



The Passing Track

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Newsletter of the Rogue Valley Model Railroad Club

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- Changing Vistas on the RVMRC -

Several places on the layout are undergoing a major construction push. In this issue we will start with Central Point and Eagle Point. We'll be showing you more of these in future issues. There are still a few projects not being worked, so if you are interested in working on one of them give Bruce or Dave a call.

- Wood Products in Central Point -

The Timber Products facility in Central Point was researched, designed and built by Phil Hunter, the Rogue Valley Model Railroad Club's Modeler of the Year for 2015.

The structure is fairly large but there is quite a bit of fine detail which make the model come alive. All we need now is a scaled down Lionel milk can unloader, modified to move the pallets around. This is a big improvement over the place holder structure



- Eagle Point –

Neighboring Eagle Point is getting major changes in roads, industries and general layout. The newest addition is the Suburban Propane facility. It was designed and constructed by new members, Paul and Dave Hendrickson. The design was based on pictures of a similar facility near Medford. These pictures don't do the model justice. You have to get close to appreciate the fine details of the model.



The fence work is quite impressive. All we need are a couple of propane trucks to complete the picture. Dave and Paul are now beginning to work on a mobile home park which will be on the other side of the tracks, The question will be where will Route 62 go?



While Suburban Propane was being built, Dave Spakowski was busy improving the roads in the area. Rough dirt roads are being replaced with smooth paved highways. The roadways have been re-aligned to better match up with the new industrial layout.

- Funeral Train -



At the beginning of the monthly operating session held on Feb. 27, 2016, a special funeral train made the slow climb to Summit where it paused for a moment of silence in memory of Art McKee a long time member of the club who passed away in December 2015.

- New Members -

We would like to welcome five new members to the club in 2016.

Butler Boyd, David Hendrickson, Paul Hendrickson, Paula Kirsch, Fletcher Stults and "Pappy" Adams.

If you see a new face around the club, it's probably a new member, so go up and introduce yourself.

- Things to Come -



Could this be the start of the long awaited bridge?

- Training Sessions & Workshops -

Due to lack of interest (too many competing activities), the training sessions have been canceled. Members prefer to spend their limited free time attending meets and operating sessions and working on the club layout. The workshop scheduled for March was canceled (no one signed up). We will revisit the matter in the future if there is an interest.

- FYI -

Reminder: Open House 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month (April – end October)

Ops Session 3rd Sunday of the month (Check during months of Nov & Dec.)

General and Board Meeting 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM

Idaho Club Visit and Operating Sessions – Currently we are planning for a visit from a club in Idaho on the weekend of June 24- June 27. A tour and one or more operating sessions are currently planned. See Bruce Kelly for details.

A list of the club members will be made available to any member who requests it. The list should not be given to non-members. The telephone numbers of the board members are also included.

Railroad Timecards 2016

~~Apr 1-2 – ESPEE IN INDIO, Performing Arts Center, Indio, Calif. Official registration form~~ **CANCELLED** More info, <http://espee-in-oregon/>

Apr 9 – 10 - Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club 28th Annual Swap Meet & Train Show, Lane Events Center Expo Hall, 796 W 13th Ave., Eugene, Ore. Sat 10 AM – 5 PM, Sun 10 AM – 3 PM. Info: Lee Temple 541-954-4917 ttandt@ram-mail.com

Apr 23 - PNR/NMRA First Division's Spring 2016 Mini-Meet will be held on Saturday in Eugene, at the Gainsborough Clubhouse, 2555 Lansdown Road. Lansdown Road is off Irving, between River Road and Northwest Expressway. It is just north of the Randy Pape Beltline. Gainsborough is a gated community. The gate will open at 8 AM. Refreshments will be available at the meeting, and the program will begin at 9 AM. A model contest will be held, and you are encouraged to bring models for AP Merit Award evaluation. For AP evaluation, contact Glenn Edmison in advance. We anticipate having several interesting clinics. We will take lunch orders for an on-site lunch. Local layouts will also be open for participants. Mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend. Info: <http://pnr.nmra.org/1div/> Location at Google Maps:

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/2555+Lansdown+Rd,+Eugene,+OR+97404/@44.1020314,-123.1556423,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m2!3m1!1s0x54c11d6c055ca743:0xfab251666c60c6d2?hl=en>

Apr 30-May 1 – Model Train Swap Meet & Show, Rickreall Grange Hall, 280 Main Street “Hwy 99W”, Rickreall, Ore. Sat – Sun 9 AM – 3 PM. Info: Tom Pryor at pry626@juno.com or 503-606-0398.

Sept 21-24 – Southern Pacific Historical & Technical Society Annual Convention in Palm Springs, California. Info: <http://www.sphts.org/convention/>

Fall– PNR/NMRA First Division's Fall 2016 Mini-Meet will be held on a Saturday in Bend, Time and place to be announced.

Fall - Eastern Cascades Model Railroad Club, Open house at 21520 Modoc Lane Bend, Ore. The ECRR is HO scale layout and the outdoors branch of the club, the Central Oregon Area Live Steamers (COALS), has built a 1½ inch scale (1:8) railroad, now with over one mile of track on 20 acres. Info: 541-317-1545, <http://www.ecmrr.org/>

Nov 26-27 – Rogue Valley Railroad Show, Medford Armory, 1701 S. Pacific Hwy. Model railroad displays, exhibits, swap meet, door prizes, raffles and more. Saturday 10 – 5 and Sunday 10 – 4. Info: RVRR Show, PO Box 8065, Medford OR 97501 or Bruce iwcerr@charter.net

Dec – Railroad Show and Swap Meet by the Willamette Valley Model Railroad, Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall, Ore. 9:30 – 2:30. Info: Judy 503-581-6071 or macinnej@msn.com and check out <http://wvmrm.webs.com/> .



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