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Conductors Comments

By Walt Mulford, President

A friend of mine whom I went to high school and college with got in touch with me after about 40 years.

We were able to have a short visit here in Eugene and that was great. Among many things we talked about was that his father-in-law passed away recently and left behind some model trains. Turns out he was the only serious model railroader in the family and my friend's brother-in-law didn't want these items to go to the grandchildren. Something about the locos and cars wouldn't last very long. So my friend wanted to know if I would be interested in them. "Sure" says I. They came from Tucson AZ. Free of charge. How generous is that?

It's all HO scale. What's going to happen to these trains is this. They will be for sale starting at the June meeting for some VERY good prices. All the money is going to the club. If anybody sees something they like but doesn't have the funds at the meeting, I'll hold it for you. Donating to the club is what I want to do. It's not much in the scheme of things, but I feel good about it.

'nuff said.

Tacoma Rail History:

Tacoma Municipal Street Railway was started in 1917 as a trolley line to move factory workers to and from the tide flats. Freight operations began in October 1917.

Eventually, with support from mill owner Earnest Dodge, this became the Tacoma Municipal Belt Line (TMBL). Freight service grew and passenger service became a financial drain resulting in replacing trolleys with busses, and the eventual turning over to Tacoma Transit. In 1925 a Tacoma City Charter amendment transferred control from General City management to Tacoma Public Utilities

By 1942, the Belt Line had 13 miles of track serving 27 industries. Input from the Union Pacific, Northern Pacific, Great Northern, and Milwaukee Road led to the extension of sidings and the building of a classification yard in the Tide Flats.

Today Tacoma Rail services all four of the Port's intermodal terminals, the break bulk facilities, and over 40 industrial customers with 16 locomotives over 43 miles of track.

DBK HOBBY

<p>Collector, Buy, Sell Model Trains, Accessories Etc.</p>	<p>Dale Knox dbkhobby@gmail.com</p>
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MT. RAINIER SCENIC RAILROAD

The Mt. Rainier Scenic Railroad is back. Running from Elbe, WA to Mineral, WA and back, the railroad is currently using Polson Logging #70, a 2-8-2 “Mikado” built by Baldwin in 1922.



Back in 1993, I got to ride with family on this excursion. It was two



parts back then, not round-trip like currently. And it used a different logging locomotive. #91 “West Coast Edition” 3 truck Heisler had previously operated for Kinzua Pine Mills of Kinzua, Oregon.

The round trip scenic excursion is \$34 for adults, \$15 for youth (ages 6 to 18). The line also operates dinner trains for the whole family, Halloween, and Polar Express runs. For the 21+ crowd there is wine, whiskey, and beer, tasting excursions.

<https://mtrainierrailroad.com> or 253-900-RAIL for more information.

TRAIN and Trolley Rides in Oregon

The Oregon Rail Heritage Center, 2250 SE Water Ave., Portland OR 97214
503-233-1156—Train rides every Saturday, March through October.

Mt. Hood Railroad, 110 Railroad Avenue, Hood River, OR 97031 541-387-4000
Thursday through Saturday in June. Wednesday through Saturday in July and August.
Closed July 4th.

Eagle Cap Excursion Train, 300 Depot Street, Elgin, OR 541-437-3652
June, July, September, and October. Most Saturdays. Occasional Wednesdays.

Sumter Valley Railroad, 541-894-2268
3 weekends a month in the summer. Narrow Gauge Steam!

Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad, 306 American Avenue, Garibaldi, OR, 97118
503-842-7972—Daily excursions through September 22nd.

Santiam Excursions, 750 S. 3rd Street, Lebanon, OR 97355 541-619-0342
Family Rides, brunch trains most Sundays. Steam train monthly.

Willamette Shore Trolley, 311 N. State Street, Lake Oswego, OR 97034 503-697-7436
Saturdays and Sundays Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Astoria Riverfront Trolley - 503-325-8790
Runs Thursday through Tuesday through
October 31st.



Riding on the City of New Orleans
Illinois Central, Monday morning rail
15 cars and 15 restless riders
Three conductors, 25 sacks of mail
All along the southbound odyssey
The train pulls out of Kankakee
Rolls along past houses, farms, and fields
Passing trains that have no name
An' freight yards full of old black men
And the graveyards of the rusted automobiles

Good morning, America, how are ya?
Said don't you know me? I'm your native son
I'm the train they call the City of New Orleans
I'll be gone 500 miles when the day is done

Dealing card games with the old men in the club car
Penny a point, ain't no one keeping score
Pass the paper bag that holds the bottle
Feel the wheels rumbling 'neath the floor
And the sons of Pullman porters
And the sons of engineers
Ride their fathers' magic carpets made of steel
Mothers with their babes asleep
Are rockin' to the gentle beat
And the rhythm of the rails is all they feel

Good morning, America, how are ya?
Said don't you know me? I'm your native son
I'm the train they call the City of New Orleans
I'll be gone 500 miles when the day is done

Nighttime on the City of New Orleans
Changing cars in Memphis, Tennessee
Halfway home, we'll be there by morning
Through the Mississippi darkness, rolling down to the sea
But all the towns and people seem to fade into a bad dream
And the steel rail still ain't heard the news
The conductor sings his songs again
The passengers will please refrain
This train got the disappearing railroad blues

Good night, America, how are you?
Said don't you know me? I'm your native son
I'm the train they call the City of New Orleans
I'll be gone 500 miles when the day is done

- Steve Goodman, 1971

HIGH SPEED RAIL

The Seattle Times has reported Microsoft and government officials are working to clear the way for 300-mile high-speed rail line in the Cascadia Innovation Corridor. The corridor runs from Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada to Portland, Oregon. Microsoft employs more than 50,000 people in Washington State, and has invested in sustainable transportation previously, with 23 bus routes in Washington that move 4,300 people per day.

Imagine Portland to Seattle (174 miles) in about an hour, or Seattle to Vancouver, B.C. (143 miles) in less than that.

UNION PACIFIC BIG BOY

“Union Pacific's legendary [Big Boy No. 4014](#), the world's largest operating steam locomotive built to conquer mountains, will make 19 whistle-stops in five states this summer during its 2024 Westward Bound Tour from Wyoming to California. In addition, this mighty steam locomotive will be on public display for two days each in Roseville, California, July 12-13, and Ogden, Utah, July 20-21.

Big Boy will leave its home base in Cheyenne, Wyoming, on June 30, traveling across Wyoming, Utah, Nevada, California and Idaho during July. Display days in Roseville and Ogden offer an up-close look at the 1.1-million-pound marvel along with the "[Experience the Union Pacific](#)" rail car, a captivating walk-through exhibition that provides a unique glimpse into the rich history of railroading.”

-from the Union Pacific Website

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.

Membership Matters

Our membership report will be brief this month. No new members, and we have a few members that have decided not to renew.

We are always open for people who would like to learn about model railroading and run trains.

If you know of anyone, I would be happy to discuss the merits of membership in the WCMRRC with them.

Gary Schwieger
Membership Chair Person



What's New

We have submitted all of the requirements to the Lane Events Center and I expect to hear from them soon about approval for the Lane County Fair.

The Lane County begins with setup on July 22nd and 23rd, and runs through July 28th. We will begin tear down on the night of July 28, 2024 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 Lane County Fair, we will be running "G" and "HO" scale trains.

Kirk Ainslie and Dave Rhoades from the "O" scale group and myself, met in Corvallis to review the Fair Grounds Plan and meet Jennifer Martin, our contact for the Benton County Fair. The meeting was great and our contract has been approved.

We will have a 30 x 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 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.

Thank You again for your continued support.

It is a great time to be a member of the WCMRRC.

Gary Schwieger

Contest of the Month 2024

June - Gondola or Open Top Hopper with Load

July– Short Train not to Exceed 5
Pieces

November– Maintenance of Way
Equipment or Cars

August– Caboose

December– Diesel Locomotive

September– Vehicle Model RR any
size

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

October– Single Dome Tank Car

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS



Coos Bay Rail Line
continues to replace
ties and make improvements along its 134 mile
right of way. Work is funded by a \$10,000,000 Port
Infrastructure and Development Program grant.

Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club Says Thank You To:

Eugene Toy & Hobby – Alan and Andrew Agerter
32 E 11th Ave. Eugene, OR 97401
www.eugenetoyandhobby.com (541) 344-2117
Thank You For All Of Your Support For Our Club!



TEMPLE'S TRAINS & THINGS

BUY-SELL-CONSIGNMENTS

Lee Temple, Owner

eBay user name: temples-trains-and-things

(541) 954-4917

ttandt@ram-mail.com

PO BOX 41267 Eugene, OR 97404

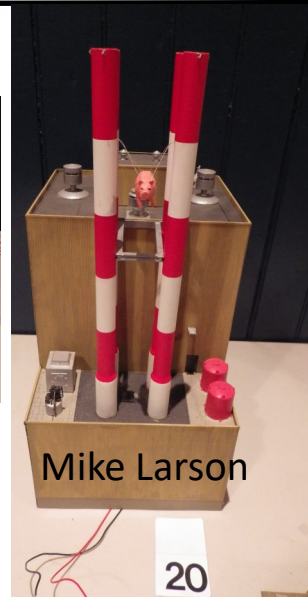


May Model Contest



Winner

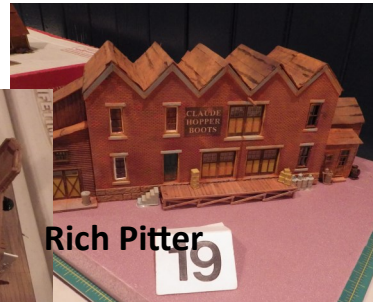
Gary Decker



Mike Larson



Gary Decker



Rich Pitter



Greg Kent

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: [Gary Decker](#), [Milton Campbell](#)

Communication Committee: [Gary Decker](#), [Milton Campbell](#), [Gill Hulin](#), [Thomas Olson](#).

Web Masters: [Milton Campbell](#) , [Gary Decker](#), [Rod Minarik](#), [John Krotulski](#)

Show Chair: [Gary Schwieger](#)

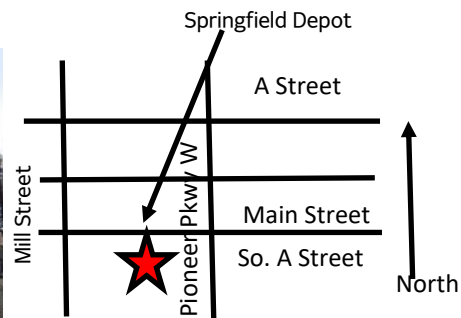
Clinic Chairs: [Lee Temple](#) & [Noah Russell](#)

Membership Chair: [Gary Schwieger](#)

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

Refreshment Chair: [Charlie Lange](#)

Prize Drawings: [Greg Kent](#)



Run Schedule-May 2024

June 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.

June 8th 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: Removing Trees from modules

July 13th WCMRRC Meeting Springfield Depot *See Map*

July 22nd—29th Lane County Fair

July 29th—August 4th Benton County Fair
Lane County Events Center

August 10th WCMRRC Meeting Springfield Depot *See Map*

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

October 12th WCMRRC Meeting Springfield Depot *See Map*

November 9th WCMRRC Meeting Springfield Depot *See Map*

December 14th WCMRRC Meeting 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:

Oregon Electric O-Gaugers

Corvallis Library

June 2nd- 3rd



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