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Tehachapi Loop

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Conductors Comments

By Walt Mulford, President

Busy summer in railroad land. Not only do we have two County fair shows, but possible places are being considered where we can meet and work on/store club modules and rolling stock that would be new to us. Right now our trailer full of train goodies is at Greg Kent's house. The new yard modules were built in Greg's garage. Mike Larson repairs club rolling stock at his house. Generous for sure. There are others in the club that do so much behind the scenes to make our shows and club meetings successful. It is nice to be hanging out with club members when there is work to be done because then we get a chance to play with our trains.

Nuff said

Have a safe and fun **INDEPENDENCE DAY!**

Membership Matters

By Gary Schwieger, Membership Chairperson

Please welcome our newest members, John and Keller Krotusiki, Gavin Rice, Steve and Tide Schual. Nice to see some young members as the future of the club. Also we welcome back Michael and Sequoia Kruse as they have reinstated their membership.

We are now at 72 members in the club which may be an all time high. With the Lane County and Benton County Fairs coming up, we may have some additional new membership prospects.

I have plenty of membership applications I would be happy to disperse.

WHAT'S NEW

By Gary Schwieger

Well, it is Fair season. I will have the sign up forms at our next meeting for the Lane County Fair, as we still have a some run time available. We have 17 people signed up for set up and a similar number for tear down. We will receive 125 tickets for the members to use for entry and I will hand out those passes at our next meeting to those that have signed up for set up, tear down and runtimes. Thank you for your help in advance

We rely on everyone to help with the set up and tear down of both of the scales that we run, HO and O scales.

The Benton County Fair is still a work in progress and will hopefully have all the loose ends tied together. We are working with the Oregon Electric "O" Scale group for passes and parking passes. We will let you know as soon as we get the questions answered.

We could use some additional help with set up, tear down and run times at the Benton County Fair. Sign up sheets will be available at our meeting on July 8th. To conserve resources, we will try to car pool because gas prices are high. Many of our members can take additional people up and back with room for equipment torun. We will try and contact you or talk with you at the next meeting.

I am excited for the Fairs to let the public see what a great hobby we are involved in and let people know what fun it is to be a model railroader.

Thanks for making us a great example of a model train club.

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Yreka Western's S-4's

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By Bruce Duncan

Yreka Western's two S-4 Alco 1,000hp diesels were built in 1955 for the Union Pacific Railroad. They were acquired by the YWRR, a Kyle Railway subsidiary, in 1972 and would retain their former UP designations #1171 & #1172. Number 1172 remained active with the YWRR until 1979 when it was transferred to another Kyle Railroad, the Pend Oreille Valley Railroad. It was finally scrapped in 1987. Number 1171 spent the remainder of its life with the YWRR before being scrapped in 1988. According to the engineers the Alco's were a preferred choice of the train crews of the YWRR in the 1970's due to their ability to haul heavy tonnage of freight over Butcher Hill between Yreka and the Southern Pacific interchange in Montague without a second diesel.

In 2004, while at the NMRA/National Train Show in Seattle, I wandered into the Atlas booth and struck up a conversation with their rep manning the booth. Five months later, with several phone calls and emails, Golden West Hobbies (me) commission Atlas Model Railroad Co. to custom paint a limited run of 300 Yreka Western S-4 diesel locomotives in HO scale. They would be 150 each in two road numbers, 1171 and 1172. I took a little artistic license by having 1171 painted in the YWRR blue and white. The prototype was never repainted in YWRR colors. I provided Atlas with photos and an Yreka Western blue paint I had saved. There was one hiccup. Atlas ran a test locomotive first before doing the entire run. On the test loco the logo on one side was reversed in the wrong direction to the prototype. They quickly fixed the problem before the production run.



These models were sold at the Yreka Western Gift Shop, Dunsmuir Hardware and the Internet. They are long sold out. The two road numbers sold out on the same week just days apart. I see one pop up on ebay occasionally and saw one once at a WCMRRC Swap Meet table. Through Internet sales models went to far off places like Scotland, New Zealand and the Czech Republic, along with places in the United States. All in all it was an enjoyable project. And in the end I ended up with two beautiful models of the railroad of my youth and one with the logo reversed (does that make it worth more?).



Photo [1] - Yreka Western #1172 in Yreka Yard – Jun 1976

photo [2]- Yreka Western #1171 & #1172 Atlas HO models outside Yreka engine house – Jun 2023



photo [3]- Top - correct Blue Goose logo, Bottom - incorrect Blue Goose logo

DOYLE MCCORMACK'S FAMOUS ALCO PA ON THE MOVE

By Lee Temple

Doyle McCormack, famous preservationist of the Southern Pacific #4449 Daylight painted 4-8-4 steam engine has donated his Alco PA that was at the Brooklyn Roundhouse for years literally in pieces for several years. He rode in an Alco PA on the Nickel Plate Railroad where his dad was an engineer. At age 12 McCormack got to ride in Nickel Plate engine #190 that his father was the engineer on.

It is now heading to Genesee Valley Transportation as the deal was completed on March 1, 2023. It will eventually end up in Scranton, PA. As the GVT maintains a fleet of Alco diesel locomotives. Some call it a “homecoming” for this engine.

GVT officials equated the purchase of the Alco diesel engine to like buying the plane of famous aviator Charles Lindberg. GVT shop crews will evaluate the locomotive when it arrives in Scranton in the coming weeks. They need to see what needs to be finished to put it back in operation.

Once it is restored to operation it will be leading excursions in Northeastern Pennsylvania as well as excursions on former Delaware & Hudson trackage.

The locomotive was originally built for the Santa Fe Railway but was then sold to the D&H in 1967 where it was used to pull passenger trains between Albany, N.Y., and Montreal as well as other excursions on the system. They had a brief career on the Boston & Maine in commuter service by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority before heading to Mexico in 1978.

McCormack teamed up with Smithsonian Curator Bill Withuhn to bring two of the PA's home as to what was left of them. The skeletons of #16 and 18 headed north to Oregon. The remains of #16 went to Museum of American Railroads in Texas, which currently is being cosmetically restored into its original Santa Fe colors.

D&H #18 was moved to Portland's Brooklyn Yard and later to the Oregon Rail Heritage Museum where for the past two decades Doyle has been spearheading its restoration in his spare time.

Doyle purchased a set of A1A trucks to replace the ones that had been

lost in Mexico and purchased a BC rail M420B to harvest it 12-251C engine and traction motors and electrical system to be installed in Pennsylvania.

Doyle said at age 12 he got to ride in the cab of #190 on the Nickel Plate so he got his fix by painting the engine in the colors of blue and white and renumbered his engine #190.

Future plans are when it is fully restored and makes its first mainline run, they want Doyle to be the engineer behind the throttle.

Editor's note; this information was gathered from the Railfan & Railroad magazine in May issue 2023 issue . Many thanks to Dough Martin for giving me this magazine he had for reading and he wanted me to read about this famous engine with Oregon Connections. And now I wanted to share the news with fellow club members-Lee.



Contest of the Month 2023

July - Steam Engine 6 Drivers or Less

August - Wood Products Car or
Load With Name

November - Maintenance of Way
Equipment or Cars

September - Caboose

December - Single Dome Tank Car

October - Short Train not to Exceed
(5) Pieces

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

Off the Bench

By Mike Larson



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Contest of the Month Entries

1st Place - Mike Larson



Mike Larson



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Blaze

COMMITTEES THAT COULD USE YOUR HELP

Swap Meet

Shows

Web Design

Communications

Modular

Clinics

Clinics

Finance

Ask and Get Involved

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](#)

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Junior Member at Large: [Asa Showalter](#)

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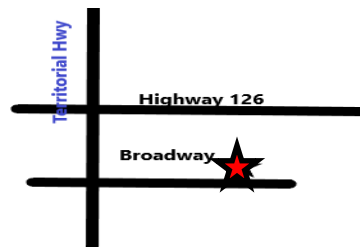
Prize Drawings: [Greg Kent](#)

Take Highway 126 West to the light in Veneta

Turn left on Territorial Highway

Turn left on Broadway

Turn left into St. Catherine's of Cienna



Run Schedule-July 2023

July 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.

July 8th WCMRRC St, Catherine of Siena in Veneta *See Map* Open for Sales at 5:00 pm with the Business Meeting Starting at 7:00pm the ***Clinic this Month is*** Freight Cars by David Wolf & Locomotive Couplers by Lee Temple. See you there!

July 17th- 23rd Lane County Fair **Sign up for set up, tear down & run times at the July Meeting!**

July 31st - August 5th Benton County Fair **Sign up for set up, tear down & run times at the July Meeting!**

August 12th WCMRRC Meeting at SUB Annex

September 9th WCMRRC Meeting/Picnic at the home of Dale & Linda Knox in Elmira.

October 14th WCMRRC Meeting back at SUB Annex

November 11th WCMRRC Meeting at SUB Annex

December 9th Christmas Party/Meeting Bring Goodies to share!

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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