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Conductors Comments

By Walt Mulford, President

Well, the winter holiday season is half done. New year's shenanigans are next. But, for us, the fun continues with the Valley River Center show. I'm looking forward to it because the Amtrak passenger cars and locos that are gonna run are coming together. The locos now have LED headlights. This is my first attempt at installing these little lights in anything. We have some very good modelers in our club so this sort of thing is second nature to these craftsmen but even they had to start somewhere. And it's fun learning a new (to me) modeling technique. There are some "freight locos" that will also get this treatment. Hopefully before the VRC show. There's plenty of time for me, but the passenger cars are still in transition. I'm putting lights in them and they are going to be powered by a battery. A single AAA. The battery will be connected to some strip lights, the kind that are installed under kitchen cabinets to light up counter tops. The lights have an adhesive strip on them so they will be attached to the ceiling. The battery container is glued to the floor with the floor. The windows of the cars will be tinted so none of the wiring will show. I'll bring to the club meet in January.

So, we all gotta start somewhere with our modeling and, as mentioned before, there are some very skilled modelers in our club and I'm pretty darn sure any of us that need a push and encouragement will get it from our fellow club members.

Just a reminder to sign up for setup and tear down and, best of all, run times.

Walt

Membership Matters

We have a new junior member, and his name is Tyler Velope. He attended our last meeting and wanted to join immediately. Tyler is an avid HO model railroader. Aunt Kate brings him to the meetings so say hello and welcome them both to the WCMRRC.

I do expect another addition to the membership, and he should attend our January meeting.

Hope you had a great Christmas, and we wish you all the very best in the New Year.

Gary Schwieger
Membership Chair

What's New

As we start the new year at WCMRRC, we have three events in the first two months.

Our first show will be the Valley River Show with set up on January 15, 2025, at 6:00 PM. Our run times are almost full for January 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th. Tear down will be immediately following our run time on January 19, 2025. If you have not signed up, the sheets will be available at our January meeting.

We will have Dale Knox set up his personal G scale layout. He will need some help from our membership with set up, maybe some run time and tear down. I am excited to see what Dale has put together for our largest show.

The next event is the Swap Meet and Train Show at the Lane Events Center beginning on February 13th from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM. 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. We need members to sell admission tickets on February 15th and February 16th. The show will start at 9:00 AM with early birds being admitted from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM when regular admission begins. On February 16, 2025, admission starts at 10:00 AM and closes at 3:00 PM. We also need members to help with security at the front door for those that come and go for both days of the show. We will need club members to help vendors move out immediately after the show closes. Sign-ups will be at the January and February meetings.

The next show is the Oregon Logging Conference, beginning with set up on February 18th and 19th. We will have an HO and G scale layouts. The show starts on February 20 and runs through February 22, 2025. Only half a day on February 22, 2025.

Sign-up sheets will be at the January and February meeting.

Thanks again for your support and Happy New Year,

Gary Schwieger



Jim Saville 'planting' trees.



2024 in Review



Enjoying our new meeting place.







Contest of the Month 2025

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***

DECEMBER MODEL OF THE MONTH WINNER:

Mike Larson's Burlington Northern

Sorry, No Photograph Available.

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Swap Meet Raffle Ticket Advanced Sales.

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

Here is an update for the WCMRRC Swap Meet for 2025 from John Krotulski:

I'm making one final push at vendor registration.

- Facebook post encouraging vendor registration
- Email sent to club members encouraging vendor registration
- Gary S has been calling 2024 attendees with 3+ tables who have not signed up yet
- Flyers have been post office mailed to any 2024 attendees who have not signed up for 2025
- Confirmations have been emailed to all vendors who signed up for 2025
- E-mail reminders have been sent to all previous vendors or inquiries who have not signed up letting them know that after 1/15 the tables increase to 35.
- Personalized e-mails have been sent to non-profit organizations of NMRA, and ORHF offering one comp table. We are going to be listed in the January ORHF newsletter.

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Elected Officers:

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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](#).

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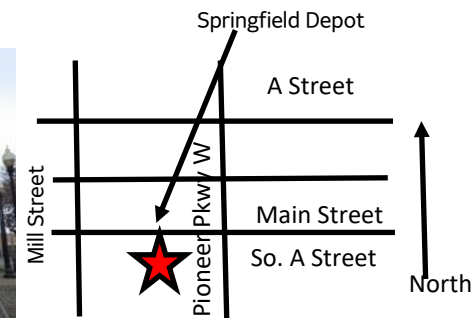
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Run Schedule-January 2025

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

January 16th-19th Valley River Center Show

Set-up begins Wednesday the 15th at 6:00 PM. Teardown Sunday evening

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**

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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