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Conductors Comments

By Walt Mulford, President

What do you like to run? Is it a certain railroad, or certain types of locomotives, or certain types of train—consists, or some or all of the above? For me it's a little of all. For instance as a child living in rural Ohio the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad was about 1/4 mile from the front door of my house. My father, being a long time rail enthusiast and model railroader, introduced us kids (2 brothers and me) to the wonders and treasures found along the right-of-way. Spikes of course but some way more stuff like a string of empty box cars with the doors open. Not much encouragement was needed to get up inside. As empty boxcars go these were pretty empty so to the adult eye not much going on. However to a pre double digit age kid the sky was the limit to imagine all kinda things. Then we had to find the next open doored boxcar in the string and checked it too.

So anyway the memories trespassing on railroad property belonging to the "Pennsey" leads me to want run some PRR stuff on our club layout. Nothing really great or fantastic but non-the-less meaningful to me. So some Pennsey locomotives that I've had for a while will show up from time to time .

All the more reason to get your rolling stock in working order and keep it that way as best you can. There are four tools essential to my car and loco maintenance. A reamer to clear out the journal boxes of plastic trucks, a coupler height gauge, NMRA track and wheel gauge, and my metal ruler that has HO scale feet divided into 1/4 foot. This goes on for 85 feet. So cool. These items are pretty standard in most model railroaders fool box, they're still pretty cool. There are real life measurements on the other side but rarely do they get used since I work on my trains to sneak away from real life including real measuring increments.

Have fun "working" on and maintaining your rolling stock. Remember all the great memories that got you playing with trains.

Walt M.



Membership Matters

No new members last month, but a prospective new member in April.

We appreciate you and your involvement very much,

Thank you,

Gary Schwieger

What's New





Eugene Toy & Hobby

Eugene Toy & Hobby Has been sold to John Archetko and Richard Goosmann from Radar Toys and Collectables on W11th Avenue.

ET&H will remain at it's current location.

Stop in, say hello and buy some train goodies to support our

Local Hobby Shop.

Greg Kent



March 2025 Club Module Clinic and Beyond

We have an exciting series of hands-on clinics coming up soon!

Beginning at our March 2025 WCMRRC club meeting, Mike Larson will be hosting an in-person and hands-on, ongoing module construction clinic to create a new club module.

The clinics will begin with a blank slate module that's constructed to our club specs, and will be worked on by Mike and any WCMRRC club members who are interested in learning about how to lay road bed and track, wire modules, apply scenery, and more!

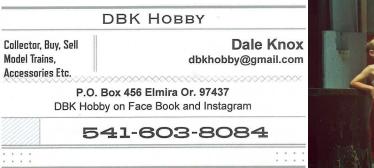
The main goal of these build sessions will be a fun new way for club members to participate in the construction of a new club module and to gain experience and confidence that can be used on their model railroads at home, or their own new modules to be used during our Train Shows!

Work sessions will likely begin before each meeting, during sale hours at about 5:00 PM and will go until the start of our business meeting at 7:00 PM each month, until the project's completion. Everyone is invited to show up and hang out and learn or get their hands dirty, no matter how new or experienced!

If you have any questions, feel free to ask either me or Mike.

I hope to see you there!

-Noah Russell.



Did You Know?

On May 8, 1886 American pharmacist John S. Pemberton developed Co-ca-Cola, a drink he originally billed as a cure-all tonic.

Dr. John Stith Pemberton invented Coca-Cola, forever changing the history of eating habits around the world. The drinks name refers to two of its original ingredients: coca leaves and kola nuts (a source of caffeine). Since he was a pharmacist from Atlanta he had access to a variety of chemicals and natural ingredients. One day he prepared a dark colored liquid and decided to take it to his shop, Jacobs' Pharmacy, to mix it with carbonated water. At this point, a test was needed. So he had the customers of the pharmacy taste it, who greatly appreciated the delicious and refreshing drink. From that day Pemberton put the forerunner of the current Coca-Cola on sale at five cents a glass as a takeaway drink.

The logo as we know it today was invented and designed by Frank M. Robinson, Dr. Pemberton's accountant, who thought that the two C's would have made a nice advertising logo. The Coca-Cola brand - written in its famous italics font - was born with a first advertising campaign dedicated to the drink appeared in the newspaper The Atlanta Journal, inviting citizens to try this "popular new take-out drink". The advertising campaign for the product launch appeared on the first awning of the shops, on which the words "Drink Coca-Cola" stood out. But the beginnings were not exciting: In the first year they sold just about nine glasses a day.

In 1887 John Pemberton registered the copyright of Coca-Cola Syrup and Extract with the US Patent Office. A year later, disheartened by the lack of success of his invention and never fully convinced - and aware - of the drinks potential, he gradually sold the company's shares to various partners. Shortly before his death, he sold the rest of Coca-Cola to Asa G. Chandler who bought back the rest of the shares of the other holders until he acquired complete control of the company.

Together with hos brother - John S. Chandler - Frank Robinson - John Pemberton's former partner - and two other partners, Mr. Chandler opened The Coca-Cola Company, with a start-up capital of \$100,000.

They invested a lot in marketing with free coupons, promotions, souvenir fans, calendars, clocks, cups holders and so on. He did everything to advertise the brand and make it famous. In 1894 the first factory was born, in Dallas, Texas and a year later Chandler made a famous announcement: "Today Coca-Cola is drunk in every state and territory of the United States". Under Chandler's Leadership, sales rose from about 9,000 gallons of syrup in 1890 to 370,877 gallons in 1900.









WCMRRC has acquired a 2018 Interstate enclosed utility trailer. There's some work that needs to be done before we can move the club tables, ladder and other items that need storage. If you are able to help with getting it cleaned up, removing some shelfs, body repairs and cleaning. The trailer also needs 3 tires, wheel bearings packed and the electric brakes checked (replaced if necessary). We need to clean and paint the interior, build shelfs / framework to organize the inside.

Contact Greg Kent. (541) 554-6812



Here's a Kit Bashing project! Proof that there's a prototype for Everything!



Union Pacific Railroad is testing cutting-edge hybrid battery-electric locomotives designed and bilt by Union Pacific and ZTR. Depending on mode of operation, these hybrid switchers are expected to consume as much as 80% less fuel - reducing associated greenhouse gas and criteria pollutants. Additional benefits include reduced Maintenance expense and noise compared to traditional diesel units.

Contest of the Month 2025

April- Maintenance of Way equipment or car

May – RR Structure One (1) Build- October– Steam Engine 6 driver or ing, Bridge, or Station

less

June– Short train not to exceed 5 cars

November- Trackside Business One (1) Structure

July– Covered Hopper 2 Bay to 4 Bay

December – Diesel Locomotive

August- Wood Products car or Load with name

The winner of the model of the Month contest receives a \$10.00 Gift card for Eugene Toy & Hobby

September – Caboose

March Model of the Month:



Congratulations Ken Warner

Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club Says Thank You To:

Eugene Toy & Hobby – 32 E 11th Ave. Eugene, OR 97401

www.eugenetoyandhobby.com (541) 344-2117 Thank You For All Of Your Support For Our Club!

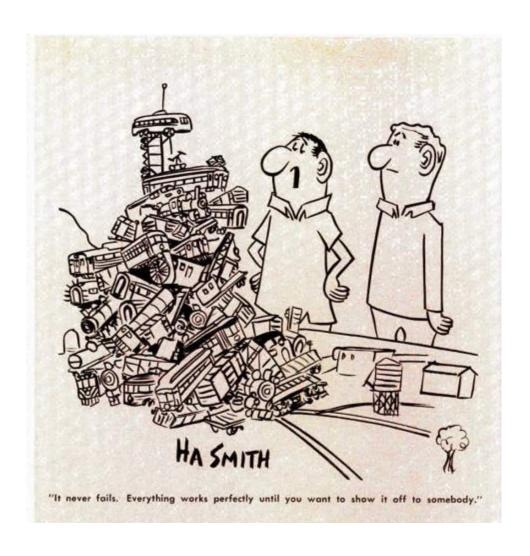


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Lee Temple, Owner eBay user name: temples-trains-and-things

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Elected Officers:

President: Walt Mulford

Vice President: Milton Campbell

Senior Members at Large:

Greg Kent, Gary Decker, Udie Bauer

Junior Member at Large: Keller Krotulski

Appointed Positions:

Modular Chair: Noah Russell

Modular Committee: Noah Russell, Jim Saville, Gary Schwieger, Greg Kent,

Philip Fitzer, Milton Campbell, Walt Mulford.

Secretary: Joe Rademacher

Treasurer: Gary Decker

News Letter Editor: Milton Campbell, Gary Decker

Communication Committee: Gary Decker, Milton Campbell, Gill Hulin, John

Krotulski

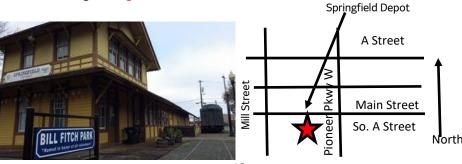
Web Masters: Milton Campbell, Gary Decker, Rod Minarik, John Krotulski

Show Chair: John Krotulski

Clinic Chairs: Noah Russell & Lee Temple

Membership Chair: Gary Schwieger Sergeant-at– Arms: Martin Tighe Refreshment Chair: Walt Mulford

Prize Drawings: Greg Kent



Run Schedule-April 2025

April 12th Informal breakfast at Brails Cafe-1689 Willamette St, Eugene at the Corner of 17th & Willamette. Arrive by 9:00 a.m. everyone goes Dutch and buys their own breakfast. Afterwards go to Eugene Toy & Hobby, 32 East 11th and pick up a few items you may need for your modeling purposes, pay on lay a way etc.

April 12th WCMRRC Meeting Springfield Depot See Map

May 10th WCMRRC Meeting Springfield Depot See Map

June 14th WCMRRC Meeting Springfield Depot See Map

July 12th WCMRRC Meeting Springfield Depot See Map

July 23-27th Lane County Fair Lane County Fairgrounds

July 30th-August 2nd Benton County Fair Benton County Fair-grounds

August 9th WCMRRC Meeting Springfield Depot See Map

Notice:

All sellers are limited to only one table, due to the limited space At the Meetings!

Table price: \$5.00 - 1/2 Table \$3.00 Payable to the prize Drawing committee

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