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# Conductors Comments

*By Walt Mulford, President*

Well, our club is on a roll even at the beginning of a "slow" period. No rest for the membership. The annual picnic this year was a huge success with the most picnickers in a long, long time. And why not? Our hosts, Linda and Dale were just wonderful. Linda did the cooking, and coupled with a great amount of pot-luck goodies, nobody went home hungry. Dale's G scale layout was a big hit. It was fun to see so many run trains. And it sure was nice to see some club equipment up and running. What a treat. I love that sales were going to end at noon and yet the candy store was right up to the end of the picnic. All in all, lots of satisfied model railroaders went home that day.

Moose lodge update: I talked with my contact on Sept 27th and basically the invitation to use the building, even for storage, has been rescinded. The Moose Lodge found out that the cost to refurbish the building, even to the most basic condition of occupancy, would be starting at around \$100,000. They were strongly advised to bring the building up to code. On top of that the black mold and asbestos issues were just too much. So, that's that.

The Springfield Depot, on the other hand, is still moving forward. Mike, Gary S. and I are in close contact with the Chamber of Commerce folks that are really pushing this project to success. We have been assured use of the freight room for our meetings monthly with no rescheduling. Work sessions on the proposed layout are being setup with access to restroom facilities. They outlined the basics to represent railroading and various wood products industries in and around Springfield. What that will look like is up to us, and specifically Mike Larson. He is the Springfield Depot layout committee chairman. Ude, Brent and myself are for sure on the committee with others welcome to join. Work parties are a necessity as this is too big and too important for our club to let just a few do the heavy lifting. In time we will have work times scheduled. One of the movers and shakers advocating strongly for all this to happen is a model railroader of sorts in S scale. He is joining our club. They want us. It is up to us to commit our resources (sweat equity and model railroading) to make a success of this opportunity.  
Nuff said

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## Do you have videos from club shows?

### Would you care to share them?

Save them to an SD card or thumb drive and bring them to Milton at a club meeting. He will download them to his laptop for future inclusion on the club's website, You Tube, Channel, and Facebook page.

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## DBK HOBBY

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# The Walt Disney World Railroad Locomotives



By Bruce Duncan

The Walt Disney World Railroad is a heritage railroad in central Florida, with its own locomotive fleet. Unlike the Disneyland Railroad locomotives *C K Holliday* and *E P Ripley*, which were built from scratch by the Disney Imagineers in Burbank, California, the Walt Disney World Railroad locomotives are rebuilt freight locomotives from Mexico. For opening day at the Magic Kingdom on October 1, 1971, it was decided a roster of four locomotives was needed. So, the Walt Disney Company purchased, at a cost of \$32,000, four Baldwin Locomotive Works of Philadelphia locomotives. They were manufactured between 1916-1928 for the Ferrocarriles Unidos de Yucatán, a railroad that operated from 1902 to 1975. Used for years on the Yucatan Peninsula for transporting sugar and jute these locomotives were bought and sent to the Tampa Ship Repair & Dry Dock Company in Tampa, Florida. Here they received the aesthetic and mechanical restorations necessary to operate at the Magic Kingdom. They were restored to appear from the 1880's. With new paint jobs they were put in service in time for the park's opening, operating on a 3-foot narrow gauge track.

This Disney roster consists of three locomotives named after members of the Disney family. The *Walter E Disney* is a 4-6-0 Rodgers originally built in May 1925 with 44" drivers. The *Roy O Disney* is a 4-4-0 American originally built in February 1916 with 46" drivers. And the *Lilly Belle*, named after Lillian Disney, is a 2-6-0 Mogul

originally built in September 1928 with 44" drivers. The fourth locomotive is named after Imagineer Roger E Broggie who oversaw the development and construction of the Walt Disney World and Disneyland Railroads. The *Roger E Broggie* is a 4-6-0 Rodgers originally built in May of 1925 with 44" drivers.

After a four-year hiatus between 2018-2022 these locomotives still operate today on roughly a 1.5-mile route, which encircles the Magic Kingdom. They were refurbished while track work was done during the construction of the new Tron Light Cycles attraction, which caused a realignment of the tracks. Each locomotive pulls consists of cars which were built from scratch for these locomotives. They transport nearly 4 million guests a year. A little known fact is they shut down during firework shows, heavy thunderstorms and of course hurricanes.

There have been several toy trains in various scales made of these Magic Kingdom trains in the past. A train set in O scale by Lionel for WDW's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary came out a couple years ago. One notable locomotive was a 1990 Disney branded HO *Walter E Disney* locomotive found in a train set.

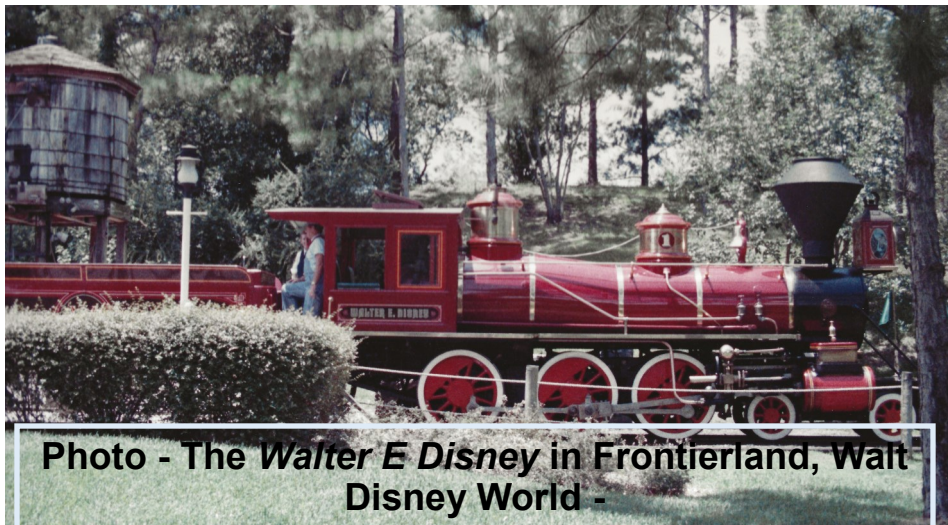


Photo - The *Walter E Disney* in Frontierland, Walt Disney World -



Photo - HO The *Walter E Disney* locomotive from 1990  
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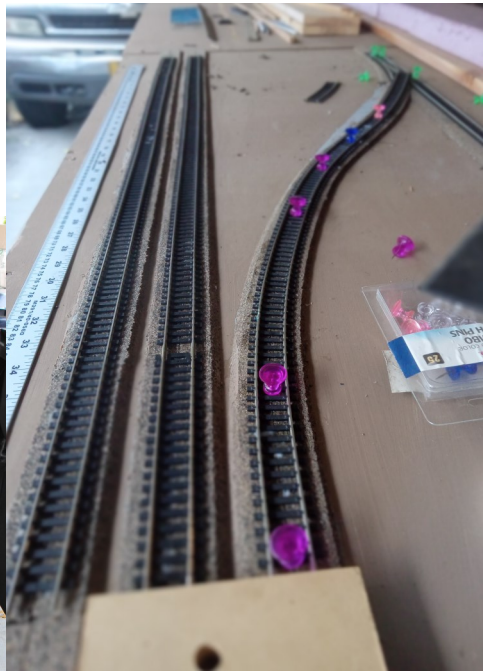
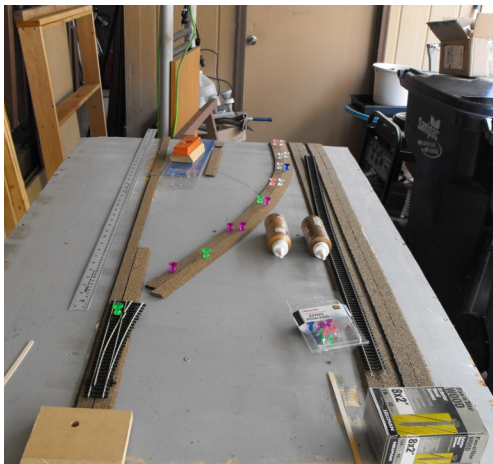
## T-SHIRTS & HATS

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

**“Have cash will sell!”**

### My First Module:

Slow and steady wins the race. This 4 footer was already assembled, but devoid of track. It also had incorrect wiring. It will be dual purpose. The middle track either is a spur or a redirect for the back track when connected to Mike Larson’s 3-track modules. In that case, the other track is the siding.



# Membership Matters

*By Gary Schwieger*

Membership is holding even at 70 plus members of the WCMRRC.

If you know of people that are interested in model railroading and in joining, please let me know. We have some memberships that are available.

I just want to say, we have a great club and thank you members.

## WHAT'S NEW

We are getting ready for the next two run events, The Joe Burres Holiday Preview for Train Lovers, (the Drain Show), and the Valley River Center Show. Sign up sheets will be at our next meeting on October 14, 2023. Make your plans to participate in both shows.

Greg Kent and I met with Vicki Van Patten, events coordinator at the Lane Events Center regarding the Swap Meet and Train Show in February and the Lane County Fair in July. We now can budget for our costs and expenses for these show. The Lane County Fair is now a paying show and the club will receive \$300.00 for our participation.

For the Swap Meet and Train Show we have 17 tables paid and reserved thanks to the Peter Wood, vendor contact.

It is fun to be a member of the WCMRRC, thanks for your support.

-Gary Schwieger

## MODEL OF THE MONTH IDEAS

Be thinking about one model of the month idea when you come to the Oct meeting.

I will provide a sheet with past ideas and will add to the list new ones.

**No Purple Cab Forwards Please.** I will bring voting sheets to Nov meeting and print results In Dec Newsletter. - Greg

### **The Joe Burres Holiday Preview Train Show for train lovers**

The Drain Joe Burres Holiday Preview train show is coming up fast. We only have two more meetings before it. There will be a signup sheet at the October meeting. Setup will be November 30th and December 1st starting at 9 AM and end about 5 PM. Saturday the 2nd and Sunday the 3rd the show time is 10 AM to 4 PM. Monday the 4th starts at 9 AM to 1 PM with teardown starting at 1:01 PM. The setup will be about the same if Jim Davenport comes (waiting to hear). Thomas and Friends will be a 5 X 9 fold down this year like the O scale was last year. Hope we get plenty of help as seeing the smiles on kid's faces on Monday makes it worthwhile. The Drain Chamber of Commerce has secured the building for us and taken care of paperwork and deposits.



**PICNIC**

**TRAINS  
FOOD  
ICE  
CREAM  
FUN**



# Contest of the Month 2023

October - Short Train not to Exceed 5 pieces

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(5) Pieces

November - Maintenance of Way  
Equipment or Cars

December - Single Dome Tank Car

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

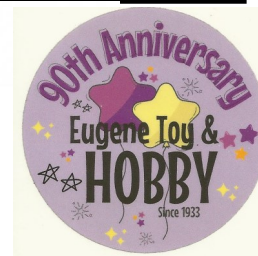
## Contest of the Month Entries

It was a lovely day for a picnic. Initially the only caboose on display was Dale Knox with a 'G' scale caboose that he was repairing for Lee Temple. However, Sam Larsen arrived later with an actual entry. The Five dollar gift card went to Sam.

*Photo unavailable*



**Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club Says Thank You To:**  
Eugene Toy & Hobby – Alan, Andrew & Mark Agerter  
32 East 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. Eugene, OR 97401  
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Thank You For All Of Your Support To Our Club!





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**G SCALE:** As we saw at the picnic, there are a number of locomotives that need repair. Most of the diesel locomotives need gears replaced with new ones at an average cost of \$55. There isn't funds in our club budget to handle this. If you would like to contribute to a fund for these repairs, a donation container will be available at our meeting.

Thank you for your contributions.

**Would love to see this running at our next show.**



## COMMITTEES THAT COULD USE YOUR HELP

Swap Meet

Shows

Web Design

Communications

Modular

Shows

Clinics

Finance

**Ask and Get Involved**

Submissions are accepted for the Newsletter by email to [garyandbeckyd@gmail.com](mailto: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](#)

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

Membership Chair: [Gary Schwieger](#)

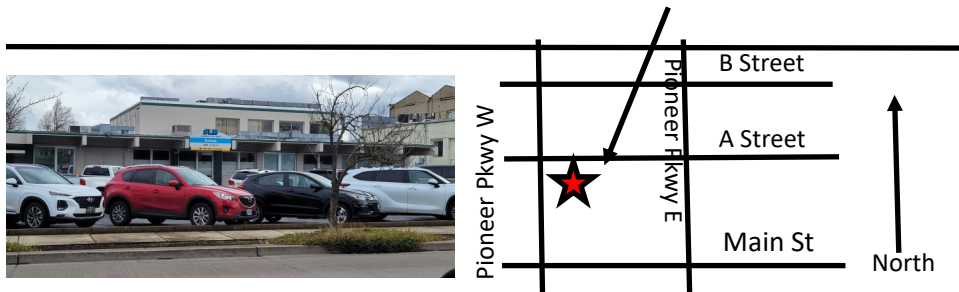
Treasurer: [Gary Decker](#)

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

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

Refreshment Chair: [Charlie Lange](#)

Prize Drawings: [Greg Kent](#)



# Run Schedule-Oct 2023

**October 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.

**October 14th** 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* Grade Crossings. See you there!

**November 11<sup>th</sup>** WCMRRC Meeting

**December 9<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Party/Meeting

**January 13th** WCMRRC Meeting

**January 17<sup>th</sup> - January 21<sup>st</sup>** Valley River Center Show

**February 10<sup>th</sup>** WCMRRC Meeting

**February 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>** Swap Meet  
Lane County Events Center

**February 22<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>** Oregon Logging Conference  
Lane County Events Center

**March 9<sup>th</sup>** WCMRRC Meeting  
Club Elections

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Wallowa Union RR photographs are courtesy of Mr. Steve Carlson

## **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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