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**NEW MEETING LOCATION**

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*Model Railroad Club* Inc.  
"Pride of the Tunnel Country"

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# Conductors Comments

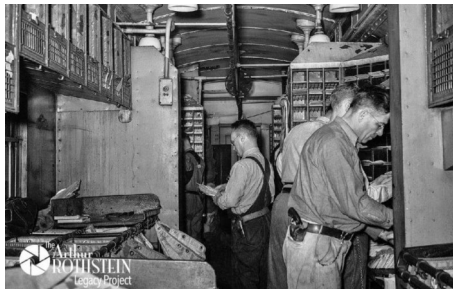
*By Walt Mulford, President*

Well, we get to meet in the Springfield Depot this December month and I'm excited. It is a rarity for a model rr club to meet in a railroad structure let alone a historic one at that. This building is well preserved, and Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club was a part of that. And we continue to be a part of preserving Springfield's history by building the model railroad in the RPO car next to the depot. Just as a review, the model rr will depict scenes in and around Springfield wood products industries. Timber put Springfield on the map and keeps the city there.

A review of this is important for our club to remember because a requirement of our non- profit status (for tax purposes) is education. One way we do that is with Operation Life Saver. Thankyou Roger. We have also been involved with the move of the Springfield Depot to its present location by a very generous donation. In fact, the annual swap meet was set up to earn the money for that donation. Broken promises led to hard feelings of the club towards the city. Another partnership was with the science museum in Eugene. A layout was built and displayed for a while but is now stored inoperable. Such is life. But here we are again being a great part of Willamette valley history by creating and building a model railroad, educational and entertaining at a historic site. We have been fulfilling our requirement to maintain our non- profit status.

Another positive outcome from earlier disappointing dealings of partnerships with organizations is that our swap meet has gone on for 34 years. This event offsets a lot of costs our club have, one being increased dues. We are a known entity throughout the west. Being able to put on the swap meet for as long as we have is a big deal among model railroaders' buyers and sellers alike. Other such events have come and gone during our tenure. No small feat. We continue to move forward.

Nuff said.



# Things to help those left behind

By Dale Knox

1. Inventory List: Does not need to be super detailed but type of item and manufacturer are a plus. Value is always subjective.
2. Who gets all of my treasures?
3. A will is the most important thing to have overall. Secondary heir.
4. Who do I want to help my heir handle my collection?
5. Who do I **NOT** want to help with my stuff?
6. Now the person you chose to help should be able to offer your heir as much comfort and trust as they need. Things Like a contract, references from at least 2 or 3 others, inventory sheets of anything they may be removing from their possession (and not a sheet that says one box full of engines.) A solid payment time frame for items sold and that person should be able to show documentation of anything that was sold if asked. This is a great thing to set up way in advance.
7. Donation: This is a great option for some people, **BUT beware** of those who come around and the first thing out of their mouth is about donating to their club. We all have some valuable items that if sold would benefit our heirs. If items are to be donated an itemized list should be an absolute requirement, signed by at least 2 members of the board of the club.
8. Selling it all in one lump sum is about impossible unless you only have 25 to 50 items. You will only get about 20 cents on the dollar most times regardless.
9. This document is for those you love. Fill it out and give it to them, you would be amazed at the relief it will bring to them.

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# The Hawthorne Army Depot Railroad

## Spurred another Modeling Project



By Bruce Duncan

Southeast of Carson City, Nevada, there is the largest munitions storage base in the world. It stands at 226 square miles or 147,000 acres. And it has its own railroad to serve its needs, which include 2427 bunkers storing 600,000 square feet of munitions and supplies. Near Highway 95 can be found the command headquarters, facilities and engineering shops for the base. To the east are the three ammunition storage and production areas all served by the railroad on base. This depot was established in 1930 as the Naval Ammunition Depot Hawthorne. In 1977 it was transferred to Army control. Like the Sierra Army Depot mentioned in the April issue of this WCMRRC newsletter, Hawthorne's High Desert climate makes it ideal for storage. The Hawthorne Army Railroad has a direct connection with the Union Pacific and the National Railway System.

The Depot's mission is to "stores conventional munitions, demilitarizes and disposes of unserviceable, obsolete and surplus munitions; and maintains serviceability through inspection and renovation to ensure munitions." With two EMD GP10 locomotives (#1875 & #4643) and a fleet of freight cars the day we visited, including four types of box cars, open hoppers, gondolas, tank cars and flat cars, the base is well equipped to move munitions and supplies into and out of this facility.

On a trip our family took to Carson City in the spring of 1995 to enjoy a model railroad show and swap meet held at the Carson City Mall, put on by the local model railroad club, our family side tracked for an afternoon and drove down to Hawthorne, Nevada. Miles from Hawthorne we could make out this line of yellow in the desert. As we got closer we discovered they were box cars. Upon arriving we were pleasantly invited to take an in-prompt tour of the railroad engine house by the crew. Like Sierra, the facility was spotless and the locomotives were immaculate. In talking with the railroad shop's crew we were informed there was over 100 box cars stored on the tracks that day. After building the Army locomotives mentioned in the April WCMRRC newsletter it seemed appropriate the box cars would be my dad's and my next project. So with blessing of the railroad crew we took a lot of photos and gathered information.

My dad and I acquired four Athearn #5520 HO undecorated box car kits between the Carson City Show and Swap Meet and Dimi Trains in Reno that trip. Bill spray painted them with Testors Red #1203, Yellow #1214 and Flat Black #1249, the same colors he used on his Army locomotives. Like the locomotives, this was all back before Roundhouse, Athearn or Intermountain released their generic version of these box cars. He then handed the box cars over to me for decaling. Using Walters Solvaset #470 I applied Microscale 87-70-5 and -1 RR Gothic Letters & Numbers Red (for the lettering) and Black (for the end number) and 87-1 RR Roman Data for car data. I clipped lube plates from MC-4126. I put on all the letters and numbers one character at a time. Then I sprayed them with Testors #1260 Dullcot. Turning the cars over to my dad, Bill added North West Shortline nickel silver wheels, Kadee #5 couplers, painted the brake wheels red and assembled the floors.

These scratch built cars can be found at Bill's Camp Bob still active on my layout



Photo - Hawthorne Army Depot Box Car USAX #29383 - 17 May 1996



Photo - Hawthorne Army Depot Engine House with GP10 #1875 - 17 May 1996



Photo - Camp Bob warehouses with USAX box cars - 16 Nov 2023

# What's New

I am writing this article while the Drain Show is taking place. Thanks to Jackie Burren and Roger Fegels and many other club members, we have “G”, “H/O” and “O” scales set up to run along with Thomas and Friends.

Looking forward to the show.

Thank you all for signing up for set up, run times and tear down at the Valley River Show. We still have a few run time available and we will have the signup sheets at the December 9 meeting.

On the horizon, we have the Swap Meet and Train Show and the Oregon Logging Conference in February 2024. We will have signup sheets at the January and February meeting. Just mark your calendars for these events.

Peter Wood is coordinating the dealers for the Swap Meet and we have approximately 60 tables sold and paid for. Good job Peter.

Gary Schwieger

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## **STORAGE...STORAGE...STORAGE**

**We are still in need of members (5 to 6) that can store boxes of magazines for club functions give away.**

**We also need someone (1) to store the club tables and table cloths.**

**See Greg Kent at club meeting.**

## **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!”**

## Membership Matters

Hope you all had a great Thanksgiving with your family and friends. We have a lot to be thankful for.

During the November club meeting we added Bill Kughn as a new member. Bill is just getting started in model railroading as he wants to be able to pass the hobby along to his grandchildren. He is interested in "H/O" scale. I know that we will be able to get him started by answering his many questions.

Don Morris from Corvallis sent his application in for membership. Don is very active in the Oregon Electric "O" Model Railroad Club. We have enjoyed working with him at the Benton County Fair this last year.

He has "O", "H/O" and "N" scale trains available to run and he joined our club because of the variety of activities that we offer.

Welcome aboard Bill and Don, we are glad that you are member of the WCMRRC.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and the best of everything good in the New Year.

Gary Schwieger

Membership Chairperson



### Cascade Subdivision

Also known as Pengra Pass, or the Natron cutoff.

44 miles of continuous grade. (More than Donner Pass)

22 tunnels, several snow sheds, and multiple bridges.

Runs from Eugene, OR to Klamath Falls, OR.

(Photo Courtesy Library of Congress)

# Contest of the Month 2023

## December - Single Dome Tank Car

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<b>January</b> - Log Car	<b>July</b> -Short Train not to exceed 5 pieces
<b>February</b> - Wood Products Car or Load with Name	<b>August</b> - Caboose
<b>March</b> -Intermodal Car	<b>September</b> - Vehicle Model RR Any Scale
<b>April</b> - Steam Engine (ANY)	<b>October</b> - Single Dome Tank Car
<b>May</b> - Trackside Business One (1) Structure	<b>November</b> - Maintenance of Way Equipment of Cars
<b>June</b> - Gondola or Open Top Hopper with Load	<b>December</b> - Diesel Locomotive

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



**Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club Says Thank You To:**  
Eugene Toy & Hobby – Alan and Andrew Agerter  
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Thank You For All Of Your Support For Our Club!

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# TEMPLE'S TRAINS & THINGS

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Lee Temple, Owner

eBay user name: temples-trains-and-things

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*November*

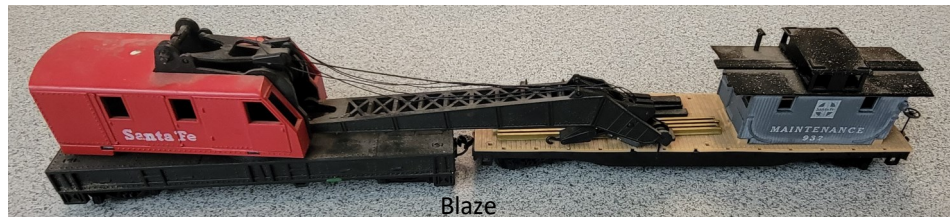
## Model of the Month



Hill-Hoffmen-HO Scale



Allen Sirotek



Blaze

## 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 Design Show Chair: [Mike Larson](#)

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

Secretary: [Joe Rademacher](#)

News Letter Editor: [Gary Decker & Milton Campbell](#)

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](#)

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

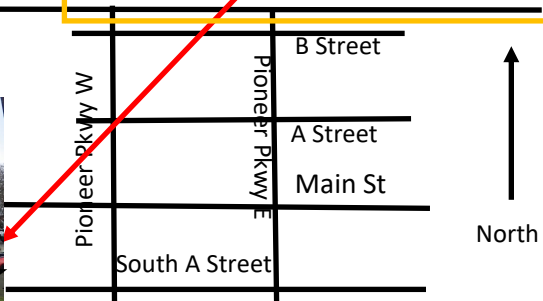
Web Master: [Milton Campbell](#), [Gary Decker](#), [Rod Minarik](#)

Refreshment Chair: [Charlie Lange](#)

Prize Drawings: [Greg Kent](#)

**Springfield Depot Freight Room**

**101 South A Street , Springfield, Oregon**



# Run Schedule-Dec 2023

**December 9th** 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.

**December 9th** WCMRRC Springfield Depot *See Map* Open for Sales at 5:00 pm with the Business Meeting Starting at 7:00pm the  
**Christmas Party**  
See you there!

**January 13th** WCMRRC Meeting

**January 18<sup>th</sup> - January 21<sup>st</sup>** Valley River Center Show

**February 10<sup>th</sup>** WCMRRC Meeting

**February 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>** Swap Meet  
Lane County Events Center

**February 22<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>** Oregon Logging Conference  
Lane County Events Center

**March 9<sup>th</sup>** WCMRRC Meeting  
Club Elections



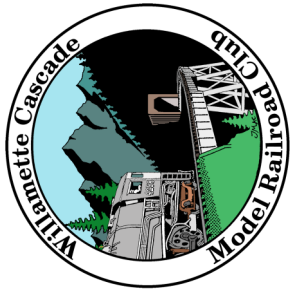
**Notice! NEW Location**

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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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