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Conductors Comments

By Walt Mulford, President

Maps, geography and history are what I love most about railroads. The railroad went someplace to carry some resource or product to market, It crossed terrain composed of various land forms such as mountains, rivers, estuaries, through valleys, bridging canyons, deserts, you get the picture. Combining this information with a vivid imagination and I get a place where my make believe railroad goes to and from.

What about you, what keeps you fascinated about model railroading? Is it prototype locomotives and rolling stock? A favorite railroad? An industry or city that railroad serves? Whatever our interests we come together to share with each other and learn from each other. I look forward to our monthly gatherings, running our layout at different venues and work sessions.

Nuff said



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Request For Clinics from the WCMRRC Membership

By Lee Temple

As my only remaining duty I have been asked by the board to continue as the clinic chair for our monthly meetings at SUB.

I am writing a request to the membership for live modeling clinics with most clinics being approximately 20-25 minutes maximum.

In recent club meetings we have leaned heavily on AV presentations and now we would like to get back to some modeling clinics that you have done for yourself or some other clinic you have been thinking about.

These clinics do not have to be a doctoral presentation. Maybe you have figured out to do something simple like weathering your freight cars, how do you weather your wheel sets or knuckle couplers. Maybe you have figured out a way to decal an outside of a building you have assembled. Sometimes the simple clinics that you take for granted are ones that are quite simple, and anyone can do what you do.

These live clinics are the meat and potatoes of our meetings, and your simple project can be a catalyst for someone to try one of your modeling ideas.

For *May Gary Decker* will show you how he brings his cars up to NMRA standards for coupler height, wheels in gauge, and the proper weight.

Mike Larson is scheduled for a live clinic on how he does his roads and puts them on his module for his vehicles on Beaver Bay or how you can put roads on your module for our June meeting.

Members doing clinics on what they have learned and sharing those ideas with the membership are vital to a good club meeting. Many of you assume your simple clinic is not worthy and what I have seen in the many club meeting clinics some technique you use may be more worthy than you give yourself credit for.

So, the May and June club meetings are covered for live modeling clinics we will need clinics for July and the rest of the months left for 2023.

So, think about your modeling ideas that you have done or have thought about doing and step up and volunteer to do a clinic. Noah Russell and I are the people to contact for clinics. Our names are in every newsletter, and you can ask either one of us if you would like to do a clinics for the edification of your club members.

A Memorial for our Heroes on my Railroad

Scratch built from my Spare Parts Box

by Bruce A Duncan

Virtually every model railroader has one. A spare parts box (or boxes) where they save every little (or big) item they think they may use later on their layout or train projects. I am the same. And coming across a propeller I bought at a WCMRRC Show and Swap Meet many years ago at a dealer near Eugene Toy and Hobby's table for two bits prompted this project. To sidetrack for a moment, pun intended, one of my other hobbies is genealogy. At age 19 my dad's first cousin, Norman Rustt, enlisted in the United States Navy in January 1942. He would be assigned to the USS *Saratoga* CV-3. That would be the last home he ever knew. "Norman Rustt Loses Life On November 8" was the caption in the *Dunsmuir News* November 20, 1942. As a gunner and radio man on a dive-bomber, his plane was shot down near the Solomon Islands. Rescued from the ocean waters, he was deemed fit for duty and assigned to another plane. The pilot in flight lost communication with Norman and returned to the carrier only to discover Norman dead, not from enemy fire, but natural causes probably caused from being too long in the icy waters. He and my dad were quite close.

Back to this propeller mentioned above. I decided to use it for a centerpiece of a memorial I call the USS *Saratoga*-Battle of the Solomon Islands-Norman Rustt Memorial for my train layout. I cleaned the metal propeller up with my Dremel tool. I then painted it Floquil Brass. In my spare parts boxes, I had some left over "cement" styrene plastic squares and a plastic display stand from a military Matchbox vehicle. I glued



them together with Testors cement and took a piece of a broken large black paper clip to support the propeller and attached it with Walthers Goo. I spray painted all of this Floquil Concrete. Then the propeller went up with just the slightest touch of Goo. I then added some left over JTT hedges on three sides. Next, I populated it with people, benches, and trash cans from Woodland Scenics, Presier and Bachmann,

which were left over from other projects. After that, I went to my computer and inkjet printer, used a program called Hallmark Cards, and printed up three signs on labels. They are images of the USS *Saratoga* CV-3, a battle map of the Solomon Islands and a tribute to my cousin. Adhering these to some surplus styrene plastic which I painted Floquil Concrete and then I placed them on three sides of the “*Saratoga* propeller”. Lastly, the item that made this really special to me is I took one of my Dad’s Tootsie Toy metal ships he played with as a boy, an aircraft carrier similar to the *Saratoga*, and repainted it from its lime green to Krylon Primer Gray. The “wood” flight deck I painted Pactra Light Earth and added Microscale 87 -70-6 RR Gothic Letters & Numbers Yellow number 3’s on the flight deck. Finishing it with Testors Dullcote before I put it on the backside of the memorial under the propeller was the final touch.



This memorial helped fill a spot near the front gate of my Crystal Cove Naval Weapons Center rail yard. And it honors the ship and naval personnel of the USS *Saratoga* including my cousin. It was all done with items from my parts boxes starting with that propeller I bought in Eugene so many years ago.



*Photos – USS Saratoga
Battle of the Solomon Islands
Norman Rustt Memorial
April 2023*

Membership Matters

By Gary Schwieger

Our membership is now at 64 people as of April 24th 2023 with the possibility of two new members joining soon and a couple of reinstatements.

The two events that are in the headlights of the membership are the Lane County Fair and the Benton County Fair.

The Lane County Fair is July 19th through July 23rd with set up days of July 17th and July 18th and tear down just after the show ends on July 23rd and move out on July 24th.

Many of you have asked about set up and run times. Set up on July 17th and July 18th, will begin at 9:00 AM. Tear down will begin at 8:00 PM on July 23rd with move out on beginning at 9:00 AM an July 24th.

Run times will be from 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM beginning July 19th through July 23rd, 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

The Benton County Fair is August 2nd through August 5th with set up days July 31st & August 1st and tear down on August 6th. More to come on set up times, run times and tear down.

Please welcome new members, Patrick Miller, Mark Hadley-Leder, Edward Pelton, Andrew Sexten with children Ashen, Phoebe and Lucas.

Excitement is building in our club!

More on Membership

By Milton Campbell - Vice President

What makes a club? Is it just the people who share a common interest or is it more? How many clubs do you belong to?

I have been involved with four clubs. I was a member of the Sunset Branch of the American Fuchsia Society when I lived in Coos Bay. Then when I moved to Eugene/Springfield I became a member of the Eugen Fuchsia and Begonia Society. Eventually I served as Vice-President, Newsletter Editor, President, and Show Chairman.

As an amateur radio operator, I have been a member of the Tacoma Radio Club for a year, and a member of the Valley Radio Club of Oregon for a couple of decades, more or less.

My dad was a member of The Tacoma Poggi {Poe-gee} Club for a couple of decades. It was a salmon fishing club. My mother, God bless her, was a member of the Eugene Fuchsia and Begonia Society when I was a member and an officer, even though she lived in the Tacoma, Washington area. She was quite proud to be a member. She even had it in her obituary.

Every club has a set of by-laws based on what their expectations are. In instances where a club interacts with the public for shows or demonstrations, the club carries insurance to financially protect themselves in the event of being sued if a member of the public should get hurt while attending. Additionally, if a club has its own facilities or equipment, various insurance policies cover those aspects as well.

Club membership brings camaraderie, knowledge sharing and learning. When you are part of a club, you get access to special events that you may not have heard about before. You also get access to sales, raffles, swap meets, and other chances to grow your collection. Club member-

WHAT'S NEW

By Gary Schwieger

We have begun the 2024 Swap Meet and Train Show planning with Peter Wood, vendor coordinator, Gary Schwieger, show chairperson with assistance from Greg Kent. We are changing the vendor application and will be sending out a letter to thank past vendors for their support of our show.

We have the signed contract for the Benton County Fair and are working with Vicki, from the Lane Event Center, on the contract for the Lane County Fair.

We will be joined by the Oregon Electric "O" Gauge model train club at the Benton County Fair, as we did last year. They will be running the "O" scale layout on half of our designated space. Our designated space is 30 by 60 feet and we will set up in the other half.

We are still looking for people to sign up, run times and tear down at the two fairs.

Sign up sheets will be available at the next meeting.

Thanks for helping us become a great example of a model train club.

Contest of the Month 2023

May - Diesel Locomotive

June - Trackside Structure or Bridge (12"X12" Diorama's OK)

October - Short Train not to Exceed (5) Pieces

July - Steam Engine 6 Drivers or Less

November - Maintenance of Way Equipment or Cars

August - Wood Products Car or Load With Name

December - Single Dome Tank Car

September - Caboose

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

Happy Birthday Blayze!



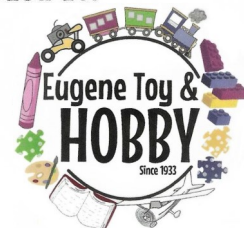
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Contest of the Month Entries

1st Place -



Hill Hoffmen-HO Scale

Dale Knox-G Scale



COMMITTEES THAT COULD USE YOUR HELP

Swap Meet

Shows

Web Design

Communications

Modular

Clinics

Clinics

Finance

Ask and Get Involved

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

Secretary: [Joe Rademacher](#)

News Letter Editor: [Gary Decker](#)

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](#)

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

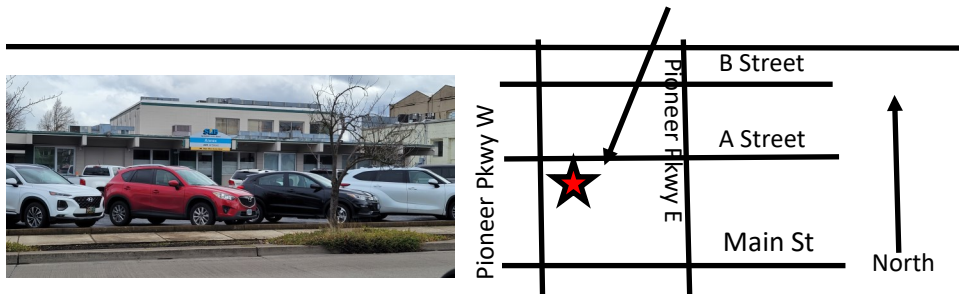
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Springfield Utility Board Annex



Run Schedule-May 2023

May 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.

May 13th WCMRRC Springfield Utility Board Annex See Map Open for Sales at 5:00 pm with the Business Meeting Starting at 7:00pm the *Clinic this Month is* "Getting your rolling stock up to Par"! See you there!



June 10th WCMRRC Meeting

July 8th WCMRRC Meeting
@ St Catherine of Siena
In Veneta

July 17th - 23rd Lane County Fair

**July 31st - August 5th Benton
County Fair**

August 12th WCMRRC Meeting

**September 9th WCMRRC
Meeting/Picnic**

October 14th WCMRRC Meeting

November 11th WCMRRC Meeting

**December 9th Christmas Party/
Meeting**

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
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