

## The Passing Track

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Newsletter of the Rogue Valley Model Railroad Club

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## Pacific Northwest Region & Pacific Coast Region / NMRA Siskiyou Summit 2012 Joint Convention

May 2 - 5, 2012

Medford, Oregon

The Joint Convention will be held in Medford, Oregon from Wednesday, May 2 through Saturday, May 6, ending with the evening banquet. The Convention venue is the Medford Red Lion Hotel where all “inside” activities (clinics, meetings, contest, etc.) will be held.

It is for this huge regional event that the Club is diligently holding monthly operations sessions, documenting track warranting and P&E operations procedures, preparing pocket guides for visitors, and adding more scenery and detailed scenes in hopes of putting our collective best foot forward. The effort actually has a dual purpose. A year from now the Club will get the photo shoot that puts us in Kalmbach's *Great Model Railroads*.

The Rogue Valley Model Railroad Club will be a participant in the NMRA event by hosting at least one operations session (though more than one session is likely). In addition, Dave Spakousky and Ed Kleinman will be hosting a clinic on the Club's signal system.

Please visit (<http://www.pcrnmra.org/conv2012/registration.html>) for additional information and how to register. Contact Bruce McGarvey for any questions. [iwccr@charter.net](mailto:iwccr@charter.net) or 541-779-8145.

## 2011 Modeler of the Year

Each year the Rogue Valley Model Railroad Club looks within its membership to determine if one or more members have contributed substantial accomplishments to the Club's model railroading efforts. The club is pleased to announce that yet another individual is worthy of recognition as the 2011 Modeler of the Year.

The Club is blessed with a diversity of skills and talents. This year's recognition goes to a person who has electrified us with his understanding and ability to build both models and electronic devices that incorporate communication and/or electronic components for the enhancement of our layout.

Our Modeler of the Year scratch built the operating crossing gates with the correct lights for Highway 99, and has plans in place to build crossings for Vilas Road, Highway 62 and Highway 140. He built us a "Black Box" to easily hook up the DCC component to our modular layout. His map project provides a picture of the layout so visiting operators have a better idea of the locations and context in which they are operating. The gee-whiz stats that came from the project was enough to dazzle us all on its own. Moreover, our modeler of the year has been a regular engineer during our Sunday run sessions and has been of consistently good humor around the rest of us grumpy, finicky modelers.

Congratulations, Ron Harten, on your selection for the 2011 Rogue Valley Model Railroad Club Modeler of the Year!

## Club Shirts and Name Badges

The Club will be placing an order for shirts with the P&E logos on the front and back very soon (probably early March). These shirts are the Forest Green polo shirts that are a 50/50 cotton/poly preshrunk jersey, and are commonly worn at club events and during the Sunday run sessions over the summer. It is hoped that Club members participating in the Regional NMRA conventions as club hosts will have a shirt (and a name badge). The cost of the shirt is about \$16.00 for sizes S-XL with a small additional charge for XX sizes (*add \$1 for XX, \$2 for XXX and \$4 for 4X sizes.*). Due date for ordering a shirt to be available for you to wear at the Club during the Convention is March 15. A jacket can also be ordered and will cost about \$25 each for a light weight lined green wind breaker.

Name badges have also been chosen and are a nice complement to the shirt. These badges will cost \$8.75 each and features the Rogue Valley Model RR Club logo and name, and your name on a beige/black dual color background.

Contact John Gerritsma at [jcgerritsma@charter.net](mailto:jcgerritsma@charter.net) or 541-664-1139 to place your order.



*The new kid's layout (above) and Dave interfacing with the crowd (below) at the November RR Show*

## March 2011 Calendar of Events

### Layout Construction

Saturdays  
Generally 10:00 AM- 4 PM

### Operations Session

2nd Saturday of Each Month  
Saturday, March 10  
10 am to 3 pm

### General Membership Meeting

4th Wednesday of each month  
Wednesday, March 28  
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

### Board Meeting

2nd Wednesday of each month  
March 14  
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

### \*\*\*Feb General Meeting\*\*\*

Wednesday, Feb. 22  
7-8:30 Making Trees

## RAILROAD TIME CARDS 2012

**Feb 25-26** – World's Greatest Hobby on Tour Train Show, Oregon Convention Center, 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Portland, Ore. Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5. Info:

<http://www.wgshow.com/shows/2012/portland.html>

**Mar or Apr TBA** – Klamath County Museum Train Show, Klamath Falls, Ore. Date TBA

**Mar 9** – “*Travels with Debbie*”, by Bill Miller. Second Friday at the Ashland Historic Railroad Museum, 258 A Street, Suite 7 (upstairs), Ashland, Ore. Program starts at 6:30 pm.

**Mar 10** – WINTERAIL 2012, Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 33 West Alpine Ave, Stockton, Calif. 9am - 10pm.

Info: Vic [vic@winterail.com](mailto:vic@winterail.com) 510-541-7751, <http://www.winterail.com/>

**Apr 5-7** – ESPEE in Oregon Convention, Clackamas, Ore. Info: <http://espee-in-oregon.com/>

**Apr 13** – “*American Railroads in Story & Song*”, by Hawkeye Herman. Second Friday at the Ashland Historic Railroad Museum, 258 A Street, Suite 7 (upstairs), Ashland, Ore. Program starts at 6:30 pm.

**Apr 21-22** – 24th Annual Model Railroad Swap Meet & Train Show, Willamette Cascade Model RR Club, Lane County Fairgrounds, Eugene, Ore. Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4. Info: Lee & Diane Temple, 541-954-4917 or 541-225-7394, [ttanddt@ram-mail.com](mailto:ttanddt@ram-mail.com)

**May 2-5 - Siskiyou Summit 2012**, Joint PNR/PCR Convention, Red Lion Hotel, Medford, Ore. Clinics, tours, exhibits, model contest, and more. Info: <http://www.pcrnmra.org/conv2012/> Check the Online registration form and sign up.

**May 5-6** – Model Train Swap Meet & Show, Rickreall Grange Hall, 280 MainSt. “Hwy 99W”, Rickreall, Ore.

Sat & Sun 10 – 4. Info: Tom at 503-606-0398, [pry626@juno.com](mailto:pry626@juno.com)

**May 11** – “*Siskiyou Railroad*” by Tony Johnson. Second Friday at the Ashland Historic Railroad Museum, 258 A Street, Suite 7 (upstairs), Ashland, Ore. Program starts at 6:30 pm.

**May 12** – National Train Day, Ashland Historic Railroad Museum events include railroad songs by local Ashland musicians, presentations by historians, model railroad layout, refreshments and more. 258 A Street, Suite 7, Ashland.




<http://www.nationaltrainday.com/events/other/?st=OR>

**Jun 27-Jul 1** – National N-scale Convention, Red Lion Hotel, Medford, Ore. Presented by the N Scale Enthusiast (NSE) and Micro Trains Line. Info: <http://www.nationalscaleconvention.com/>

**Jul 7-11** – Great Northern Historical Society Convention, Klamath Falls, Ore.

Info: <http://www.gnrhs.org/conventions.htm>

You Might be a Model Railroader if:

-  You really agonize over decisions like, "Should I buy flowers for my wife or turnouts for my new staging yard? or Do I need to buy flowers to get these turnouts in the house?"
-  You talk about your favorite scale with the zeal and fervor of an evangelist promoting his religion.
-  You haven't let your son play with "his" trains since last Christmas.

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