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Conductors Comments

By Walt Mulford, President

I hope these conductors' comments find you all enjoying this summer. I am going on an extended golf vacation through the west with a couple of friends. We had been talking about this trip for years, but real life has gotten in the way. With the encouragement of my most excellent life partner (back in the day she was called wife) I am heading out on this adventure.

It's the same in our club if we let it happen. None of us have to let our modeling adventures get us so frustrated that we want to quit. Our club members are very willing to share their experiences with model railroading. Dale Knox is a great example with his offer to open his "train shop". Give him a call, chances are Dale has something you can use. His offer to have an oval of track to test run is pretty generous too. So don't feel you're on your own if you need something. It's a great feeling, for me anyway, to know that if I gotta question my fellow club members will help.

Everybody involved with the upcoming shows; work together and play together and have fun doin' it.
nuff said

Engineers Dispatch

I have been working on a couple of projects and will do a little show-n-tell. I asked a co-worker last year to 3D print some scale broadcast tower segments. His printer was a little ratty and he had to print me a few extra segments, but finally I had a 7 segment tower. I had to paint every other segment orange. Recently I asked if he could print me a few more. But his printer isn't working so he passed it off to another coworker who was able to print ultra clean segments with red and white filaments.

I am having him print two more red sections and another white section. When completed this will give me a scale 230 foot broadcast tower. I am also waiting for Oregon Electronics to get slow flashing 5mm red LED's in stock so I can have the appropriate lighting.

I have acquired eight different diameters of brass tubing and 5 different diameters of brass rod to use for modeling the transmission line and antenna segments of an FM radio station.

Hopefully I can have a fully assembled six foot module with the radio station and other buildings by next year.

Stay Tuned
Milton E Campbell



Washington State Train Museums and Excursions

Last month we covered the trains and trolleys that you can ride in Oregon. So how about we go north to Washington and discover what is available up there.

The most famous of course is the Mount Rainier Scenic Railroad. The Covid closures suspended operations for a time, which ended with a change of ownership of the museum that operates the train. Western Forest Industries Museum is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization, now offers scenic



train rides, brunch trains, beer tasting, wine tasting, whiskey tasting, Halloween and Polar Express train rides. The scenic train is a round trip, all others go from Elbe to Mineral, Washington for a layover. The museum is located in Mineral. They also have RailCycle excursions.

The Chelatchie Prairie Railroad runs every other weekend out of Yacolt, WA near Mt. Saint Helens. Many of the rides are themed. Adult ticket are \$22. 207 N Railroad Ave, Yacolt, WA 98675



The Chehalis-Centralia Railroad has a steam locomotive that is currently under repair, so



trips are currently diesel powered. Excursions are 2 hours every weekend through mid-October for \$25 for adults. They also have themed excursions including Pumpkin, Murder Mystery, Escape Room, and Polar Express trains. (360) 748-9593 / 1101 SW Sylvanus St., Chehalis, WA

The Peninsular Railway and Lumberman's Museum operates the Simpson Railroad. Literally the last ten miles of original logging railroad in Mason County is being preserved for public education. You can visit the museum in Shelton, WA for more information. 10138 W Shelton Matlock Rd, Shelton WA 98584



Up in Snoqualmie, WA you can visit the Snoqualmie Depot & Bookstore. The Depot dates from 1890 and is currently getting a new roof and gutters. No fee to visit any day of the week. Located at 38625 SE King



Street, Snoqualmie, WA 98065. – The Northwest Railway Museum's Railway History Campus & Train Shed Exhibit Hall is located at 9320 Stone Quarry Road, Snoqualmie, WA 98065. Trains leave from Snoqualmie Depot and North Bend Depot; tickets include admission to the museum (normally \$5-\$10). Tickets are \$28 for an adult.

Farther north, in Wickersham, WA, the Lake Whatcom Railway runs excursions using all former Northern Pacific equipment. Pullman coaches over 100 years old that have never left service, and a Northern Pacific steam locomotive that has operated in every decade of the 20th century are among the highlights of this railroad. Most trips start at \$25 for adults.



NAPA VALLEY WINE TRAIN GOES GREEN

For 35 years, the train has transported passengers through Napa Valley's wine country, the California region north of San Francisco that is home to more than 400 wineries. The locomotive, with quarters inspired by classic Pullman cars, has long been a way to see the sprawling area, carrying visitors through the valley in style and luxury.

Now, the Napa Valley Wine Train is going green to protect the delicate environment it travels through.

According to General Manager Nathan Davis, the Napa Valley Wine Train uses a diesel engine that's the cleanest in its class worldwide. The engine has been renamed the 1864 to honor the year the rail line was founded, and is compliant with stringent Environmental Protection Agency standards.



The train is one of the few to use the engine, which uses less fuel and means the train has nearly zero emissions. There's no more billowing black smoke, said engineer Artemus Rogerson.

"It's nice driving this in the valley and not having a cloud of smoke," Rogerson said. "People would complain sometimes about the train going by, so it's just nice having this."

The train offers a smoother, quieter ride. Davis said that passengers and operators of the train don't hear the new diesel engine running.

Davis said that he plans to have the whole fleet of trains going green by 2025.

"It's a slow-moving industry," he explained. "But when we move, we get momentum, and we just keep plowing ahead." — © CBS NEWS

Attention N Scaler's:

Ron Dugas, founding member of the Atlantic & Pacific N' Gineers, passed away on April 28th after a long battle with cancer. Ron was heavily into Pennsylvania RR, and New York Central, and other east coast lines. His partner of the last 11 years will be having an estate sale July 4th –6th in Harrisburg. 290 Fountain Street. There will also be some HO stuff.

North on 99E out of Junction City, over the bridge and around the corner. First house on the left. Look for the signs.

Dale Knox is handling the more valuable items. They will be available after July 17th. (Following the A&P monthly meeting.)

The A&P N' Gineers will be at the 30th Annual Lowell Blackberry Jam Festival July 26th—28th, in the grange hall. (This coincides with the last 3 days of the Lane County Fair, so schedule your run times wisely.)



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TUNE ME UP

It is time to get all of our equipment in top condition for the Fair!

Some of you may need parts, or just to tune up your stuff, better to do it now instead of waiting until it's time to put it on the track.

I have wheels and couplers and trucks, if you need something call me to set up a time to come out, bring your equipment, and we can do our best to get it in top notch shape.

Don't call asking if I have a wheel set that went on a 1942 box car, or that type of thing. I have thousands of items so I won't know, but we can look if you come out.

I'm open to throwing an oval of track on some plywood to test run also, better to get the bugs out now than spend your hour run time pushing your loco by hand.

Give me a call 541-603-8084

Dale

Club Picnic 2024 Sign-up Sheets

Rachel Showalter and Linda Knox will be sponsoring this year's Club Picnic Sept 14 starting @ 12:00 pm. Signup sheets will be put out starting July meeting. Last year we had 53 in attendance. Let's beat that this year.



Membership Matters

Glad to have something to report to our membership.

We have two new members to report. Our first is Clinton King and he resides in Eugene and has an interest in HO trains.

Our second new member is Jim Wilcox who also lives in Eugene. He has an interest in HO and N scale trains. I believe he also has an interest in model planes.

Welcome these new members, let's show them how to get involved with all aspects of our hobby and club.

We always have room for new members whether they be 18 years or older or under 18.

Gary Schwieger
Membership Chair Person

What's New

We have received the signed contracts from both the Lane Events Center and the Benton County Fair. We are good to go!

At the next meeting I will have passes Lane County Fair and will have parking permits and passes for the Benton County Fair.

If you want a parking pass for the Lane County Fair, please stop by their office and purchase the pass.

At the Lane County Fair, we will be running "G" and "HO" scale trains.

The Lane County Fair begins with set up on July 22 and 23, and runs through July 28. We will begin tear down on the night of July 28, with loading to begin on July 29. After loading, we will drive to Corvallis to unload and start set-up for the Benton County Fair.

At the Benton County Fair we will have a 30 by 30 foot area for our display, as we did last year, and the "O" gauge will have a 30 by 40 foot display area.

We will unload the layout on the July 29, to begin setup with conclusion of setup on July 30. The Fair begins on July 31 and runs through August 3. Tear down will begin on August 4, at 9:00 AM.

We have a need for more members to set up, run and tear down at the Benton County Fair.

Contest of the Month 2024

July– Short Train not to Exceed 5 Pieces

August– Caboose	November– Maintenance of Way Equipment or Cars
September– Vehicle Model RR any size	December– Diesel Locomotive
October– Single Dome Tank Car	<i>The winner of the contest of the Month receives a \$5.00 Gift card for Eugene Toy & Hobby</i>

OUR CLUB NEEDS:

STORAGE:
Tables and Tablecloths
Magazines
O-scale
G-scale

A chairman for the module committee. (Help is available here.) And the module standards are on our website under [Club Resources \(wcmrrc.com\)](http://wcmrrc.com)
Help with refreshments at our meetings.
Contact Greg Kent to help our club.

Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club Says Thank You To:
Eugene Toy & Hobby – Alan and Andrew Agerter
32 E 11th Ave. Eugene, OR 97401
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(541) 954-4917

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PO BOX 41267 Eugene, OR 97404



June Model Contest



Winner: 19—Brent Jerberg

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20 - Gil Hulin

Un-numbered entry was G scale from Blayze 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](#), [Gary Decker](#), [Gary Schwieger](#)

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

Appointed Positions:

Modular Chair: [Open](#)

Modular Committee: [Jim Saville](#), [Gary Schwieger](#), [Greg Kent](#), [Noah Russell](#), [Philip Fitzer](#), [Milton Campbell](#), [Walt Mulford](#).

Secretary: [Joe Rademacher](#)

Treasurer: [Gary Decker](#)

News Letter Editor: [Milton Campbell](#), [Gary Decker](#)

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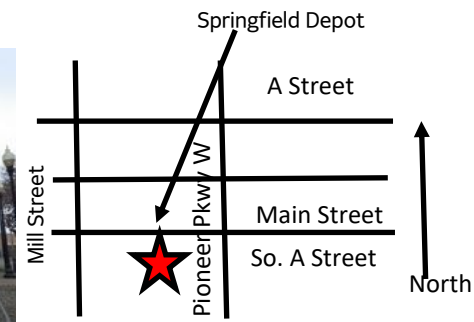
Clinic Chairs: [Lee Temple](#) & [Noah Russell](#)

Membership Chair: [Gary Schwieger](#)

Sergeant-at-Arms: [Martin Tighe](#)

Refreshment Chair: [Charlie Lange](#)

Prize Drawings: [Greg Kent](#)



Run Schedule-July 2024

July 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.

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

Clinic:

July 22nd—29th Lane County Fair
Lane County Events Center

July 29th—August 4th Benton County Fair

August 10th WCMRRC Meeting Springfield Depot *See Map*

September 14th WCMRRC Picnic Dale/Linda Knox's home

October 12th WCMRRC Meeting Springfield Depot *See Map*

November 9th WCMRRC Meeting Springfield Depot *See Map*

December 7th –9th Drain Holiday Kickoff and Operation Lifesaver

December 14th WCMRRC Christmas Party Springfield Depot *See Map*

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

Friends Events:

Atlantic and Pacific N'Gineers

Lowell Blackberry Fest

July 26th– 28th



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