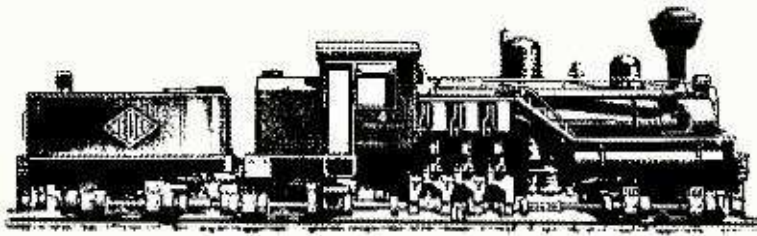


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## A Recent Donation from Mr. Bob McCoy

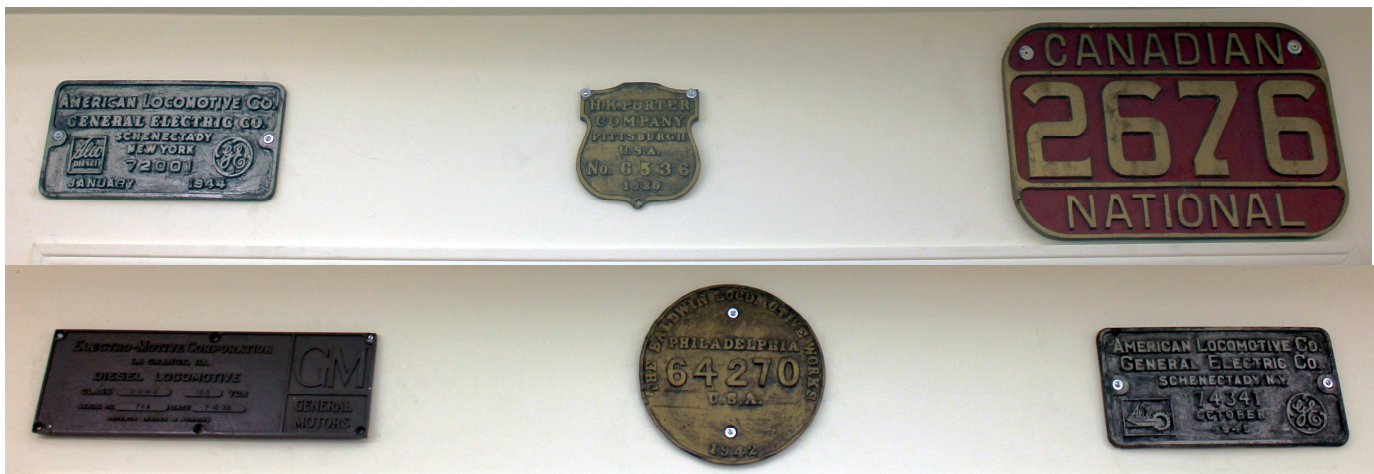
By: Tony Johnson, Photos by: Allen Dobney

Our chapter received a donation of assorted railroad memorabilia recently from Mr. Bob McCoy of Medford. Among the items donated are replicas of seven locomotive builder's plates, and one steam locomotive number plate. They are:

- American Locomotive Co. - Schenectady Sept. 1941
- Cooke Locomotive & Machine Co. - Patterson, N.J.
- ALCO/GE - Schenectady Jan. 1944
- ALCO/GE - Schenectady Oct. 1945
- H.K. Porter Co. - Pittsburgh, PA 1920
- Electro-Motive Corporation - LaGrange, IL 7-15-38
- Baldwin Locomotive Works - Philadelphia, PA. 1944
- Canadian National #2676

A couple of other items are these two books:

- Baldwin Diesel-Electric Locomotives: Service Manual for Switching Locomotives (1944)
- Electrical Equipment for Railroad Diesel Motive Power by A.H. Candee (1940)



Six of the builder's plates, plus a Southern Pacific "No Trespassing" sign from Bob are already on display inside our Mack Walch Museum.

## A TOURIST RAILROAD IN BUTTE FALLS?

By: Allen Dobney, Photos by: Ken Hill

On September 27, 2012 our chapter board met with and presented to some of the towns people of Butte Falls. The chapter presented background information about the chapter including; our mission, equipment and status on restorations. We also covered the hurdles and benefits to a tourist railroad in Butte Falls. There was a lively question and answer period that followed the presentation. In general the Butte Falls residents in attendance were very positive and wanted us to continue the investigation.

Out of the meeting we took the action to create a survey and have it added to the next issue of the Butte Falls Bulletin. The Butte Falls Bulletin has a distribution of 450 households in and around the town of Butte Falls. The surveys will also be made available in 4 locations in town. The survey will be going out at the end of October. Stay tuned for the survey results in the next issue of the Manifest.

Below are a few pictures of the lively discussions at the town hall meeting. Thanks to Ken Hill and his wife for taking the pictures.



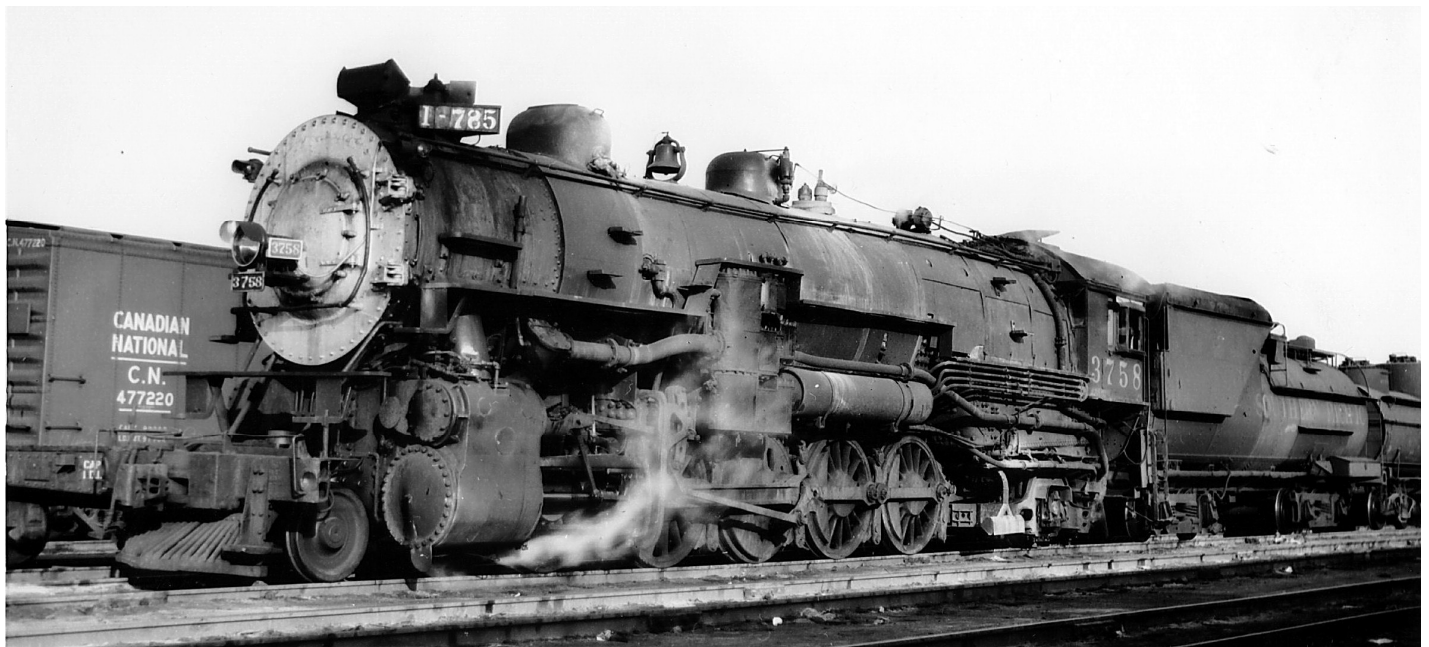
## NEW LOCOMOTIVES OF GIANT TYPE START OPERATION

By: Tony Johnson

Here's an interesting news article dated May 9, 1924. It is from the Portland Clarion and it announces the arrival of heavy 2-10-2 steam locomotives to operate between Roseburg and points in northern California on Southern Pacific's Siskiyou Line.

Southern Pacific's first 2-10-2s were built in 1917, but it appears the article was saying these were "new" locomotives. If so, then these were part of a batch of 52 F-5 Class 2-10-2s built by Baldwin in 1923-1925 and numbered 3718 through 3769. The driver dimensions match the article, but the engine weight of the F-5s was slightly more.

It's interesting in that the 2-10-2 wheel arrangement was named after the first railroad to use them - the Santa Fe, but the newspaper refers to them as decapods, and SP men always referred to them as "Decks". SP ran these "decks" right up to the end of steam operations on the Siskiyou Line (1955), and many photographs have been taken of them climbing Siskiyou Summit. - Tony Johnson



In the photo above is Southern Pacific F5 class 2-10-2 number 3758

## NEW LOCOMOTIVES OF GIANT TYPE START OPERATION (From the Portland Clarion)

Roseburg, May 9. - One of the new decapods, the new mountain type locomotives put into use between Roseburg and points in California, was driving to Roseburg this week. This monster locomotive is bigger than any other engine in the west except those of its own class and has almost twice the pulling power of the locomotives which have formerly been in use.

The big mogul is 98 feet long, and has ten drive wheels, five on each side. The drivers are 63 inches in diameter, the cylinders have a 27½ inch bore and a 33½ inch stroke, and the weight on the drivers (not over all) is 373,900 pounds.

The engine was brought to Roseburg by H.F. Ogden, engineer, and F.A. Fretwell, fireman. It left this afternoon pulling a southbound freight made up of 65 cars. The ordinary engine handles 30 to 35 cars. W.H. Davis, engineer, and L.S. McCarty, fireman, were in the cab on the trip south.

Nineteen of these engines will be in operation south of Roseburg within the next 10 days. The city is as far north as the big engines will go, and in order to handle them in the yards here it was necessary to install a new electric turntable, as the old one was not large enough to do the work.

**Southern Oregon Chapter – National Railway Historical Society  
Board of Directors  
Regular Meeting**

Minutes of October 7, 2012

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:56 PM by President E. Don Pettit
2. Roll Call: E. Don Pettit, John Powell, Jerry Hellinga, Ric Walch, Larry Tuttle, Allen Dobney and 4 other member were present.
3. Consent of Agenda: The Agenda was accepted by consensus.
4. Approval of the September, 11, 2012 Board minutes: Jerry Hellinga moved to accept the minutes of the September 11, 2012 meeting of the Board of Directors as presented. John Powell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
5. Treasurer's Report – Jerry Hellinga: Larry Tuttle moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. John Powell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
6. Standing Committees & Projects:

- a. Medco #4 Restoration – Jerry Hellinga

Work on the boiler to prepare it for remounting it on the frame continues. Painting about 80% completed. There is still much to do including an updated ultrasound survey, about 200 staybolts to drill, another hydro test, and repairs on the steam engine before the boiler can be reunited with the frame.

Medco 4 fund raising update.

- 9 Member donations totaling \$3,260.00
- 6 non-member donations totaling \$750.00
- Anonymous from Sunday run days and other events totaling \$241.50
- Total donations qualifying for matching funds - \$4,251.50
- Other income totals \$1,446.60
- Total funds raised since 4/1/12 including matching funds - \$9,949. 60

There is 22 days left until the matching funds offer expires

There is also a challenge grant on the table that offers an additional \$1,000.00 if at least 25 members donate \$20.00 or more. So far only 9 members have donated. This offer also expires in 22 days.

- b. Concession Stand – Ric Walch
  - Sales were brisk at the second September run day.
  - Tried Gogurt Yogurt, sales were good.
  - Will be trying boxed fruit drinks at next run day at \$.75 ea.
  - The roof over the “breezeway” between the two buildings needs to be replaced. Allen Dobney, Ric Walch and Larry Tuttle will work on what needs to be done.
- c. Newsletter – Allen Dobney
  - As of the November issue we will be down to 44 US mail deliveries from 52 in October. Email delivery over 60.
  - In need of articles for next month’s issue.
- d. Park Committee – Ric
- e. Membership – Allen Dobney
  - Flyers and applications now at 17 Rogue Valley locations.
- f. Railroads in the Rouge Valley traveling exhibit – Allen Dobney
  - Direction of the project has changed. Now focusing on 1890 through 1927.
  - The model display will be N scale. I am putting together the diorama and Victoria is supplying the train.
  - This display has been incorporated into the submission for the chapter’s display area at the upcoming Rogue Valley Model RR show.
- g. Web Site Updates – Larry Tuttle
  - Online version of the Manifest is up to date.
  - Still need soft copies of Ric’s newsletters to update back issues on the web.
- h. Museum Bookcase Cabinet Doors – Larry Tuttle
  - Stained and ready to lacquer
  - Hardware purchased
  - Mark Martin of Arrow Mountain Windows has used glass which he will install before the doors are mounted on the bookcases.
  - Have received two large boxes of books and magazines from Vere Perry, an elderly, long-retired SP engineer in Roseburg. Many of the books will be significant contributions to our library.
- i. Butte Falls Museum Opportunity – Ric Walch

- On September 27, 2012 the Chapter board and several other chapter members met with the citizens of Butte Falls to discuss the possibility of a tourist railroad.
- The presentation was well received with many questions from the audience.
- From this meeting our chapter took the action to do a survey to get a greater level of feedback from the community.
- Survey will be in the November issue of the Butte Falls Bulletin going to 450 households. Drop off boxes will be at 4 locations in town. This survey will cost the Chapter \$60 to have it included in the Butte Falls Bulletin.

7. Old Business:

- a. Fence move & Track extension Project: Ken Hill may take the lead to get this project underway. Allen Dobney offered to help with email notices about work parties.
- b. Sale of surplus / Duplicate Material: Larry has nothing new to report; another member is needed to help with this project.
- c. The use of Chapter property and equipment for photo shoot: Larry drafted a Liability Release and Donation Agreement (attached) to be signed by anyone wanting to do a photo shoot or otherwise use Chapter property and equipment for non-Chapter functions. Jerry Hellinga moved to adopt this form. John Powell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

8. New Business: (None)

9. Good of the Order

- The Chapter's setup at the Railroad Show will include the Southern Oregon Historical Society's travel exhibit on passenger trains in the Rogue Valley. Space requirements for the Chapter's display have been sent in.
- Dan Wilkinson stated that John Sipple and the Mullalys will be gone on Sunday and it may be necessary to close the CB&Q caboose. John Powell offered to staff the caboose.
- Ric Walch reported that the CB&Q caboose has leaks in the roof which need to be addressed before the rains hit. Discussion followed about needed repairs.

10. Adjournment: Jerry Hellinga moved to adjourn the meeting. John Powell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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Larry Tuttle, Secretary

Next General Meeting: October 9, 2012 at 7:00 PM

Next Regular Board Meeting: October 9, 2012 following the General Meeting

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING ENTERTAINMENT

If you have railroad slides or videos that you would like to present, please email me at ([adobney@gmail.com](mailto:adobney@gmail.com)) or call me at 541-582-0605 with the details and I will put you on the schedule.

## ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

As always we need articles for the newsletter. If you have something you would like to see included in an upcoming newsletter, please send your submission to; [adobney@gmail.com](mailto:adobney@gmail.com) or call 541-582-0605. Thanks.....Allen

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## UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

**November 13, 2012, 7:00PM @ Model Railroad Clubhouse:** Membership/ Board Meeting. Nominations for 2013 Chapter Officers will be accepted at this meeting. Allen Dobney will be presenting the first half of a Charles Smiley video, "SP when the empire was intact, 1965 to 1979 A look at a great era"

**November 23, 24, 25, 2012:** Medford Armory Annual Rogue Valley Model Railroad Show. Setup will be on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Signups for helping at the show are being taken now. The signup sheets will be at the concession stand at RR Park at both of the October run sessions. Contact Don Pettit at 541-601-4772 for more information or to signup.

**December 11, 2012, 7:00PM @ Model Railroad Clubhouse:** Membership/ Board Meeting. Elections for our 2013 officers will be held. Allen Dobney will be presenting the second half of a Charles Smiley video, "SP when the empire was intact, 1965 to 1979 A look at a great era"

***If you know of any other events that should be added to our newsletter, please email, ([adobney@gmail.com](mailto:adobney@gmail.com)), or call, (541-582-0605), with the details.***