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Conductors Comments

By Walt Mulford, President

My first newsletter contribution as club president has me looking forward with anticipation and excitement. The future of our club is strong due to the variety of interests that our members have in model railroading. The committees are very active with renewed energy. The modular group has retired the old yard and will have our new yard ready for the Lane County Fair. The communication folks (paper and electronic) set up a website, you tube channel, Facebook page, and created a new colorful club herald.

Participation is strong including some new members and people thinking of joining. And some of those folks at the last meeting had a full head of hair. It's a youth thing and very nice to see. Speaking of youth, there are three young men who joined as junior members and continue as adults. So way cool. 'nuff said.

Fun and Service

The Siskiyou Model Railroad Club

by Bruce A Duncan

The Siskiyou Model Railroad Club began in 1979 with one rule, "Have Fun!". The club's three officers were voted in at the dawning of the club by acclamation in their absence. Originally the club members met in member's homes and a school in Yreka. This arrangement necessitated a modular approach for a club HO 1/87 scale railroad layout. Members each had a section or two of the modular that was 4 to 6 feet long and uniform 2 feet width to match other members' boards. The only requirement was for the entry and exit points of the mainline tracks to match with any other module. Within a short time, the club had a more permanent location on the second floor of the old Cooley and Pollards Hardware Store on Miner Street in Yreka through the early 1980's. In 1985 and 1986, the club sponsored a model railroad show at the old Cummings Drug Store in Yreka. The tradition has continued with the annual show held in Medford each year, the weekend after Thanksgiving. In 1986 Larry Bacon, manager for the Yreka Western Railroad, invited the club to house their layout and have club meetings in the freight section of the YWRR depot. The club assembled their modules and built new ones to create a large rectangular layout (36 feet by 16 feet or 1200 square feet with 350 feet of mainlines and 5 large yards) in the center of the YWRR

freight section of the depot. Within time, the modular units became permanent and were no longer mobile. For about two decades the club held monthly meetings at the YWRR depot, along with operating sessions and other special gatherings like their November Open House which was geared towards families. Many of these events were featured in the *Siskiyou Daily News* and other newspapers from Redding to Medford, including the *Record Searchlight*, *Pioneer Press* and *Butte Valley Star*... In exchange for the use of the building, the club provided volunteer model train operators during the weekends and holidays that the YWRR "Blue Goose" Excursion Train operated. The members would entertain and educate crowds which sometimes reached up to 300 guests. In 2006, Court Hammond, owner of the YWRR, informed the club his wish to have the layout disassembled and a new smaller layout be built in the south end of the depot, as he needed the room for more museum display. Never fully completed the layout and the "Blue Goose" are now silent.

During the same timeline, the club assisted Siskiyou County in its California State Fair booth in Sacramento in 1994. The booth had a large 8 ft. by 9 ft. HO railroad layout in the center, which represented Siskiyou County with Mount Shasta surrounded by the Little Shasta Church (Shasta Valley), potatoes storage building (Butte Valley), "Blue Goose" depot (Yreka) and Amtrak depot (Dunsmuir). The layout had figures on it for snow skiing, water skiing, fishing, boating, canoeing, hunting, hiking, camping, horse riding and golfing. Two trains were operated by club members on the railroad layout. The club members provided volunteer time to operate the layout from 10 am opening to 11 pm closing for the 18 days of the fair. The booth won a gold medal for its presentation which included \$5000.00. The medal was one of only eleven given for all the counties in California. Also won was a blue ribbon for the management of the booth. Both awards were later presented to the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors. The layout was featured in an article of the *Siskiyou County Living* section September 1994 of the *Siskiyou Daily News* and several other articles in the *Siskiyou Daily News* dealing with the booth.

The state fair layout was also transported and staffed by volunteer club members for display at the Scott Valley Balloon Fair that fall and the Dunsmuir Winter Rail Fair in February 1995. The viewing public was much delighted at both these events.

From 1997 to 1998 the club built, and for many years after, maintained the HO 13 ft by 9 ft railroad layout for the Sisson Museum in Mount Shasta City located next to the Mount Shasta Fish Hatchery. The layout was mentioned, with photo, in the worldwide distributed June 1998 *Model Railroader* magazine. Articles and photos about the layout have appeared, among others, in the *Mount Shasta Herald* December

3,1997, *Siskiyou Daily News* June 6,2008, *Pioneer Press* May 22,2002 and *Butte Valley Star* May 22,2002 over the years. The layout is still in use today. The trains run with the push of a button. The layout represents south Siskiyou County from Dunsmuir to Black Butte. You can even find the Amtrak depot from the state fair layout located here.

During May of 2002, a model railroad “Shasta Daylight” Regional Convention was held in Redding by the Pacific Coast Region / National Model Railroad Association. A full bus of railroad enthusiasts came to the Sisson Layout and then Yreka to see the "Blue Goose" and enjoy the railroad layout. This included photographing and assisting in operations of the layout. The Yreka layout was mentioned, with photo, in the April 2002 *Model Railroader* Magazine In 2004, the PCR / NMRA held another convention that had a two day stop in Yreka for the "Blue Goose" Excursion Train and the club layout. A short article and photo appeared in the July 30, 2004, issue of the *Siskiyou Daily News* and the Augst 4,2004 issue of the *Pioneer Press*.

In 2016 the club was commissioned to build the HO railroad layout in the Siskiyou County Museum in Yreka. The Museum paid for materials while the club members volunteered their time. Much like the Sisson Layout, this layout represents a part of the county, north Siskiyou County. It takes advantage of DDC (Digital Command Control) technology. Many of the buildings and scenery are scratch built by the club members. Articles and photos can be found in the July 1, 2016, and 2017 issues of the *Siskiyou Daily News* and the Summer 2016 issue of *The Nugget*.

In 2023 members of the club hail from Yreka, Montague, Quartz Valley, Edgewood, Hornbrook, Mount Shasta, Lake Shastina, Big Springs, Medford and Redding. Primarily a HO club, the club also has N and O scale members. Ages and interest the members vary.



photo - Sisson Museum Layout - 6-13-2004

photo - Bill Duncan admiring the Sisson Museum Layout - 7-28-2007.

photo - Siskiyou County Museum DCC railroad layout – 5-25-2022

photo - Bruce and Bill Duncan manning the Siskiyou County Booth and train layout - State Fair 8-22-94.

photo - Club meeting at member's layout in Yreka - 7-28-2007

photo - An operating session at the YWRR Depot layout - Jun 2004

photo - Club layout at the YWRR depot - 6-30-2006

Off the Bench

By Mike Larson

This is the next corner module I'll have to do, it's called the Sky View Drive in. I've mounted a DVD player under the table so that the screen is above the ground, This will show movies and I added plug-in speakers so that the people can hear and watch movies. I've got all the buildings for this already built the train tracks are done. I still must add asphalt roads and ground cover to the areas. I'm sure that this will be a crowd pleaser. When I get started on this, I'll be posting updates so everyone can follow along.



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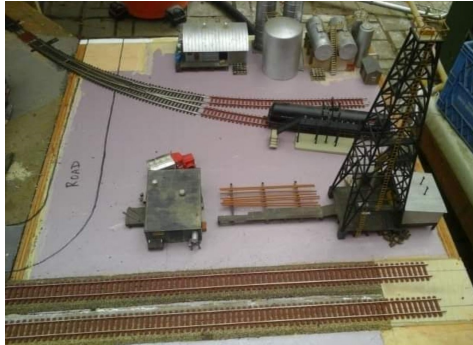
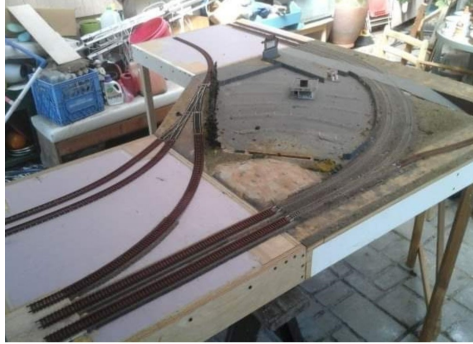
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Photos by Mike Larson



Election Results:

President: Wilt Mulford

Vice President: Milton Campbell

Senior Board Members:

1. Greg Kent

2. Jim Saville

3. Gary Schwieger

Junior Board Member: Asa Showalter

Committee Chairs:

Treasure: Gary Decker

Modules: Mike Larsson

Communication: Gary Decker

Shows:

Swap Meet:

Membership: Gary Schwieger

Secretary: Joe Rad

Gandy Dancer:

Refreshments Charlie Lang

Sargent at Arms::Martin Tigie



Photo by Gary Decker - Mapleton OR



Contest of the Month 2023

March - Gondola or Open Top Hopper with Load

April - Vehicle or Equipment Model RR **October** - Short Train not to Exceed (5) Pieces

May - Diesel Locomotive **November** - Maintenance of Way Equipment or Cars

June - Trackside Structure or Bridge (12”X12” Diorama's OK) **December** - Single Dome Tank Car

July - Steam Engine 6 Drivers or Less

August - Wood Products Car or Load With Name *The winner of the contest of the Month receives a **\$5.00** Gift card for **Eugene Toy & Hobby***

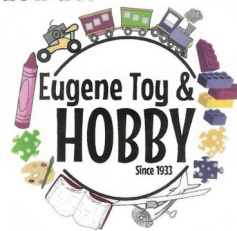
September - Caboose

ELECTED AND APPOINTED POSITIONS

President	Clinic Chair	Swap Meet Chair
Vice President	Membership Chair	Show Chair
Senior Board (3)	Refreshment Chair	Valley River
Junior Board	Secretary	Logging Show
Treasurer	Web Master	Cottage Grove
Modular Chair	Gandy Dancer	Fairs
Newsletter Editor	Sargent at Arms	Drain

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Contest of the Month Entries

1st Place - Hill Hoffman



Kyle Gabba

Dale Knox



Mike Larson



COMMITTEES THAT COULD USE YOUR HELP

Swap Meet

Clinics

Finance

Communications

Shows

Web Master

Gandy Dancer

Modular

Clinics

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, Jim Saville, Gary Schwieger

Junior Member at Large: Asa Showalter

Appointed Positions:

Modular Chair: Mike Larson

Modular Committee: Gary Schwieger, Mike Larson, Greg Kent, Noah Russell, Walt Mulford.

Secretary: Joe Rademacher

News Letter Editor: Gary Decker

Communication Committee: Milton Campbell, Gill Hulin, Thomas Olson, Hayden Northcutt, Sean Suess

Show Chair: Lee Temple

Clinic Chairs: Lee Temple & Noah Russell

Membership Chair: Gary Schwieger

Treasurer: Gary Decker

Sargent-at-Arms: Martin Tighe

Web Master: Gary Decker /Milton Campbell

Rod Minarik

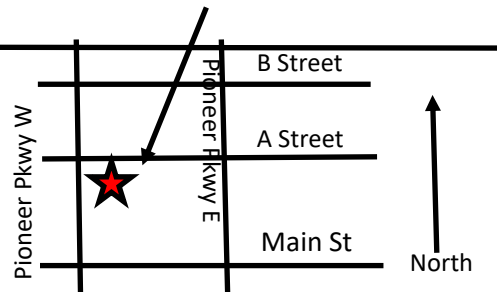
Refreshment Chair: Charlie Lange

Prize Drawings: Greg Kent



Springfield Utility Board

Springfield Utility Board Annex



Run Schedule-March 2023

March 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.

March 11th WCMRRC **Springfield Utility Board Annex**
See Map Open for Sales at 5:00 pm with the Business Meeting Starting at 7:00pm those who would like to serve on committees or serve in an appointed roll This is a good time to explore opportunities for you! See you there!

April 8th WCMRRC Meeting

May 13th WCMRRC Meeting

June 10th WCMRRC Meeting

July 8th WCMRRC Meeting



Membership Matters

I just want to thank the members that have continued to support our club.

Dues are \$30.00 annually.

Plus a one time Audio/Video surcharge of \$15.00.

Gary Schwieger

Membership Chairperson

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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