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# *Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club Inc.*

*"Pride of the Tunnel Country"*

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*"Pride of the Tunnel Country"*

## *August 2023*

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# Conductors Comments

*By Walt Mulford, President*

We had a great show at Lane County Fair. Trains were running constantly and, outside of a few glitches, running well. Members had their locomotives and cars ready to go at their run times. It was apparent the equipment was checked out ahead of time and problems corrected before putting them on the track. There was a strong sense of pride that members took in running their equipment. One example was one member came early enough to clean locomotive wheels and check coupler heights on locos and cars he had in storage for a while. He cared enough to make sure his trains were ready to go and not just plunk his trains down on the track and hope for the best.

Another member knew his cars were not of equal weight and put the heavy ones up front and lighter towards the back. These are just two examples of understanding the effort it takes to run trains during a show. And to have some fun. There were some very handsome trains running because the models were well maintained. That takes pride in being a model railroader and have the sense of responsibility in putting on a successful show. Well done everyone.

Another way the show was great was how members interacted with each other. One of the members shared his locomotives and cars with younger members who had no or very little equipment. This person was a young adult himself. Members worked together to have locos and cars function properly. The "fixit" guy was as busy as ever. He helped many a member during the show. Other members helped replenish his stock of parts or give him a nominal fee (\$5.00) for work he did. These examples are of the many members wanting to help each other. Delightful and once again thank you. I have so much fun being in a group that really enjoys what they do and does the work to make our club so successful.

Nuff said

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## Membership Matters

*By Gary Schwieger, Membership Chairperson*

We have added three new members to the WCMRRC since the last meeting in June. Please welcome our newest members, Westley Williams, Jacob and Jace Decker. Westley joined the club at the Lane Coun-

ty Fair. He has been following the WCMRRC for many years at our events in the Eugene area. He has other interests in basketball and guitar.

Jacob and Jace are the grand sons of Gary Decker, newsletter editor and webmaster. They are our youngest members and have the interest in growing up.

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## WHAT'S NEW

*By Gary Schwieger*

We have just completed the run event at the Lane County Fair. I want to thank all of you who were there to support the club by setting up, running trains and taking the layout down.

We had 5 new modules at the Fair which included our new yard. It worked very well with just a few adjustments at the beginning and worked perfectly during the fair. Thank you Jim Saville, Greg Kent, Mike Larson, Noah Russel, Phil Fitzer and others for many hours they contributed to the design and building of the new tard.

Next we have the Benton County Fair, Set up days are July 31<sup>st</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup>, The Fair runs from August 2<sup>nd</sup> through August 5<sup>th</sup> and take down will be the morning of July 6<sup>th</sup>.

We have free parking for our members that will be helping with set up, running trains and taking down the layout. Thank you in advance. We do have a very few spots still open. If you would like to participate and have not signed up, Please call me at (541) 729-8554.

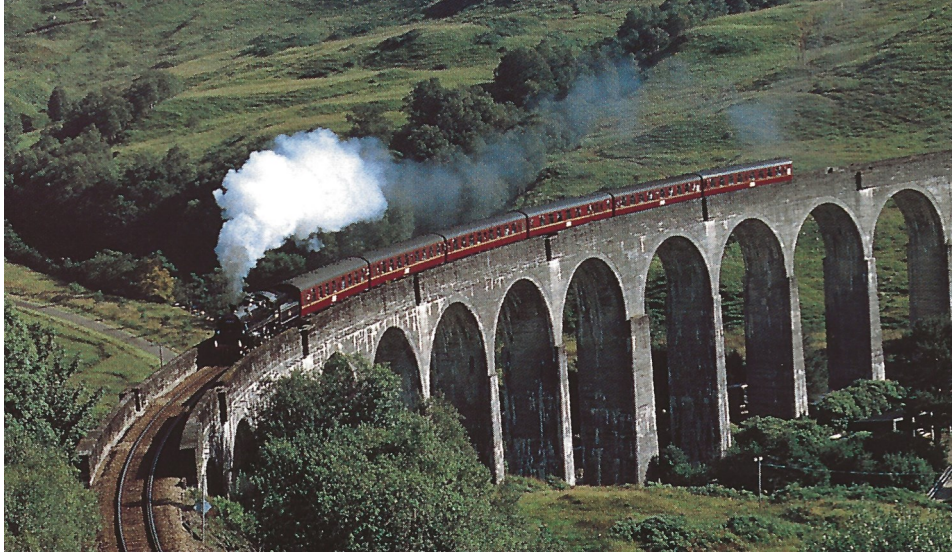
We will try to carpool to save on expenses to Corvallis. After the Benton County Fair, we will take a break as the next event will be in Drain the first part of December. *See you at the next meeting. Gary Schwieger*

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# The *Jacobite*

By Bruce Duncan



Some roughly 4600 miles from Eugene there is a train that is "magical". It is the *Jacobite* operating on the Mallaig Extension of the West Highland Line running from Fort William, Scotland to Mallaig, Scotland. Opened in 1901, this line runs through some of the most scenic areas of Scotland. In 1984, Scotrail re-introduced steam power rail service over this extension in an effort to encourage tourism and boost the economy on the heavily subsidized line. And on this line is the steam powered passenger/tourist train nicknamed the *Jacobite*. It has been running during the summers almost continually every year since 1984. It had previous names between the years 1984 to 1994, the *West Highlander* and the *Lochaber*. In 1995 the name the *Jacobite* took hold after the historic Jacobite Rebellion in Scotland, which has many local connections along the route.



I, with my father, had the chance to ride this train. An interesting note is the station and flag stop signs along this route are bilingual, in Celtic and English. The scenery along these tracks is breathtaking. The route of 84 miles round trip the train takes includes passing Ben Nevis,





Scotland's highest mountain, and crossing the Glenfinnan Viaduct. It is the route used in all the *Harry Potter* movies. The company running the *Jacobite* provided Warner Brothers with the train and allowed them use of the *Jacobite's* route for filming. The train the *Jacobite* is the *Hogwarts Express* pulled by Great Western Railway 4900 Class 5972 *Olton Hall* in the movies. Hence the train is "magical".

With help from hobby shops in Perth and Birmingham we were able to assemble our own *Jacobite* for our souvenir of our trip. We bought a Mainline 4-6-0 locomotive, a Hornby Buffet/Coach Car and a Compartment/Coach Car, a Lima Restaurant Car, and a Compartment Car and finally a Mainline Guard (end) Car. The train is HO/OO and operates fine on code 100 track. On code 83 track the flanges from the wheels tick every railroad tie. This model train brings back fond memories when operating on my layout.



Photo - The *Jacobite* crossing the Glenfinnan Viaduct - Promo Postcard

Photo - Bill Duncan and a bilingual sign along the route

Photo - Bill Duncan on the *Jacobite*

Photo - The *Jacobite* HO/OO steam train

Photos by Bruce Duncan



NEW YARD



Photos by Milton Campbell

# PICNIC-PICNIC-PICNIC

2023 WCMRRC Annual Picnic Sept 9, 12:00 PM @ Dale Knox House  
24483 Warthen Rd, Elmira, OR 97437. Sign up by the Aug 12 club  
meeting

Or contact Greg Kent 541-554-6812, [gregkent@comcast.net](mailto:gregkent@comcast.net).

A Pepsi Cola delivery wagon, circa 1910.



## T-SHIRTS & HATS

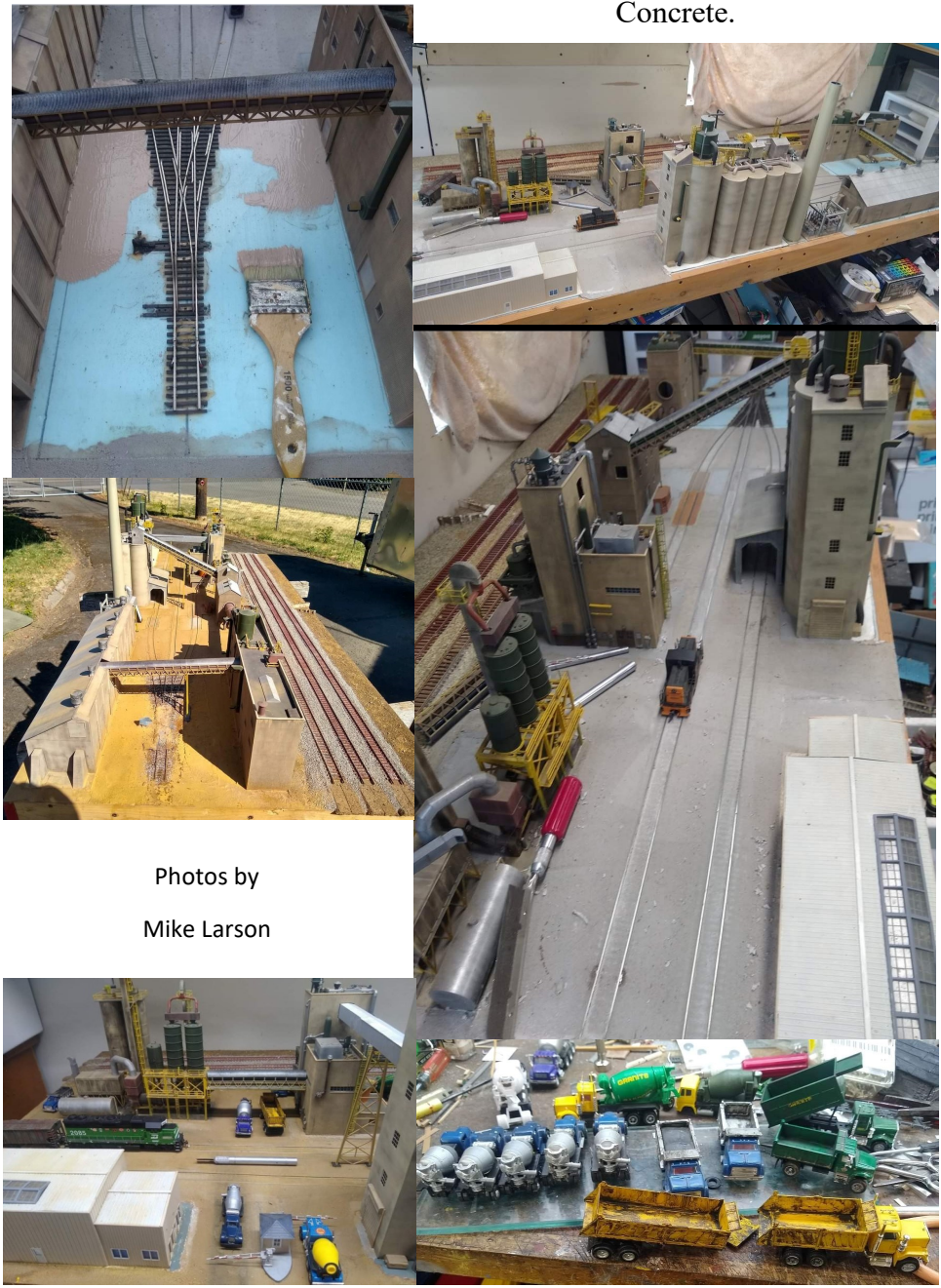
We have a good selection of T-Shirts and Hats. Contact Greg Kent 541-554-6812, [gregkent@comcast.net](mailto:gregkent@comcast.net). Before club meeting and I will bring them. **"Have cash will sell."**



# Off the Bench

*By Mike Larson*

This month we will look at the progress of Schoonover Asphalt and Concrete.



Photos by  
Mike Larson

# Contest of the Month 2023

**August** - Wood Products Car or Load With Name

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**September** - Caboose

**December** - Single Dome Tank Car

**October** - Short Train not to Exceed  
(5) Pieces

*The winner of the contest of the  
Month receives a **\$5.00** Gift card  
for **Eugene Toy & Hobby***

**November** - Maintenance of Way  
Equipment or Cars

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Wild Flower Excursion & Picnic

1800's

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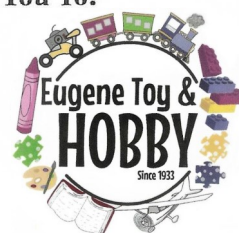
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Thank You For All Of Your Support To Our Club!





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## Contest of the Month Entries

*1st Place -*

Ed Burros



## COMMITTEES THAT COULD USE YOUR HELP

Swap Meet

Shows

Web Design

Communications

Modular

Clinics

Clinics

Finance

*Ask and Get Involved*

Submissions are accepted for the Newsletter by email to  
[garyandbeckyd@gmail.com](mailto:garyandbeckyd@gmail.com) ***Dead line is the end of the previous month!***

# Club Officials

## Elected Officers:

President: [Walt Mulford](#)

Vice President: [Milton Campbell](#)

Senior Members at Large:

[Greg Kent](#), [Jim Saville](#), [Gary Schwieger](#)

Junior Member at Large: [Asa Showalter](#)

## Appointed Positions:

Modular Chair: [Mike Larson](#)

Modular Committee: [Jim Saville](#), [Gary Schwieger](#), [Greg Kent](#), [Noah Russell](#), [Philip Fitzer](#), [Walt Mulford](#).

Secretary: [Joe Rademacher](#)

News Letter Editor: [Gary Decker](#)

Communication Committee: [Gary Decker](#), [Milton Campbell](#), [Gill Hulin](#), [Thomas Olson](#).

Show Chair: [Gary Schwieger](#)

Clinic Chairs: [Lee Temple & Noah Russell](#)

Membership Chair: [Gary Schwieger](#)

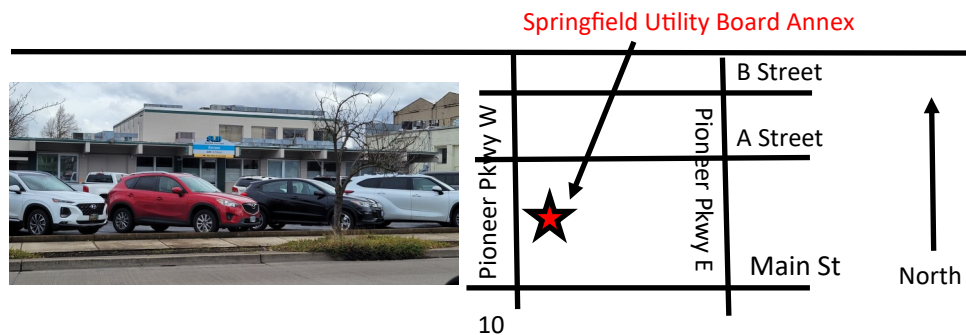
Treasurer: [Gary Decker](#)

Sargent-at- Arms: [Martin Tighe](#)

Web Master: [Milton Campbell](#) , [Gary Decker](#), [Rod Minarik](#)

Refreshment Chair: [Charlie Lange](#)

Prize Drawings: [Greg Kent](#)



# Run Schedule-August 2023

**August 12<sup>th</sup>** 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.

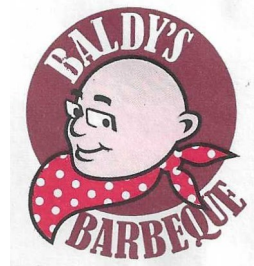
**August 12<sup>th</sup> WCMRRC Back at SUB Annex** See Map Open for Sales at 5:00 pm with the Business Meeting Starting at 7:00pm the *Clinic this Month is ???* See you there!

**September 9<sup>th</sup> WCMRRC Meeting/Picnic at the home of Dale & Linda Knox in Elmira.**  
24483 Warthen Rd, Elmira, OR 97437

**October 14<sup>th</sup> WCMRRC Meeting back at SUB Annex**

**November 11<sup>th</sup> WCMRRC Meeting at SUB Annex**

**December 9<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party/Meeting Bring Goodies to share!**



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## **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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