Why yes, I do. I've known Mr. Bradley since he was a youngster, too. He's lazy, bigoted, and he has a drinking problem. He can't build a normal relationship with anyone, and his law practice is one of the worst in the entire state. Not to mention he cheated on his wife with three different women. One of them was your wife. Yes, I know him.'

The defense attorney nearly died.

The judge asked both counselors to approach the bench and, in a very quiet voice, said, 'If either of you idiots asks her if she knows me, I'll send you both to the electric chair.'


If you were at the last Miner's meadow outing, this is the amazing tater tot casserole that our Vice President, Alan's mother-in-law made.

1 Large Bag of Tater Tots  
1 Pound Lean Ground Beef  
1 Lg Can Mushroom Soup  
Grated Cheese

Layer tater tots in bottom of casserole dish  
Brown the ground beef and mix in the soup with a little water, pour this over the tater tots.  
Sprinkle grated cheese over the top  
Bake at 350 for 35 to 40 minutes

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By WVM member Tom Bohmker. Covers areas to pan w/o a claim from Portland to Cow Creek south of Roseburg,. How to pan mining stories, 87 pages 9 maps.  
\$17.50, \$2.00 postage.

**Classifieds**

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Ph: 541-791-9986

**Christmas Party Lost and Found**

We now have a can opener, glass pyrex baking dish w/serving spoon and a red stuffed monkey in our collection of left items. They will be at the Jan meeting for owners to pick up.

**For Sale**

Gold Miner's Wheel for Sale. Bought last year, new – only used a few times (Excellent Condition)  
\$225 OBO Phil 541-990-8850 (12/12)

**Wanted**

**Gold Screw**  
Dan @ 541-401-0922 (Sweet Home)

**Willamette Valley Miners**  
**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  
**PLEASE CLEARLY PRINT ALL INFORMATION**

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 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:**  
Willamette Valley Miners PO Box 13044 Salem Or. 97309

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