

## The Passing Track

November 2014

Newsletter of the Rogue Valley Model Railroad Club

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

### Pulse of the Club

The open house season is behind us. The club is now preparing for the **Train Show at the Medford Armory**. The show runs the Saturday and Sunday after Thanksgiving (Nov 29, 10 – 5 and Nov 30, 10 – 4. Club members will be busy on Friday setting up the modular layout and the children's layout. The club's modular layout will be in operation during the show.

Join us at the show.

The **annual Holiday Party** will be held on December 5 [ 6:30 – 9 PM] at Elmers (2000 Biddle Rd. Medford, near the northern I5 interchange) . There will be a white elephant gift exchange. (each person brings a wrapped railroad related gift. Later, people pick from the pile in turn.) RSVP – Ron Harten [sprucerr@earthlink.net](mailto:sprucerr@earthlink.net) if you can attend.

After the holidays, the projects to improve the scenery and operations of the layout will begin. Work in White City, Klamath Falls will be the main focus. Talk with the board members and see what you can do to help. Remember our layout is never done, it only improves with time.

### A Celebration of Dale Edward's Contributions to the Railroad Park

On October 17, 2014 Alan Venzzani of Kadee Quality Products Co. hosted a lunch at Railroad Park in honor of Dale Edwards, who had passed away in September . Dale was instrumental in persuading the city of Medford to set aside the land for the railroad park. (see last issue of Passing Track for Dale's Obituary) He also helped the RVMRC get its building and layout off the ground. When he visited last year's Train Show, Dale remarked that he helped get it started

but the members of the clubs have made it what it is today. It is up to us to continue to improve the park and carry that spirit to the next generation.



Bruce and Alan

## Identify the Trucks

During a recent trip to the east coast, I took a side trip to visit the PA State Railroad Museum in Strasburg, PA. We stayed at the Red Caboose Motel which is a collection of cabooses converted into sleeping accommodations. One thing that struck me was the interesting collection of trucks under the cars. Can you identify the types of trucks shown below? I can only identify some. Clearly there are Andrews, AAR, Bettendorf and roller bearing trucks as well as an interesting one with a circular interface with the side frame. Some have coil others have leaf springs. One even has both! If you can identify the trucks, drop me an email and I will publish an identification list in a later issue. (sprucerr@earthlink.net)



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## Training Sessions Kicked Off on November 1

Our training sessions started up on Saturday Nov 1. The classes are intended to share the knowledge and experience of our more experienced member with our younger and/or less experienced members. The first two sessions were held on Nov 1 and Nov 8 and were attended by 5-6 members (per session). The subjects covered during the first two sessions were: Basic Tools you'll need and how to use them; Rules for operating on the P&E layout and How to check and adjust a car or locomotive to make sure they meet club standards.(couple height, wheel gauge, weight). The third session (Nov. 15) covered lubrication, car and locomotive maintenance and basic weathering.

The sessions will stop during the holiday season and resume in mid-January. In the next session, Larry Tuttle will deal with the sticky subject of glues. Which one do you use for different applications. The schedule for 2015 sessions will be published in the passing track and posted on the bulletin board at the club house. The sessions are open to all members of the club. Please contact the person leading the session to let them know you will be attending.

## Cabeese in the Wrong Colors

Here is a little brain teaser for the readers. The Red Caboose Motel mentioned above has each caboose in the motel painted a different railroad color scheme and markings. In many cases the color scheme and caboose type are not a correct match since the railroad never had a caboose of that style. Unfortunately, some model manufacturers seem to have used the motel paint schemes as examples for some of their released products.

Can you identify which caboose type and paint scheme are plausible matches and which are not? Also can you identify the caboose types and their home railroads? Hint: not too many surplus Santa Fe cabooses ended up in Pennsylvania.





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### November is National Model Railroad Month

Thru contacts by Dick Stark with library staff and the collection and layout by Bruce McGarvey, the Jackson County Main Library (Medford), has a train/railroad display for the months of November – December. The display includes the various scales of model trains, a sampling of SP Railroad subjects, local logging, P&E and Rogue Valley Model Railroad Club information along with various books on related railroad subjects. The three local manufacturers of model railroad items are also featured. Of course there is a flyer highlighting the annual railroad show. Check it out, as it's located on the main floor as you enter the library from the south parking lot.

Sneak preview photo:



## RAILROAD TIME CARDS 2014

### November is National Model Railroad Month

**Nov 29 – 30 - Annual Rogue Valley Railroad Show**, Medford Armory, 1701 So. Pacific Hwy, Medford, Ore. Sat. 10 AM – 5 PM, Sun. 10 AM – 4 PM. Model railroad displays, historic railroad artifacts, swap meet, door prizes, & more. Proceeds benefit Medford Railroad Park. Info: Dick at 541-621-5337 or Bruce at 541-890-8145 or [iwcrr@charter.net](mailto:iwcrr@charter.net)

**Nov 15-16, 22-23, 29-30 - Columbia Gorge Model Railroad Club Annual Show**, 2505 N. Vancouver Ave, Portland, Ore. Open 10:00 -5:00, doors close at 4:30 pm. Info: - (503) 28-TRAIN, [www.cgmrc.com](http://www.cgmrc.com)

**Nov 29 & Dec 6** – Polk Station Rail Model Railroad Club Open House, Rickreall Grange Hall, 280 Main Street (Hwy 99), Rickreall, Ore. Nov 29 – 10 am – 4 pm; Dec 6 – 10 am – 3 pm. Info: Tom at 503-606-0398 or [pry626@juno.com](mailto:pry626@juno.com)

**Dec 5** – Rogue Valley Model Railroad Club Holiday Party, 6:30- 9:00 PM, Elmers Restaurant, 2000 Biddle Rd. Medford

**Dec 6** – Willamette Valley Model Railroad Club Train Show and Swap Meet, Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 South Pacific Hwy West, Rickreall, Ore. Open 9:30 – 2:30. Contact: PO Box 21321, Keizer, OR 97307 or [macinnej@msn.com](mailto:macinnej@msn.com) .

**Dec 13** – 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Model Railroad Show/Swap Meet, at Lebanon First Assembly of God – 726 West Oak, Lebanon, Ore. Sat. 9:30 am – 4:30 pm. Info: Ben Crane at 541-451-3219 or [ben028@centurytel.net](mailto:ben028@centurytel.net)

### **LOOKING AHEAD TO 2015:**

**Jan 24-25** - The Great Train Expo. Portland Expo Center. Large train and toy marketplaces, operating layouts and displays, workshops and demonstrations. Info:- [www.greattrainexpo.com](http://www.greattrainexpo.com)

**Feb 7** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Northwest Modelers Train Show and Swap Meet, West Valley Community Campus Hall, 266 SE Washington St., Willamina, Ore. Sat. 9:30 am – 3 pm. Info: Tom Pryor 503-606-0398 or [pry626@juno.com](mailto:pry626@juno.com)

**Feb 14** - Spokane Portland & Seattle Railway Historical Society Railroad Swap Meet, Holiday Inn - Portland Airport Conference Center, 8439 NE Columbia Blvd., Portland, Ore. Open 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Info:- Jerry Pickell, [ickell5141@msn.com](mailto:ickell5141@msn.com) or 360-735-0516.

**Apr 18 – 19** - Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club Swap Meet & Train Show, Lane Events Center, Eugene, Ore. Sat 10 am – 5 pm, Sun 10 am – 3 pm. Info: Lee Temple 541-954-4917 [ttandt@ram-mail.com](mailto:ttandt@ram-mail.com)

**May 2-3** - Rickreall Grange Model Train Swap Meet & Show Sat/Sun 9am-3pm. Rickreall Grange Hall at 280 Main Street {Hwy 99W} Rickreall, Ore. Operating HO Layout, Great Food, Free parking, Fun for All! Tables available. Info:- Tom 503-606-0398 [pry626@onlinenw.com](mailto:pry626@onlinenw.com)

**May-June** – Spring PNR 1<sup>st</sup> Division Mini-Meet – In planning stage, TBA.

**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.

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# **Railroad Show**

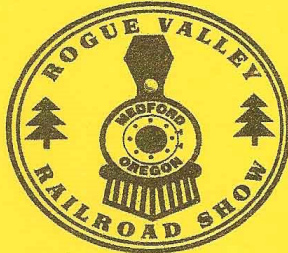
**November 29-30, 2014**

**Saturday**

**10 AM - 5 PM**

**Sunday**

**10 AM - 4 PM**



## **Medford Armory**

**1701 S. Pacific Highway, Medford, Oregon**

**Model Railroad Displays, Exhibits, Swap Meet,  
Door Prizes, Raffles**

**PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE MEDFORD RAILROAD PARK**

### **FOR INFORMATION MAIL:**

**Rogue Valley Railroad Show, P. O. Box 8065  
Medford, OR 97501-0965**

### **OR CALL:**

**Bruce McGarvey 541-890-8145  
Bill Meyer - 541-821-5547**

**Admission - \$5 ♦ Ages 6-12 - \$1  
5 AND UNDER FREE W/ADULT!**