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Conductors Comments

By Lee Temple, President

A Club Member and Friend Passes Away

Having been the hobby of model railroading now for over 50 years, you meet many unique and beautiful people from a variety of backgrounds.

The person I am thinking of is Rick Kang. Rick first moved to Eugene in the mid-1970's as he transferred his job as a train dispatcher in Southern California and he landed in Eugene at the Yard near the Northwest Expressway. I know as when Diane and I started looking for a home, we found one off Maxwell Road near the Eugene Yard.

The following letter is from Betty, Rick's wife of 42 years. Diane and I have known Betty for many years but not as long as Rick because when he first moved here, he was a bachelor.

I am sure you all know Rick passed away on the morning of October 2nd. Parkinson's disease is a terrible illness and although he faced his last months of life with courage and grace, I would have spared him (and me) the experience.

I have received many cards of condolences and kind words from his many friends who told me how much they valued his friendship and expertise in many areas. To those of us who knew and loved him, he was indeed, as one of his friends wrote "a good friend and gentleman." He was that and much more.

He came from a very nice family. He was kind, honest, and dependable. He was something of a wonderkid too as he was admitted to every university he applied to and started at Stanford at age 15. At one point, after he left Southern Pacific NASA wanted to hire him as a roving teacher and local Christian University in Eugene wanted to hire him to teach Astrophysics for them. He left Stanford without a degree. I assured hie he could easily make up the last few credits he needed at the U of O to finish his degree, but Rick could be stubborn too and replied he didn't want to "take classes" he could have taught."

Sometime after I met Rick, I told my mother that I was seeing someone

who was both cute and really smart, especially in math and science. As she remembered me quite well at 15 her response, half jokily was well what does he want with you? A good question perhaps.

I suppose we were something of an odd couple, different backgrounds, education level and for the most part different interests as well-but like Inspector Pamplemousses and his trusty sidekick Pomfrets- characters in one of the mystery books Rick would read to me at night when I couldn't sleep-we were well matched in our own way. In over 40 years we shared our lives together, I always knew I was safe and loved. He was my partner, my lover, my best friend, and my rock.

October has always been my favorite month. I love the blue skies, wood smoke, gorgeous leaves, pumpkins and all the little kids dressed like pea-pods or pirates that came to our door on Halloween. I remember Rick's costume which he made himself from old and new white bedsheets (and had inexplicably managed to sew the presser foot onto the fabric itself. The costume had one long skinny arm that Rick held high over his head as he waited for the little ones to arrive at our door. They of course thought he was a ghost Only he and I knew, that in reality, he was The Great Wonton, Spirit of Halloween in our home. The other day as I was cleaning out Rick's clothes, I found the crumpled Wonton on the floor of the closet. It made me laugh and cry.

The 10th of this month would have been our 41st anniversary. I spend that day on the phone with a funeral director arranging my husband's cremation. How shall I greet all the new October's to come? My hope is that I can muster some courage and good spirit that Rich demonstrated throughout his long and well lived life.



PRE PURCHASE OF SWAP MEET RAFFLE TICKETS

By Greg Kent

Pre purchase of swap meet raffle tickets @ 5 for \$1.00 is available in advance of the swap meet in an effort to cut down on work load. There will be 10 drawings with 7 prize each. Unlike prior swap meets you do not have to be present to receive your prize. However, tickets are assigned to each prize as they are drawn from the ticket tub. Upon purchase of tickets your block of numbers will be noted with name and phone number. To order see Greg Kent at Jan club meeting or call

541-554-6812. Pick up tickets at February's club meet or at door before 10:00 am Sat Feb 18.

Off the Bench

By Mike Larson

This month will be a closer look at some of the work on the cannery.



Photos by Mike Larson



I put lights inside 3 buildings. The camera makes them appear brighter than they really are. You can see the people inside which brings it to the next level.



Recreating the Klamath

By Gil Hulin

This program deals with Gil Hulin's current project of modelling Southern Pacific trains 19 and 20 that last served the Shasta Route in March of 1965. Since 1950 the daytime Shasta Daylight and overnight Cascade streamliners had been the mainstays on the San Francisco/Oakland to Portland run. In their shadow was the heavyweight Klamath, with eight to ten mail and express cars and a single "rider coach", after sleeper and food service cars were eliminated in 1956.

Southbound Klamath No. 19 departed Portland in the late evening and stopped in Eugene between 1:00 and 2:00 a.m. Northbound No. 20 was the one passenger train that Gil could ride his bicycle to the station to visit year-around. In the late 1950's it would stay in Eugene 25 to 40 minutes sometime after 3:00 p.m. The Post Office would actually back up a truck to a mail car door and load bagged mail directly onto the train. Meanwhile another mail storage car that had been loaded overnight would be added to the front of the train by the station switcher while the road engines waited near the Lawrence Street crossing behind Eugene Planning Mill.

During the Klamath's final years the train was scheduled to stay in Eugene two full hours from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. while the road engines would head to Eugene Yard for servicing so that they could quickly make the turn from train 20 to 19 in Portland.

BOOK REVIEW: MODELLING EUROPEAN RAILWAYS

By Gil Hulin

Although I have no interest in modelling European railways and have not been to Europe in more than 35 years, I have found this 224-page, full color paperback a delightful and informative read. Published in 2016 in England by The Crowood Press and written by Brit Peter Marriott, the author emphasizes that Great Britain is not part of Europe and no British Isles railways are considered in the text.

Although chapters on locomotives and rolling stock, catenary systems and track options may be interesting but not of much value to North

American readers, the remainder of the 15-chapter book does include much useful data, including a 28-page chapter on timber operations. The price new in the US is printed on the rear cover as \$34.95, but I bought my copy preowned through eBay for about half of that .

Some Logging Inspiration



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Contest of the Month 2023

January - Flat Car with Load

February - Anything Logging (1)
Piece

March - Gondola or Open Top
Hopper with Load

April - Vehicle or Equipment Mod-
el RR

May - Diesel Locomotive

June - Trackside Structure or
Bridge (12"X12" Diorama's OK)

July - Steam Engine 6 Drivers or
Less

August - Wood Products Car or
Load With Name

September - Caboose

October - Short Train not to Exceed
(5) Pieces

November - Maintenance of Way
Equipment or Cars

December - Single Dome Tank Car

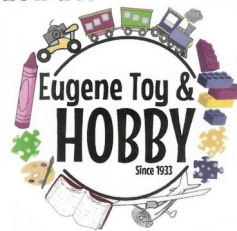
The winner of the contest of the

ELECTED AND APPOINTED POSITIONS

President	Clinic Chair	Swap Meet Chair
Vice President	Membership Chair	Show Chair
Senior Board (3)	Refreshment Chair	Valley River
Junior Board	Secretary	Logging Show
Treasurer	Web Master	Cottage Grove
Modular Chair	Gandy Dancer	Fairs
Newsletter Editor	Sargent at Arms	Drain

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eBay user name: temples-trains-and-things

(541) 954-4917

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PO BOX 41267 Eugene, OR 97404



Contest of the Month Entries

No Contest for December



Photo by Kyle Gabba

COMMITTEES THAT COULD USE YOUR HELP

Swap Meet

Clinics

Finance

Communications

Shows

Web Master

Gandy Dancer

Modular

Submissions are accepted for the Newsletter by email to garyandbeckyd@gmail.com Dead line is the end of the previous month!

Club Officials

Elected Officers:

President: Lee Temple

Vice President: Gary Decker

Senior Members at Large:

Greg Kent, Jim Saville, Gary Schwieger

Junior Member at Large: Kyle Gabba

Appointed Positions:

Modular Chair: Jim Saville

Modular Committee: Gary Schwieger, Mike Larson, Greg Kent, Noah Russell, Walt Mulford.

Secretary: Joe Rademacher

News Letter Editors: Gary Decker & Lee Temple

Communication Committee: Milton Campbell, Gill Hulin, Thomas Olson, Hayden Northcutt, Sean Suess

Show Chair: Lee Temple

Clinic Chairs: Lee Temple & Noah Russell

Membership Chair: Gary Schwieger

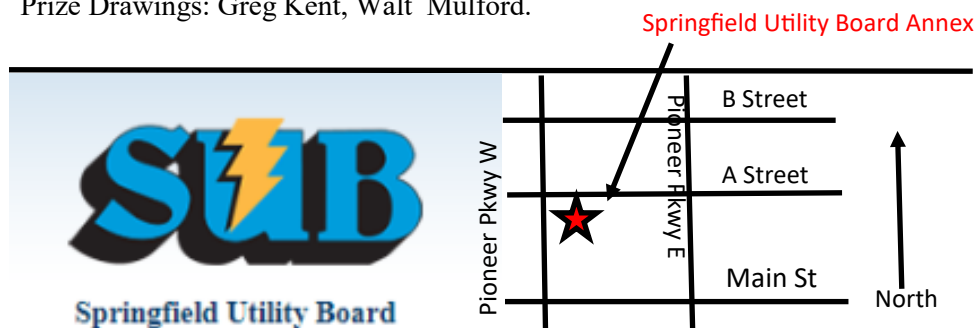
Treasurer: Lee Temple

Sargent-at-Arms: Martin Tighe

Web Master: Milton Campbell (we need at least 3 members to share this duty)!

Refreshment Chair: Charlie Lange

Prize Drawings: Greg Kent, Walt Mulford.



Run Schedule-January 2023

January 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.

January 14th WCMRRC Springfield Utility Board Annex
See Map Open for Sales at 5:00 pm with the Business Meeting and Belated Christmas Party! Starting at 7:00pm. We will be taking Nominations for Club Officers, as well as those who would like to serve on committees or serve in an appointed roll! See you there!

January 18th -22nd Valley River Center Show *Be Shure to sign up at the January Meeting for run times as well as set up and tear down!*

February 17th - 19th, 2023 WCMRRC Swap Meet
Start now to be ready for a
GREAT SWAP MEET!

February 24th - 26th, 2023 Oregon Logging Conference

Membership Matters

I just want to thank the members that have continued to support our club.

Dues are \$30.00 annually.

Plus a one time Audio/Video surcharge of \$15.00.

Gary Schwieger

Membership Chairperson

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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