



## The Passing Track

June-July 2005

Newsletter of the Rogue Valley Model Railroad Club

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Home page is <http://rvmrc.railfan.net/>

### August Calendar of Events

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

#### Public Run Session

**Sundays—2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

10:30 am to 3:00 pm

#### 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

### June-July Activities

The last several months have brought us a flurry of activities and sad news. Among the highlights include the PNR mini-meet in Bend, the Southern Historical Society Hanley Farm Display, and Dunsmuir Days.

### Deaths in the RVMR Club Family

The railroad club family was saddened this past week with the passing of Club member Stan McCullough, and Lise Campbell, the wife of Club member Duncan Campbell. The Club members express condolences to Beryl and Duncan, and the families of Stan and Lise. See the next page for more on the lives of these two persons who touched so many of us in the Club.

### Club Cars Have Arrived!

Life can be strange. There is nothing more poignant than to announce the passing of two wonderful people while simultaneously announcing the arrival of the Pacific and Eastern Club cars from LBF Manufacturing. These beautiful boxcars come in 120 distinct numbers set aside for Club members to purchase, and three colors: a dark green, light green and a Tuscan red. These cars come in

kit form (assembly time about 30 minutes) and are priced to members at \$13.00 each.



## **Stanley B. McCollough**

1939-2005

Stanley B. McCollough passed away peacefully on July 22, 2005, surrounded by loving family and friends.

He was born on January 14, 1939 in Altadena, California, the son of Burt and Lettie McCollough.

Stan served four years in the Army. Stan had a passion for model trains and old cars. He owned a model railroad hobby shop in Phoenix, Oregon for several years and was a past president of the Rogue Valley Model Railroad Club of which he was a member for over 25 years.

He worked for the Phoenix Fire Department for 20 years, mentoring many young firefighters and making many friends. He married Beryl Frasser on September 2, 1990 and they spent many happy times with family and friends camping with their travel trailer and on Thumbs Up, their 26-foot motor boat which they often took to the San Juan Islands.

Friends and family will remember Stan's wonderful sense of humor, which was always accompanied by a twinkle in his eyes and big grin.

He was a loving, caring father, grandfather, friend and husband. He is survived by eight children, thirteen grandchildren and his wife and soul mate, Beryl.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Rogue Valley Medical Center Foundation, 2825 E. Barnett Road, Medford, OR 97504, and/or the Phoenix Fire Department, Phoenix, OR 97535.



## **Anne Lise Campbell**

1941-2005

Anne Lise Campbell, beloved mother, wife and friend, passed away July 28, 2005.

She was born on July 16, 1941 in Oslo, Norway. Lise's life was guided by the Norwegian phrase, "Det kommer aldri no godt i en tom hand" (nothing will come into an empty hand). This is why her extensive education was directed toward giving to others.

Lise spoke five languages (The Northern European group). After nursing school, she and a friend traveled above the Arctic Circle to perfect and enhance their medical experience due to the scarcity of doctors above that latitude.

In 1964 Lise traveled to the U.S. She worked at Stanford University during the tenure of Dr. Shumway, who performed the first heart transplant. She was trained as one of the first Cardiac Intensive Care Nurses, and eventually ran one of the largest wards in the San Francisco East Bay.

In lieu of flowers, Lise would ask for a memorial contribution to the Rogue Valley Dialysis Patient Trust Fund, contact Jack Richards, 776-4805, 2868 Creekside Circle, Medford, OR 97504.

**PNR Mini-Meet in Bend**

The PNR mini-meet was held in Bend on June 4<sup>th</sup> and hosted by the Eastern Cascades Model RR Club. Jim Dougall, Art McKee, and Bruce McGarvey attended. Many nice door prizes were given out. There were some fine and informative clinics including DCC decoder installation by Bill Howell of PB Trains of Lebanon, OR, and tree construction by Nick Lehrbach of Roseburg using furnace filters, scrubbing pads, and foam (see below).



PNR Chairman Mike Adams kicked off the meeting with some of the interesting N-scale items he has collected. A visit to the HO Eastern Cascades Model RR rounded out the day. Thanks to Bruce Blauford and his crew for providing space and a club open house operating session and train rides.



*Art McKee looks on as operators show off the Eastern Cascades Model Railroad.*

## June Board Meeting Notes

The Board met on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005, with E. Don Pettit calling the meeting to order. Once again, the Secretary was out of town so Jim Dougall graciously took notes. The May Board meeting minutes were approved with an amended paragraph regarding donation distribution to park clubs. A number of building and grounds related work was discussed. Bruce installed a water hose reel for Fire Only, posted with a sign made and donated by Snuffy. The electric motion detector may not be working and will be monitored. Bruce is also working on an idea for the parking lot light. Brad Fawcett will mow the lawn around the Clubhouse before Sunday's open house. One Club member will be 90 days in arrears June 30<sup>th</sup>. Doug Howard of Brookings will not be renewing his membership, while a student membership for Cameron Swanson was approved with the caveat that a responsible adult accompany him. Jay Mudge reported the Club website has not been updated in quite some time. Don Terrell will ask a person with lots of web-site experience to help us out. Another *Tracks Ahead* segment will be shown at the June General Membership meeting. Bruce passed out a notice that the 2005 Railroad Show would be held on November 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> this year (*seems the 2004 Show was yesterday!—ed.*). The First United Methodist Church will visit the RR Park on Sunday July 17 for the all-church annual picnic with about 100 persons expected. Bruce McGarvey presented information on a Water Mist type of fire extinguisher to be used on Class A fires. The unique misting nozzle and the non-conductive de-ionized water provides safety from electrical shock, and has enhanced cooling and soaking characteristics and reduces scattering of the burning materials. The board approved purchase of the approximately \$100 extinguisher. Jim Dougall and Bruce report they will provide a display to the Hanley Historic Farm exhibit July 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and will inquire if Marvin's diorama would be available for the occasion. Theme is turn of the century transportation.

## Better Late Than Never--Again

The June and July *Passing Tracks* have been combined into this single issue. As I continue to overcome some recent workload issues and family vacation, I'm slowly getting back on track with the monthly publication of the Club newsletter. *Ed.*



## RAILROAD TIME CARDS 2005

**Sep 25** – PNR Mini-meet, Medford, OR. Details to follow.

**Oct 8** – Corvallis Model Railroad Swap Meet, Burton County Fairgrounds, Corvallis, Ore. 10 AM – 4 PM. Info: Patrick Sloma at 541-760-5245, [p.sloma@comcast.net](mailto:p.sloma@comcast.net)

**Oct 8-9** – Eastern Cascades Model RR Club & Central Oregon Area Live Steamers open house, 21520 Modoc Lane, Bend, Ore. Info: 541-317-1545

**Oct** (TBA)– Northwest Narrow Gauge Meeting, Salem, Ore. Info: Dr. Monte Pearson at [drrock-1@earthlink.net](mailto:drrock-1@earthlink.net)

**Nov 25-27 Annual Rogue Valley Railroad Show**, Medford Armory, Medford, Ore. Info: Brad Fawcett 541-535-7952, [bfawcett@mind.net](mailto:bfawcett@mind.net). Watch this space for details.

If you know of shows not listed here 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. 03/18/2005bhm.

*Thought for the month: "I won't grow up. I don't wanna wear a tie and a serious expression in the middle of July!"*

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