

## Jan & Rae Zweerts Open House

The weather outside was cold, but the house was warm and welcoming for the December open house. The food was plentiful and in keeping with the holiday season. Rae created delicious home made chili in two different “temperatures” plus a vegetarian version. Jan had his European trains running on his “deck” but the temperature outside seemed to cause a rapid turnover in the visitors watching/ running trains.



Some hardy souls watched the Christmas ships go by from the deck.

Jan and Rae’s houseboat is at the end of the pier and gives a close-up look at the Christmas ships streaming past on the Columbia River. Some of the boat crews are interested in seeing Jan’s trains in operation so that there is some interaction of the

spectators on both sides. There were many boats and many beautiful configurations in celebration of the holiday season.



## Proposed By-Law Changes

At a the meeting of the Society's Board meeting on 13 December, it was decided that the By-Laws required some minor changes to reflect current practices. The changes are indicated in the following text. The italic bold text indicates the new wording and the strike-through red text indicates words being removed. These changes are for discussion and adoption at the 13 January 2007 meeting.

# BY-LAWS OF THE ROSE CITY GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY

## ARTICLE 1

### Name and Purpose

The name of this society is the **Rose City Garden Railway Society** (hereafter called the Society). The purposes of this Society is to promote and practice the hobby of garden railroading. This Society is exclusively educational and not-for-profit within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code and as stated in these By-Laws.

## ARTICLE 2

### Membership

1. Any person who subscribes to the purposes of the Society and pays the annual dues can be a member and is entitled to the rights and privileges of membership.
2. The annual dues are set by a majority vote of the membership at a meeting of the Society. The fiscal year of the Society shall be January 1 through December 31.
3. There is one class of member. Each member has one vote at meetings of the Society. Each member has the right to participate in the corporate activities.
4. Any member may voluntarily withdraw from membership upon written notice to an officer of the Society.
5. Removal of a member: In the event a member is charged with unreasonably obstructing the activities or not properly representing the interests of the Society, the Officers shall consider the matter. The member shall be notified of the charges and be given the opportunity to be heard at a meeting of the Society. If the charge is substantiated by a two-thirds vote of all the members present, the member shall be removed from membership.

## ARTICLE 3

### Meetings Of The Society

1. **Annual Meetings:** There shall be an annual meeting of the general membership to elect Officers and conduct other business. The annual meeting shall be held in **January** ~~October or November~~ at the place designated by the President. A budget for the operation of the Society for the following year shall be recommended by the Officers at each annual meeting and submitted to the membership for approval.
2. **Monthly Meetings of the General Membership:** *A quarterly business meeting may be held every three months in conjunction with a monthly meeting for the transaction of any required Society business.* ~~A meeting will normally be held each month except December for the purposes of education and promotion of garden railroading in its many aspects. A business meeting can be held every three months in conjunction with a monthly meeting for the transaction of any required Society business.~~
3. **Special Meetings:** Special meetings of the Society can be called by the President. Such meetings of the Society shall also be scheduled upon the petitions of 10% of the members. These petitions must state the purpose or purposes of the special meeting. This meeting must be held within 30 days of the presentation to the President of the petitions requesting the special meeting.
4. **Notice of Meetings:** A written notice of meetings of the general membership must be sent to all members by or at the direction of the President or the Secretary. ~~The written notice of the meeting must be deposited in the U.S. Mail at least 14, but no more than 50, days before the date of the meeting.~~ Such notice shall be addressed to the members at their most recent addresses as shown on the records of the Society. In the case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for the special meeting must be included in the notice of the meeting.
5. **Voting:** Each member present at meetings of the Society shall have one vote. No voting by proxy is permitted.
6. **Quorum:** A quorum at a meeting of the general membership shall consist of those member present. A simple majority of the members present is necessary for the adoption of any matter voted upon at meetings of the general membership.
7. **Robert's Rules Of Order:** All meetings of the general membership will be conducted under Robert's Rules of Order.

## ARTICLE 4

### Committees

1. **General:** Committees are formed at the discretion of the officers to accomplish a prescribed function within the objectives and purposes of the Society. Each committee will have a chairperson or co-chairpersons and are responsible for the activity of their committee.
2. **Membership:** Any member interested in the mission and goals of the committee is welcome to participate as a committee member.

## ARTICLE 5

### Board of Directors

1. **General:** The officers of the Society are the Board of Directors and consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Yardmaster. The terms of the officers shall be for ~~one year~~ two years. The business and affairs of the Society shall be managed by the elected officers, each of whom shall be a member in good standing.
2. **Vacancies:** In the event that a vacancy occurs, except for President, the other officers shall name a member to serve out the remaining term.
3. **Removal of an Officer:** In the event an officer is charged with unreasonably obstructing the activities or not properly representing the interests of the Society, a meeting of the general membership shall consider the matter and if the charge is substantiated by a majority vote, the officer shall be removed from office.
4. **Duties of the President:** The President shall preside at society meetings and direct the business of the Society. The President shall appoint an audit committee at the end of each fiscal year to make an audit of the Society accounts and property and make a report to the membership.
5. **Duties of the Vice-President:** The Vice-President will fulfill the duties of the President if the office of the President is vacant or the President is temporarily unable to perform those duties. The Vice-President is also responsible for membership conservation and introducing new members to the society.
6. **Duties of the Secretary:** The Secretary shall keep a book of all minutes from meetings and a record of the membership. The Secretary will be responsible for the Society correspondence except publicity. The Secretary shall be responsible for certification of members in good standing for voting purposes.

7. **Duties of the Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall keep and account for all moneys received and expended for the Society as directed by the membership. Reports shall be made at each business meeting of the membership. A written report shall be made available to the membership at the annual meeting.
8. **Duties of the Yardmaster:** The Yardmaster is responsible for the control and safe storage of properties. An accurate inventory of the property will be maintained and an annual report made to the membership.

## ARTICLE 6

### Elections

1. Elections of corporate officers will held at the **4th quarterly business ~~annual~~ meeting of odd numbered years** by the Society or by mail-in ballot delivered **prior to that ~~at the annual~~** meeting.
2. A nominating committee will develop recommendations for nominees for election. The immediate Past-President is recommended for the chairperson of the nominating committee. If a Past-President is not available, the current President will appoint three members to serve on the nominating committee.
3. Nominations from the floor can be made and accepted at the annual meeting. Nominations must have the prior acceptance of the nominee. If mail-in ballots are used the nominee must be added to the ballot.

## ARTICLE 7

### Dissolution

The Society can be dissolved at a duly called meeting at which fifty-one percent (51%) of the members in good standing are present. A majority of a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those members present is required for dissolution. In the event of dissolution, the disposition of the Society's assets shall be subject to approval of a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those members eligible to vote. Society property will be liquidated and all Society funds will be donated to a non-profit organization.

## ARTICLE 8

### Amendments

**By-Laws:** These By-Laws may be amended, repealed, or new By-Laws adopted by two-thirds vote of the members ***in good standing who are present***.

## ARTICLE 9

### Books And Records

1. The Society shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and minutes of the business meetings.
2. The minutes, books and records may be inspected by any member, or the agent or attorney of the member, for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

### RCGRS Officers and Staff

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### Schedules & Timetables

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**. The following events so far for 2007 are listed below.

**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 Kooken's, 7542 Carolina Lane, Vancouver, WA 98664; 360-695-0389

**May 12, 2007, Saturday:** Open house at Ron and Marlene Bacon's, 31262 SW Laurelview Road, Hillsboro, OR 97123; 503-628-2300

**May 26, 2007, Saturday:** Open house at Dennis and Carolyn Rose's, 18325 SW Jaylee St., Hillsboro, OR 97007; 503-649-4904. Hot dishes or salads are welcome. Dessert will be supplied.

11:00 a.m. - Alaska Group update

Noon - Social time

1:00 p.m. - Lunch

**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 97019; 503-695-2550.

**August 12, 2007, Sunday:** Open house at Quinn Mountain (Bud Quinn & Christina Brittain), 812 Canyon Creek Road, Washougal, WA 98671; 360-837-3711. Main meat dish and beverages supplied. A-C Bread; D-H Side Dish; I-O Salad, P-Z Dessert.

**September 8, 2007, Saturday:** Open house at Mike and Terri Greenwood's. 7007 N. Borthwick; Portland, OR 97219; 503-225-9373.

**October 2007:** Open (Halloween theme)

**November 2007:** Annual RCGRS Banquet

**December 2007:** Open

**Editor's Note: The deadline for the February 2007 newsletter is January 25th, 2007.**

## 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.

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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.