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Conductors Comments

By Walt Mulford, President

Ya know how there are seasons for the different sports? Well for me our season starts with the Drain Show and ends with the Benton County Fair. Maybe it's different for you. This year the Drain Show will be late November instead of early December. That's o.k. as it seems our club has the flexibility to make the changes needed. Do you have a favorite show? I kinda like 'em all. Even the setups are different, with leveling issues, heating and air conditioning issues, electrical stuff and any other snafus you can think of. There is one constant over the years and that's participation. Mostly strong. That's o.k. as nothing is perfect. Remember though these are scheduled events so we can plan ahead. Ah but pesky real life gets in the way, right? Do what you can, it's always appreciated. So, thanks ahead of time. See at your favorite show.

'nuf said, Walt



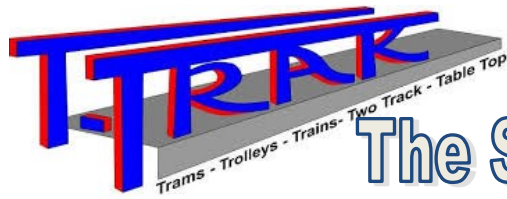
Picnic Raffle

Congratulations to Dale Knox and Bill Lee, winners of \$50 dollar ET&H Gift Cards.

Congratulations to Martin Tighe, winner of the Linda Knox stained glass suncatcher.

BIG THANKS

To Linda Knox and Rachel Showalter for organizing and cooking!



The Saga Continues:

Since T-Trak is a table top module, all modules are the same height, 70 mm to 100 mm or $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches to 4 inches regardless of scale. Therefore if you use $\frac{3}{8}$ inch Baltic birch plywood, your sides should be $2\frac{3}{8}$ tall. To provide greater structural integrity for HO scale, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch plywood is recommended for double modules or larger, sides would then be cut $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches tall.

To adjust the height of the modules, four $\frac{1}{4}$ x 20 x 2 inch socket set screws are used, with holes in the top of the module to allow adjustment from above with a hex wrench. These are mounted in a wood block that is in each corner of the module. The wood block also is a structural element of the



module sides. Module seams are glued and nail-gunned. The support blocks are also glued on the top and two sides and nail-gunned through the sides. The cost of the legs and support blocks are roughly \$1 each. (\$4 per module.)

For HO, a single module is 490 mm long ($19\frac{9}{32}$ inches). Depth can be a minimum of 490 mm to a maximum of 711 mm (28 inches), however a depth of 600 mm is suggested to allow for access to the cables behind the module. Corner modules are 711 mm x 711 mm (28 inches by 28 inches). Based on $\frac{3}{8}$ inch (9 mm) Baltic birch plywood, a single module costs \$19 while a corner would cost \$19.30 and a double (982 mm x 711) would cost \$25.10.

Corner modules have an outer track radius of 610 mm (or 24 inches), and an inner track radius of 550 mm ($21\frac{2}{3}$ inches).



WCMRRC NEEDS YOU!

We need new modules.

Most of the modules we use in our shows are the property of 3 individuals; Roger Fegles, Gary Schwieger, and Mike Larson. The yard and our corners are the property of the club. With two of our team members out for medical reasons that leaves us with just one set of modules.

We need members to help by building a module. You don't need to build a set (unless you really want to), just one. And you can ask for help. There are many of us that can help you with construction, or wiring, or ballasting, or

even landscaping. What kind of help do you need?

Hey, you want to hear something really neat? You don't need to have it completed to enter it in a show. As long as the mainlines and back track are installed and correctly wired, your module can be used! That's right it doesn't have to be fully landscaped. There is a provision in our show rules that allows for an incomplete module to be included in a show at the module committee's / show chairman's discretion.

The complete guidelines are posted on our website at **wcmrrc.com/club-resources** Scroll down, the module specs are the third item down.

This is a great opportunity for father/son or father/daughter teams to contribute to the club and learn and teach the next generation of modelers.

What can you make? What industry can you model? Can you add a spur or create a siding that can be switched? Can you model an autumn or winter scene? Maybe a valley farm scene? Let's see what we can come up with. It would be nice to have some news modules for inclusion in our next round of shows; Valley River, Logging Conference, Lane or Benton county fairs.

The Ballad of Casey Jones

By Wallace Saunders

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Come all you rounders if you want to hear
A story 'bout a brave engineer,
Casey Jones was the rounder's name
"Twas on the Illinois Central that he won his fame.

Casey Jones, he loved a locomotive.
Casey Jones, a mighty man was he.
Casey Jones run his final locomotive
With the Cannonball Special on the old I.C.

Casey pulled into Memphis on Number Four,
The engine foreman met him at the round-house door;
Said, "Joe Lewis won't be able to make his run
So you'll have to double out on Number One."

If I can have Sim Webb, my fireman, my engine 382,
Although I'm tired and weary, I'll take her through.
Put on my whistle that come in today
Cause I mean to keep her wailing as we ride and pray.

Casey Jones, mounted the cabin,
Casey Jones, with the orders in his hand.
Casey Jones, he mounted the cabin,
Started on his farewell Journey to the promised land.

They pulled out of Memphis nearly two hours late,
Soon they were speeding at a terrible rate.
And the people knew by the whistle's moan.
That the man at the throttle was Casey Jones.

Need more coal there, fireman Sim,
Open that door and heave it in.
Give that shovel all you got
And we'll reach Canton on the dot

On April 30, 1900, that rainy morn,
Down in Mississippi near the town of Vaughan,
Sped the Cannonball Special only two minutes late
Traveling 70 miles an hour when they saw a freight.

The caboose number 83 was on the main line,
Casey's last words were "Jump, Sim, while you have the time.
"At 3:52 that morning came the fateful end,
Casey took his farewell trip to the promised land.

Casey Jones, he died at the throttle,
With the whistle in his hand.
Casey Jones, he died at the throttle,
But we'll all see Casey in the promised land.

His wife and three children were left to mourn
The tragic death of Casey on that April morn.
May God through His goodness keep them by His grace
Till they all meet together in that heavenly place.

Casey's body lies buried in Jackson, Tennessee
Close beside the tracks of the old I.C.
May his spirit live forever throughout the land
As the greatest of all heroes of a railroad man.

Casey Jones, he died at the throttle,
Casey Jones, with the whistle in his hand.
Casey Jones, he died at the throttle,

What's New

It's fall and we have already started to work on three of our upcoming shows, the Drain show, Swap Meet, and Oregon Logging Conference.

The Drain Show has been rescheduled because of a conflict with the conference center. This year we will have the show before the week of Thanksgiving. Set Up days will be Thursday, November 21, and Friday, November 22 beginning at 10:00 AM through 5:00 PM for both days.

Our run time will be Saturday, November 23, and Sunday November 24 beginning at 10:00 AM through 4:00 PM.

On Monday, November 25, we will have the elementary school kids from Drain, Elkton, and Yoncalla come in between 9:00 AM through 1 PM or shortly thereafter to run trains and look at the displays.

Sign up sheets will be at our October and November meetings, so put these dates on your calendar.

The following show, Valley River Show, will be held in January and they, because of the Christmas season, do not like planning until the end of the season.

The Swap Meet and Train Show is scheduled for Thursday, February 13th, 12:00 noon until 5:00 PM to hang signs and drop electrical cords for the venders.

On February 14, we will complete the set up from the club, completing the admission area, setting up the club tables, and completing registration. The set up times for club members will be from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. At 10:00 AM venders will be invited to start setting up and we will be open until 10:00 PM.

On Saturday, February 15th, the show will open to early birds entry with regular entry at 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM.

On Sunday, February 16, the show will open at 10:00 AM and we will close the show at 3:00 PM with tear down beginning immediately.

Signup sheets will be available at the December and January meetings. Remember that we as a club will be helping venders move in and move out. Venders appreciate the help.

We have the contract signed by the Lane Events Center and they are looking forward to having us there for 2025 and beyond.

The Oregon Logging Conference will be held Tuesday, February 18 and Wednesday, February 19 with setup days for our layout beginning at 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The Conference will be held Thursday, February 20 and Friday February 21st with run times

from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM. On Saturday February 22nd, we will have run times beginning at 9:00 AM and going to 2:00 PM with tear down immediately following.

We have talked with the staff at the Oregon Logging Conference and have registered with them.

Sign up sheets will be at our December and January meetings.

Thank you for your support. We put on a great show for the public to enjoy, and by participating, we get to know each other a little better

Gary Schwieger

Membership Matters

October is here and where has the summer gone? It will be great to see you at our next meeting, October 12, 2024 at the Springfield Depot.

We have added two members, another father and son team, Bryan and Titus Parsons.

Bryan and Titus were at our August meeting and at the picnic meeting in September. If you have not met them, say hello and welcome them to WCMRRC team.

They have plans to build a model layout at their home in Cottage Grove, Oregon.

Please introduce yourself and invite them to be active participants in our club meetings and run events.

Gary Schwieger
Membership Chair

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Contest of the Month 2024

October– Single Dome Tank Car

November– Maintenance of Way
Equipment or Cars

*The winner of the model of the
Month contest receives a \$10.00*

December– Diesel Locomotive

Gift card for Eugene Toy & Hobby

September Model Contest



#12 Martin Tighe **WINNER**

#18 Martin Tighe

#10 Dale Knox

#7 Blayze A



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OUR CLUB NEEDS:

STORAGE:

Tables and Tablecloths

Magazines

O-scale

G-scale

A chairman for the module committee. (Help is available here.) And the module standards are on our website under [Club Resources \(wcmrrc.com\)](http://wcmrrc.com)

Help with refreshments at our meetings.

Contact Greg Kent to help our club.

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](#), [Gary Decker](#), [Gary Schwieger](#)

Junior Member at Large: [Asa Showalter](#)

Appointed Positions:

Modular Chair: [Open](#)

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

Secretary: [Joe Rademacher](#)

Treasurer: [Gary Decker](#)

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

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Show Chair: [Gary Schwieger](#)

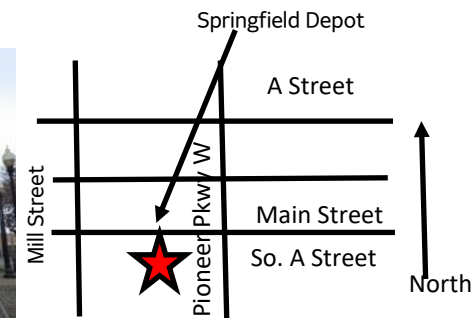
Clinic Chairs: [Lee Temple & Noah Russell](#)

Membership Chair: [Gary Schwieger](#)

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

Refreshment Chair: [Charlie Lange](#)

Prize Drawings: [Greg Kent](#)



Run Schedule-October 2024

October 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.

October 12th WCMRRC Meeting **Springfield Depot** *See Map*

November 9th WCMRRC Meeting **Springfield Depot** *See Map*

November 23rd -25th Drain Holiday Kickoff and Operation Lifesaver Set begins on the 21st. **Drain Community Center**

December 14th WCMRRC Christmas Party **Springfield Depot** *See Map*

January 11th WCMRRC Meeting **Springfield Depot** *See Map*

January 23rd -26th Valley River Center Show **Tentative**

February 15th- 16th Swap Meet and Train Show **Lane County Fairgrounds**
Set up starts on the 13th.

February 21st -23th Oregon International Logging Conference **Lane County Events Center**

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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