

THE MANIFEST

August/September 2014



Where has the time gone! We are approaching our last two run days, with our annual train show following closely behind.

It has been a great year at the park, many visitors, some for the first time, some I see there every run day.

On September 28, we had a record day for this year at the snack stand. We completely **sold out** of hamburgers and chicken, resulting in **record sales** for the stand for the year and the donations were up! WOW! Busy, busy day.

In this newsletter, which covers August/September, I am going to share some pictures courtesy of Ken and Donna Hill on the progress with the motor car. Allen, Ken and all of the other volunteers (too many to list) have done a fantastic job!

Larry Tuttle is working on getting out a new brochure for the park. I had the pleasure of "helping" him, he did most of the work, in selecting pictures to represent the five clubs. The goal is to have it finished and ready for the train show.

Also, please remember our dues will be due the end of the year. This year we have to pay the national dues separately, and everyone should receive a statement from the nationals to

do so. You now have the option of being a member of the nationals, as well as the local Southern Oregon Railway Historical Society (SOHRS).

THE MOTOR CAR



E Don appears to be directing Allen and Ken 😊





What a fantastic job has been done on the passenger cars.





Counting the money! Donations up after improvements

MEDCO NO. 4 UPDATE

Significant progress has been made on the restoration of the Medco 4 Willamette geared steam locomotive this last year. The boiler, the cab and the steam engine have all been reunited with the truck and frame. Thanks in part to grants from the Oregon Cultural Trust and the National Railway Historical Society, the firing controls, the boiler appliances (injectors, water level gauges, blowdown valves), and the associated piping have all been rebuilt or replaced and installed. The safety valves (**rebuilt by Pacific Industrial Services, Inc. at no cost to us**) have been installed. The sand dome and smoke stack have also been refurbished and reinstalled.



Medco No. 4 at the Railroad Park, September 16, 2004

While the Medco No. 4 is looking more and more like a complete locomotive, there is still much to do. For example, the steam engine (the cylinders that drive the locomotive) needs to be partially disassembled, evaluated, and repairs made as needed; refurbishing of the line shafts and drivelines needs to be completed; parts of the air pump need to be refurbished or remanufactured by a machine shop; and the entire air brake control system needs to be installed. This is only a partial list. It is estimated that at least \$30,000 still needs to be raised to complete the Medco No. 4 restoration.

Your continued support is needed to keep this project moving ahead.

Chief Mechanical Officer and Medco No. 4 Project Leader, Jerry Hellinga is offering two challenges for this fund raising effort:

- 1. \$1,000 is offered if at least 50% of the membership donates \$25 or more.**
- 2. An additional \$1,000 s offered if total donations for the current year from all sources exceed \$10,000.**

The deadline for both offers is December 15, 2014.

To donate the Medco No. 4 restoration write a check to the Southern Oregon Railway Historical Society (SORHS) with Medco 4 on the memo line on the check and mail it to:

**SORHS
P.O. Box 622
Medford, OR 97501**

OR

Donate on line at **www.soc-nrhs.org**. Click on the "donate" button at the bottom of the home page to make a donation through **EBay** and **PayPal**.

Members of all five clubs met with Brian Sjothun, director of Medford Parks and Recreation on Tuesday, September 30, 2014.



"City officials met with more than 30 people who are involved in five organizations that have improved and help maintain the park for decades and turned it into a popular local attraction. The railroad organizations told city officials that they were ignored in the recent discussions about feeding the homeless in the park, a decision that they say could seriously hurt a family-oriented environment that they try to foster. ..."

The article can be read in its entirety at the link below (Hold your control button and click on the link).

<http://www.mailtribune.com/article/20141001/NEWS/141009986>

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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

If you know of any other events that should be added to our newsletter, please email, (c-manley@charter.net), or call, (541-890-7639), with the details.

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