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Conductors Comments

By Walt Mulford

Looking forward to the Christmas Holiday potluck. For me it's so easy going and pleasant. Good company, good food, good program. Charlie has always put together a great program. And don't forget the gambling. This year we're going to do a mix of program and raffle. We'll show some program then change direction and raffle off some good-ies, then have some more program. It should be fun. Then there's the food and camaraderie. We're gonna have a good time.

I've been invited to present a clinic I kit bashed some wood chip cars from gondola cars. The back story is my home layout has sharp curves on the mainline-20-24" is not unusual. More back story: the railroad started out as narrow gauge and was standard gauged sometime in it's life. Hence the sharp curves and steep grades. So what I found out as a modeler is that locomotives and freight cars longer than 50' just doesn't look right to my eye. Hence the kit bashed woodchip cars.

Back in the late fifties and early sixties the Canadian Pacific RR needed woodchip cars and modified some surplus 50' gondola cars by increasing the height of car sides and ends. BINGO! I found my prototype woodchip car to model. I have 20 of them. Some will be full and others will be empty, depending on which direction they will run.



Here is a picture of the prototype car and the roundhouse gondola car I started with. Looking forward to presenting this clinic.

Walt





Holiday Express at Oregon Rail Heritage Center

Santa is putting away the sleigh and going by rail! The most highly anticipated event of the year is just around the corner—the beloved Holiday Express! This magical experience will whisk you away for a jolly journey aboard a decorated steam train. You're invited to Santa's Enginehouse, where sparkling decorations and scrumptious treats await.

Tickets often sell out, so it's best to buy them early. [Get your tickets now!](#)

When: Every Friday, Saturday & Sunday from Nov. 29 – Jan. 4

Departure Times: 10:00 am – 8:30 pm (times vary per day, [see full schedule](#))

Where: Oregon Rail Heritage Center (2250 SE Water Ave. Portland, OR 97214)

Details: This is a 45-minute round-trip train ride

TICKETS: <https://fareharbor.com/embeds/book/orhf/items/334096/calendar/2024/11/?full-items=yes&flow=no>



OREGON RAIL HERITAGE CENTER

What's New

Gary Schwieger

We have just completed the Drain Show and had over 250 youth from the North Douglas Elementary and Yoncalla Elementary grade schools run the G scale trains. Thanks to Gary Decker, we had badges for most of the students, until we ran out, stating that they drove a train in Drain.

Our member, Jackie Burres, provided and prepared lunches for the membership during set up, run days, and tear down. Thanks Jackie, it was wonderfully good.

Now on the horizon, we have the Valley River Show. This show is normally set for the third weekend in January but the Valley River center want to get through the holiday season before making final arrangements.

Sign up for the VRC show will be at the next meeting and we will have more information at that time. Set up will be on a Wednesday evening with run time on Thursday through Sunday. Tear down starts immediately after the Sunday run time.

Peter Wood and John Krotulski are working hard on the Swap Meet and Train Show that will be held at the Lane Events Center, in February 2025. Some set up will begin at noon on February 13 and a full day set up will begin on February 14, beginning at 7:00 AM. Venders are welcome to start setting up at 10:00 AM on Friday with the show starting on February 15th and 16th.

Sign up sheets will be available at the Christmas and January meetings. We need many people to help with the entrance gate, to help with vender move in and move out. Thanks in advance for your support.

The following week we will participate at the Logging Conference and sign ups will be in January and February meetings so mark your calendars accordingly.

See you all at the Christmas Party meeting.

Gary Schweiger.

Membership Matters

We have added another model railroader to our club. Steven Costa has arrived from California and is experienced in wiring, DC and DCC, and computer interface.

Steven did not run at the Drain Show but was there to help with set up.

Thanks Steven and welcome to the WCMRRC.

Gary Schwieger
Membership Chairperson





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CHRISTMAS MODEL TRAIN SHOW

Yaquina Pacific Railroad Historical Society (YPRHS) Christmas Model Train Show is December 21st and 22nd from 10am to 5pm. Its at the Toledo Portland & Western Depot (160 NW 1st Street, Toledo, OR 97391) and is totally free! Contact for the YPRHS is 541-336-5256 or yprhs@peak.org



Contest of the Month 2024—2025

December— Diesel Locomotive

January— Diesel Locomotive decorated for Northwest Short Line

February— Log Car

March— Gondola or open top hopper with load

April— Maintenance of Way equipment or car

May — RR Structure One (1) Building, Bridge, or Station

June— Short train not to exceed 5 cars

July— Covered Hopper 2 Bay to 4 Bay

August— Wood Products car or Load with name

September— Caboose

October— Steam Engine 6 driver or less

November— Trackside Business One (1) Structure

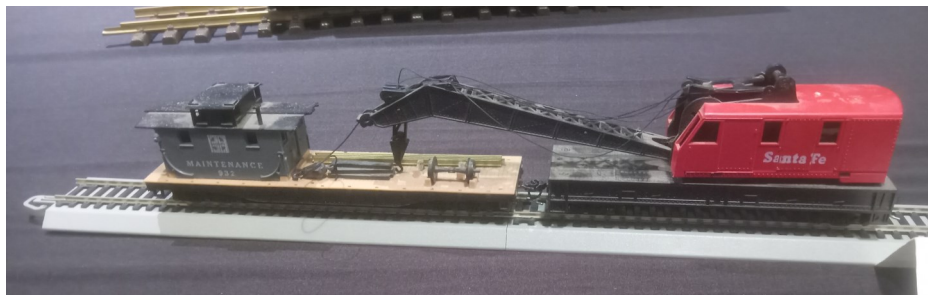
December— Diesel Locomotive

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

November Model Contest



Winner: Dale Knox



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Thank You For All Of Your Support For Our Club!



Engineers Dispatch

To receive notification of club events, the monthly meeting, and the newsletter, as well as being able to ask for, or offer help on model rail-roading projects, we use groups.io as a secure method of reaching everyone. In order for it to work, we have to have your correct email address, and you need to make sure that you are not blocking the site or sending it to your 'junk' folder. Currently there are 9 members whose email is "bouncing" due to an error in their address.

These include: Mark Hadley Leder, Gavin Rice, Steve & Tide Schual, Hayden Northcutt, Tim Timmons, Leonard Soper, Clinton King, Udie Bauer, and Michael Bagasson. If you are on this list please email me at unclemiltie70163@yahoo.com

Thank You!

Submissions are accepted for the
Newsletter by email to
unclemiltie70163@yahoo.com
Deadline is the 28th of the month!



Club Officials

Elected Officers:

President: [Walt Mulford](#)

Vice President: [Milton Campbell](#)

Senior Members at Large:

[Greg Kent](#), [Gary Decker](#), [Gary Schwieger](#)

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

Appointed Positions:

Modular Chair: [Noah Russel](#)

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

Secretary: [Joe Rademacher](#)

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Show Chair: [John Krotulski](#)

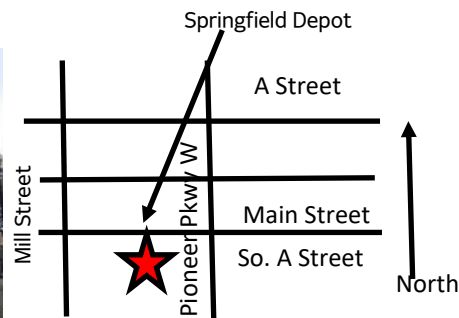
Clinic Chairs: [Noah Russell & Lee Temple](#)

Membership Chair: [Gary Schwieger](#)

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

Refreshment Chair: [Charlie Lange](#)

Prize Drawings: [Greg Kent](#)



Run Schedule-December 2024

December 14th 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 14th WCMRRC Christmas Party **Springfield Depot** *See Map*

January 11th WCMRRC Meeting **Springfield Depot** *See Map*

January 23rd -26th Valley River Center Show **Tentative**

February 8th WCMRRC Meeting **Springfield Depot** *See Map*

February 15th- 16th Swap Meet and Train Show **Lane County Fairgrounds**

Set up starts on the 13th.
Vender set-up starts on the 14th.

February 20th -22nd Oregon International Logging Conference **Lane County Events Center**

March 8th WCMRRC Meeting **Springfield Depot** *See Map*

April 12th WCMRRC Meeting **Springfield Depot** *See Map*

May 10th 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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