

## The Passing Track

November-December 2005

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.*

#### **New Layout Construction**

**Saturdays**

Generally between 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

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

**Thursdays**

7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

#### **Board Meeting:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month**

7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

#### **General Membership Meeting**

**4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month**

7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

#### **Rogue Valley Railroad Show**

Medford Armory

1701 S. Pacific Highway

November 25...Load&Set Up

8:30 am at the Clubhouse

November 26...10 am to 5 pm

November 27...11 am to 4 pm

### Christmas Potluck

Bring your toothbrush, your PJ's and anything else you might need for a sleepover, because if you are the lucky winner, you will be staying at the Medford Inn's hot tub suite! Our Club Christmas Potluck will be held at the Medford Inn's special events room on **Saturday, December 17** beginning at 6 p.m. The Inn's address is 1015 S. Riverside. Those whose last names begin with A-J bring breads or desserts. Those whose last names begin with L-Z bring vegetables or salad. Turkey and ham will be provided. We will have the usual white elephant gift exchange. The wrapped gift must be railroad related, could be something whimsical or silly, or just plain something you no longer need or cannot use. This year we will also have a spouse white elephant gift exchange. These gifts should not be railroad related. In this manner, our spouses can enjoy in the frivolity without receiving/giving something from their partner's hobby. Please put a tag on these gifts marked with a "S" (for spouse gift). We will have our little Christmas tree, so if you wish to be creative and make or bring a railroad-related ornament, please do so. There will be a door prize for the best ornament. Those who will be attending must RSVP Don Terrell at 621-1357 by December 10.

## Christmas Gift Idea

Club cars that adorn the famous Mt. Pit Route logo are for sale by the Rogue Valley Model Railroad Club AND MAKE WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS GIFTS. Price per car is \$15.95. Club members receive a discount.



## November Board Meeting Notes

The Board met on November 9, 2005, with E. Don Pettit calling the meeting to order. In addition to four board members, four members attended. Jim Dougall took notes as John Gerritsma was out of town. Another four boxes of model railroad magazines have been donated to the Club, and will need to be inventoried. Magazines that are surplus to the Club will be donated to the Klamath Rails Club. Bruce reported only one member is delinquent in his dues. The November program will be the Thanksgiving Railroad show. Jay has a DVD (from *Model Railroader Magazine*) titled "Dream, Plan, Build" with interesting modeling tips and prototype model railroading that Club members could copy (as some of the DVD files are in .pdf format). The water heater is discharging some water possibly due to a heater pressure relief valve that did not seat properly, or due to grit in the valve. This needs to be watched. Also, the outside water hydrant is leaking and needs to be replaced. The modular layout has been disassembled in preparation for moving to the Medford Armory for the annual Thanksgiving RR show. We will bring some of the LBF club cars to the RR show for sale to the public/exhibitors. Jim Dougall presented a summary of the RR show jobs and gave a copy of the job assignments spreadsheet to E. Don. Art McKee has revived and "spruced up" the "Timesaver" Switching Layout. This switching layout is a hands on exhibit for the public to operate

at the RR show. The Club needs to be aware that Art also has other show job assignments and will need help to run the Timesaver Layout. The Board decided to rent a 15 foot box van from Budget Rental. Richard Stark will make arrangements for the truck and will drive it. Loading of the modules will be 8:30 AM Friday morning, November 25. Bruce reported that Duncan Campbell is doing well and that he is hiring some part time help for his company, Campbell Scale Models.

## Planning Meeting Set

Bruce McGarvey recommended that the Club start the New Year with a meeting on January 14, 2006 (at 1 PM) to discuss planning and layout needs for the year 2006. All Club members are invited and encouraged to come so we have the best possible vision about the Club's needs and strategies for the first part of the new year.

## Spaky Mending

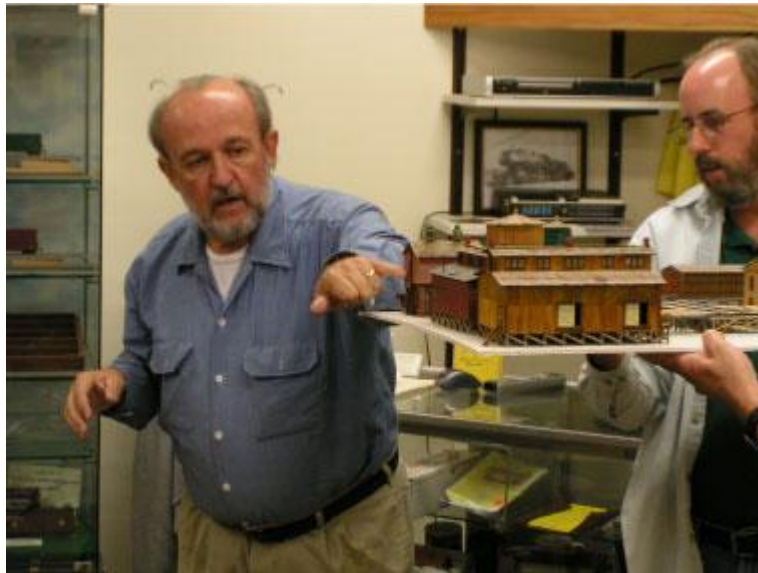
Dave Spakousky is mending well after his heart (stint insertion) operation on October 24. Dave had been running a low grade fever (normal for this type of thing), but he is about 500% better this time than 4 1/2 years ago. They only did a double bypass this time. Dave's heart is in great shape and so is he. The doctors were very impressed how healthy and strong he really is. Dave went home November 5th.

## October Board Meeting Notes

The Board met on October 12. Yard edging has been placed on some of the planter/lawn. More of the wider (4+") needed. Paul Koenig accepted as regular member #254. Due to out of town BLM assignment, John Gerritsma will not have the November newsletter out on time. Art McKee was the only one present at the last public run day in October. More membership participation is needed for 2006. Jay is fixing turnout problems as he encounters them. RR show layout to be about 34' x 22'. John Wilson to bring chili for Friday's lunch and Medford Inn will be giving special RR show rates on their rooms (call Don Terrell for info at 773-8266). Tony Hernandez is still seeking help with an HO layout (see September *Passing Track*). Duncan is looking for part time help at Campbell Scale Models.

## PNR 1<sup>st</sup> Division Mini-Meet at Medford Railroad Park

About 24 people attended the Mini-Meet hosted by the RVMR Club on September 14. Those in attendance were treated to an informative signaling presentation via powerpoint by Larry Tuttle, a highly entertaining (with extensive comic relief and informative tidbits) exhibition of weathering techniques on Campbell Scale models by Duncan Campbell, and a cloud painting and DCC demonstration, by Bruce McGarvey and Jay Mudge, respectively. Besides the donuts, cookies, coffee and raffles, the attendees were given steam train rides and toured the RailroadPark. Mother Nature cooperated with good weather.



(Top) Duncan Campbell explaining how he achieved the weathered appearance on some of his Campbell Scale Model structures. (Bottom) Jay Mudge prepares his Powerpoint presentation on DCC.





Duncan explains the manufacturing technique of making HO scale aluminum roofing.



The complete sawmill from Campbell Scale Models weathered with Duncan's diluted mixture of leather stains.



Andy Anderson makes his selection after winning one of the doorprizes.



Duncan Campbell reveals the secret ingredient to his weathering "inks"--diluted liquid leather stain.



Besides the weathering techniques, Duncan explained how some of the Campbell Scale Model products are made. Guests were provided with samples of aluminum roofing and wood shingles.

## Photos from the 2005 PNR Mini-Meet in Medford Oregon at the Medford Railroad Park

Rogue Valley Model RR Show Club Work Assignments

Friday, November 26

**Everyone**...8:30 am at the Clubhouse for loading and set up at Armory

**Jay Mudge** – (9 am-11 am)-- Direct and manage setup of vendor tables.

**John Wilson** – (9 am to 11 am)—Check In.

**Dennis Sinclair** -- (1 pm to 3 pm)—Check In.

**John Gerritsma** – (3 pm to 5 pm)—Check and insure women’s BR Clean and Supplied.

Saturday, November 26

	<b>9:30 - 11:30</b>	<b>11:30 - 1:30</b>	<b>1:30 – 3:30</b>	<b>3:30 – 5:30</b>
<b>Andy Anderson</b>	Tickets	Raffle		
<b>Dave Carr</b>			M Bathroom Monitor	
<b>Wil Cleveland</b>	Best of Show Ballot Distribution			
<b>John Gerritsma</b>		Security		
<b>Ray Kornell</b>		W Bathroom Monitor	Public HO Operator	Raffle
<b>Art McKee</b>			Tickets	Security
<b>Dennis Sinclair</b>			Best of Show Ballot Distribution	M Bathroom Cleanup
<b>John Wilson</b>	Raffle			

Sunday, November 27

	<b>10:30 – 12:30</b>	<b>12:30 – 2:30</b>	<b>2:30 to 4:30</b>	<b>4:30-6:30 (Tear down and Cleanup)</b>
<b>Andy Anderson</b>	Tickets			
<b>Dave Carr</b>				Auditorium Sweep and Mop
<b>Wil Cleveland</b>	Public HO Operator			
<b>Cris Fawcett</b>			Raffle	
<b>John Gerritsma</b>	M Bathroom Monitor			
<b>Bob Griffith</b>		Tickets		Auditorium Sweep and Mop
<b>Jay Mudge</b>		Crafts Corner	Security	
<b>E Don Pettit</b>		W Bathroom Monitor		Ho Public RR Tear Down and Storage
<b>Meg Sinclair</b>		Raffle	W Bathroom Monitor	
<b>John Wilson</b>		M Bathroom Monitor		Platform/Tree/Layout Gathered

## RAILROAD TIME CARDS 2005

*Nov 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 26-27 – Columbia Gorge Lines train layout open house, 2505 N. Vancouver Ave, Portland, Ore. Info: 503-28 TRAIN.*

*Nov 12-13 – Northern California Model Railroad Show, Placer County Fairgrounds, Roseville, Calif. Sat 10-5, Sun 10 – 4. Info: [www.internationalrailfair.com](http://www.internationalrailfair.com)*

*Nov 26-27 – 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Rogue Valley Railroad Show, Medford Armory, Medford, Ore. Sat 10 – 5 and Sun 11 - 4. Info: Brad Fawcett 541-535-7952, [bfawcett@mind.net](mailto:bfawcett@mind.net).*

If you know of shows not listed here please let me know so we can share that with our readers.

Contact Bruce at [iwrr@charter.net](mailto:iwrr@charter.net) or 541-779-8145. 10/30/2005bhm.

April 8-9, 2006 18th Annual Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Show & Swap Meet, Lane County Fairgrounds, Eugene, More info: Lee or Diane Temple, 541-688-9112 or email at [ttandt@ram-mail.com](mailto:ttandt@ram-mail.com) or [ldtemple@ram-mail.com](mailto:ldtemple@ram-mail.com), courtesy set up for vendors on Friday, April 7th from 10am to 10pm.

*Thought for the month: "Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time."*

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