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Model Railroad Club**

"Pride of the Tunnel Country"

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Conductors Comments

By Walt Mulford, President

Well, here we are in January which leads us to the Valley River Show. This year it is the last week in January starting with setup on the 27th, Wednesday at 6:pm thru Sunday tear down starting at 7:pm. It's coming up faster than you think. Please get going choosing what you want to run and checking wheel gauge, coupler heights and general overall condition of your equipment. Remember we are out in public putting on a show so let's be proud of how the trains look and operate.

Remember your longest trains will be as long as the number of locomotives and cars can fit on two yard tracks WITHOUT fouling the switches on either end of the yard tracks. It is a common courtesy as other trains are parked on the yard tracks as well as trains arriving or departing the yard. Long trains using two tracks doesn't automatically mean the tracks are adjacent to each other. Please be mindful of others club members' trains.

The back track is fun to operate but please remember with its sharper radius curves it speed restricted to less than 50 MPH. Maximum train length is a complete train (locos and cars) that will fit on track 6 between the switches.

The swap meet is also coming up soon. It will be on the weekend of February 14-15. This is the same weekend we would have our regular club meeting, so the swap meet will take the place of our club meeting.

Another January event is nominations for board, vice president and president positions. As this is coming out after the January club meeting, some nominations have been have been offered. Typically, there would be another round of nominations and voting in February but with no meeting, that will be postponed until March.

With mention of the swap meet we are now into February and the next event- The Annual Logging Conference Feb. 19-21 (Thursday-Saturday). So, as you can see we are busy, busy, busy. The very upside is we get to run trains, touch and buy trains, and be around train people. A pretty good trade off.

Walt M.

Engineers Dispatch

Module work is under way. In over 50 years of model railroading, this is actually my first time creating scenery. So I am building a tall hillside. All my foam is cut, stacked and glued. The next step is plaster cloth to shape it. I am waiting on some rock molds to come next week along with certain detail parts.

Anderson Power Pole connectors have arrived, and additional Uni-track wired connectors. Also Euroblock barrier strips. All coming from different vendors.

For those of us trying to use flex track, what works for N scale doesn't work directly for HO scale. A second Uni-joiner at the connection point is required, (one on each side) and a small flat blade screwdriver needs to be inserted in the connector opening where the flex track or Peco turnout is going to be connected, and carefully flexed back and forth to open the contacts. The non KATO track will then fit into the connector.

I admit, I have learned a lot in the last few months. And there is still more to learn.

Milton

Finally, I am finished working. And I have been paid off. Severance package begins February 6th.

I used some of my pay-off money to get more scenery supplies at Eugene Toy & Hobby, and I picked up the DCC version of the Operation Lifesaver 50th Anniversary locomotive.

I will be checking in with all of our module builders, checking track wiring, and installing the lead that connects to the Buss line in the next week. See you at Valley River Center!

Milton



Membership Matters

Hope you all had a Merry Christmas and lets make 2026 the best year ever.

No news members, and as of December 31, 2025 70 members on our rolls.

Speaking of membership, will send you current membership roster as of December 31, 2025 to those of you who have email address. You will receive your roster electronically.

Those of you that do not have an email address, I will have copies for you at the next meeting

Remember we will have sign up sheets for the VRC Show, Swap Meet, and the Oregon Logging Conference. Please sign up as we have some run times available and remember that in order to run you must sign for set up and/or tear downs.

See you on January 10, 2026 at the Springfield Depot.

Gary Schwieger
Membership Chair



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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!



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.

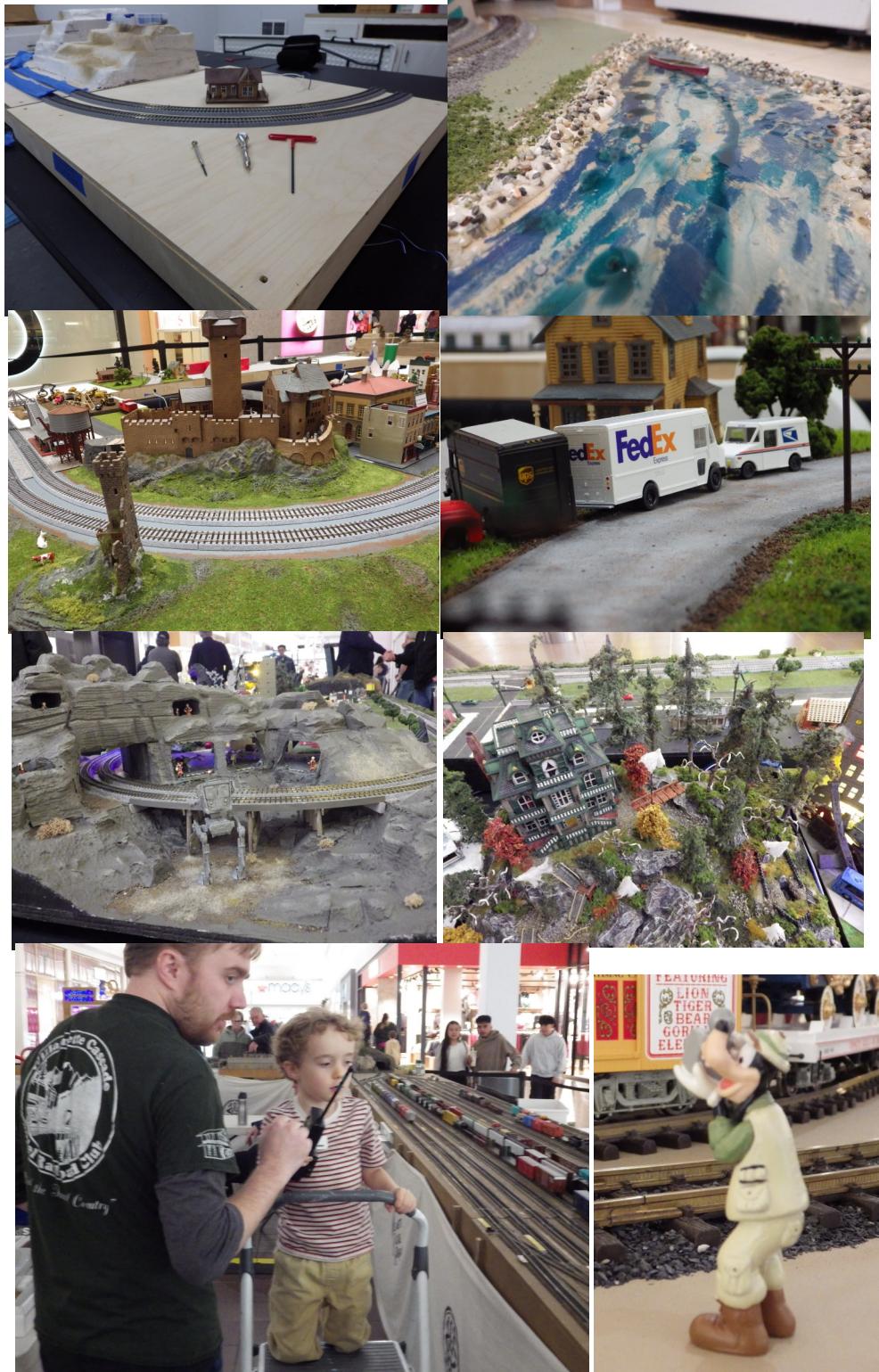
Please contact Milton Campbell for files and information.

SWAP MEET RAFFLE TICKETS

We will be selling Swap Meet Raffle Tickets at the Jan meeting. You do not need to be present to win. Please have correct cash on hand. See

Greg Kent for additional details.





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Contest of the Month

2026

March– Maintenance Of Way equipment or cars; or log car

April– Diesel Locomotive

May– Railroad Station

June– Steam Engine with 6 Drivers or less

July– Logging Equipment, Fire fighting

August– Short Train, not to exceed 5 pieces

September– Boxcar

October– Wood Products car or load with name

November– Steam Engine over 6 Drivers

December– Gondola or open top hopper with load

The winner of the model of the Month contest receives a a \$5 bill or a \$10 gift card for Eugene Toy and Hobby

December Model of the Month:

Diesel Locomotive

Winner:

Gary Schwieger



January Model of the Month:

Caboose

Winner:

Kyle

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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.



Swap meet raffle tickets can be ordered and 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](#)

Junior Member at Large: [Keller Krotulski](#)

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](#)

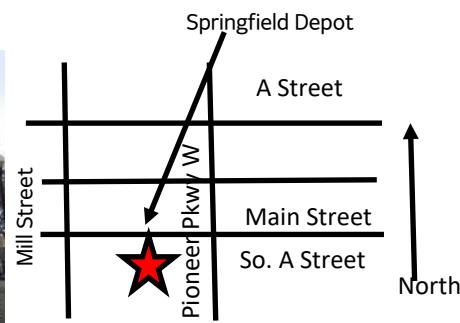
Clinic Chairs: [Ken Warner](#) & [Noah Russell](#)

Membership Chair: [Gary Schwieger](#)

Sergeant-at- Arms: [Hayden Northcutt](#)

Refreshment Chair: [Walt Mulford](#)

Prize Drawings: [Greg Kent](#)



Run Schedule-January 2026

March 10th 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 14th– 15th WCMRRC 37th Annual Swap Meet [Lane Events Center](#)

February 17th-21st 2026 Oregon Logging Conference [Lane Events Center](#)

March 10th WCMRRC Meeting Elections [Springfield Depot](#)

April 11th WCMRRC Meeting [Springfield Depot](#)

May 9th WCMRRC Meeting [Springfield Depot](#)

June 13th WCMRRC Meeting [Springfield Depot](#)

July 11th WCMRRC Meeting [Springfield Depot](#)

August 8th WCMRRC Meeting [Springfield Depot](#)



**Springfield
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Thank you to the Springfield Chamber of Commerce for the use of the Springfield Depot for our meetings.



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