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**Picnic Edition**



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# Conductors Comments

*By Walt Mulford, President*

I am looking forward to the immediate future with our potluck picnic at Dale Knox's house next week. He really, really likes model trains. He has a highly detailed small ho layout in their house (thankyou Mrs. Knox), and large outdoor G scale in their backyard. The g scale is going to be open for folks to run on. That'll be fun.

For the not-too-distant future, of course, we have the Drain show in Dec., Valley River in Jan, and Logging conference and SWAP MEET in Feb. Also, ongoing negotiations with Moose Lodge in Junction City AND Springfield. Gary Schwieger, Mike Larson, and myself had a nice meeting with three very active, and past presidents of Springfield Chamber of Commerce. We're gonna get what we want and why they want down in black and white and it initially appears we and they are not far apart. That meeting was held last Tuesday, the 29th. Gary and I were so excited we rushed over to Greg Kent's house for the board meeting to spread the news, when Greg politely told us we were a week early. Gary and I looked at each other and laughed. The look on Greg's face was like "you boys need to settle down". For me it feels very positive going forward into fall and winter. Obviously, things aren't close to being finalized but right now it looks good for the WCMRR INC.

nuff said.



# Membership Matters

*By Gary Schwieger, Membership Chairperson*

Please welcome our newest member, Peter Florack, who is interested in “G” and “HO” scales. Peter recently relocated to the Eugene area from California. He has a special interest in Scenery. Please introduce yourself Peter and welcome him to our club!

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## WHAT'S NEW

*By Gary Schwieger*

Just a reminder that if you would like to enhance your wardrobe, consider the purchase of WCMRRC hat or “T” shirt from Greg Kent. He will not have these items available at our picnic, but you can be ahead of the curve by contacting him at 541 554-6812. He can make arrangements so that you can sport your new attire at the picnic.

Time for a break in the action, run events anyway.

Behind the scenes, the board and chairs are working on the Drain Show, the Valley River Show, the Swap Meet and Train Show and the Logging Conference event.

Walt Mulford has agreed to be the show chair for the Valley River Show. Thank you, Walt, for stepping forward to chair this event. Next event will be the club picnic September 9.

See you there.

***Gary Schwieger***

The Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club, Inc. is a 501 c 4 not for profit educational corporation located in the Eugene, Springfield area of Oregon. We accept members of all ages interested in railroading. All scales and skills are welcome

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<b>541-603-8084</b>	

## McCloud Railway's #102 Caboose

by Bruce Duncan

The International Car Company built McCloud Railway caboose #102 in 1962 at a cost of \$18,627. Built for the McCloud River Railroad, #102 was active on the McCloud Railway into the 21<sup>st</sup> century until the railway's demise. The caboose's design was requested as a "shorty" 25-foot length instead of the standard 35-foot length for this model to better accommodate the line's tight curves.

In 2004 Golden West Hobbies (me) commissioned Athearn to produce 500 of these in their HO Blue Box kits. Jeff Forbes, president of the McCloud Railway, provided me with the label off one of the cans of paint, with some paint on it, used to paint the caboose in 1996. The color was red vermilion. I passed this along with photos on to Athearn. One of the unusual aspects of the project was I had Athearn paint the floor of the kits also. It was something Athearn was not normally doing at that time.

The items sold well over the years at the McCloud Railway/Shasta Sunset Dinner Train Gift Shop, Dunsmuir Hardware the Yreka Western/Blue Goose Gift Shop and the Internet. They can still be found on eBay and model train swap meets like the WCMRRC Show & Swap Meet.

In 2019 Athearn came out with this same caboose in their Round-house Ready to Roll line. Despite both models being prototypically longer than the prototype they are both nice models.



*Photo - McCloud Railway #102 in McCloud, California, 27 Jul 1997*

*Photo - McCloud Railway #102 Golden West Hobbies/Athearn kit*



*Photos by Bruce Duncan*

# Off The Bench

By Mike Larson

We started rebuilding Cascade Cut, and got a lot done. You can see Udi cutting the back area off as we'll be adding a backtrack to it. The backtrack will be in a tunnel as I want to make the small mountain a little bit taller. We'll be adding a mining structure as I bought the structure from Dale Knox. I'll have to fix it up some but that's easily done.

Next we'll be securing the plywood with screws and glue. We'll also be adding the backtrack as the track needs to be in place before the scenery can be started. This module was in bad condition, but it'll have a new life when it's finished.

Got the plywood glued and screwed down, figured out the radius of the backtrack and it's around a 22" radius, I soldered 2 tracks together as that helps in less derailling of the trains, added 3 plastic railroad ties in the area that got soldered, predrilled holes for the electrical wires that will be soldered to the rails for power, and I also glued and nailed the track down. You can see in the picture the type of glue I use, you can also use liquid nails as these glued will not have a chemical reaction to different foams.

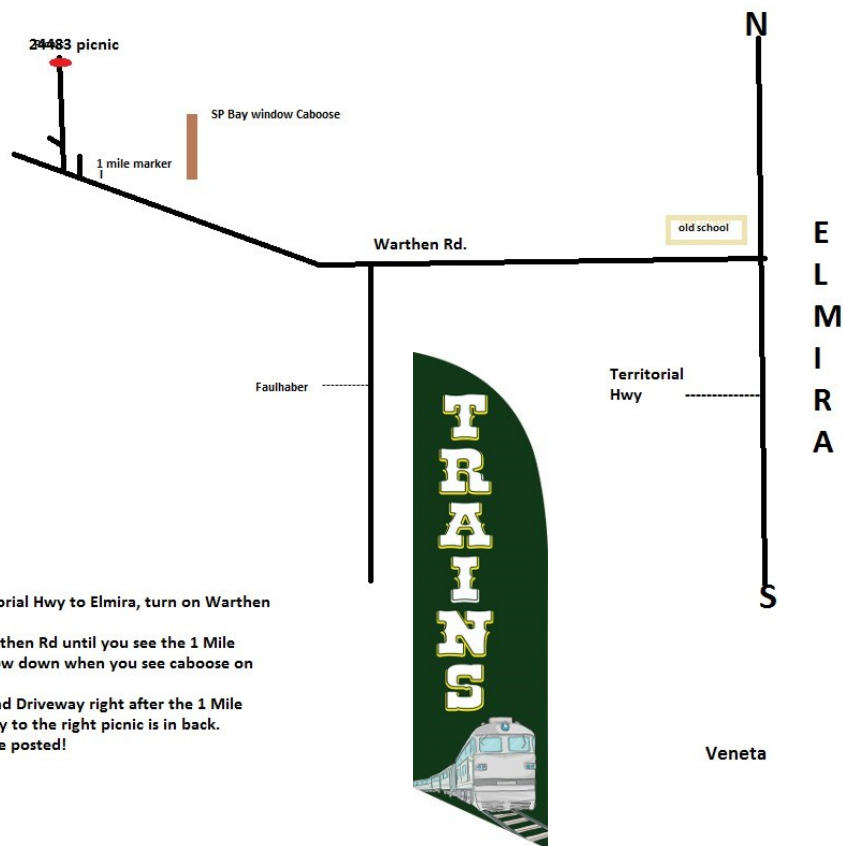


Photos by  
Mike Larson

# PICNIC-PICNIC-PICNIC

2023 WCMRRC Annual Picnic Sept 9, 10:00 AM with lunch starting at 12:00 PM with brief meeting and prize drawing @ Dale & Linda Knox Home, 24483 Warthen Rd, Elmira, OR 97437.

Contact Greg Kent 541-554-6812, [gregkent@comcast.net](mailto:gregkent@comcast.net).



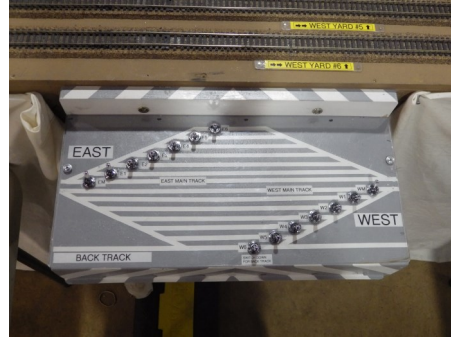
Take Territorial Hwy to Elmira, turn on Warthen Rd.  
Follow Warthen Rd until you see the 1 Mile Marker, Slow down when you see caboose on right.  
Take the 2nd Driveway right after the 1 Mile marker, stay to the right picnic is in back.  
Signs will be posted!

## 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!"**

# Off the Bench

*By Mike Larson*



1. Please do not lean on modules. Some of our modules have had to be adjusted for additional weight.
2. Be on time for your turn to run. Have your trains ready to go 15 minutes before your scheduled departure. Schedule your times when you are available.
3. Reminder, 4 hours of set up or take down are required in order to run your trains at the WCMRRC run events.
4. Do not reach over modules because you can damage scenery on those modules or damage trains on the tracks that are running.
5. Ask the owner of the modules if you can place your scenery props on their modules before placing them.
6. Please pay attention to your trains while running. May be able to prevent a large pile up.
7. Look both ways before opening the bridge. Some members are running power on the back of the trains so let them clear the blocks before opening the bridge.
8. After opening the bridge do not let it slam back by itself. We have had to repair some damage to the bridge.
9. For the run events, just bring the items that you will run for that day. We do not have enough storage under the modules to accommodate everything.
10. No ALCOHOL at any events sponsored by the WCMRRC. We are not insured for that exposure.
11. Tracks #3, 4, & 5 for long train set up.
12. Do not reach over the modules.
13. Leaving a space under the yard to push totes of cars & Locomotives to set up on the East Yard tracks instead of reaching over the yard.

# Contest of the Month 2023

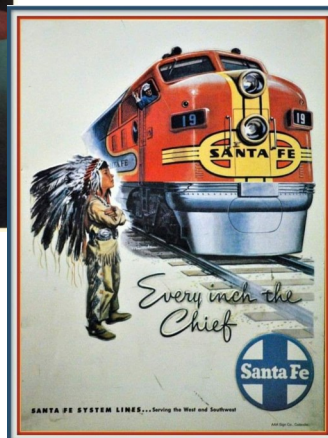
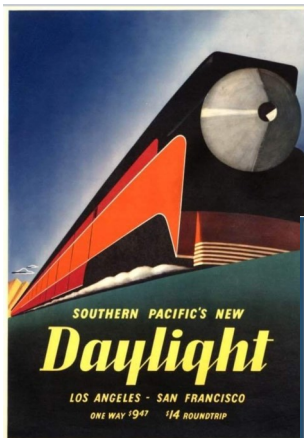
September - Caboose

October - Short Train not to Exceed  
(5) Pieces

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

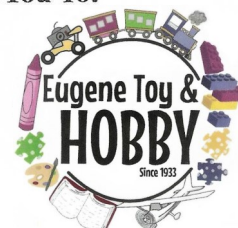
November - Maintenance of Way  
Equipment or Cars

December - Single Dome Tank Car



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Thank You For All Of Your Support To Our Club!





# TEMPLE'S TRAINS & THINGS

BUY-SELL-CONSIGNMENTS

Lee Temple, Owner

eBay user name: temples-trains-and-things

(541) 954-4917

ttandt@ram-mail.com

PO BOX 41267 Eugene, OR 97404



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## Contest of the Month Entries

*1st Place -* Brent Jerberg



Sam Larson



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

Secretary: [Joe Rademacher](#)

News Letter Editor: [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](#)

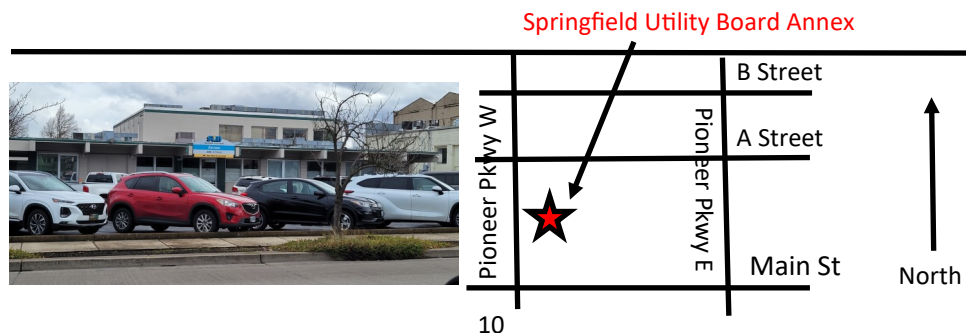
Treasurer: [Gary Decker](#)

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

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

Refreshment Chair: [Charlie Lange](#)

Prize Drawings: [Greg Kent](#)



# Run Schedule-September 2023

**September 9<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**September 9<sup>th</sup> WCMRRC Meeting/Picnic**  
**at the home of Dale & Linda Knox in Elmira.**  
*24483 Warthen Rd, Elmira, OR 97437*

Sales and run "G" Scale trains from 10 am till noon, followed by lunch brief meeting and drawing for a \$100 Gift Certificate to Eugene Toys & Hobbies!

See you there!

**October 14<sup>th</sup> WCMRRC Meeting back at SUB Annex**

**November 11<sup>th</sup> WCMRRC Meeting at SUB Annex**

**December 9<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party/Meeting Bring Goodies to share!**

***NOTICE: WE ARE MEETING FOR  
THE PICNIC IN ELMIRA FROM 10  
TO ?? WITH LUNCH AT NOON!***

***SEE MAP ON PAGE 7***

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**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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A Pepsi Cola delivery wagon, circa 1910.

