

RCGRS Annual Banquet

Penney Walker, Carolyn Rose, Barbara Clark and Christina Brittain organized a great 2006 banquet held at the Masonic Lodge in Beaverton, OR on November 11th. The dinner was catered by the Redville Catering Service and featured a wonderful salmon or chicken entree accompanied with rice pilaf.



Barbara Clark (surprised by the photographer) sells raffle prize tickets.



Jerry Chapman discusses new Split Jaw products with Margaret Kookan, Darrel Dunham and Carolyn Rose.



Gary Lee discusses methods for hand laying and spiking track with Doug Vorwaller.



Mike Greenwood discusses Digital Command Control (DCC) systems.



It was "standing room only" at Mike Greenwood's DCC systems class.



A social time for those not attending a seminar.



Rex Ploederer describes his work in building large complex structures using "Jig Stones".



"Jig Stones" structures The dilapidated grey house demonstrates that wood structures don't last very well in Oregon's weather.



Kathryn Warrior shows how to record and keep a history of your railroad's construction and progress.



Allan Warrior describes ways to light buildings, build light fixtures and street lights to give a railroad an after dark appearance.



Dinner is being served. David Kookan keeps watch for his table's time in the serving line.



Servers and wait staff are ready to serve dinner

12 Days of Railroad

On the first day of Christmas my railroad gave to me; one junk freight with zero point two horsepower per ton.

On the second day of Christmas, my railroad gave to me; two grouchy dispatchers with trains in every hole; and one junk freight with zero point two horsepower per ton.

On the third day of Christmas, my railroad gave to me; three lousy Yardmasters ducking behind a window sill; two grouchy dispatchers with trains in every hole; and one junk freight with zero point two horsepower per ton.

On the fourth day of Christmas, my railroad gave to me; four railroad managers hiding in the weeds; three lousy Yardmasters ducking behind a window sill; two grouchy dispatchers with trains in every hole; and one junk freight with zero point two horsepower per ton.

On the fifth day of Christmas, my railroad gave to me; five Form B's joint with other trains; four railroad managers hiding in the weeds; three lousy Yardmasters ducking behind a window sill; two grouchy dispatchers with trains in every hole; and one junk freight with zero point two horsepower per ton.

On the sixth day of Christmas, my railroad gave to me; six slow orders, all ten miles per hour; five Form B's joint with other trains; four railroad managers hiding in the weeds; three lousy Yardmasters ducking behind a window sill; two grouchy dispatchers with trains in every hole; and one junk freight with zero point two horsepower per ton.

On the seventh day of Christmas, my railroad gave to me; seven broken rails to keep it entertaining; six slow orders, all ten miles per hour; five Form B's joint with other trains; four railroad managers hiding in the weeds; three lousy Yardmasters ducking behind a window sill; two grouchy dispatchers with trains in every hole; and one junk freight with zero point two horsepower per ton.

On the eighth day of Christmas, my railroad gave to me; eight broken crossings that need to be



Jerry Clark and Darrel Dunham draw tickets for door prizes.



Jan Zweerts wins an LGB starter set

flagged; seven broken rails to keep it entertaining; six slow orders, all ten miles per hour; five Form B's joint with other trains; four railroad managers hiding in the weeds; three lousy Yardmasters ducking behind a window sill; two grouchy dispatchers with trains in every hole; and one junk freight with zero point two horsepower per ton.

On the ninth day of Christmas, my railroad gave to me; nine cars on the ground, dragged through the ties and two switches; eight broken crossings that need to be flagged; seven broken rails to keep it entertaining; six slow orders, all ten miles per hour; five Form B's joint with other trains; four railroad managers hiding in the weeds; three lousy Yardmasters ducking behind a window sill; two grouchy dispatchers with trains in every hole; and one junk freight with zero point two horsepower per ton.

On the tenth day of Christmas, my railroad gave to me; ten misroutes, that have to be set out at the nearest side track; nine cars on the ground, dragged through the ties and two switches; eight broken crossings that need to be flagged; seven broken rails to keep it entertaining; six slow orders, all ten miles per hour; five Form B's joint with other trains; four railroad managers hiding in the weeds; three lousy Yardmasters ducking behind a window sill; two grouchy dispatchers with trains in every hole; and one junk freight with zero point two horsepower per ton.

On the eleventh day of Christmas, my railroad gave to me; eleven lazy pool engineers, all laid off sick; ten misroutes, that have to be set out at the nearest side track; nine cars on the ground, dragged through the ties and two switches; eight broken crossings that need to be flagged; seven broken rails to keep it entertaining; six slow orders, all ten miles per hour; five Form B's joint with other trains; four railroad managers hiding in the weeds; three lousy Yardmasters ducking behind a window sill; two grouchy dispatchers with trains in every hole; and one junk freight with zero point two horsepower per ton.

On the twelfth day of Christmas, my railroad gave to me; twelve P.O.'ed crews, all stuck away from home; eleven lazy pool engineers, all laid off sick; ten misroutes, that have to be set out at the nearest side track; nine cars on the ground, dragged through the ties and two switches; eight broken crossings that need to be flagged; seven broken rails to keep it entertaining; six slow orders, all ten miles per hour; five Form B's joint with other trains; four railroad managers hiding in the weeds; three lousy Yardmasters ducking behind a window sill; two grouchy dispatchers with trains in every hole; and one junk freight with zero point two horsepower per ton.

Bah, humbug!!!

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Make sure you check the calendar on our Website at <http://www.rcgrs.com/> for the most up-to-date schedules and timetables.

Anyone interested in having an Open House or sponsoring an event, please contact **Christina Britain**.

December 8, 2006, Friday, 6:30 to 10:00 p.m.: Jan & Rae Zweerts are hosting an open house. Their houseboat is at Jantzen Beach, The Christmas ships will be sailing past their house that same evening. Jan's European railroad which is on a floating deck next to the houseboat will be in operation.

Hot Cider and Chili will be served, finger food is welcomed. An RSVP will help them know how much chili to make.

Address: 1859 N. Jantzen Ave. Portland 97217 (503-247-7531 or cell phone 503-705-3840).

Directions: Take I-5 to Jantzen Beach exit. Park between Home Depot and the Burlington Coat Factory. Walk from the parking lot south to the pedestrian gate down ramp #4. The pedestrian gate is open 6 to 10 p.m. Tell the security guard "Zweerts Party". Then walk west to Row O and proceed down Row O to the last home on the walkway. Watch for "Z" train signs.

Warnings: The ramp is grated and is steep (10% slope), wear non-slip shoes. Put your keys away before you leave land (the river won't give them back). The G-Scale trains have the right of way. Jan would appreciate it if you would use the steps to get over the catenary.

Jan is looking for 2-4 members who would like to run throttles from inside out of the rain, in order to run interesting routes and prevent crashes. I still need to finish wiring and may need to borrow an LGB EPL switch throw box. E-mail me at janzweerts@aol.com or phone 503-705-3840.

December 2006, (weekends): Mt. Hood Railroad Christmas Tree Trains, Hood River, Oregon. Imagine a holiday excursion with carolers on board, a stop in Parkdale to pick up Santa, freshly

cut trees for sale (take back to Hood River on the train!), plus a holiday buffet luncheon at the Parkdale Grange. Phone: 800.872.4661
www.mthoodrr.com

January 13, 2007, Saturday, 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.: RCGRS Annual Meeting at the Columbia Gorge Model Railroad Club, 2505 N. Vancouver Ave, Portland, OR 97227, 503-288-7246
12:00 Setup
1:00 Club Tour and Social
1:30 Potluck
2:45 Business Meeting
4:00 Cleanup

Potluck: A-H Desert, I-O Salads, P-Z Main Dish. Club will need to get napkins, cups, coffee, cream, sugar. Members will need to bring their own table ware and drinks.

February 2007: Tentatively, a club visitation of Toy Train Heaven, the Lionel Collection of Mr. David Danske, Lionel, Marx, Marklin, and American Flyer buyer from Ridgefield, Washington

March 10, 2007, Saturday, 11:00 a.m.: Tour 700 Steam Engine. The Roundhouse is located behind Tri-Met office at 17th & Holgate in Portland.

April 14, 2007, Saturday: Open house at Dave and Margaret Kooker's, 7542 Carolina Lane, Vancouver, WA. 360-695-0389

May 12, 2007, Saturday: Open house at Ron and Marlene Bacon's, 31262 SW Laurelview Road, Hillsboro, OR. 503-628-2300

June 16-17, 2007: "Railroads In The Garden" RCGRS Summer Tours.

July 15, 2007, Sunday: Open house at Gary & Jonette Lee's. 34140 SE Hurlburt Road; Corbett, OR 503-695-2550.

August 12, 2007, Sunday: Quinn Mountain

September 8, 2007, Saturday: Mike Greenwood

October 2007: Open (Halloween theme)

November 2007: Annual RCGRS Banquet

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Editor's Note: The deadline for the January 2007 newsletter is December 27th, 2006.