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Conductors Comments

By Walt Mulford, President

Well, our Drain show has come and gone. It was success from several stand-points. First off when the children came on Monday it seemed they had a great time. Lots of questions and comments; "Can I run a train ?, how many magazines can I have?" or "this is different than last year a little bit". So the G scale was a hit and many children took full advantage to run a train. It was my first time interacting on Monday with the children and it was enjoyable. The number of people coming to see the layout is much less, especially when the Ducks are playing, home or away. This gives us a chance to work out the bugs for the upcoming shows like wiring, fitter tracks, module compatibility to name some.

For me our Drain show is 1st show of our "run season". Completely arbitrary, of course, as any show can be the "1st". But for me after the county fair shows are done the time between August and November is pretty

We had new members run some of their trains. And some long-time members share some of their new equipment as well. Running on the back track is fun because the operator can run west or east, their choice. One thing about the back track, there was only spur track, thank you Gary. So, module owners, and module committee maybe members can come up with some ideas for industries and the spur tracks that supply them. Propane dealer, team track as examples. They don't have to be large to generate some operations, just something new and different to keep our layout interesting.

A couple of thoughts about operations and "working the bugs out". Remember we are putting on a show. That means we are out in public showing off our layout and how it runs. For running our trains smoothly, coupler height and wheel gauge are essential for good running and showing the public we care about what we are showing them. When you sign up for a run time you automatically take responsibility for your equipment being in running order. It's not good enough you checked the coupler height and wheel gauge some months, or even years ago, put them away and assume they are just fine since it's been done. Check them again. Know what locomotives and cars you are going to run and check them. We are out in public putting on a show. The public doesn't want to see us put our trains back together and/or put them back on the track frequently. What's frequent? One way to tell is if you're frustrated or even embarrassed maybe you should have checked them. Yeah, sometimes it's the track but only sometimes. The track is constantly

checked by our module committee and others, thank you very much, and nothing is perfect for sure. Make sure your equipment can run on the layout.

One other observation during the Drain show. Long trains, I mean loooooong trains were run on the back track. Why? Since the back track bridge was put in use, the rule and expectation has been that short trains are run. During the running of one long train, it was very frequently reconnected and/or cars needed to be put back on the track. This happened while there were folks watching us running our trains. When asked if a shorter train could be run, the response was maybe it should be longer. When we're putting on a show it doesn't matter if it's a sold-out venue or if just one person is watching, please run your trains like you're proud of our layout and your locomotives and cars.

Walt M.



Membership Matters

Welcome Tom Hymes to WCMRRC as our newest member. Tom has lived in Eugene all of his life and I have known him since he was very young.

Tom is interested in HO and N scale model railroading and will be very active in our club.

Welcome Tom, we look forward to running model trains with you.

Many of you have asked for a membership roster and that will be sent out electronically in January. Those member that do not have an email address , I will have some copies at the January meeting.

Happy Holidays, and we will see you at the January Meeting.

Gary Schwieger
Membership Chair



The club is in need of a carpenter. A box needs to be built to store and transport our single track bridge. Just like the box for our double track bridge, the new box needs to have storage space for the bridge, the bridge mounting hardware, and the associated track pieces and weights.

Contact Greg Kent!

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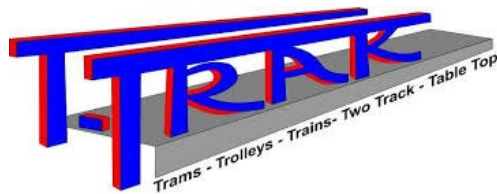
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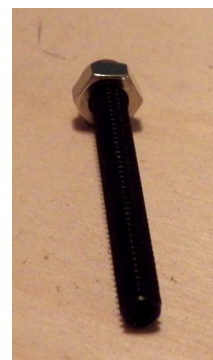
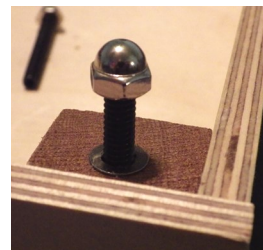


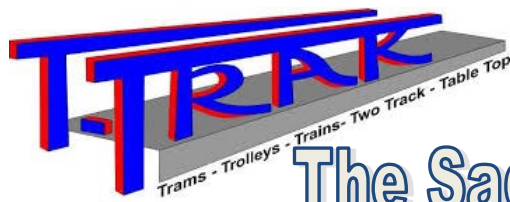
Engineers Dispatch

If you love O-scale, or just want a piece of the club's history, bring your cash to the December meeting. We will be selling off the O-Scale as there is no longer any place to store it or much interest in running it. The remainder will be sold at the swap meet in February.



We have completed the (wood) assembly of all 20 modules. We will be scheduling a drilling party soon. The drilling party will use a drill press and an alignment jig to precisely drill the holes for the feet. The feet are made up of a threaded rod with a hex key slot at the top and an acorn nut on the bottom. These are inserted in a T-nut place at the bottom of the leg,





The Saga Continues:

The recipient of each module will receive two packages of KATO 24-818 Terminal UniJoiner.

These are for connecting the UniTrack to the (eventual) buss line.

Once you have your module, and you have your track, you will need to cut off the KATO plug, and using the included UniTrack tool you will remove the UniJoiners from the two



opposing track pieces and replace them with the wired UniJoiners. From the Front of the module, the wires are to be Blue, White; Blue, White.

Remember, the outside track centerline is 83mm (3.25") from the front edge and the track spacing is 60mm.

The length of a double module is 980 mm. These dimensions allow for the KATO Uni-joiners to overhang the module. KATO track is mandatory at the module interface, but not entirely necessary within the module. You can have turnouts, sidings, etc., but the turnouts must be PECO! Remember if you use alternative track, it needs to be code 83 to match the UniTrack.

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DRAIN TRAIN SHOW



Contest of the Month 2025

December– Diesel Locomotive

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| January– Caboose | September– Boxcar |
| February– Log Car | October– Wood Products car or
load with name |
| March– Maintenance Of Way
equipment or cars | November– Steam Engine over 6
Drivers |
| April– Diesel Locomotive | December– Gondola or open top
hopper with load |
| May– Railroad Station | <i>The winner of the model of the
Month contest receives a a \$5 bill
or a \$10 gift card for Eugene Toy
and Hobby</i> |
| June– Steam Engine with 6 Drivers
or less | |
| July– Logging Equipment, Fire
fighting | |
| August– Short Train, not to exceed
5 pieces | |

November Model of the Month: Trackside business or structure

Winner:
Kyle Gabba

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Thank You For All Of Your Support For Our Club!



At the request of the Valley River Center, our show will be the 4th week of January.

Set up will be the evening of Wednesday, January 28th. We need every available body to help us move in, and set-up. And remember we will also be setting up tables for our HO TTrack layout for the first time.

The show will run Thursday, January 29th through Sunday, February 1st.

The Club O scale cars, locomotives and track is priced up for sale at the upcoming December holiday potluck meeting this coming Saturday Dec. 13th. They are priced to sell, lower than eBay and certainly retail.

No reasonable offer will be refused. Let's have a wonderful potluck and fun being together as a club.

Walt M.



A Volunteer is needed to take over the Newsletter. You should have Microsoft Publisher, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, and a PDF viewer on your computer to complete the task. Please contact Milton Campbell for files and information.

Pre-order your Swap Meet raffle tickets at the December meeting

Swap meet raffle tickets can be picked up at the January meeting, or at the door of the swap meet.

Club Officials

Elected Officers:

President: [Walt Mulford](#)

Vice President: [Milton Campbell](#)

Senior Members at Large:

[Greg Kent](#), [Gary Decker](#), [Udie Bauer](#)

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Appointed Positions:

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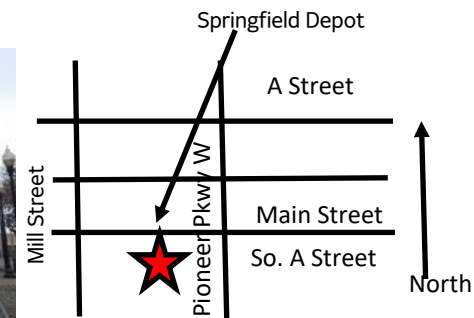
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Membership Chair: [Gary Schwieger](#)

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Prize Drawings: [Greg Kent](#)



Run Schedule-December 2025

December 13th 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 13th WCMRRC Christmas Party **Springfield Depot**

January 10th WCMRRC Meeting **Springfield Depot**

Jan 29th—Feb 1st 2026 Valley River Show **Valley River Center**

February 14th– 15th WCMRRC 37th Annual Swap Meet **Lane Events Center**

February 17th-21st 2026 Oregon Logging Conference **Lane Events Center**

March 10th WCMRRC Meeting **Springfield Depot**

April WCMRRC Meeting **Springfield Depot**

May 10th WCMRRC Meeting **Springfield Depot**

June 10th WCMRRC Meeting **Springfield Depot**



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