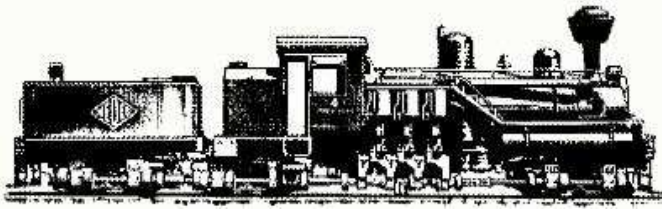


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2012 Rogue Valley Railroad Show Highlights

By: Allen Dobney, Photos by: Victoria Law, Allen Dobney

Even though the show was a lot of work, everyone seemed to have a great time. We also did very well from the sales standpoint. With a lot of books, VHS tapes and magazines, plus t-shirts and golden spikes we netted \$769.55 at our show table. Below are a few pictures of our members and show guests in action:

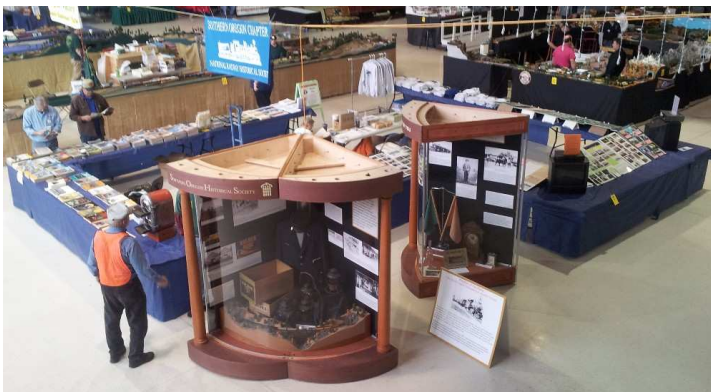


This railroad history display was jointly developed by the Amy Drake of the Southern Oregon Historical Society, Victoria Law of the Ashland Railroad Museum and yours truly of our chapter. It took 5 of us about 2 ½ hours to set up. It was well received by show guests.

After about 9 hours of display setup on Friday, I needed Larry Tuttle to adjust a few loose screws.



Jerry Hellinga is doing a final inspection of our show displays before the doors opened on Saturday.



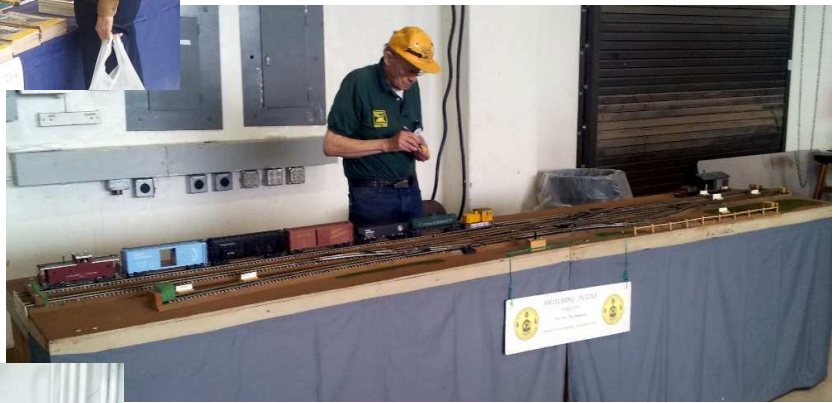
Ric Aubin, Tony Johnson & Larry Tuttle are discussing the fine points of selling books and magazines. It must have worked well, we sold a lot of both!!!





← Claude Sorensen and Dan Wilkinson discussing book and magazine sales with customers.

Art McKee Setting up the O scale switching layout for Sunday's opening. →



← Richard & Barbara next to their awesome Sleepy Hallow Railway passenger car.

Sid Stoner taking a coffee brake next to his beautiful speeder. →



Butte Falls Tourist Railroad Survey Results

The survey was sent out to 450 locations in Butte Falls and the surrounding area as part of the November Butte Falls Bullitin. 57 of the 450 surveys were returned to drop boxes or mailed to the chapter. This represents a 12.7% return rate.

Survey Question Results:

	YES	NO
Would you like to see a tourist railroad in Butte Falls?	56	1
	98.2%	1.8%
	Percent of	
Why?	Quantity	Responders
Bringing tourism & income to the area	37	64.9%
Bringing area history alive	19	33.3%
Activity for children / families	14	24.6%
Build pride and awareness in Butte Falls	10	17.5%
Promote the beauty of the area	3	5.3%

What needs to be considered before building a tourist railroad in Butte Falls?

Funding & cost management	12	21.1%
Community involvement	8	14.0%
Determine route of railroad / scenic	8	14.0%
Plan for a depot & other facilities	6	10.5%
Address negative impacts on residents	4	7.0%
Address fire and people safety	4	7.0%
Insure adequate parking	4	7.0%
Deveop a business plan	3	5.3%
Determine and obtain easments	3	5.3%
Address environmental / pollution issues	3	5.3%
Create community awareness	2	3.5%
Have a friendly railroad crew	2	3.5%

Would you like to help with this project? - yes responses 21 36.8%

Put me on your mailing list for future information - yes responses 40 70.2%

As you can see from the above summary, the response from the Butte Falls community was overwhelmingly positive. Our next step in this project is to meet with the Butte Falls Mayor and City Council to discuss an operating relationship between our chapter and the city and plan next steps to keep the project going.

A BIG THANKS

By: Allen Dobney, Photos by: Tony Johnson, Charlie Walch, Larry Tuttle, Allen Dobney

I just wanted to say **THANK YOU** to all of our members who donated their time to make our 14 days of open houses to the public in 2012 a big success. Bellow is a collage of pictures of many of you working hard and our guests having a fun time at the Railroad Park this last summer:



**Southern Oregon Chapter – National Railway Historical Society
Regular Membership Meeting – November 13, 2012**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM by President E. Don Pettit
2. Roll Call: E. Don Pettit, Ric Walch, Jerry Hellinga, John Powell, Larry Tuttle, Allen Dobney and five other members were present.
3. Nomination of 2013 Officers:
 - President: E. Don Pettit nominated Allen Dobney. Jerry Hellinga seconded the nomination. Allen accepted the nomination.
 - Vice President: Jerry Hellinga nominated Ric Walch. John Powell seconded the nomination. Ric accepted the nomination.
 - Secretary: Jerry Hellinga nominated Larry Tuttle. Dan Wilkinson seconded the nomination. Larry accepted the nomination.
 - Treasurer: Larry Tuttle nominated Jerry Hellinga. Dan Wilkinson seconded the nomination which Jerry accepted.
 - National Director: E. Don Pettit nominated John Powell. Allen Dobney seconded the nomination which John accepted.There were no other nominations.
The election for 2013 officers will be at the Chapter's General meeting on December 12, 2012 at 7:00 PM

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Larry Tuttle, Secretary

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

Minutes of November 13, 2012

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 8:09 PM by President E. Don Pettit
2. Roll Call: E. Don Pettit, John Powell, Jerry Hellinga, Ric Walch, Larry Tuttle, Allen Dobney and 5 other member were present.
3. Consent of Agenda: The Agenda was accepted by consensus.

4. Approval of the October 9, 2012 Board minutes: Jerry Hellinga moved to accept the minutes of the October 9, 2012 meeting of the Board of Directors as presented. Ric Walch seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
5. Treasurer's Report – Jerry Hellinga presented the Treasurer's Report which was accepted by consensus.
6. Standing Committees & Projects:
 - a. Medco #4 Restoration – Jerry Hellinga
 - Fund Raising: The matching funds offer ended on November 1st. A total of \$4,867.50 in qualifying individual donations were received since the fund raising campaign was kicked off this spring. \$3,831 from Chapter members, \$750 from non-members, and \$261.50 in cash donations from Railroad park run days and other events. The matching funds check of \$4,900 will be presented at the November Membership meeting. There was also a challenge grant of \$1,000 offered if at least 25 members donated a minimum of \$20 each. This offer also expired on November 1st. Since only eleven members donated since the current fund raising effort was kicked off 6 months ago, we will not receive this additional \$1,000.
 - Work Progress: Work continues on the boiler to prepare it for mating with the locomotive chassis. Most of the time has been spent clearing the tell tale holes in the staybolts. So far 16 staybolts have been found to have drill bits broken off in them from previous attempts to clear them Chelatchie Boiler is trying to develop a method to remove these broken drill bits. Once all the tell tales have been cleared, the boiler will be filled with water and pressure tested one more time before reassembly to the frame.
 - b. Concession Stand – Ric Walch / Allen Dobney
 - Sales were slow on the last run day.
 - Have sold off most of the excess food inventory. Thanks to Dan for selling off the last of the chips at last Friday's slide night.
 - Completed 90% of the recycling. Allen finally cleaned out his garage!!!
 - c. Newsletter – Allen Dobney
 - Need articles as always. In good shape through January issue.
 - d. Park Committee – Ric: No Park Committee Meeting
 - e. Membership – Allen Dobney
 - No update
 - f. Railroads in the Rogue Valley traveling exhibit – Allen Dobney
 - Final preparations are being made for the display to be ready for the annual 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
- Mark Martin is doing the glass in our cabinet doors, we are next on his schedule for completion.
 - Payment; since we're accommodating him on his schedule and he's a fan of the train clubs, that four comp tickets for him and his family to the RR Show would be adequate.
- i. Butte Falls Museum Opportunity – Ric Walch / Allen Dobney
- Survey went out to 450 Butte Falls area households on November 1, 2012
 - The 4 survey pick-up location drop boxes were placed on October 31, 2012. An extra 40 surveys were placed with each drop box.
 - Drop boxes will be picked up on November 21, 2012.
 - Allen Dobney will do an analysis and publish the results of the survey.
 - One elderly City Council woman has is against the project.
 - Three surveys have been returned by mail and all were positive.
- j. Fence move & Track extension Project – Ken Hill
- Plan to start project after Thanksgiving.

7. Old Business:

- a. Fence move & Track extension Project: Ken Hill will take the lead to get this project underway after Thanksgiving.
- b. Sale of surplus / Duplicate Material: Tony Johnson reported that he may have some duplicate books to sell at the Railroad Show.
- c. Roof Repairs: Rick Aubin has already done the roof repair on the CB&Q Caboose. Allen and Larry are making plans to work on the concession stand after the Railroad Show.

8. New Business: (None)

9. Good of the Order

- Ric Walch has heard a rumor that the Parks Department is soliciting input on what to do with the land adjacent to the Railroad Park. It was presumed that this is the brush and blackberry covered hillside going down to Bear Creek.
- Jerry Hellinga talked about the tour he and other chapter members gave to Terramai management and family of our equipment in White City. Terramai, a company specializing in reprocessing wood for reuse < <http://www.terramai.com/>>, is the new owner of the Burrill Lumber mill site where we've been storing our rolling stock. They are very positive towards our equipment, activity and plans and are willing to help. Plant Manager Dan Evison and his father toured the Railroad Park as well. Our liability policy has been changed to reflect Terramai as additionally insured.

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

Larry Tuttle, Secretary

Next General Meeting: December 12, 2012 at 7:00 PM

Next Regular Board Meeting: December 12, 2012 following the General Meeting

All Aboard: Railroading and Portland's Black Community

January 15 – April 14, 2013

Just in time for the 2013 Martin Luther King Jr. holiday and National Black History Month in February, the Oregon Black Pioneers return to the Oregon History Museum to partner on a new exhibit, All Aboard: Railroading and Portland's Black community.

This new exhibit and accompanying programs will focus on the work and lives of African American railroad workers in Portland in the 1800s to 1940s and the community that grew up around Union Station during that period. Content will include the evolution of work for blacks on the railroads and in black-owned businesses in Old Town, the context of the this time period in Oregon's racial history, the stories of the railroad workers and porters, and how their lives and communities were shaped by their work.

Oregon History Museum
www.ohs.org
1200 SW Park Avenue – Portland, Oregon
10 to 5 Monday through Saturday; Noon to 5 Sunday

MEMBERSHIP MEETING ENTERTAINMENT

If you have railroad slides or videos that you would like to present, please email me at (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 or call 541-582-0605. Thanks.....Allen

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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

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"

January 8, 2013, 7:00PM @ Model Railroad Clubhouse: Annual NRHS membership / board meeting. Installation of officers, Jerry Hellinga will present the annual report. Allen Dobney will be presenting a slide show on the Northern Pacific Railroad with shots taken before and after the BN merger across the Northwest.

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