



The Passing Track

October 2006

Newsletter of the Rogue Valley Model Railroad Club

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

Calendar of Events

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

General Construction/New Layout Saturdays

Generally From 10:00 AM to 3 PM

Construction/Cleanup Sessions: Thursdays

7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Board Meeting:

2nd Wednesday of each month

Nov. 8th, Dec. 13th.

7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

General Membership Meeting

4th Wednesday of each month except November & December

November Thanksgiving Annual Railroad Show

Nov. 22, 7:30 PM load truck

Nov. 25-26 Railroad Show

December 16th Christmas Dinner (?) See Highlights of Oct 25 meeting, following page.

KADEE TRAIN

Dale Edwards and Alan Vezzani visited the railroad park during the September 24th open house and Alan says "we had a wonderful time". They noted a lot had changed and been built since their last visit.

The big surprise for us was their generous donation of several Kadee Cars® to the club for display and use on the club layout. Thus the October 8th open house included an all "Kadee Train", much to the delight of the visiting railroad buffs.

The donation included some 63 cars, of which the club may sell any

duplications to help raise money for our layout, plus 3 Electro-magne-matic uncouplers and the NEW "153, 156 and 158" couplers. Alan said, "Enjoy the cars, couplers and



un-couplers, compliments of Kadee Quality Products Co.” We sure will Alan!

A **Big Thank You** has been extended to Alan and Dale from the members of the Rogue Valley Model Railroad Club. Be sure and extend your personal thanks also when you next see them.

HIGHLIGHTS, OCTOBER 11 BOARD MEETING:

Monday , October 9th, Irene Zajac hosted a luncheon at Marie Callender’s to propose the establishment of a railroad park committee to discuss topics affecting the park’s projects and operations. The committee would be made up of a representative(s) of each of the five clubs with the first meeting set for the middle of March 2007. Additional meetings would be scheduled as the need arose.

Work on permanent layout is slow. Jim Dougall has purchased nicad wire for the foam cutting tool. Sunday open houses have been well attended with thanks to those members that have been there to meet the public and make them welcome. The October 8 run session included an all “Kadee Train” (see item in news). Art McKee has set up and run a logging train on the upper-logging section of the layout. An op session for the third Saturday was scheduled, but due to memory lapses on the part of a few of us, I don’t believe it happened.

HIGHLIGHTS, OCTOBER 25 GENERAL MEETING:

Members present approved the By-laws change allowing for the membership year to be June 1 through May 31. The proposed dues change for Student at \$15 and Family membership at \$75 was also approved. A Christmas dinner at the Medford Inn on December 16, a Saturday evening, was proposed and discussed. Members’ input is requested. Please contact a board member before the Nov. BOD meeting and let them have some suggestions on what is desired. Program included some of the very interesting videos that Jay Mudge has acquired.

RAILROAD SHOW.

It’s that time of year again when we put ourselves into high gear and prepare for the Thanksgiving Railroad Show. Your show committee has been meeting regularly since January with plans for this year’s 29th Annual Railroad Show. At this writing vendors have reserved 67+ tables and we have some new exhibitors that will join us. Most of the work positions for the model railroad club show hours have been signed in. There are still some two-hour work slots vacant for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Also we need your names to help fill slots for jobs not filled by other clubs.



RAILROAD SHOW
SATURDAY November 25 10 AM—5 PM
SUNDAY November 26 11 AM—4 PM
MEDFORD ARMORY
1701 S Pacific Highway, Medford
Model Railroad Displays
Door Prizes ♦ Swap Meet ♦ Raffles
Purpose: Educating the Public on Railroad Safety, History, and the joy of railroad hobbies. All proceeds benefit the Medford Railroad Park
**Adult —\$5 Senior —\$4
14 and Under Free!**

Unfortunately, there are a couple of clubs whose membership is low and are unable to fill their assigned positions. You may wish to help them by filling some of their jobs or be available for the extra hours to be allocated to our club. Nevertheless, it takes a number of workers to make this annual show happen. If all will come forward and help, it makes it an easy show to do for all. Remember the show is for the benefit of the many railroad families and kids of all ages, to be entertained on Thanksgiving weekend. And, while we are at it, make some club money to invest on our own permanent layout at the railroad park. Thanks to Dick Stark, a 24-foot ramp truck has been reserved for Wednesday, November 22nd. We’ll load up the modulars that night starting at 7:30 PM. See or call E Don Pettit to sign up for your work time and support the railroad show. The sign up sheet is in the club building awaiting your name.

THIS AND THAT:

Your regular editor is on TDY with the BLM and therefore a sub is filling in. A number of regulars are or have been traveling. I went for a three week trip to Germany and Ireland. The German transportation system is great with buses and trains running on time! Don't stop for a pit stop or you may be waiting for the next one.



One of our trains at Köln Bf

Also visited the Straßenbahnmuseum in Wuppertal. An operating streetcar museum with a single track line running about 15 minutes up to Cronenberg-Mitte. There are a number of cars in various stages of restoration and many operational. Check out the web site at <http://www.bmb-wuppertal.de/>



The next time you see Jay Mudge, ask him what it's like on the 11th floor of a high rise hotel in Hawaii with a 6.7 earthquake in progress---and how you get down to the ground floor??

And speaking of earthquakes, be sure to check out Dick Hotchkiss's G-scale Earthquake Diorama at this year's railroad show. It took a **FIRST PLACE** at this year's West Coast Garden Railroad Nationals held in the Bay Area!

Don Terrell's dad has been hospitalized and we wish him well.

Our congratulations go to Bob and Winona Griffith who will be celebrating their **60th** wedding anniversary on November 29th!

It was good to see Doug Howard at our last open house day. He is slowly adjusting to his retirement and has done a reassessment of his railroad stock. We hope to see more of him, weather permitting over Hays Hill. He has extended an invitation for our next coastal trip to include a Brookings stop.



Sunday's last open house was blessed with great weather and lots of visitors to the railroad park. It's always enjoyable to see the many kids of all ages....

And Art McKee was running his logging train on the upper loop.



RAILROAD TIME CARDS 2006

Nov 11-12 – 30th Northern California Model Railroad Show, Placer County Fairgrounds, Roseville, Calif. Sat 10-5, Sun 11-4. Info: <http://www.internationalrailfair.com/>

Nov. 25-26 – 29th Annual Rogue Valley Railroad Show, Medford Armory, 1701 So. Pacific Hwy, Medford, Ore. Sat 10 – 5 and Sun 11 - 4. Info: Brad Fawcett 541-535-7952, bfawcett@mind.net

Dec. 2 – Railroad Show and Swap Meet, Polk Cty Fairgrounds, Rickreall, Ore. 10am-3pm. Info: Judy MacInnes 503-581-6071 or macinnej@open.org, www.open.org/wvmrc

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Feb 17-18 – World's Greatest Hobby on Tour, Portland Metro Expo Center, Portland, Ore. Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5. Info: <http://www.wghshow.com>

Apr 14-15 – 19th Annual Model Railroad Show & Swap Meet, Lane County Fairgrounds, Eugene, Ore. Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4. Info: Lee & Diane at 541-954-4917, tandt@ram-mail.com

If you know of shows not listed here please let me know so we can share that information with our readers.
Contact Bruce at iwcr@charter.net or 541-890-8145. 10/31/2006

Thought for the month: *"Humor is the great thing, the saving thing, after all. The minute it crops up, all our hardnesses yield, all our irritations and resentments slip away, and a sunny spirit takes their place."* — Mark Twain

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