

The Passing Track

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Newsletter of the Rogue Valley Model Railroad Club

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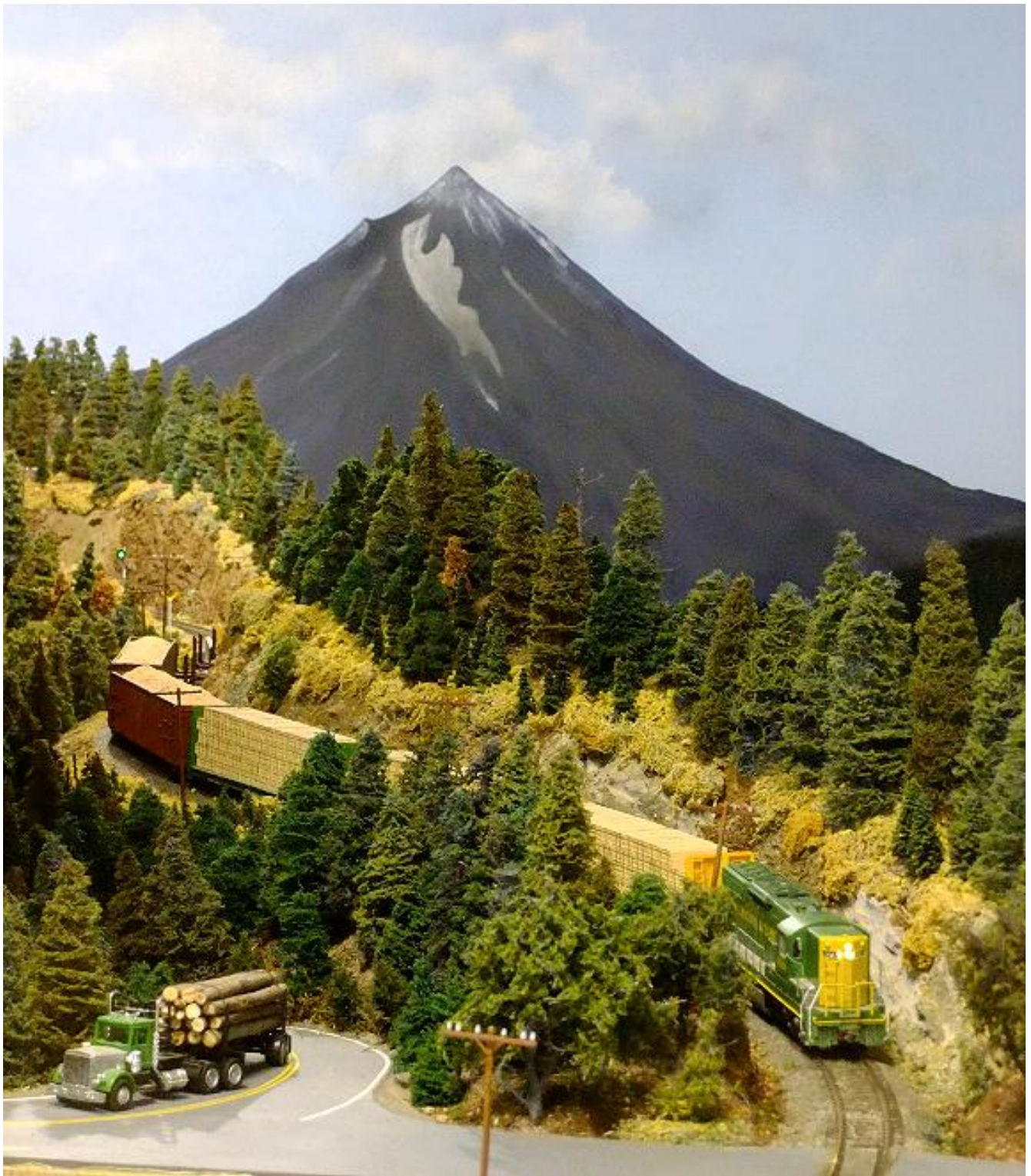
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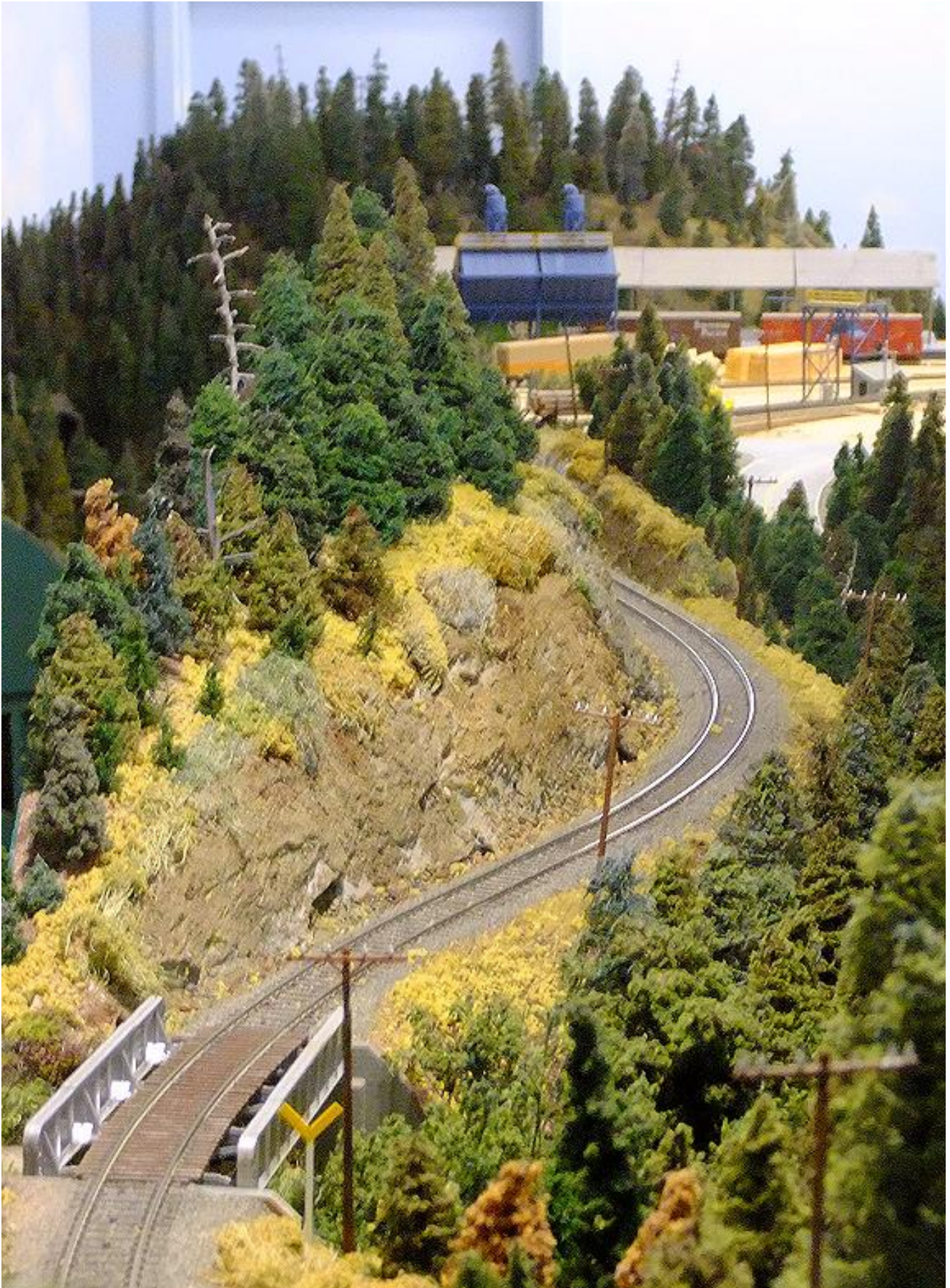
Changes in Butte Falls Area

In the last issue we took a sneak peek at the scenery work going on in the Butte Falls area. This issue we will show how much the crew has progressed in the past two months. We start with an update to the scene shown last time. If you compare the first photo shown below, and last month's photo you can see all the extra detail which has been added. The only thing that hasn't changed is the truck. It's still sitting there. Guess it ran out of gas. In the updated scene a local snakes its way through the trees as it approaches Butte Falls while a truck load of timber comes up Butte Falls-Fish Lake Rd. The next photo shows the view in the other direction. This scene develops an amazing depth looking at the lumber mill in Butte Falls and the mountain beyond. They aren't stopping the scenery efforts at the road bordering the eastern edge of the Ginger Creek scene. They're continuing into Butte Falls with the intent of tying in with the scenery near the wye, west of town.

Butte Falls presents some interesting and unusual challenges: From site visits, we learned that the view from the P&E right of way is "small town generic" and not very inspiring. However, the main street through town has some readily identifiable buildings. The decision was made to eliminate two or three blocks worth of depth (and the generic flavor) in favor of capturing the essence of downtown. In this photo, some pictures looking across the main drag have been taped to the backdrop to evaluate structure size and placement. Also, a mock-up of the red Forest Service warehouse, which does back up to the P&E right of way, is just to the right of the water tank. The only explanation for the Amtrak is private charter between Klamath Falls and Medford.

We'll continue to update you on the progress in Butte Falls and Eagle Point in future issues of Passing Track.







Looking Ahead

Annual Train Show : November 30 – December 1. Be sure to set aside the dates. We need people to help set up, operate and tear down the modular layout as well as sign-up for some of the show tasks. The income from this show is a major source of income for the club so your support is needed. There will be a signup sheet at the club for you to indicate what jobs you are willing to do. See Bruce for details. The show is a lot of fun to walk around and view the different modular layouts which are operating. There are also a large number of vendors selling a wide variety of railroad related products.

Operating Sessions

The club continues to have monthly operating sessions. Several clubs have traveled to RVMRC to be a part of an operating session. A good time is had by all. Check with one of the club officers as to the time and dates, since on some occasions, the sessions have been moved to a Sunday to accommodate the visiting clubs.

FYI

Anyone interested in getting a club name tag please contact Jerry Hellinga.

There has not been sufficient interest in club shirts to meet a minimum order. We will try again next year.

At the last board meeting it was proposed that the general and board meetings be combined into one meeting. When it would be held during the month is currently undiscussion. There would

be a break between meetings to permit anyone who did not want to stay for the board meeting, to leave.

The annual club holiday party is planned for 12/13. More information will be distributed by email when the details are finalized. If you don't have email and are interested in attending, please talk to one of the board members in a couple of weeks.

Member Passes On

John Monroe Powell, Sr.

John Monroe Powell, Sr. was born July 28, 1961, in Georgetown, S.C., to Henry Dial and Mary Ann Powell. He and his younger brother Sam share a birthday. John went to meet his Lord and Savior September 21, 2013, at the First Southern Baptist Church in Yreka, Calif.



John loved trains. At 14, he joined the Historical Railroad Club and the Live Steamers Club in Medford, Ore. He was among the group of railroad enthusiasts that helped build the Railroad Park from its start into the fantastic place it is today. He always enjoyed giving kids rides on the miniature train there. He built a model train to G scale and ran it on tracks he installed in his back yard. John was also involved in working to get a dinner train set up in the valley. He spent time on the Blue Goose train, in Yreka, Calif., where he earned his Engineer certificate.

He was a faithful member of First Baptist Church of Phoenix, Ore. John played many specials on his beloved banjo, to the joy of all. He was a prayer warrior and often led congregational prayers. He was a devoted Bible teacher and preacher, leading services when asked to do so. John was called to be, and then ordained as, a Deacon. When he arrived at Heaven's door, he heard his Lord and Savior say to him, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

John was also a minister with Truckstop Ministries. He poured himself into service and impacted many truckers. He used his banjo and his call to preach and minister to the truckers he met. We trust the Lord to fill His servant's shoes.

In November 2002, John became a member of the Mountain Trails Walk to Emmaus, a spiritual renewal weekend. He joined in fellowship with the other believers, playing his banjo as part of the worship team.

John is survived by his wife of 22 years, Susan Powell; sons, John, Jr., Michael, and Kevin; daughter, Jennifer; granddaughter, Alexandria Powell; mother and step-father, Mary Ann and Bill Carlson; brother, Samuel Rae Powell; aunt, Jamie (Alec) Black; mother and father-in-law, Jerry and Marlene Carlson; sister-in-law, Connie (Larry) Damon; many nieces, nephews, cousins, and his special friend, Terry "Broman" Franks. He was preceded in death by his father, Henry Dial Powell, in June 1968.

He will be greatly missed

RAILROAD TIME CARDS 2013

Nov 8 – “*Murder in the Lower Berth*” – Larry Mullaly. Mullaly is a published railway historian and a member of the Southern Oregon chapter of the National Railway Historical Society. Second Friday Ashland Historic Railroad Museum program at the Ashland Public Library’s Gresham Room. Program starts at 6:30 pm.

Nov 30 – Dec 1 – 36th Rogue Valley Railroad Show, Medford Armory, 1701 So. Pacific Hwy, Medford, Ore. Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4. Model railroad displays, exhibits, swap meet, door prizes and raffles. Proceeds benefit the Medford Railroad Park. Info: Bruce iwccr@charter.net or 541-890-8145 and Bill 541-821-5547.

Nov 30 – Dec 1 & Dec 7 - 8 – Corvallis Society of Model Engineers Open House, 7155 Vandenberg Ave, Adair, Ore.

Sat & Sun 10 – 5. Info: <http://www.csme1959.org/>

Dec 13 – “*From Gold Pans and Picks to Railroads and Nickel Smelters*” – Jeff Lalande, is an archaeologist and historian and has been an adjunct faculty member at Southern Oregon University. Second Friday Ashland Historic Railroad Museum program at the Ashland Public Library’s Gresham Room. Program starts at 6:30 pm.

Looking ahead to 2014:

Jan 24 – 26 – The Great Train Expo, Portland Expo Center, Portland, Ore. Info: www.greattrainexpo.com

Feb 1 – Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway Historical Society Railroad Swap Meet, Holiday Inn , Portland Airport Conference Center, 8439 NE Columbia Blvd. Info: Jerry Pickell, 360-735-0516 or email: pickell5141@msn.com

Mar 2014 - 1st Division PNR Mini-Meet, hosted by Nick Lehrbach and his Roseburg Crew. Details coming.

Apr 5 – 6 – 26th Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club Swap Meet & Train Show, Lane Events Center, Eugene, Ore. Sat 10 – 5, Sun 10 – 3. Info: Lee Temple 541-954-4917 ttandt@ram-mail.com

Jul 13 – 20 - NMRA National Convention. Cleveland, Ohio. Info:- www.2014cleveland.org

And looking further ahead:

Aug 23 - 29, 2015 – 2015 NMRA National Convention, Portland, Oregon. Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Portland. More info at <http://www.nmra2015portland.org/>

Aug 28 – 30, 2015 - National Train Show, held in conjunction with the convention, at the Portland Expo Center. (10/25/2013 Nov.PT-bhm)



It's a Bad Day when:

Your car runs out of gas when you're driving on the South Side of Chicago late at night...

Your car gets stalled at a railroad crossing...

You try to lick the third rail on an "EI" platform...

You find out that you are having a bad day!