



## The Passing Track

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Newsletter of the Rogue Valley Model Railroad Club

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### Operations Proposal Before General Membership

A proposal to begin operations sessions by building the permanent helix from the permanent layout to the area of the modules was being discussed at the February General Membership Meeting. The Board unanimously passed a recommendation for Dave Spakousky to present and discuss his plan that would allow operating sessions to commence rather quickly with minimal disruption to the new layout construction. The modules would no longer be set up for a loop. In its place would be a line of modules including Mt. Pitt and the yard, but in reverse order and stacked up against a helix that allows trains to be made up in the yard, and then climb the helix into the new layout. It would be a temporary end for DC controlled trains except for yard engines on the modules. The rest of the modules would be stored up against the far (south) wall. The proposal passed unanimously with the membership. The proposal also includes helping members with DC only equipment, so they would not be left without a way to run their trains.

Dave also proposed that the planned Med-Ply facility be changed to a salvage yard area to provide a layout destination for gondolas. Dave also proposed that the front industry spur in White City would serve Sabraso, a juice concentrate company, providing on-layout destinations for refrigerator and insulated box cars.

### Preparations for Klamath Falls Museum RR Show

This year, the RVMRC will participate in Klamath Falls Museum's annual train show on March 14-16. The truck will be loaded on Thursday, March 13 beginning at 7:00 pm. Travel to Klamath Falls will occur the following day with setup to follow arrival. The show is set for Saturday and Sunday, with the modules returning Sunday night. Those who can help load and offload the truck, Thursday and Sunday, respectively, should contact Dave Spakousky or Bruce McGarvey to let them know you would be available to help. Also, let Dave or Bruce know if you will be coming to Klamath Falls.

## January Board Meeting Notes

The Board met on January 9, 2008. Four officers and five club members were present. There was no report from the December board meeting since there was no quorum present that day to conduct business. Bruce requested an audit of the club's accounts be made per the bylaws. Dick Stark and John Gerritsma volunteered to perform the audit. Bruce will distribute annual reports on the Club's finances to each of the club members with the next issue of the *Passing Track*.

Bruce also reported that the rain gutters have been cleaned, and that moss is growing on some of the shingles. Bruce presented a Maintenance Agreement Plan for the club's heating and cooling system. A couple of maintenance/inspections per year would cost the club about \$189.00. No vote was held on this proposal. Bruce also reminded people to make sure doors close and lock behind them. He also found the thermostat on at 73 degrees one time. People are reminded to check the heat, lights and doors and to sign in and out for clubhouse visits other than the regular Saturday workdays.



*Brad Fawcett puts the finishing vegetation touches on the level above Eagle Point easily blending the backdrop with the foreground scenery. Work continues as a group effort each Saturday at the Clubhouse.*

The Southern Oregon Live Steamers presented the club a check for the use of the building for their meetings.

Larry Tuttle reported the Club's website has been updated for 2007.

Dick offered to contact a possible interested party in the N-scale layout now being housed at Bud Trippett's house. Anyone who might know of individuals interested in an N-scale layout should contact club president Dave Carr. As we move toward construction of the second phase of the layout, there will be "surplus" modules to take care of. Some of these are rarely or never used in modular displays and some need to be replaced or repaired. The question of storage was once again raised. Jay Mudge and others interested in storage ideas (specifically a trailer) will report back to the Club in April with information and recommendations regarding acquisition of a trailer.

## February Board Meeting Notes

The Board met the day before Valentine's Day on February 13, 2008. Four Board members and six members were present. Board minutes from January's meeting were accepted with the following changes: the Board did vote to accept the SpringAir Maintenance Agreement for heating and cooling; the corrected due date for the Club's liability insurance is February 20; and corrected the financial requests for money transfers from the Show Account to the Club's account.

Bruce shared the audit reports and verified that the audit showed the Club's accounts to be in good standing with proper documentation of transactions. No discrepancies were found and all records appear to be accurate and well documented. Bruce submitted the annual report to the Oregon Secretary of State with a check in the amount of \$50.00 for the required fee as required for the Domestic Nonprofit Corporation filing.

Bruce met with Gordon Nunally to discuss landscaping plans on the south and east sides of the building. Gordon will submit a landscaping plan. Bruce also reported rust spots on the H2 train signal. Bruce also met with the Medford Parks and Recreation regarding lighting in the parking lot. The city's response is that they are reluctant to light the park because it will become a congregating point for undesirables (based on the city's experience with lights in parks).

The spring Pacific Northwest NMRA mini-meet will be held in Roseburg on Saturday, March 29. Presenters will include Duncan Campbell. There will be a DCC clinic, as well.

Dave Carr requested that a nominating committee be formed. Jim Dougall volunteered and anyone interested may contact Jim or Dave.

Discussion ensued on potential need for an alarm system. The consensus is that the present security measures in place are adequate for the Club's needs.

### Harold "Ken" Turner Passes Away

Club member Ken Turner died Thursday, December 13, 2007. He was buried in the Eagle Point National Cemetery. Ken was born on May 18, 1927 in Ft. Supply, Oklahoma. His wife, Nancy Nichols, whom he married in 1949 in Portland, preceded him in death in 2001. Ken served on the USS Almaack in Subic Bay with the U.S. Navy during WWII for which he earned the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal and the Phillipine Liberation Medal. He moved to Medford in 1968. He is survived by three daughters, two sisters, five grandchildren, and several great-grand children.

### February/March 2008 Calendar of Events

#### **General Construction/New Layout Saturdays**

Generally From 10:00 AM to 3 PM

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

March 13, 7:00 pm  
Load Truck for KFalls

#### **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

# RAILROAD TIME CARDS 2008

Mar 8 – WINTERAIL 2008, Scottish Rite Masonic Lodge, Stockton, Calif. Info: Vic Neves at [winterail@comcast.net](mailto:winterail@comcast.net) or <http://www.altamontpress.com/winterail/>

Mar 14-16 – Klamath County Museum Railroad Show, 1451 Main Street, Klamath Falls, Ore. Rogue Valley Model Railroad Club and others. Info: Bruce 541-890-8145 or [iwccr@charter.net](mailto:iwccr@charter.net) and check <http://www.co.klamath.or.us/museum/Profile%20KCM.htm>

Mar 29 – PNR 1<sup>st</sup> Div Mini-Meet, Douglas County Public Library, Roseburg, Ore. Clinics, + clinics, fellowship with other modelers, door prizes, etc. Membership in NMRA not required for this meet. The usual start time with the coffee pot on at 9AM. Stay tuned for details as available. Info: Bruce McGarvey

Apr 12 -13 – 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Model Railroad Show & Swap Meet, Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club, Lane County Fairgrounds, Eugene, Ore. Sat 10 AM – 5 PM, Sun 10 AM – 4 PM. Info: Lee & Diane Temple 541-954-4917 or [ttandt@ram-mail.com](mailto:ttandt@ram-mail.com)

May 3-4 – Model Train Swap Meet, Rickreall Grange Hall, 280 Main St, Rickreall, Ore. 10AM-4PM. Info: Tom 503-606-0398

June 5, 6, 7 – ESPEE in OREGON 2008 meet at First United Methodist Church, 607 W Main Street, Medford, Ore. Featuring modeling, clinics, layout tours, slide shows, Railroad Park and more. Info: <http://www.geocities.com/duncan2train/espeeinoregon.html> Check web site for updates.

June 13-15 – Railroad Days Dunsmuir, Calif. Historic train cars will be brought to Dunsmuir by Union Pacific. Enjoy handcar and speeder car rides, parade, downtown walking tour, and more. Info: <http://dunsmuir.com/visitor/railroad.php> or 1-800-Dunsmuir.

If you know of shows not listed here please let me know so we can share that information with our readers.  
Contact Bruce at [iwccr@charter.net](mailto:iwccr@charter.net) or 541-890-8145. 02/27/2008

**Patience is the art of losing your temper slowly. Anon**  
***Quando Omni Flunkus Moratati* If all else fails, play dead.**

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