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Conductors Comments

By Walt Mulford, President

Well here we are in February with the swap meet coming up, Feb. 15-16 and the Logging Conference a week after. Of course there's work involved to get ready for these events. Pitch where you can sign up to set up, tear down and run trains. For me the work is pleasantly offset by getting together with some fellow model railroaders to accomplish our goals. This is a great group to be a part of.

I'm growing confident in my own modeling efforts and that's because I've been encouraged by the examples of our model creators in the club. For instance, Dale Knox, our G scale guru said simply "hey, nice train" during one of my run times at VRC. Here's a guy that has created some real nice scenes and modules with his skills, that a lot of you have seen, giving lil' ol' me a compliment. My train was certainly, in my opinion, less eye catching than a lot of trains being displayed during the VRC show. For sure my offering was simple by comparison of a lot of other trains running during the show, but none the less a step up from what I had been running. I finally realized that this group of club members are pretty fun to be with and the modeling, no matter my skill level, would be appreciated. I'm my own worst enemy sometimes being too hard on myself and not being able to meet standards. But being a part of a club, this club in particular, has really boosted my confidence in what little modeling skills that I have. There's a chance I might improve some more with time.

Walt M.

What's New

"The next event is the Swap Meet and Train Show at the Lane Events Center beginning on February 13th from 12:00 PM to 5:00PM. We are allowed to hang electrical drops and signs only. On February 14th, we will be allowed to put in the information, raffle and ticket sales area along with the use of our club tables for vendor sales. We will start at 8:00 AM with vendors being able to set up at 10:00 AM.

We need a bunch of people to help with setting up on February 14th and help vendors move in. Sometimes there are opportunities for club volunteers to browse or purchase merchandise in advance.

We need members to sell admission tickets on 'February 15th and 16th' specifically in the afternoon. The show on the 15th will start at 9:00 AM with early birds being admitted from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM and closes at 3:00 PM. The show on the 16th will start at 10AM and closes at 3PM.

We also need members to help with security at the front door for both days of the show. Security will primarily direct the flow of traffic answering questions and checking stamps for re-entry. Just an hour of time will be a huge help and there are experienced members available to provide guidance.

When the show finishes on February 16th at 3PM we will need club members to help vendors move out immediately at closing.

Sign-ups will be available at the February meeting.

Club members get free admission to the show and we strongly encourage you to attend. Please wear your club apparel such as a shirt or a hat. If you feel comfortable wearing a name tag, then please wear your name tag as this makes you more approachable. Vendors like to see club members throughout the show.

We are close to selling out for vendor registration but still have tables left. If you are interested in vending please contact our vendor coordinator Peter Wood at wcmrrc.vendors@outlook.com

Please tune in to KEZI/ABC channel 9.1 over the air to catch our television advertisement that is running now and through the show. The advertisement is available on the public facebook page www.facebook.com/wcmrrc .

We are listed in the January newsletter for the Oregon Rail Heritage Center and I want to thank their organization for their support. They have a fantastic museum and offer Saturday Train rides March through October. www.orhf.org

Thank you to all of the vendors as you are the swap meet. Thank you to the Lane County Events Center Staff. Thank you to all of the club volunteers. An extra special thank you to Peter Woods, Gary Schwieger, Greg Kent, Gary Decker, Milton Campbell and Walt Mulford. Thank you to our sponsors Eugene Toy and Hobby, Temples Trains and Things and DBK Hobby.

We are going to have a great show and we look forward to seeing you there!



March 2025 Club Module Clinic and Beyond

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

Seeing as this is my first article for the club newsletter, I might as well start out with a fun one! 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.

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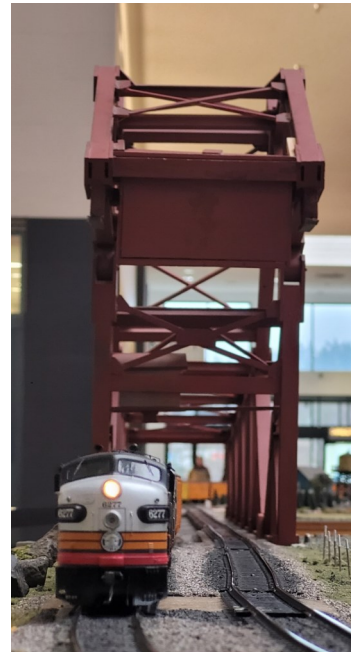
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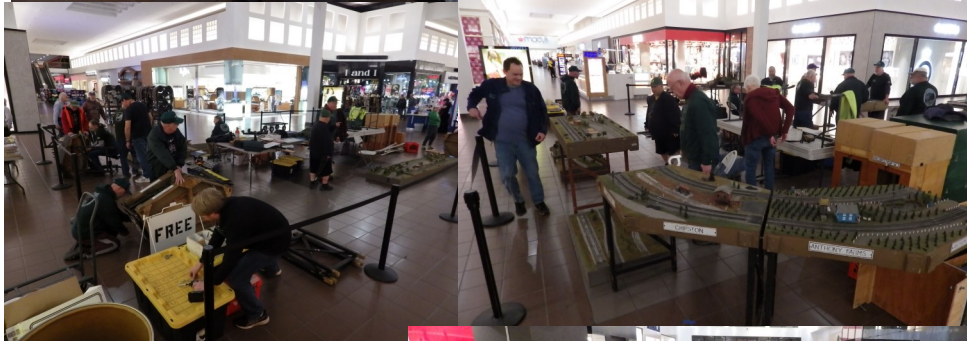
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Contest of the Month 2025

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

JANUARY MODEL OF THE MONTH:

Diesel Locomotive decorated for Northwest Short Line

No Winner

Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club Says Thank You To:

Eugene Toy & Hobby – Alan and Andrew Agerter
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Swap Meet Raffle Ticket Advanced Sales.

We will be taking orders on 2025 Swap Meet Raffle tickets at the meeting. You do not have to pay until the Friday before swap meet. (February 14th) I will record your ticket numbers and call you if you win.

-Greg

Module Construction

Frame	1X6 ends. Sides should also be minimum 1x6
Top	Plywood
Legs	2X2 braced. May be attached to frame to fold out.
Primer	This seals the wood.
Wire buss	12 AWG in six colors: Red, Black, Yellow, White, Green, Blue
Lay mainline roadbed	cork
Lay back track and sidings roadbed	cork
Lay mainline track	Code 100
Connect feeders from bus to mainline	18 or 20 AWG solid copper
Lay back track	
Connect feeders from bus to back track	18 or 20 AWG solid copper
Apply scenery, and details.	
Buss connectors at each end. Buss line should have a terminal block strip at each end.	
Pass inspection.	

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 Russell](#)

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

Secretary: [Joe Rademacher](#)

Treasurer: [Gary Decker](#)

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Show Chair: [John Krotulski](#)

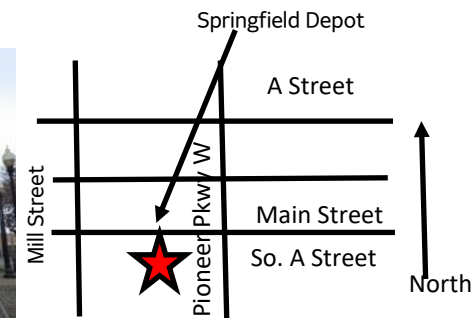
Clinic Chairs: [Noah Russell](#) & [Lee Temple](#)

Membership Chair: [Gary Schwieger](#)

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

Refreshment Chair: [Walt Mulford](#)

Prize Drawings: [Greg Kent](#)



Run Schedule-January 2025

February 8th 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.

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*

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 Fairgrounds**

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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