

## The Passing Track

October 2004

Newsletter of the Rogue Valley Model Railroad Club

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### November Calendar of Events

*All events in the Clubhouse at the Railroad Park unless otherwise noted.*

#### **General Membership Meeting**

**Wednesday, (October 27) 7:30 PM**

Pneumatic controls by Stretch Manley.

#### **New Layout Construction**

**Each Saturday (Except Nov. 27)**

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

#### **Construction/Cleanup Sessions:**

**Each Thursday (Except Thanksgiving)**

7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

#### **Board Meeting:**

**Wednesday, November 10**

7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

#### **General Membership Meeting**

**Wednesday, November 24**

7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Prepare for RR Show

### Pneumatic Applications Demo

This Wednesday's General Membership Meeting (October 27) will feature Stretch Manley's discussion and demonstration on the applications of pneumatics for controlling the operation of turnouts, semaphores, and other scenery features. Stretch's presentation should be about 30-45 minutes, depending on questions. Manley markets the products under the name of E-Z Air Motion control. The meeting starts at 7:30 pm.

### Rogue Valley Model RR Show

It's hard to believe, but the Rogue Valley Model RR Show is almost upon us. This year's show is on the Saturday and Sunday following Thanksgiving, November 27-28. We will be setting up on Friday, November 26. For lunch on setup Friday, John Wilson will be providing chili and John Gerritsma the corn bread. No doubt a few other goodies will show up, as well. It is important for the Club to fill ALL the job slots. Please call Jim Dougall (779-8725) for available jobs, or come to the Clubhouse for work session times or meetings to sign up. Operators are also needed during the show. As always, the tear

down and cleanup Sunday afternoon requires manpower,  
as well.

## October Board Meeting Minutes

The RVMRC Board met on October 13. Three board officers and 5 members were present. *(It should be noted that items of interest voted on by the board always includes votes by both the board officers and members present. Therefore, your attendance is always encouraged should you want a voice in the administrative and policy issues of the Club).*

All membership dues are up to date. This is important for Club operations. THANK YOU! The fund raiser to allow members to “buy” their way out of painting work on the Club building has netted \$985, but...the Club received a donation pledge of \$25 from an associate member just so we would reach our goal of \$1,000. Thank you all for your generous donations. As a matter of interest, the Club has spent almost \$5,600 on the permanent layout, the bulk of which has gone towards DCC, track related expenses, and electrical. A new Club sign adorns the side of the clubhouse just to the left of the entrance doors (see second photo page). The sign was printed by Snuffy (Jerome Haas) and installed by Bruce McGarvey. Bruce added a nice frame. Gordon Nundley of the Historic Society has volunteered to add landscaping to the clubhouse area. The Club has sent a Thank You to Tom Smith for a generous donation of hard cover books. Bruce and Jim are cataloging the books for addition to our library. Four club members had a terrific visit to our coast members (see photo pages). The modules need maintenance and some fixes. The Rogue Valley Railroad Show is about a month away. We also need someone to determine the layout of modules for the show. The Club has been invited to display a layout at a show two hours west of Portland. Due to the long driving distance and logistics, the Club is declining to participate available and prices. Bruce will bring lights he has on hand.

## Thank You, Tom Smith

“On behalf of the Rogue Valley Model Railroad Club, Thank You for your generous donation of the numerous railroad books. Jim Dougall and Bruce McGarvey are in the process of cataloging the many books you have given the club. They will provide an outstanding reference source for our library.

As a token of our appreciation, please accept the enclosed Pacific and Eastern Railroad Stock Certificate. While they have no monetary value, you can brag upon the fact that you own shares in a fictitious railroad.

The Club has about 45 members and is currently constructing a permanent layout in their building at the

railroad park. These books provide good reading material for many of our Club’s model building projects.”

## Christmas Party

The Club Board will be deciding on the logistics of this year’s Christmas potluck and festivity. Jay Mudge and John Gerritsma will be organizing the event this year. John has offered the use of his home (in Central Point about 3 miles from the Clubhouse). Sorry, John has yet to set up his railroad (just moved), so we won’t be able to play with trains there. We can also set up the Clubhouse, as we did last year, and perhaps include some activities involving the layout. We need some feedback before deciding at the November Board meeting which location to hold the potluck. Please express your desires to any of the Board members (E. Don, Jay, John or Bruce).

## For Sale

Due to recent events, Stan McCullough has to downsize his engine collection. The following list of items are for sale by Stan. The Kato and Altas are just like new and have Kadee couplers installed. The rest of the engines are in good shape and come with Kadees. The Athearns are new and in their original boxes. Any one can e-mail Stan at [sp4449@gharter.net](mailto:sp4449@gharter.net) or call him at 245-4455 for any questions or offers.

Older AHM Cab Forward with Can Motor w/outside lighted lights \$125.00

Concor Railbaron Collection—FA-2 Powered UP #685 and the FB-2 Dummy UP #685B. Sold as set. \$75.00

Athearn DD 35 UP#78 \$35.00  
Athearn GP 50 UP#53 \$15.00

New Athearn in boxes (no kadee):

SD40-2 UP #3300 Late Power \$25.00  
SD40-2 UP #6300 Late Power \$25.00  
SD40-2 UP #3101 Late Power \$25.00  
SD40-2 UP #4462 Old Power \$17.00  
SD40-2 D&RG #5361 Old Power \$17.00

In Original Boxes w/Kadee:

Atlas C30-7 UP #2515 \$40.00  
Kato RS2 UP #1291 \$40.00  
Kato NW2 UP #1047 \$40.00  
Kato NW2 UP #1029 \$40.00  
Proto 2000 SD60 UP #5769 \$40.00

Rivarossi Cab Forward	\$150.00
Spectrum GP30 UP #731	\$25.00
Spectrum GP30 UP #844	\$25.00



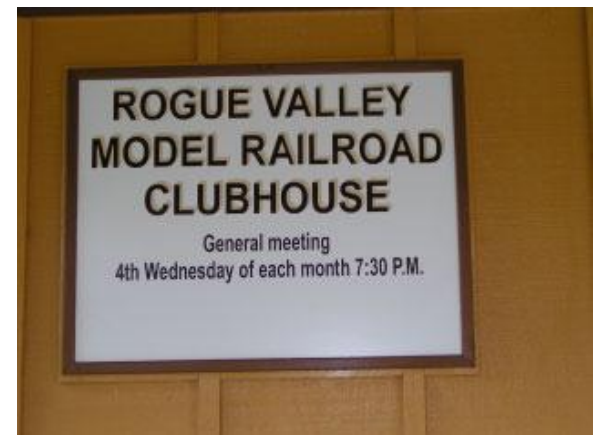
**Crescent City Model Railroaders  
(RVMRC Coast Members)**

Left (Top to Bottom) Cliff Niesen's California and Northern RR. That's 90 something young Cliff in the lower picture. Middle Top: More of the C&N. Middle middle and bottom: Harold Ahler's North Bay & Western RR. Right Top: The famous dance hall on the North Bay & Western. Right Middle: Ron Abrahamson and his California Pacific Line.



Left: More from Ron Abrahamson's California Pacific Lines. Middle Top and Middle: Tuffy Melvin makes progress on his Turn Bull Railroad. Middle Bottom and Top Right: Galen Anderson's 7x9 Table Top Layout. He's moved "too many times"; therefore there are no mountains! Below: The new RVMRC Clubhouse Sign.

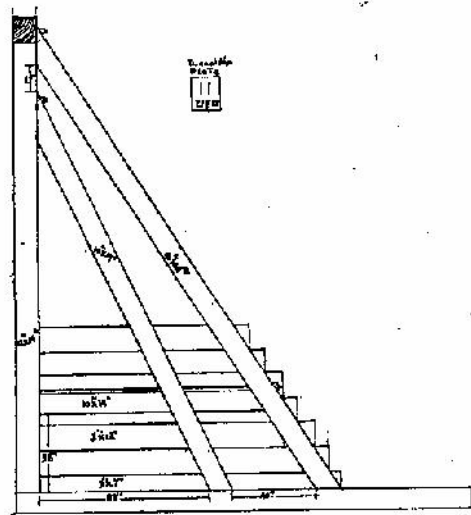
**Thank You Bruce McGarvey for all of the photos!**



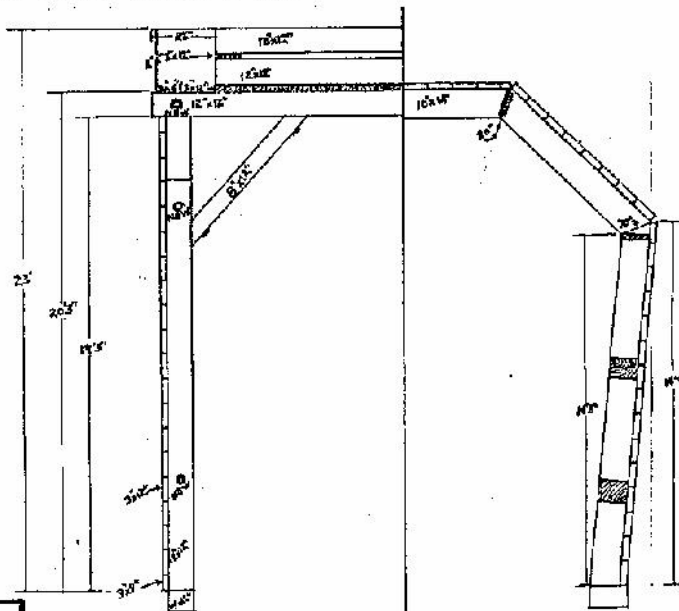
# SISKIYOU TUNNEL PORTALS AND LININGS

## Tunnels 13 and 15

These drawings are thru the courtesy of Mike Yoakum, Pres. of the Rogue Valley Model RR Club with all measurements taken directly from the sites at the tunnels. A limited number of Xeroxed "0" scale drawings are available free from Mike if you need larger drawings to work from. A SASE will help if you need a copy mailed to you.



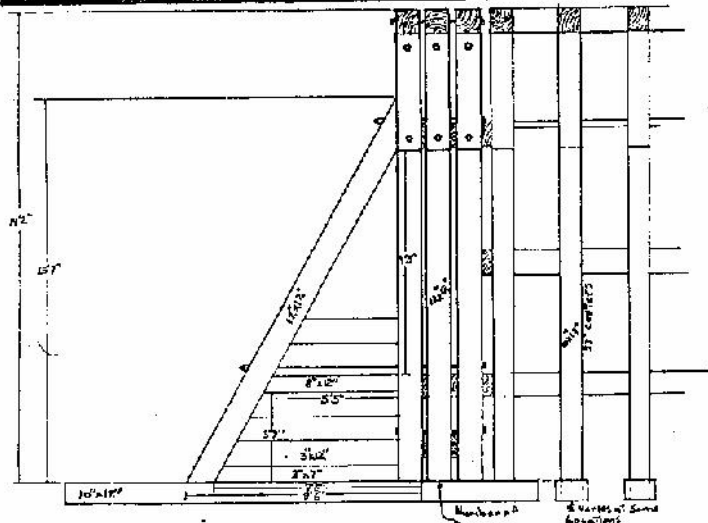
Side elevation of Tunnel Portal (Tunnel 13)



Half section of Tunnel 13

Half section of Tunnel lining

Note the slight variation of design between the portal sides of tunnel 13 (above) and tunnel 15 (below)



Side elevation of Tunnel Portal (Tunnel 15)

These drawings were reduced for inclusion in the PASSING TRACK, and all basic dimensions are given. S.P. is having Gunnite applied to most tunnel portals in our S. Oregon area and also rebuilding to accommodate hi-cube and special size cars. Basic portal and liner designs were apparently varied to accommodate local geological characteristics. You will also find the spacing between liner units different in each tunnel. History buffs will remind you that tunnel 13 was the scene of a famous train robbery by the DeAutremont Bros in the late 1920's.

TUNNEL PORTAL & LININGS		
SCALE: 1"=4'	APPROVED BY:	DRAWN BY MDY
DATE: 7-16-79		REVIEWED:
Southern Pacific Terminal Co., Tunnel 13, Oregon RR, Siskiyou Co., OR (453)		DRAWING NUMBER
General Manager's Office - Portland, OR Oregon Pacific Railway Museum Co., Ltd. Western Oregon Region, 1000 N. District - Salem, OR - Ashland Station		T-167/79

(Some dimensions may vary)

## RAILROAD TIME CARDS 2004 - 2005

**Oct 23** – Jefferson State Insulator & Bottle Show, Seven Feathers Hotel & Casino Resort, Canyonville, Ore. Sat 9 AM to 5 PM. Visit: [www.insulators.com/clubs/jsic/show/](http://www.insulators.com/clubs/jsic/show/)

**Nov 6, 13, 20, 27** – Mt Hood Model Engineers Open House at their club, 5500 SE Belmont St, Portland, Ore. Info: [mhmeng@aol.com](mailto:mhmeng@aol.com) or voice mail 1-877-378-3563.

**Nov 13-14** – GATS, Oregon Convention Center, Portland, Ore. Info: [www.gats.com](http://www.gats.com)

**Nov 13-14** – Northern California Railroad Show, Placer county Fairgrounds, Roseville, Calif. Sat 10 AM – 5 PM and Sun 10 AM – 4 PM. Info: [www.internationalrailfair.com](http://www.internationalrailfair.com)

**Nov 27-28** – **Rogue Valley Railroad Show & Swap Meet**, Medford Armory, Medford, Ore. Sat 10-5, Sun 11-4. Info: Brad Fawcett 541-535-7952, [bfawcett@mind.net](mailto:bfawcett@mind.net) or <http://rvmrc.railfan.net/>

### 2005

**Apr 8-10** – WCMRR Club 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Railroad Show & Swap Meet, Lane County Fairgrounds, Eugene, Ore. Info: Lee Temple, [tandt@ram-mail.com](mailto:tandt@ram-mail.com)

Listings include events within a day's drive from the Rogue Valley. If you know of shows not listed here, or sometime in the future, please let me know so we can share that with our readers. Contact Bruce at [iwcr@charter.net](mailto:iwcr@charter.net) or 541-779-8145. 09/08/2004bhm.

### 25 years ago this month - The Passing Track October 1979:

"Club was meeting at Hobby Tree at the K Mart Shopping Center. A slide clinic on "Realism with Plastic Structures" by Dick Orr, plus the famous "Reno Raffle" (?)... VP Stan McCollough, who occasionally spells his name wrong, is looking into the price of custom patches for the members....to report next meeting?? Our November Show is scheduled for November 24<sup>th</sup> at the Red Cross Building....We will need exhibits and some of your models to show off to the public.... Featured this month in Passing Track are drawings by Mike Yoakum of tunnel portals 13 and 15 with all measurements." *Ed note; what was the famous "Reno Raffle"?*

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