

**WILLAMETTE CASCADE  
Model Railroad Club**

"Pride of the Tunnel Country"

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# CONDUCTORS COMMENTS

October is here and that gives us just about 30 days to get ready for the annual Drain show. It's a delight for me to run trains at Drain. The community center where we set up feels so inviting and welcoming to me. It is a beautiful setting with the park right next door. Sign up sheets will be available at October club meeting, so look them over and see where you can fit in to run trains and setup and/or tear down. Setup is Thursday-Friday Nov 18-19, and tear down is Monday afternoon the 21st. We will run all day Saturday and Sunday with a half day on Monday. Start and end times are on the signup sheets. This show has always been a tough one due to weekday setup and tear down times. However setup time can run into the evening especially on Thursday. We setup two layouts for this show the club HO scale layout and a smaller G scale layout that the kids can run. Most of all it is a great opportunity to get together with other train guys and have some fun. Remember we now have three continuous loops so there is plenty of space to run.

Food will be provided by the club usually consisting crockpot chili, chips, sandwich makins' , soda, coffee and water to slake our parched pallets.

Walt M.

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- by: Noah Russell

About two weeks ago, I was lucky enough to hear that the old McCloud Railroad was suddenly being re-stored. Almost 17 years ago, the classic logging and tourist railroad located just at the base of Mt. Shasta in Northern California shut down "for good". In the last 25 years, the remaining rail east of the yard in McCloud, where the majority of the railroad's mainline once was, and where the bridge scene from "Stand by Me" was filmed, all past about 3.5ish miles, had been torn up and "trailed". But due to a small world type of turn of events, the line has recently been bought and subsequently quietly prepped for operation again over the last few months. This is the part where I got to be involved. My friend, Dan Schiedell (who some of you may know from the club) was headed down to McCloud to capture the very first big volunteer work weekend on the railroad with his drone on video. I was lucky enough to be able to show up to help him and do as much photography as possible of people volunteering in just about every possible role going on, and to try and capture as much as possible of this at least for me, once in a lifetime event, before school started again on Monday.

I headed down on Friday morning and showed up just after 10 with my friend Ryan. Once we got there, we jumped right in to meet everyone, lend a hand wherever possible, and start getting awesome photos.



The funniest part of the day was when I rounded a corner at the back of the shop and met face to face with a friend from the railroad museum in Portland, and his group of friends, who came down together to help out. That made me laugh, when I pointed at my buddy, and he pointed at me, while we both said "Zack!?" "Noah!?". What a small world! That really made the place feel familiar.



On that Friday morning, volunteers got one of the two remaining 1967 vintage EMD SD38s (#36 and #38) turned on after some troubleshooting. It was an epic experience to be there for the first run of the 38 in possibly decades, and to meet the nice guys who got it going. There were groups fueling up old speeders and heading into the hills to clear old tracks and reveal long abandoned rail cars east of town, and other groups clearing the line west of town, and fixing up the line where it had been damaged. Comically enough, the guy in charge at the fire department, who happily showed up to help refill the 38's water tank had at one time been the McCloud 25's fireman. I believe his dad or grandpa was even the 25's engineer for over 30 years! The highlight of the day was the two engines being wye'd after a whole day of further troubleshooting and work to get the 38 running better, and to clear the entire rail yard of 16 years of bushes and trees taking over. It's an old GM after all, but it ran!

Saturday was a busy day too. Those aforementioned friends of mine and I headed up the line to replace rails along a damaged crossing, and I photographed a whole day of work to get the line runnable again. We were even interviewed by an awesome local filmmaker about how we ended up volunteering there. Later, I happened to head back to town with Dan, and we were there just in time to catch the first run of a train into downtown McCloud since the railroad shut down. By the time we got to the 38 to the end of the track, the guys had basically reminded the whole town that yes in fact, there's a railroad there still! And believe it or not, it's running again! Who knew that honking the horn on a locomotive gets a whole tiny town's attention? We may or may not have even crashed two weddings happening across the street when everyone in town came out to see the train for the first time in over a decade. It was a really cool experience for families to come out and show their little kids a train for maybe the first time.

Sunday, the third day was the most eventful for me, since I actually got in the dirt, helping my friends more than just taking cool photos of them working their butts off, when we replaced a final set of tracks. And just in time to do some fun stuff and race back to town to get a great group photo of all the volunteers and even be treated to an epic dinner at the beautiful old McCloud Guest House. Everyone was super cool and extremely hyped that we got so much work done, just about everywhere. The night sky there was incredible too, and I made sure to get plenty of pretty night photos of the locomotives and shops. It was as if they had truly just locked the doors and gone home, leaving everything where it sat. I believe the plan will be to run future volunteer events and get excursion trains running once again!

Overall, an epic experience.



## **Letters from your Editor**

I hope you like the cover on this letter. This is a variation of how it use to look when I did it when Lee was president.

This year has had it's share of ties leaving the track lose. With that in mind and all the things going on let us look forward to the Club Meeting on October 10. Let us great each other with a warm hand shake, kind and encouraging words as we share memories of the past and visions of our future.

Also!!!!

I need articles, stories, train info! Whatever you would like to share. It may not end up in the next newsletter, But it will at some time.

Duane Ambron

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# **Member News**

Greg Kent has had his knee replaced and in now going through physical therapy. Ouch!

Walt Mulford had surgery on his back, on October 1. Ouch,ouch!

Gary Decker fell off a ladder and broke his hip. He has spent some time in the hospital and may still be there. Ouch, ouch, ouch!

Please keep these people in you thought and prayers for complete healing.

# Membership Matters

Fall is here and now is the time to work on your equipment and modules. We have the Drain Show starting with set up days, November 19 and 20 with run times on November 21 through November 23 with tear down at 1:00 pm on November 23.

Sign-up sheets will be at our October and November meetings.

No new members to add to our club but it was fun to see everybody at the club picnic.

I look forward to seeing everybody at our November meeting.

Gary Schwieger

Membership Chair

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## **In memorium**

Lee Temple was the Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club. That's what it felt like to me. He had a great amount of influence on us and the direction it the club is continuing to go in. He was a big proponent of multiple scales being represented as well as having DCC operation as well. He was not willing to be comfortable with the past. Lee undertook a lot behind-the-scenes responsibilities that we didn't see to make sure club activities ran smoothly. I will miss him.

Walt M.

## **Model Contest of the Month**

**October**– Wood Products car or  
load with name

**November**– Steam Engine over 6  
Drivers

**December**– Gondola or open top  
hopper with load

*The winner of the model of the  
Month contest receives a \$10 gift  
card for Eugene Toy and Hobby*

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## **Membership Chair**

With just 4 months until the swap meet, the use permit for all 3 rooms has been signed and initialed. The \$990 deposit is paid. Another roughly \$3,000 is due in January.

Please be sure to turn in your form if you want tables. So far we have only sold 10 tables. We have 165 tables to go. We are way behind at this stage. We are also in need of a few volunteers to call on former vendors and get them signed up and paid. Contact Greg Kent to volunteer. We need your help to make this a success.

### **Milton E. Campbell**

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Thank You For All Of Your Support For Our Club!



Club News , no, not just news. The end of an era.

AS some of you may have heard, Lee Temple was found deceased Wednesday, Sept 30th.

Lee was a foundational part of this club, the last surviving charter member, and wealth of information, always an advocate for learning about a trains. A great friend to many of the members.



There is no replacement to what he has done and the years he gave to being president and supporter of the club. I need stories to share, if you have something the club may laugh at or enjoy, please submit to me.

Lee will be greatly missed.



# Club Officials

## Elected Officers:

President: [Walt Mulford](#)

Vice President: [Milton Campbell](#)

Senior Members at Large:

[Greg Kent](#), [Udie Bauer](#), [Sam Larsen](#)

Junior Member at Large: [Tyler Volpe](#)

## Appointed Positions:

Modular Chair: [Noah Russell](#)

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

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Show Chair: [O P E N](#)

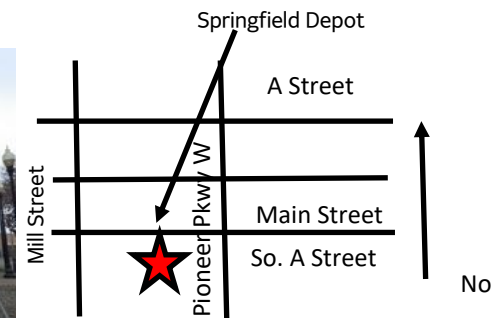
Clinic Chairs: [Ken Warner](#) & [Noah Russell](#)

Membership Chair: [Gary Schwieger](#)

Sergeant-at- Arms: [Hayden Northcutt](#)

Refreshment Chair: [Walt Mulford](#)

Prize Drawings: [Greg Kent](#)



## Run Schedule-October 2026

October 10th WCMRRC Meeting **Springfield Depot**

November 14th WCMRRC Meeting **Springfield Depot**

December 12th WCMRRC Christmas Party **Springfield Depot**

January 9th WCMRRC Meeting **Springfield Depot**

January 20th-23rd VALLEY RIVER SHOW **VRC** (*tentative*)

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## Club picnic Raffle

### Winner

Alan Sirotek won  
the \$50 gift card to  
Eugene Toy



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CHAMBER

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of Commerce for the use of the  
Springfield Depot for our meetings.



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