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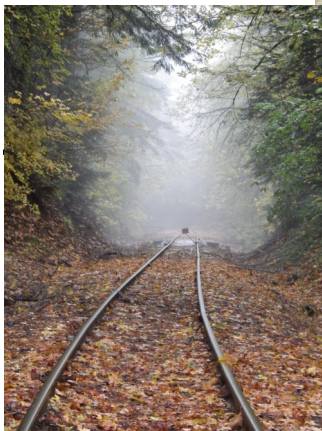
By Walt Mulford, President

Gary S., Mike Larson and myself had a document signing meet with our newest club member and Railcar committee member Joe Leahy to solidify our commitment to building the model railroad in the railcar. We will be using the depot proper for our club meetings starting soon. The use of the depot will be uninterrupted for the 2nd Saturday of each month, as we have been at SUB, from here on. Work parties for the layout will be scheduled as needed. This is where club participation is important. Any time you can give will be great and appreciated. Building and maintaining the layout is our part of the bargain to use the depot as a meeting place. We are going to be successful because you members love model railroading.

Rachel Showalter has expressed a strong interest in heading the annual picnic committee. I'm pretty sure this news will be well received. This good news for Greg Kent as he is looking to be more focused on the Gandy Dancer activities.

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The Dunsmuir Railroad Turntable (s)

By Bruce Duncan

The present day Dunsmuir turntable is a third generation railway marvel. It is a section of track, which rotates a locomotive or piece of equipment to face the opposite direction. Typically a wye track is used to turn locomotives, but requires a fair amount of flat land. It is also less expensive to maintain than a turntable. But Dunsmuir's steep Sacramento River Canyon did not afford enough needed flat land. The Dunsmuir turntable's other uses in its heyday included guiding locomotives for servicing onto the correct track in the former large Dunsmuir roundhouse and sending locomotives and equipment to the engine house and RIP (repair in place) track for repairs.

The first turntable was installed in 1887 and was a timbered structure. At 70 feet in length it lasted until 1920. A 100-foot turntable replaced it in 1920 and served the Southern Pacific until 1939. Finally, the current turntable was installed in 1939. It is 120 feet in length in a concrete lined pit. As technology improved and locomotives grew in length and tonnage the need for a bigger and better turntable necessitated the upgrades. The present turntable was built to handle Southern Pacific's rather unique Cab Forward 4-8-8-2 steam locomotive like #4294 found at the California State Railroad Museum in Sacramento.

As one of last operating turntables left in the country the Union Pacific continues to use it to turn locomotives and equipment when needed.



Just two blocks away from the turntable the Dunsmuir and Cedar Flats Model Railroad Club in Dunsmuir, California, has recreated, in HO scale, the Dunsmuir turntable and long gone roundhouse.

Photo - Dunsmuir Turntable during the Winter Rail Fair - Feb 1994



Photo - Dunsmuir Turntable and Roundhouse on the D&CFMRRC layout - 7 Jul 2007

Out with the old, in with the new

By Milton E Campbell

West Coast Contracting from Coos Bay, Oregon is facilitating the replacement of the Vaughn Viaduct on the Coos Bay Rail Line. Two full weeks were given to remove and replace



the structure. The original steel parts of the support towers were manufactured in 1913 according to one of the crew members. The lines were cut on October 21st

and the rails removed. The work should be finished by Sunday, November 5th.

According to a worker on site, the old steel bridge was removed in 4 sections, but a total of five new sections will be placed. One of the new sections replaces what was originally wood supported. In the weeks leading up to the bridge replacement, WCC had to work between trains to remove ties, drive new supports, backfill, and replace wooden approaches with new steel reinforced concrete approaches.



The new support towers weigh 50 tons each. And it will be a three day process to tighten every single bolt 3 times. The new deck sections weigh in around 47,000 pounds each, without ties and rails.

According to the Coos Bay World, the Port received a \$20 million Federal BUILD grant and \$5 million from Oregon State in 2019 to rehabilitate 15 steel bridges along the line. Work started with the removal of the Coal Bank Slough swing bridge, and its replacement by a fixed bridge.

Earlier this summer, Scott Partney Construction concluded repairs on ten bridges in the Wild Cat Creek area. And Legacy Construction has carried out repairs on all three of the swing span bridges that remain on the line.



Information from The International Port Of Coos Bay:

The Port owned and operated Coos Bay Rail Line (CBRL) transports approximately \$460 million worth of freight in and out of our region every year – and has kept over 185,000 trucks off the road since the Port of Coos Bay reopened the line in 2011!

The Coos Bay Rail Line directly employs 20 people. Annual revenue rail car loads average around 5,000 a year which is equivalent to about 16,500 truck loads.

The Coos Bay Rail Line traverses **nine tunnels** over an 82-mile section between Coos Bay and Eugene. The tunnels range in length from 477 feet to 4,177 feet. The tunnels were constructed prior to the opening of the line in August of 1916 and are now over 100 years old. The line also traverses **121 bridges** between the interchange in Eugene and end of line in Coquille. In total the line runs 134 miles.

What's New

We are excited that run events are coming soon, so plan to be a part of the setup crew, train running crew and tear down crew for these next 4 shows beginning with the Drain Show. Roger has included information about the Drain Show in the news-letter.

The Valley River Show will come January 17 through January 21, 2024.

Sign up sheet will be at the November, December and January meetings. Put these dates on your calendars because this is the largest show we do all year.

Coming events in February are the Swap Meet and Train Show and the Oregon Logging Conference Show. We will need lots of help to make sure these shows are successful. The Swap Meet and Train Show is a major fund raiser for our club.

We have 29 tables sold and paid for the Swap Meet and Train Show.

Peter Wood had done a great job in getting the advertising out to vendors.

We are working with the Valley River Center, the Lane Events Center and the Oregon Logging Conference to make sure that we have all application complete and the certificate of liability insurance sent out well in advance.

Sign up pages for the events in February, will be at the December and January meeting.

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.

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!”

Membership Matters

We have added three new members to our club.

Perer Florack has just relocated to the Eugene area from California and is interested in "G" and "H/O" scale trains. Along with his interest in model railroading, he is interested in scenery. When he is not model railroading, he is working at Eugene Toy and Hobby in the model train department. Stop by and say hello and welcome him to our club.

Joe Leahy has been active in "S" scale model railroading for some time and has a small layout at his home. He has known our member Gary Klein for many years and visited Gary at our Swap Meet and Train Show many times over the years. Joe is a past president of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce and is working with our club on the Springfield Depot Rail Car project.

Alan Sirotek has rejoined our club. He was a long time member and now is back with us. He brings a wealth of information about building and wiring modules and has a number of modules that will work with our club layouts.

Please introduce yourself and welcome these new members to our club.

They will compliment our club in many ways.

Gary Schwieger
Membership Chair

Pacific Coast Intermodal Port

Port owned property on the North Spit of Coos Bay has been leased to NorthPoint Development for a period of up to 75 years. Total construction costs for the project are estimated at approximately \$1.7 billion and will support roughly 3,000 short term construction jobs and up to 5,000 long term family wage jobs at construction completion. The new jobs will be in Coos, Douglas, and Lane counties. This development will result in construction of a state-of-the-art, rail served maritime Port capable of processing over 1 million containers annually.

Contest of the Month 2023

November - Maintenance of Way Equipment or Cars

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

December - Single Dome Tank Car

October

Model of the Month

1st Place -



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Holiday Preview Train Show for train lovers

We need more People to sign up for the Drain train show as we did not get enough at the October meeting. We also need you to sign up so we know how much food will be needed. The times for set up is Thursday November 30th and Friday December 1st 9 am to 5pm. Run times are Saturday December 2nd and Sunday December 3rd from 10 am to 4pm and Monday December the 4th 9am to 1pm.

Tear down will be Monday December the 4th starting after the last run time at 1:01 until done. Remember this is a holiday show so if you have any Christmas or New Year's train cars this would be a good time to run them. Operation Lifesaver sent some supplies for the school kids on Monday.

The energizing bunny Jacky Burres is taking care of the posters. She sent me a draft and they look good. Jacky does a lot of behind the seen work to help put this show on.

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](#), [Milton Campbell](#), [Walt Mulford](#).

Secretary: [Joe Rademacher](#)

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

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

Show Chair: [Gary Schwieger](#)

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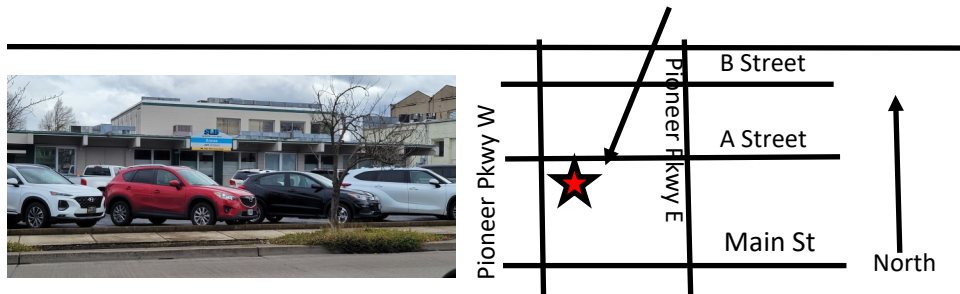
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Run Schedule-Nov 2023

November 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.

November 11th 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* See you there!

December 1st-4th Drain Show –Volunteers needed! Contact Roger Fegles

December 9th Christmas Party/Meeting

January 13th WCMRRC Meeting

January 18th - January 21st Valley River Center Show

February 10th WCMRRC Meeting

February 17th–18th Swap Meet
Lane County Events Center

February 22th–24th Oregon Logging Conference
Lane County Events Center

March 9th WCMRRC Meeting
Club Elections

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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