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Conductors Comments

By Walt Mulford, President

Well Greg Kent and I met with the VRC folks about our wonderful annual train show. We will be center court and Thomas and Friends, and the O/S scale 5x9 layouts will be close so those of us splitting our time between the main HO layout and the "5x9s" will be convenient for us to help run. So exciting. I'm getting my trains ready to go with locomotive tune-up which includes coupler height checks. Going through my cars also involves coupler checks for height and checking for car weight. Just a reminder the NMRA set some recommended car weights for each length of car. The weight standards can be found online. Personally I use these weights as a minimum starting weight. I have found adding a little more weight helps my equipment track better over our module setups. The more "uptime" and the less downtime we have will insure a successful show. We will have a pretty good variety in module contribution thanks Alan Sirotek, Gary Schwieger, Mike Larson and Roger Fegels. Remember it's more fun to run trains than to work on in the last minute at a train show. Plus that's what people want see- trains running. So please be mindful that our main purpose for having the train show is to show our running trains over the great modules that will be setup.

Nuff said

ADVANCED SALES ON SWAP MEET 2024 RAFFLE TICKETS

Once again we will be taking orders in advance at the Jan and Feb club meeting for Swap Meet Raffle Tickets. You do not need to be present to win. All tickets must be paid for and picked up by 9:00 am Feb 17th. Over 90% of last years 70

Prizes were won by WCMRRC Members. See Greg Kent at raffle table or call

541-554-6812.

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 Caboose that Never Was

Yreka Western #89



By Bruce Duncan

You may have seen this HO caboose at a WCMRRC Show and Swap Meet table over the years? I know I have. We'll here is the story behind this caboose. The Yreka Western Railroad never had such an elaborate caboose as #89 for its 7.5 miles of track operating between Yreka and Montague, California. But, the guest who rode "The Blue Goose" excursion train didn't mind. Larry Bacon, the general manager of the YW in the 90's, asked if I (Golden West Hobbies) wanted to sell trains in the gift shop. So, I came up with this caboose to compliment the other freight cars and locomotives that I would sell. The HO caboose was one of the best selling items in the gift shop for years.

In 1997 Athearn painted 500 of these Blue Box #1249 kits for Golden West Hobbies (me). It was my first of many commission jobs with model train manufactures for my business. The caboose number is in honor of the establishment of the Yreka Western in 1889. This paint scheme is based on the Railroad's popular box car scheme of the 1980's. This caboose was marketed at the Yreka Western Gift Shop, Dunsmuir Hardware and the Internet. They are now long sold out. You can find them listed on page 34 of the *Standard Guide to Athearn Model Trains* by Tim Blaisdell and Ed Urmston Sr.



Photo - My Yreka Western #89 caboose with lights - 19 Dec 2023



Photo - Yreka Western #89 caboose built for sale - 9 Apr 2006

My own unit I ended up painting the floor Scalecoat ATSF Blue. Painting the ladders, steps and handrails Floquil Reefer White was next followed by painting Scalecoat Engine Black for the roof walk. I chose to add Microscale ACI boards #MC-4280 and Lube plates MC#5003 using Walthers Solvaset. Then I sealed it with Testors #1260 Dullcote spray. I then added Northwest Short Line nickel silver wheel sets and a led lighting kit. Finally I added window glaze with Testors window glue. For a caboose that never was I think it makes a nice addition to my Yreka Western fleet.



Photo - Yreka Western box car that the #89 caboose paint scheme is based on - 1978

Did You Know?

Greenhill Reload is an Oregon based, family-owned company, manufacturing and distributing premium wood utility poles and high quality basalt aggregate.



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Greenhill has two rail served yards on the Coos Bay Rail Line, one in west Eugene and another in North Bend on the Oregon Coast. We receive truckloads of logs, chips and aggregates and store and trans-



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addition to the cost saving efficiencies of rail transport, the reduction in carbon emissions and wear and tear on the highways is significant, with over 11,000 trucks annually being "taken off" the road on our coastal rail shipments alone.

Currently, Greenhill is adding rail service to its other yard at 100 Premier St in West Eugene, offering direct access to the Union Pacific Class 1 rail line, which will enable Greenhill to offer additional transload services to our customers anywhere in the US.

What's New

Well 2024 starts a great year of model train run events starting with the Valley River Show. Set up starts at 6:00 pm on January 17th. We will be running January 18th through January 21st, with teardown immediately following the run times on Sunday,

Few run times are available and thank you for all that have signed up to set up, and tear down.

In February we have the annual Swap Meet and Train Show at the Lane Events Center. Set up will begin at noon on Thursday, February 15th. We will need people to help with setting up club tables, placing name tags on tables, setting up the electrical drops to vendors, place signs on the wall and other tasks that may come up.

We will have sign up sheets for Thursday, February 15th, vendors move in on Friday, February 16th, and people to sell tickets and help with the raffle prize drawings on February 17th and February 18th, Saturday and Sunday.

At 3:00pm on Sunday, the show closes and we will help the vendors move out.

The following week the Oregon Logging Conference begins. We will have set up times, and run times and tear down time sheets for you to sign up for.

Lots of opportunities for each of us to get involved and learn more about our model railroading hobby.

Gary Schwieger

T-SHIRTS & HATS

We have a good selection of T-Shirts and Hats. Contact Greg Kent 541-554-6812, gregkent@comcast.net. Before club meeting and I will bring them.

“Have cash? Will sell!”

Membership Matters

Happy New Year everyone. I hope that 2024 will bring love, joy and peace from now and going forward.

At our December 2023 and first meeting at Springfield Depot we added four new members, both father and son teams.

Phillip and Seth Anderson joined. They are interested in HO and N scale. Phillip is a computer programmer and Seth is the family engineer.

Dave and Arlo Pete is the next family team to join. Dave is a carpenter and has a general enthusiasm for model trains. Ask Arlo about the O scale layout around his room and his plans for expansion.

Please welcome our new members and answer any questions they may have.

Gary Schwieger

Membership Chairperson

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.



Contest of the Month 2023

January - Log Car

February - Wood Products Car or
Load with Name

pieces

August - Caboose

March - Intermodal Car

September - Vehicle Model RR
Any Scale

April - Steam Engine (ANY)

May - Trackside Business One (1)
Structure

October - Single Dome Tank Car

June - Gondola or Open Top Hop-
per with Load

November - Maintenance of Way
Equipment of Cars

July - Short Train not to exceed 5

December - Diesel Locomotive

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



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December's Model of the Month



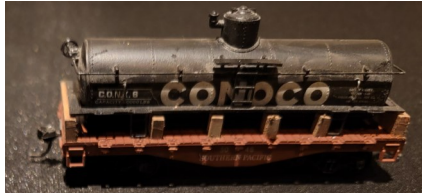
Winner :

Keller Krotuiski

L-R T-B :John Kretuski

Gil Hulin- Greg Kent

Milton Campbell-



David Wolfe

Milton Campbell

Blaze Lynn Arbsland

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: [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](#)

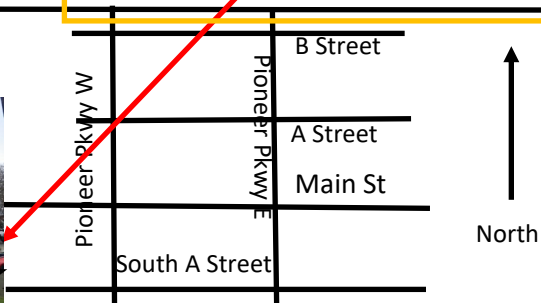
Web Master: [Milton Campbell](#), [Gary Decker](#), [Rod Minarik](#)

Refreshment Chair: [Charlie Lange](#)

Prize Drawings: [Greg Kent](#)

Springfield Depot Freight Room

101 South A Street , Springfield, Oregon



Run Schedule-Jan 2024

January 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.

January 13th WCMRRC Springfield Depot See Map Open for Sales at 5:00 pm with the Business Meeting Starting at 7:00pm the
See you there!

January 18th - January 21st Valley River Center Show

February 10th WCMRRC Meeting

February 17th-18th Swap Meet
Lane County Events Center

Southern Pacific AC-12 cab-forward SP 4293 on the point of Train 1-916.

February 22th-24th Oregon
Logging Conference
Lane County Events Center

March 9th WCMRRC Meeting
Club Elections

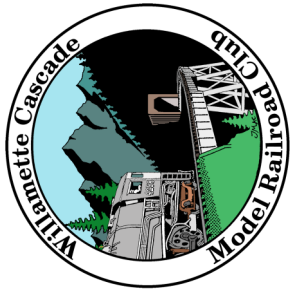


Notice! NEW Location

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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