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Conductors Comments

By Lee Temple, President

It has barely a week since we finished the Cottage Grove show. It was a good show, the people of Cottage Grove express their joy in having the show again during the final week of the Art Walks that the city holds several times in the late Summer and again we were a part of being involved in that. That is one reason why we as a club do not pay a fee to use their facilities because model railroading is an art form and we are also willing to share the history of trains and how trains helped settle the West and their impact on transporting goods to all our 48 states that make up our continent.

Always a good show, great help from Richard Meyers, the City Manager of Cottage Grove and his vision for the community of Cottage Grove and the surrounding area. His office and the City Recorder attended to all our needs and they had reserved parking for us during the first two set up days and we were ready for the show that opened on Friday at 10 a.m. and lasted through 4 p.m. on Sunday.

While the people involved did a great job getting ready for the show, the tear down crew was too small. We only had a total of 10 people for tear down and that is not enough when we are tired on the last day and we do not get out of the armory until after 10 p.m.

We have always stated we need at least 15 people and when we have that it takes the strain off of 10 people. While we had a good three day show and the first day went until 8 p.m. on Friday night I am having trouble understanding why the membership did not respond with more help. Please do not use gas prices being too high because we overcame that for the Benton County Fair, a new show for us this year, because people decided to car pool with others and that took the pressure of one person being all alone and it helped save money by sharing the gas 3-4 ways with people that could ride up with you.

While Mike Larson went up the first day with his module Beaver Bay, he road with me for the 2nd day of set up and the other days of the week he rode with me. Martin rode up with me and I took him home on Sunday as he and Warren worked all night security by staying in the building and making sure the building was secure for Wednesday through Saturday nights as they stayed in the building in the side room so nothing would happen with our displays.

For a club of over 60 members we $\frac{1}{2}$ did not have enough help for the set

up or the tear down. We car pooled for the Benton County Fair and that eased the price of gas because people shared the burden. The same thing could of worked for the Cottage Grove Armory show but for some reason that did not happen so the load fell on only 10 people.

Even if you do not run a train (one was provided like all of our shows who do not have their trains up to NMRA standards) if you could have carpoled with someone it would have made the set up day and the tear down days so much easier. So you the membership need to be involved more. Our club is way more than just than entertaining you with clinics and demonstrations on how to model your trains. Our club has lasted for 51 years because of the willingness of the membership to help whether it is a show or a swap meet.

As the leader of this club I was disappointed in how few showed up to help. You as a member of the club need to show our club of 51 years more support than you did.. You would be surprised if you would have put in 2-3 hours of helping on set up day or tear down day or both, it would have made it so much easier on the 10 people were there by themselves tearing down the HO scale display, the G-scale display, putting the magazines away, helping in tearing down the tables, putting all the table cloths away, taking out the fitter tracts, helping Roger put his three displays of Operation Life Saver, his Thomas and Friends display or help with putting his Lionel display with rolling stock and engines away. We could have used help at dismantling the G-scale layout and then we had so many of our train tables and tables cloths to put away.

Roger came from Pleasant Hill, Jim Crueger came all the way from Harrisburg, and I made trips from home to Cottage Grove each and every day. Normally Jim Davenport comes all the way from Coos Bay to display his 5 x 15ft. Beautiful HO scale train table with all the detail that he does. The only reason he did not come this year his wife was exposed to covid, got it, and he did not come because he did not want to spread the virus to other club members.

Well now you have a chance to redeem yourself with the Drain Show coming up and so far the signups have been light. Roger will have the signup sheets at our club meeting coming up on November 12 at the SUB building on the corner of Pioneer Parkway and A streets.

The club is a not for profit status because our shows are made for the public to see, see the different scales, learn about Operation Lifesaver, etc. Our club has not survived because of a few who only want to be entertained rather than spread our spread the mission of MODELING RAILROADING is fun, educational, and interesting because trains have been

involved in our life receiving goods, transporting goods to other parts of the country etc.

MODULE COMMITTEE

By Greg Kent

Yard Modules are going on the market! The new Yard is due to be ready for the Valley River Show and we are needing to make room in the trailer for them creating a surplus and an opportunity for you to own one or all of the old yard modules. \$50.00 per Throat (2), \$45.00 per 45 Yard (2), and \$35.00 per 4' Yard . These are for the module only without legs or control panel. First come first served! The complete set is \$300.00!

1st bidder has 1st choice, bid 1st for the complete set trumps all others!
Contact Greg Kent (541) 554-6812

Off the Bench

By Mike Larson

Those of you who where at the Cottage Grove show where able to see the Logging corner module up close the tower is looking good ant there are more details coming!



This GP60 along with the GP60B. The GP60B Doesn't have a cab as you can see in the picture. Took them apart and cleaned/lube, hard wired them so that they run better, weathered up the wheels an trucks. Next step I weathered the body shells to give it that dirty used look. Both of these engines are powered.



News About Modules

By Jim Saville

Members have asked me what I do as the Module Chair and to write an article for the Newsletter. So, here goes . . .

When I was appointed to the position of Module Chair in 2015, I was delighted to be able to contribute to the Club. My duties, I was told, were to design module layouts, see that they were positioned properly at our venues and correct any spacing problems that could happen between the drawing board and the actual set-up. (Spacing problems have happened from venue to venue even if it is the same layout configuration. We have spacers of 1", 2", 4", 6", 8", and 12" to fix irregularities) I try to change each layout a little bit, but it is difficult with a limited amount of modules to choose from.

My first layout in 2015 was for the Swap Meet. It was a small one, just 20' by 12'. Just big enough to get my feet wet. It had its problems. The 90 degree corners I had to use were not all the same size. Spacers to the rescue! It worked out pretty good for my first attempt as Module Chair.

Next was the Lane County Fair. Lots and lots of public viewing. Nervous? Yes! Big time. This set-up also had its problems. More spacers. During that show, I measured all the modules and found that not all modules are created equal. Some of those modules are no longer in use. They not only looked bad but performed miserably.

After the next two or three shows, I realized that providing a good show for the public sometimes came to a stop. Trains were derailed. If a train derailed the operator re-railed it and re-connected the joiner. Our rail joiners were loose and sloppy. I began tossing and replacing every loose one I came across. I found that I couldn't go home after a set-up was complete or after my run time was over. I needed to stay and correct problems. My job was getting more involved than just designing and supervising the set-ups. Much more involved.

I started staying from set-up on the first day through tear down the last day, going home after each day was done. I arrived long before the first run time started - most of the time three hours or more. At the Lane County Fair and the Logging Conference I arrived at 6:00 and had Security let me in and turn the lights on. Same time for the Cottage Grove Show - I woke up our Sergeant-At-Arms Martin Tighe. During my alone time in the mornings I checked all joiners and looked for other things that might cause a problem. Each fitter track has four rail joiners. There are fourteen tracks in the yard. When we use all our yard modules (except the two 45 degree modules) there are five connections

where these fourteen tracks come together. $14 \times 4 \times 5 = 280$. I check all these joiners at least five times a day. For a four day show that equals 5,600 joiners. This does not include the other joiners on the layout. I do the same checks on all of them. After all the joiners are checked/replaced, I clean all the track with my track cleaning cars so the engines/locomotives can run smoothly. After the members arrive to start their shift of running, I fix most glitches that arise. Some glitches need to be put off or Jerry-rigged until the next morning when I can work without trains running.

Some members have complained about their rolling stock or motive power not being able to run smoothly over some section of track. Or that the layout looks the same year after year. I can't fix their rolling stock or their motive power when other operators have no problem. I can't change the amount of modules we have to work with. Maybe these members could build a module to bring to the shows.

In March we will have changes to our Club Officials. The President position will change. Vice President may change. And of course the Board Members may change. These positions are to be voted on at our February meeting and take office in March.

My position as Module Chair is an Appointed Position. I have decided to step down and Mike Larson has agreed to take my place starting in March with the other changes to our club. It has been quite an experience and I have enjoyed nearly every minute of it.



DRAIN SHOW

By Roger Fegles

The Drain show is coming up the 1st weekend in December! Remember to sign up at the Meeting. It will be at the Drain Civic Center, it's a great time and the school kids really get a kick out of seeing the trains.

Set up starts at 9:00am through 5:00pm on the 1st & 2nd run times on the 3rd & 4th from 10:00am to 4:00pm with the Grade School coming on Monday the 5th from 10:00am to 1:00 pm then tear down.

It'll be a fun time! Come if you can!

Contest of the Month 2022

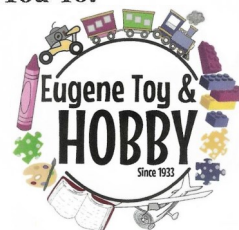
November *Boxcar Decorated for **December *Passenger Car**
Northwest Short Line

Be sure to put in you're preferences for the categories you would like to enter in this next year! Greg Kent will be soliciting you're response's!



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Contest of the Month Entries

Winning Entries



1st Place Mike Larson



Photos by Gary Decker

Club Officials

Elected Officers:

President: Lee Temple

Vice President: Gary Decker

Senior Members at Large:

Greg Kent, Jim Saville, Gary Schwieger

Junior Member at Large: Kyle Gabba

Appointed Positions:

Modular Chair: Jim Saville

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

Secretary: Joe Rademacher

News Letter Editors: Gary Decker & Lee Temple

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

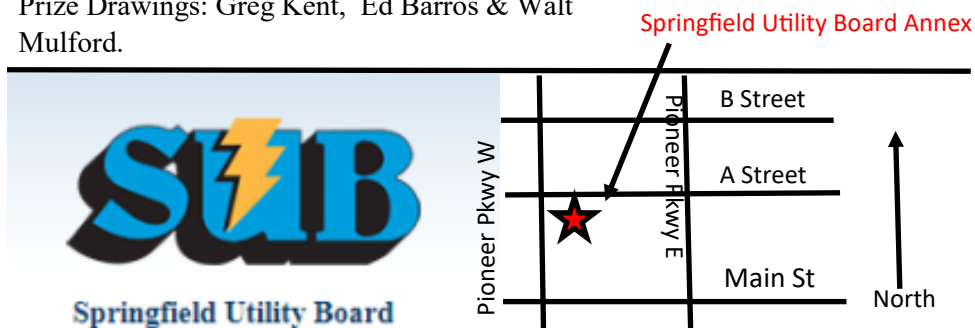
Treasurer: Lee Temple

Sargent-at-Arms: Martin Tighe

Web Master:

Refreshment Chair: Charlie Lange

Prize Drawings: Greg Kent, Ed Barros & Walt Mulford.



Run Schedule-November 2022

November 12th 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.

November 12th WCMRRC Springfield Utility Board Annex See Map Open for Sales at 5:00 pm with the Business Meeting Starting at 7:00pm See you there!

November 26th - 27th. 43rd Annual Rogue Valley Railroad Show. Jackson County EXPO, 1 Peninger Road, Central Point, OR. Railroad Displays, Exhibits and Swap Meet. (That is Thanksgiving Weekend!) email Roguevalleyrailroadshow@gmail.com or call Bruce Kelly 541-613-1638

December 1st - 5th Drain Show Set up Thursday December 1st from 9:am to 5:00pm and Friday December 2nd from 9:00am to 5:00pm Run times Saturday and Sunday 10:00am to 4:00 pm. Monday December 5th for the Grade School 10:00am to 1:00pm with tear down to follow! Questions? See Roger!

Notice:

ALL SELLERS ARE LIMITED TO ONLY ONE TABLE, DUE TO THE LIMITED SPACE!

TABLE PRICE: \$5.00 - 1/2 TABLE \$3.00 PAYABLE TO THE PRIZE DRAWING COMMITTEE





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