

**Volume Seventeen**

**Issue Two**



# Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club

*"Pride of the Tunnel Country"* Inc.



*Since 1970*

[www.wcmrrc.com](http://www.wcmrrc.com)

(541) 525 9404

*"Pride of the Tunnel Country"*

**March 2026**

*Milton Campbell, Editor*



P O Box 23601  
Eugene, OR 97402

# Conductors Comments

*By Walt Mulford, President*

Well, what a busy February we had. So busy, in fact it started in the last week of January. Feb. 1st was the last day of the VRC show. Two weeks later we had our swap meet and then 2 days later we set up for the logging conference. The day after the logging conference I did nothing train-wise and very little of anything else. In the span of 25 days, we had 3 very successful events in which we were paid to run our trains for two of them and we made money at the swap meet. It feels good doesn't it. A lot of hard and productive work went into these successful events that started in February of last year. The ongoing commitment of many folks made these events rewarding and, for me, fun to be a part of. I am also proud of the number of model railroaders who made the commitment to planning finalizing, and running the shows and swap meet.

I'm going to start the recognition of club members by saying thank you, Thank You, THANKYOU to John Krotuiski and Peter Wood for all the work they did on the swap meet. Their work on the swap meet literally started last February. Lots of club members did lots of way good stuff 'n things to make all 3 events outstanding. At the March club meeting let's give shout outs, recognition, whatever you want to call it, to our fellow model trainers. Show your appreciation for others in the club.

As good as the shows and swap meet went there are still some things to keep in mind. First remember nobody's perfect. We all come to a club event and, consciously or otherwise, have expectations of how it will go. But getting together with other imperfect humans who run model trains it's best not to be too rigid in our thinking. Some have more experience than others for instance. Those folks are in a good position to mentor, advise, remind etc. of the rules we have to a great time being together. Those giving reminders, etc., please try not to make it personal. Most of the time a mishap between trains is unintentional. I've been on both sides giving and receiving reminders. For me it's awkward either way. That being said I do appreciate a heads up that I need to tend to my train more than the conversation with others, that train magazine found on the free table, or, shock of all shocks, on a phone with unlimited data. Yep, our trains go around in a sorta kinda circle. Monotonous perhaps, maybe boring even, and as one member, from a club that did operating, mind numbing. The deal is this our club layout good bad or indifferent. Personally, I'm good with it. We now have 3 tracks that we can run. Slowly we are creating a round and round track that we can actually do some switching on. Until that time we go round and round. So, pay attention a little more.

I, know firsthand how frustrating it is when my train is going along nice and smooth and then it's hit by a derailed train going in the opposite direction. So, know what? Well, you gotta find the other train driver and get that train stopped. That doesn't go as smoothly one would want. We have all been there. Hard to keep your cool. so remember some day you will cause a mishap with your train. How do you wanna be treated?

Please be mindful of your actions running your train and interacting with your fellow train drivers.

Walt M.

## **Engineers Dispatch**

Well, we did it! We pulled it off. We initiated the DCC T-Trak layout at Valley River Center. Out of 20 modules cut and assembled, we had 14 of the modules show up for the layout . The last single module was sold to new member Tom. Hayden craftily assembled two singles to form a double. Six modules were blank. One we got creative with and it ended up looking like it was actually complete. Another was primed and had a turnout installed. Four actually had full scenery. And my three were half way there. (And I am continuing to work on them.)

An enormous debt of gratitude is owed to the leadership of the A&P N'gineers and especially to John Gibbons. Without John's help we would not have had a working layout. Overall we had a functioning layout by 1AM on Thursday!

Special thanks to Udie Bauer for cutting, assembling, drilling, and installing feet, and to Walt and Noah for assistance with the same.

A short down and back was also set up at the Swap Meet and Train Show. Along with the historic Capital American Flyer (S Scale) layout, the A&P, And Oregon Electric O gauge, we had four functioning layouts in four different scales.

Way to go everybody!

KUDOS

Thank You to Brent Jerberg for building the box for our single track bridge. Much appreciated!

Thank You to Tom Hymes for spending two nights at the Expo Hall keeping an eye on things with Hayden and Milton at the swap meet.

# Membership Matters

Because of the Valley River Show, Swap Meet and Train Show and the Logging Conference Show, we have added one new member and reinstated two.

Rich Nipper, who is interested in H/O scale railroading for his grandchildren. His curiosity in our club has peaked his interest. He came straight to Eugene from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He will join us at a future meeting.

Lowell Pearson and Tim Timmons reinstated their membership.

Because of all of you, we are adding members to our club.

Also as chairperson, a big shout out to our members for their help and support for our 3 shows in 4 weeks. Thank You so much.

Gary Schwieger  
Membership Chair



**Early Birds**

## TEMPLE'S TRAINS & THINGS

*BUY-SELL-CONSIGNMENTS*

Lee Temple, Owner

eBay user name: temples-trains-and-things

(541) 954-4917

templestrainsandthings@yahoo.com

PO BOX 41267 Eugene, OR 97404



# Meet Our Members

Meet Conner Franklin: Conner lives in Corvallis and is also a member of the Oregon Electric O-Scalers. Conner may not make it to monthly meetings but we saw him at VRC and the swap meet. Conner bought, tested, and ran DCC HO at the swap meet.



**Conner Franklin**

Meet Kirk Ainslie: Kirk lives in Lebanon and also has been a member of the Oregon Electric O-scalers. Kirk now owns the historical capital S scale layout.



**Kirk Ainslie**

Tom Hymes: Retired, with adult children and time on his hands. Tom is getting back into trains. He has been a great helper the last six weeks.

Skip Baldwin: Skip is a long time member.



**Skip Baldwin**

When you don't like how it turned out, just rip it apart and try again.






---

**DBK HOBBY**

---

**Collector, Buy, Sell  
Model Trains,  
Accessories Etc.**

**Dale Knox**  
[dbkhobby@gmail.com](mailto:dbkhobby@gmail.com)

---

**P.O. Box 456 Elmira Or. 97437**  
DBK Hobby on Face Book and Instagram

---

**541-603-8084**

---



# Contest of the Month 2026

**March**– Maintenance Of Way equipment or cars; or log car

---

**April**– Diesel Locomotive

**October**– Wood Products car or load with name

**May**– Railroad Station

**November**– Steam Engine over 6 Drivers

**June**– Steam Engine with 6 Drivers or less

**December**– Gondola or open top hopper with load

**July**– Logging Equipment, Fire fighting

**August**– Short Train, not to exceed 5 pieces

*The winner of the model of the Month contest receives a a \$5 bill or a \$10 gift card for Eugene Toy and Hobby*

**September**– Boxcar



**January Model of the Month:**

**Caboose**

**Winner:**

**Kyle**

**Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club Says Thank You To:**

Eugene Toy & Hobby  
32 E 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. Eugene, OR 97401

[www.eugenetoyandhobby.com](http://www.eugenetoyandhobby.com) (541) 344-2117

Thank You For All Of Your Support For Our Club!





# Club Officials

## Elected Officers:

President: [Walt Mulford](#)

Vice President: [Milton Campbell](#)

Senior Members at Large:

[Greg Kent](#), [Gary Decker](#), [Udie Bauer](#)

Junior Member at Large: [Keller Krotulski](#)

## Appointed Positions:

Modular Chair: [Noah Russell](#)

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

Secretary: [Joe Rademacher](#)

Treasurer: [Gary Decker](#)

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

Communication Committee: [Gary Decker](#), [Milton Campbell](#), [John Krotulski](#)

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

Show Chair: [John Krotulski](#)

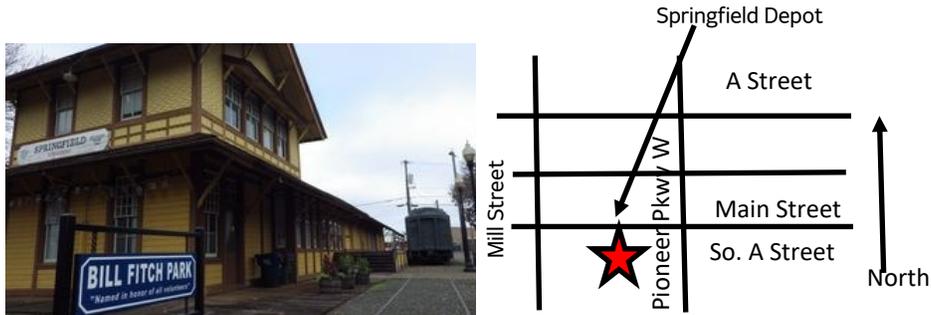
Clinic Chairs: [Ken Warner](#) & [Noah Russell](#)

Membership Chair: [Gary Schwieger](#)

Sergeant-at-Arms: [Hayden Northcutt](#)

Refreshment Chair: [Walt Mulford](#)

Prize Drawings: [Greg Kent](#)



# Run Schedule-March 2026

**March 14th** 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 14th WCMRRC Meeting Elections Springfield Depot**

**April 11th WCMRRC Meeting Springfield Depot**

**May 9th WCMRRC Meeting Springfield Depot**

**June 13th WCMRRC Meeting Springfield Depot**

**July 11th WCMRRC Meeting Springfield Depot**

**July 20nd - 26th Lane County Fair and setup Lane Events Center**

**July 27th Lane County Fair pack up and drive to Benton County Fairgrounds for set-up Lane Events Center - Benton County Fairgrounds**

**July 29th– August 1st Benton County Fair Corvallis Oregon**

**August 8th WCMRRC Meeting Springfield Depot**

**September 12th WCMRRC Meeting Springfield Depot**



**Springfield**  
CHAMBER

Thank you to the Springfield Chamber of Commerce for the use of the Springfield Depot for our meetings.



WCMRRC, Inc.

c/o Milton E Campbell

PO Box 23601

Eugene, OR 97402

*"Pride of the Tunnel Country"*

