

October 2003

Annual Meeting And Banquet

The annual meeting and banquet of the RCGRS will be on **November 8, 2003 from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.** (Setup begins at 2:00 p.m.) The place will be the **West Portland United Methodist Church** located at **4729 SW Taylors Ferry Road**. The dinner is \$20.00 per person and includes the dinner ticket and one lottery ticket. Additional lottery tickets can be purchased (and encouraged) for \$1:00 each.

The dinner is catered and served buffet style. The entrees this year are “Chicken Picatta-Lemon” and “Grilled Salmon”. **It is imperative that you RSVP by November 1, 2003 so that there will be enough food and the correct number of entrees.** Send Marion your RSVP (included with this newsletter) to Marion Snyder at 7910 SW 19th Avenue, Portland, OR 97219 **Or**, call Marion Snyder at 503-803-9050 to make your reservation;

We will be voting for officers for RCGRS at the annual meeting. You must be present to vote.

The nominating committee has put forward the following slate of officers:

President: Dennis Peoples
Vice President: David Linn
Secretary: Dennis & Carolyn Rose
Treasurer: Darrel Dunham
Yardmaster: Gary Lee
Senior Editor: Allan Warrior

Note: The Senior Editor is not yet an elected position, but is being added as an ex-officio board member to facilitate the production of the newsletter.

Nominations from the floor can be made and accepted at the annual meeting. Nominations from

the floor must have the prior acceptance of the nominee.

You Are Invited

Jan and Rae Zweerts invites everyone from the RCGRS to a Christmas Ships Party. on Friday, December 12, 2003 from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m.

Enjoy the Christmas ships going right by our our floating home at Jantzen Beach Moorage. There will also be G-scale trains running outside on the floating deck. Map and details available at the annual dinner or call Jan Zweerts 503-247-7531. Address: 1859 N. Jantzen Beach Avenue, Portland, OR 97217.

Open House at Joe & Linda Chesney's

Joe's railroad has expanded enormously in the past two years. The railroad was started by digging out under part of the house (Joe's house is on a steep hillside) and landscaping for a railroad. He later jacked up the house and had an engineer modify the supports so that he could have more open area. He then began to expand through the foundation to the yard. The railroad under the house is quite large and complex. He has a series of spectacular bridges that frame his great scenery dioramas.

His latest endeavor has been to establish a second large railroad in his back yard. Landscaping and track arrangements are currently being constructed to tie the two railroads together. This construction includes a new water feature and the effort in keeping a reasonable track grade as the steep slope of the yard is negotiated.



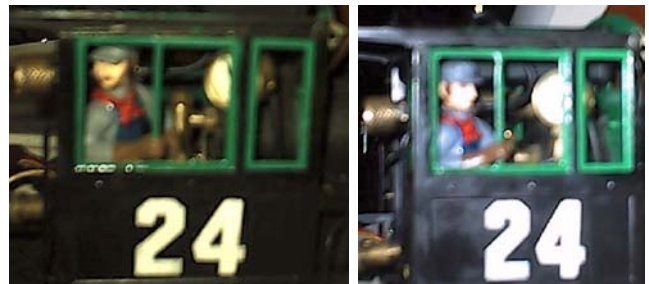
A busy day at the Joe Chesney Farm



Joe Chesney satisfies complaints that a train is not complete without a caboose. Ken Shipman and Glen Wadley look on.

Livesteamer Tip from David Linn

One night I was working on my live steamer after a meet. As I sat looking in to the cab, something was missing; my train needed an engineer to run it. So off to the junk box I went to find one. After some time, I found one that would work.



I found a Bachman figure with a moveable head. I cut his legs off so that he could sit on top of the servo and have one arm out the window. I pulled his head off and put a brass rod into his head and ran it down to the floor with a cam on it. Next, I ran a rod to the Johnson bar. As I use the Johnson bar to reverse the direction of the locomotive, the engineer's head now moves forward and to the back to see if it is all clear. I love to see the spectator's faces as they see his head move. I love live steamers with radio control and the creative things that you can do to enhance their operation. If some of you want to try this addition, call me if you need help.

Open House at Jerry and Jan Chapman's

Jerry and Jan Chapman were the hosts at their open house on September 6, 2003.

Jerry has expanded his extensive layout to three sides of his house (no more grass to cut). He has three interconnected loops plus a switch yard. Jerry's theme is models of the Union Pacific RR. The railroad is track powered from several points.



Jay Cosnett and possible future engineers Eliana and Sam Cosnett watch the trains go by on Jerry Chapman's layout.



Trains awaiting train orders in Jerry Chapman's switch yard

Schedules & Timetables

October 18, 2003, Saturday Noon - 6:00 p.m.:

The traditional annual Ghost Train Event at Jeff Lange's house. Plan now to decorate a car or locomotive (or train) with a ghoulish delight. Make sure your design will pass through a typical bridge or tunnel. Jeff only has couplers for Kadee or hook-and-loop if you want to include your entry as part of the ghost train.

Address: 5220 N.W. Cherry Street; Vancouver, WA. 360-696-0799. Pizza and soft drinks will be provided. Jeff asks that attendees (A-H) bring a salad of some kind, and people (J-Z) bring a dessert.

Take I-5 north to Vancouver and take exit #2, 39th Street. Turn left (west) on 39th Street and go through three stop lights until you come to Lincoln Avenue (you will pass a small market on the left called "Goodies"). Turn Right (north) onto Lincoln Avenue and go 14 blocks north to 53rd Street. Turn left (west) onto 53rd Street and go to Cherry Street. 5220 NW Cherry Street is directly in front of you at the stop sign.

Park diagonally in front of the split rail fence by one of the small flags or across the street next to the vacant lot on Cherry Street. A few cars can park in the circular drive way so that your car is facing north, but please do not block the entrance to the double garage. Additional parking is on the north side of the property on 53rd Street, next to the double gate, outside of the large arborvitae hedge. Handicap access is through the open double gate and driveway on the north side of the property.

October 4 & 5, 2003, Saturday and Sunday, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.: The Great American Train Show at the Oregon State Fair & Expo Center in Salem, OR. Admission is \$7.00, kids under 12 are free. There is a \$1:00 off coupon downloadable from GATS.

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NOTE: It is a fact that the GATS organization does have Portland listed for a **November 15 & 16, 2003** show at the Convention Center as well as another show on **February 14 & 15, 2004** (yep Valentine's Day again) at the Expo Center. We have requested additional information from them.

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