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Conductors Comments

By Walt Mulford, President

Well we did it. Three events in 30 days. That's a bunch when you consider setup, participation, and tear down of those events. The new yard continues to function wonderfully. With each event we find ways to tweak the layout so it is more efficient to put together, operate and take apart and get it into the club trailer. Lee bringing tables, Mike hauling his modules and now Alan using his winter scene module in the layout. Uncle Milty having train videos on the flat screen is a nice touch. And last but not least Ole-What's-His-Name providing Operation Lifesaver.

A big thanks to all who worked so hard and diligently 😊

This period of time has really invigorated me to work on my locomotives and rolling stock. Even though our next setup is in late July, I feel like doing some model railroading 'cause of the enjoyment I get from playing with my trains. There's even some structures and scenery to do. Maybe you all are feeling pumped up to do some modeling too.

Nuff said



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Membership Matters

By Gary Schwieger

It Has been busy because within 31 days we had three events. Thanks to all of the members that helped.

Please welcome new member Tim Timmins and welcome back Skip Baldwin.

Tim has been a long time vendor at our Swap Meet and Train Show. He joins us as an associate member with an interest in G, HO, N, and Z scales. Since he is on the show circuit, he will help us in scheduling our Swap Meet and Train Show so that we can maximize vendor participation in our shows. Welcome aboard Tim, we are glad to have you as our newest member.

Skip Baldwin has rejoined our club after a few years off. His interests are G and O scales plus stamped tin plate models. Better ask him about stamped tin plates. He also has an interest in refinishing old toys. Welcome back Skip.

We will have a complete membership foster for the April meeting. We will hand hard copies out to members without email addresses and will email copies to the rest of our membership.

We have 81 members at the present time and you, the membership, make our club go.

Thank you!

Gary Schwieger

Membership Chairperson



McCloud River Railroad's Depot



By Bruce Duncan



Photo - East side of the McCloud River Depot - July 1987

McCloud River Railroad's two-story log cabin style siding depot was built during the summer of 1929. The siding was a main stay product of Shevlin Pine Sales. It was the second depot built for the McCloud River. The depot replaced an earlier one-story depot built in 1902. This two-story was an eye catching large structure at 36' x 97', costing about \$18,000. It had a two-story brick records vault, residences for company officials and a steam heating system. During its service the Railroad's offices would move in upstairs. In 1931 pneumatic tubes were installed between the depot, company store and lumber company offices. Along side the depot in the same log cabin style siding was a small building used by the Railway Express Agency.

The depot would serve the Railroad well until that fateful day, December 22, 1990. It burned to the ground in a fire due to faulty electrical wiring. Only the brick vault remained.

With the success in the mid 90's of the Railroad's Shasta Sunset Dinner Train, under new ownership, plans were drawn up to build a new depot. In the mean time the Railroad would use a part of the old Bank of America building across the street for their office for the dinner train. Economics won out and the depot idea was scrapped in lieu of using a heavyweight passenger car as the McCloud's dinner train office and gift shop.

They even sold the McCloud Railway HO cabooses mentioned in the September 2023 WCMRRC newsletter. Unfortunately the dinner train and heavyweight car are a part of history, like the two depots, as McCloud's railroad is no more.



Photo - North end of the McCloud River Depot - July 1987

2024 Oregon Logging
Conference



T-SHIRTS & HATS

We have a good selection of T-Shirts and Hats. Contact Greg Kent 541-554-6812, gregkent@comcast.net. Before club meeting and I will bring them.

“Have cash? Will sell!”



2024 SWAP MEET & TRAIN SHOW



FEBRUARY 17TH & 18TH LANE EVENT CENTER

STORAGE...STORAGE...STORAGE

We are still in need of members (5 to 6) that can store boxes of magazines for club functions give away.

We also need someone (1) to store the club tables and table cloths.

See Greg Kent at club meeting.

WHAT'S NEW

A **BIG Thank you** to all the members that participated in the set up and tear down for the Valley River Show, The Swap Meet and Train Show and the Oregon Logging Conference. We set a new record at the Valley River Show for a 2 hour tear down.

Our next run events will be the Lane County Fair and the Benton County Fair. They come in later part of July and the first part of August 2024. More to come about these events.

We are looking for show chairpersons for all future run events. The average age of the show chairs is 77 years and we would like to have younger members step forward. It would be great to have members volunteer, one for each show, and we can help you with the coordination of that show. Please help as this is a vital part of our club for the membership and our hobby.

We had a very good Swap Meet and Train Show. Some expenses are still outstanding and will have a preliminary report for the membership at the March 9, 2024 WCMRRC meeting at the Springfield Depot.

Another **BIG** Thank you to Peter Wood, Vendor Coordinator, Greg Kent, Raffle Chairperson and of course all of you for selling tickets for admission. We had a good crew for set up Thursday afternoon and Friday morning and thanks to the members help with tear down.

All of our shows are now paying events and offset our annual expenses. We now have 81 members in our club with a couple joining at the swap meet. Way to go WCMRRC members because are responsible for all the new members and you make it fun for every one!

Gary Schwieger



Contest of the Month 2023

March -Intermodal Car

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| April - Steam Engine (ANY) | September - Vehicle Model RR
Any Scale |
| May - Trackside Business One (1)
Structure | October - Single Dome Tank Car |
| June - Gondola or Open Top Hopper with Load | November - Maintenance of Way
Equipment of Cars |
| July -Short Train not to exceed 5
pieces | December - Diesel Locomotive |
| August - Caboose | |
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*The winner of the contest of the Month receives a
\$5.00 Gift card for Eugene Toy & Hobby*



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Thank You For All Of Your Support For Our Club!

Election Results

President: **Walt Mulford** Vice President: **Milton Campbell**
SR Board: **Greg Kent, Gary Schwieger, Gary Decker**
JR Board: **Asa Showalter**

TEMPLE'S TRAINS & THINGS

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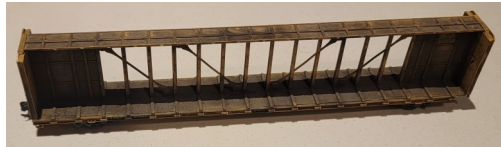


February's Model Contest

Winning Entries



Gil Huiln



Noah Russell

Keller Krotuiski



Noah Russell

Keller Krotuiski



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 Design Show Chair: [Mike Larson](#)

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

Secretary: [Joe Rademacher](#)

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

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

Show Chair: [Gary Schwieger](#)

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

Membership Chair: [Gary Schwieger](#)

Treasurer: [Gary Decker](#)

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

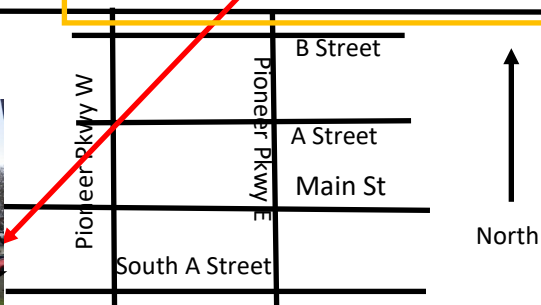
Web Master: [Milton Campbell](#), [Gary Decker](#), [Rod Minarik](#)

Refreshment Chair: [Charlie Lange](#)

Prize Drawings: [Greg Kent](#)

Springfield Depot Freight Room

101 South A Street, Springfield, Oregon



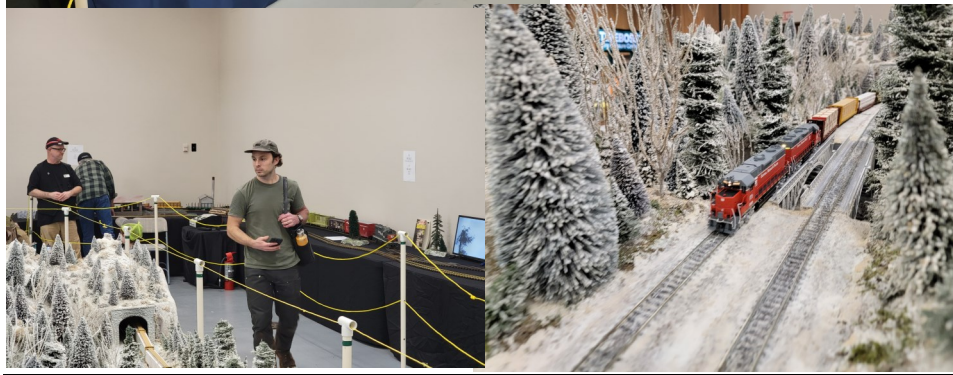
Run Schedule-March 2024

March 9th 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 9th WCMRRC Springfield Depot *See Map* Open for Sales at 5:00 pm with the Business Meeting Starting at 7:00pm the
See you there!



OREGON LOGGING CONFERENCE 2024



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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