

RCGRS Elections

RCGRS Bi-Annual Elections will be held at the RCGRS Annual Business Meeting, January 9th, 2010. Location TBA. The following people are running for the open RCGRS Officer Positions:

President: Greg Martin
Jeff Lange
Vice Pres.: Nick Kelsey
Secretary Kathryn Warrior
Treasure: Steve Cogswell
Yardmaster: Dennis Peoples

All of the above positions are still open to anyone else that wants to run for an office. If you are interested, email me, dwdunham@msn.com and I will add you to the Official Ballot. This needs to be done prior to the end of the year. Nominations for the office will also be open from the floor the day of the Annual Meeting. A person making a nomination from the floor, must have approval of nomination prior to elections being voted on.

Paper ballots will be handed out at the meeting with a space for write-ins. Ballots will be collected, counted and the results will be announced. After the new Offices are announced, the new Officers will take over directing the Society for the next two years.

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Annual Ghost Train Event

The annual Ghost Train Event was held on October 31st at Mike and Teri Greenwood's home. There were many cars and locomotives decorated in ghoulish delight. The rain gods held off any liquid precipitation, but the temperature was cool in synch with the time of the year.



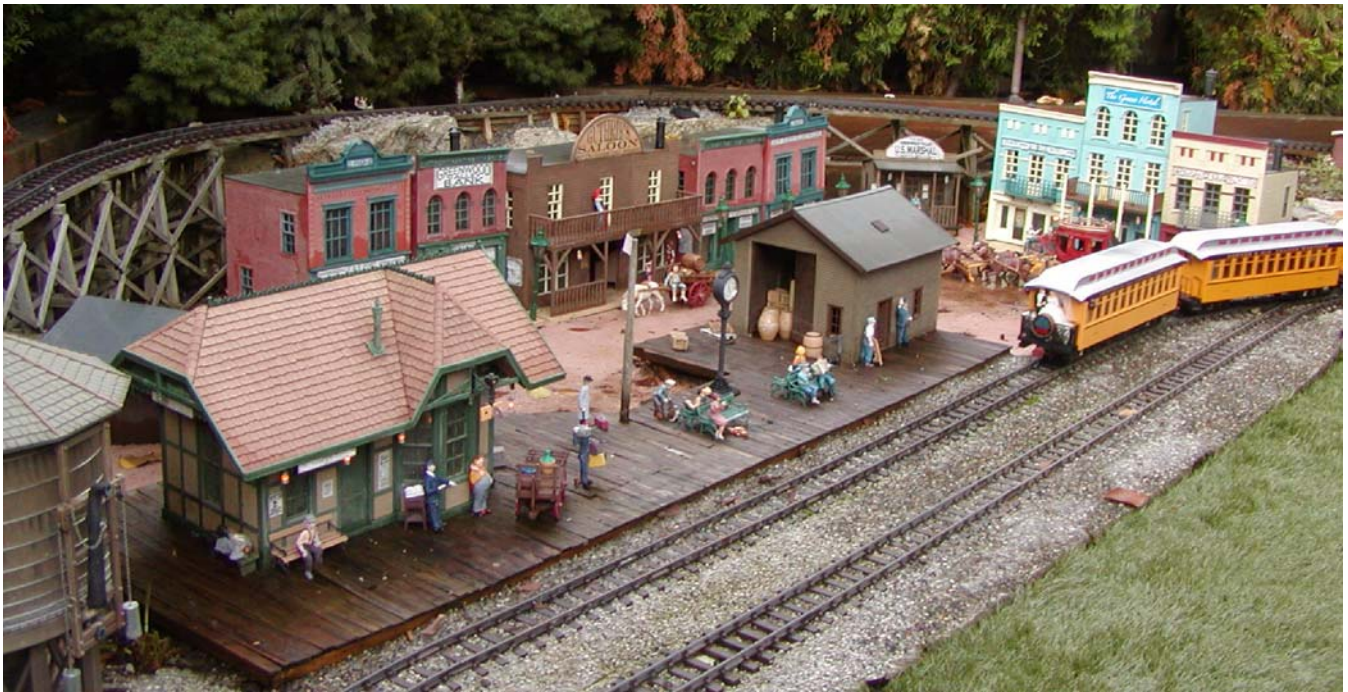
A table display of ghoulish decorations (1)



A table display of ghoulish decorations (2)



The cows seem unconcerned as a ghost train cruises past the farm.



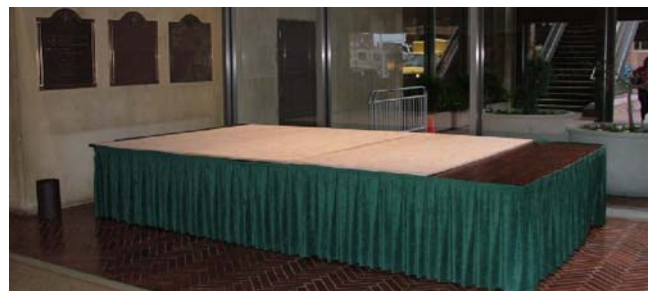
The ghosts have temporarily fled a nicely designed village on Mike Greenwood's railroad



"Sheriff" Mike Greenwood and Teri Greenwood

The MAC Display by Tom Gaps

From the recommendation by RCGRS member Shannon Pratt, the Multnomah Athletic Club (the MAC) requested that the Rose City Garden Railroad Society build a Christmas display in the MAC lobby. The MAC provided funds for the purchase of the required materials while the RCGRS provided know how and volunteers to assemble the display. At 0900 on Saturday, November 21st, a group of RCGRS volunteers assembled at the MAC lobby to begin the work.



The MAC provided a space in their lobby and some tables on which to build the display, along with skirting for the tables.



Gary Lee obtained the required materials and pre-built the elevated road bed.



By 0930, the road bed was in place. This included a pre-built trestle to carry the train over a frozen pond and the laying of track was well under way. By 1030, the display was ready for a test run of the train which had been provided by Allan Warrior.



By 1045, installation of scenery had started. This called for lots and lots of wadded up news paper under a blanket of snow. It's surprising how BLACK ones hands can become from just wadding up newspaper. Empty card board boxes under the snow were used to provide a solid base for the numerous trees.

During the installation, a number of “junior” sidewalk engineers stopped to observe and comment on the work — comments such as; “WOW, is there going to be train” — “Is that REAL snow?” — “How fast does the train go?” — “Is that a REAL lake?” Everyone who stopped to watch the construction, including the adults, seemed to be very impressed.



Shannon Pratt provided a number of structures to be used to build a small village with a train depot. A large, three section mirror was used to form the frozen pond. While the installation of the road bed and track had gone fairly fast, the installation of the snow was a different story. Progress was slow but steady. By 1300, about half of the snow was in place and a lunch break was declared.



By 1500, with all of the snow and the village in place, ballasting of the tracks was started followed by a “slow” test run of the train to ensure that there were no clearance issues with trees, buildings or snow drifts.



Shortly after 1600, the team assembled for a group picture in front of their masterpiece. Volunteers shown in the picture are: Front Row, Left to right: Shannon Pratt, Nick Kelsey, Jonette Lee, Gary Lee: Back Row: Left to right: Hilaire Hinds, Penny Walker, Tom Gaps, Richard Parker, John Stiger. Also on the team but not shown in the group picture because they had to leave early were Steve Cogswell and Rob Reiterman.

RCGRS Annual Banquet

After learning that the Kingstad Center in Beaverton, OR had closed its doors, Nick Kelsey spent quite a bit time and effort on the telephone in an attempt to find a place to meet. This year's banquet was held at the Canby Adult Center in Canby, Oregon. The volunteers and staff in the Center prepared and served a delicious lunch. Our thanks go to the Banquet Committee (Steve Cogswell, Don Kuby, Greg Martin, Dennis Peoples and Nick Kelsey) for planning and executing a great event.

There were four clinics this year:
 "LEDs for Dummies" by Mike Greenwood
 "How To Get The Most Out Of Reversing Units" by

Jerry Chapman

"Live Steam" by Ron Bacon and Mike Greenwood

"Body Mount Kadees on any Type Engine or Rolling Stock" by Rex Ploederer

There were a number of great raffle prizes to be won. The grand prize of a C-16 was won by Nick Kelsey.

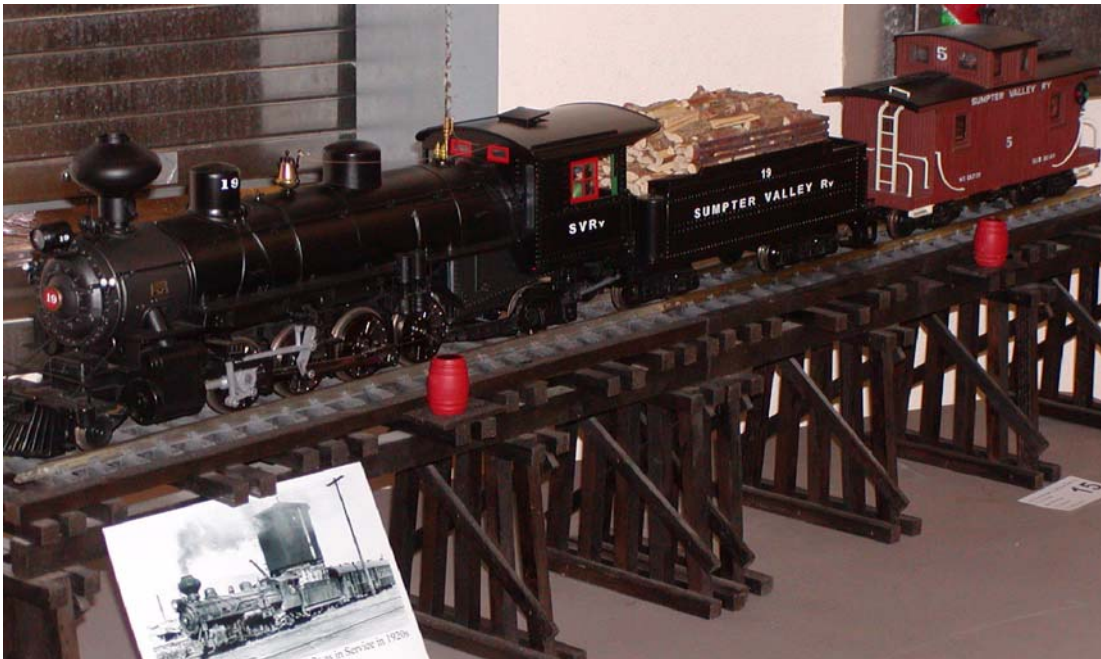
Greg Martin coordinated the model contest this year with help from the Pacific Crossings Model Railroad Club, Larry Dick and Gary Garnas as judges. There were more than a dozen wonderful entries in three of the four categories: locomotives, structures, rolling stock, and railroad structures (no entries). Many of the entries are shown below.



This model of a “Sugar Pine” Sawmill is huge and was crated and shipped from Spirit Lake, Idaho. New member Ronald Bart is the winner of the “Structures” category.



Oregon Lumber Car by Mike Greenwood is the winner of the “Rolling Stock” category



Ron Bacon’s Sumpter Valley Ry 2-8-2 is the winner in the “Locomotives” category. Ron has a picture of the prototype attached to the supporting trestle.



The Depot



A well crafted "Carousel" using a "Lazy Susan" as a base.



Gas Station (Texaco)



General Mercantile



Feed & Grain Business



The Olde Fuel Gas Station



Hinsberg Castle (Medieval)



Clock Tower

RCGRS Clothing

Margaret Kooken, Club Store Chair

There have been no club clothing orders for more than a year. Very likely, it is because our combination name/club badges are filling that need.

Prior to Ron and Merlene Bacon coming up with that good idea, members were beginning to order whatever style and color of clothing that suited them, rather than a single design.

Also, the world has changed. No printed catalogs now. You do it on line. We still have a connection with our supplier, and they can put our logo on al-

most anything you may want. We will help if you need it, but you can do it yourself.

You can also talk to Mike toll free at 866-281-1765.

Go to www.designsofallkinds.com to find your product information, and send an email to mike@designsofallkinds.com, and add a statement that you want the Rose City Garden Railroad logo on the item(s).

We still have some inventory for sale.

Men's denim size L 25.98

Men, old white S,M,XL 12.50

Ladies green stripe M, L, XL, 2XL 25.00
(Remember these run small)

Ladies, old white XL, 1X 12.50

We still have some sew-on logos at 1.50 each, or 4/\$5.00

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Schedules & Timetables

Christmas Displays: The Rose City Garden Railway Society is once again featuring a Christmas Display at Macy's Santaland in downtown Portland as well as at Al's Garden Center in Sherwood, OR and new this year, a display in the lobby of the Multnomah Athletic Club in downtown Portland. The displays will be free to the public during normal business hours at all three locations starting the day after Thanksgiving.

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

It is our Society's policy to attempt to have an event or open house on every second Saturday of the month. Other and additional dates during a month are also available and encouraged. Anyone interested in having an Open House or sponsoring an event, please contact **Nick Kelsey 503-266-1110 kelsey.nick@gmail.com**.

Special Event

What: "The West the Railroads Made"; an exhibit exploring rail's dramatic impact on the region and the world.

Where: Oregon History Museum, 1200 SW Park Avenue in Portland, Oregon.

When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, through January 31, 2010 (closed Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day)

Cost: \$5 to \$11; Free to those 5 and under and to members of the museum.

Information: 503-306-5198; www.ohs.org

Editor's Note: The deadline for the January 2010 newsletter is December 26, 2009.

December 5, 2009, Saturday, 4:00 to 9:00 p.m.:

Shannon and Millie Pratt are hosting an early Christmas Train Indoor Open House/Potluck dinner. 6677 SW Bancroft Way, Beaverton, OR 97225; 503-292-9464; shannon@shannon-pratt.com

Shannon's railway is a wonderful indoor automated layout that only permits Marklin equipment to run on it. Both Party Town and Farmdale will be celebrating Christmas in grand style.

Guests are encouraged to bring: A-D Salads, E-K Side Dishes, L-P Main Dishes, Q-Z Desserts

December 11, 2009, Friday Evening: Jan and Rae Zweerts open house and viewing of the Christmas ships. Rae will provide vegetarian, regular, and hot chilli.. Beverages, including beer and wine, and finger-foods from guests are welcome.

Jan & Rae Zweerts 1859 N. Jantzen Avenue, Row O, Slip 9 (Last House), Portland, OR, Phone: 503-247-7531. 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.

Jan's Layout: Fast, frequent Swiss style service reducing the need for automobiles and aircraft. Features that makes RR unique? European style cars and engines.

Layout info for those who want to run their own trains Yes, but be aware of water hazard. Divers are NOT standing by! 5% grades at Swiss Jct. Can members run trains? Any limitations, i.e., no steam? Ask control operator for permission. Hook & loop couplers and Kadees. The minimum track radius is 2 foot radius with 12000 series LGB switches. Track power with electric blocks permits independent control of 3 trains, plus a switching district. Is the layout FN³ compatible? Probably not.

House conditions: 20% slope on the ramps to the river; wear non-slip shoes and warm coats to observe Christmas Ships outside. All children 10 years or younger need to wear life jackets (Jantzen Beach Moorage rules). We have a small supply on

hand, bring your own if available. Reminder: walkways can be slippery if it has been raining. Please keep this in mind when deciding what shoes to wear (low heel and non-slip walking shoes are better).

Also, put your keys in your pocket or purse before starting down the walkways. The river is anywhere from 3–30 feet deep. The likelihood of retrieving your keys if they are dropped overboard is pretty close to nil!

January 2, 2010, Saturday: A crew will be needed to disassemble the display at the Multnomah Athletic Center. Time to be announced.

January 9, 2010: Annual meeting: Location and time to be announced.

2nd weekend February: Event and Host?

March 13, 2010: Construction session at Constructavision. Gary Lee will guide members through construction of a model for their railroad. Subject to be announced.

March 19,20,21, 2010: The Great Train Expo at the Metro Convention Center.

2nd weekend April: Event and Host? (quarterly meeting)

2nd weekend May: Dennis & Carolyn Rose open house.

Membership Dues Are Due!

The dues are \$30 per year for an individual and an additional \$6 per year for a significant other. There is only one class of member and all dues paying members have a vote in the business of the society. All dues are payable in December for the following fiscal year beginning in January.

Name _____
 Spouse _____
 Address _____
 Town _____ State _____ ZIP _____
 Telephone Number _____ Email: _____
 My Interests: _____

Return the bottom section of this page with your dues payment to: RCGRS, 17520 S. Holly Lane; Oregon City, OR 97045 Make checks payable to RCGRS.

2nd weekend June: Ron and Merlene Bacon open house

June 19, 2010, Saturday: Railroads In The Garden Summer Tour 2010. Bill Derville, Chairman

2nd weekend July: Gary and Jonette Lee (also, quarterly meeting)

July 29 - August 11, 2010:
2010 NGRConvention.in Tacoma Washington.

Website and registration information is available at http://www.psgrs.org/2010_NGRC_Schedule.html

Pre-convention Tour: July 20–31 Oregon & SW Washington. Volunteers will be needed to assist the layouts that will be open for the tour.

Convention & tours: August 1–8 Greater Puget Sound area.

Post-convention tours: August 9–11, British Columbia.

2nd weekend August: Jeff and Diane Lange (Annual Auction)

2nd weekend September: Event and Host? (quarterly meeting)

Halloween Trains October: Location and Host?

November 13, 2010: Annual RCGRS Banquet

December 2010: Jan and Rae Zweerts open house and viewing of the Christmas ships.