

### Open House and Second Quarterly Meeting

The “Baker and Grande Ronde Railroad” (Gary and Jonette Lee) was the site of the July open house and second quarterly meeting of the RCGRS. Summer had finally arrived for this year and it was a great day. The minutes for the the meeting are included in this newsletter.

This point-to-point logging railroad features handlaid track, a spectacular trestle, and beautiful vegetation. Gary’s craftsmanship is also apparent in the beautiful buildings he has constructed since the right-of-way was completed.



Joe Chesney finds a blissful minute during the meeting on a warm day.



Anticipation of the meeting





Jan Zweerts and Dennis Rose prepare a log train pulled by a 2-6-6-2 for operation.



Mill with operating overshoot water wheel



Beautiful turntable in the train preparation area in Gary's shop. Ron Bacon and Jan Zweerts in the immediate background.



New building in progress (Saloon?)



People's Bank and Andy's Blacksmith shop



New houses

## Minutes – RCGRS Quarterly Meeting

Date: Sunday, July 11th, 2010

Location: Gary and Jonette Lee's Home

Baker & Grand Ronde RR

Time: 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

A Potluck Lunch was held from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Attendance: Jan Zweerts, Jonette and Gary Lee, Odell and Hazel Lee, Bryce Lee, Don & Jeannine Golgert, Nick and Sue Kelsey, Shannon and Millie Pratt, Tom and Betty Gaps, Dave and Margaret Kookan, Ron and Merlene Bacon, Doug and Marilyn Watson, Bill Derville, Darrel Dunham, John and Meredith Stigler, Bob and Ellie Hutton and sons, Ben and Cody Hutton, Daniel Campagna, Hal and Ellen Beighley, Greg and Janet Martin, Dennis and Carolyn Rose, Ed Foley, Bill and Jean Dippert, Larry Blair, Rob and Amie Reiterman and Jonathan and Katie Reiterman, Dave Stratton, Ken and Karen Shipman, Christina Brittain and Bud Quinn, Kathryn Warrior.

President Jeff Lange, welcomed members and guests and called the quarterly business meeting of RCGRS to order at 2:07 p.m.

Shannon Pratt presented a layout calendar to Gary Lee from the Multnomah Club in appreciation of his work on the RCGRS Christmas layout at the MC

It was moved and seconded to accept the proposed agenda for the quarterly business meeting of RCGRS. Motion approved.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Kathryn Warrior. It was moved and seconded to approve minutes as read and distributed.

Due to the absence of Treasurer, Steve Cogswell, there was no Treasurer's report.

It was announced that the Website password has been updated and distributed to paid members.

### Committee Reports

#### • Summer Tour – Bill Derville, Chair

Bill reported another successful tour and thanked everyone for their participation and help. A financial report for the 2010 summer tour was distributed. The net profit of \$1,667.05 is not quite as much as last year. Printing is the biggest expense of the tour. This year we had a lot of new people attending as a result of publicity work at Train Show at Union Station. Darrell Dunham volunteered to

be the coordinator of volunteers for the 2011 Summer Tour. A decision about how many railroads to have open for Summer Tour 2011 will be made later. Thanks to Jonette Lee for the publicity.

#### • 2010 Convention – Bill Derville and Darrel Dunham.

Darrell is the contact person. Convention Pre-tour begins on July 28th and the Portland area railroads on the pre-tour are open on Saturday and Sunday. Darrell suggested those people going to the convention and touring on Monday begin the tour by going to Port Angeles staying overnight and working back to Tacoma. Eight railroads will be open on Monday which will be open longer because of no clinics etc. A DVD of the layouts will be available at the store. A youth workshop is new this year. On line registration closes July 15th. Those who will be open see Darrel to pick up signage and convention books.

• Modular SIG Group–Greg Martin, Yardmaster  
Since last quarterly meeting they have had two meetings (one at Fanno Creek and the second at the Club House at Steve Cogswell's). to review layout and yard plan. The group developed scenarios for consideration at their next meeting which will be at the club house at Steve Cogswell's. A double peninsula configuration was decided on. The bridge sub-committee is in touch with a friend of John Stiger's who is a bridge engineer. He has been asked to come up with a design. A follow up meeting to finalize yard plan and to have a work session will be scheduled for sometime after the convention. The group is looking for volunteers for sub-groups: scenery, landscape, etc. They would like a more balanced display that includes modeling and more landscaping. He reports they are still within the budget because some have chosen to donate materials and not be reimbursed.

#### • OP Sessions – Nick Kelsey, Chair

Since the last meeting they have tried to have four op sessions. Sites with one work descriptors were identified–Nick Kelsey's, Bill Derville's (battery), Gary Lee's (rain gear) and again at Nick's. An OP session is scheduled for Friday, July 16th at Gary Lee's. Guests are requested to bring lunch pails. Rules such as flag man etc. have been added to keep sessions interesting and fun. Bill Derville will host an op-session on Friday night, August 27th, before Tom Miller event.

- Movie Night update – Jan Zweerts reported the first movie will be “Kontrol” around Halloween time. He is acquiring more movies for his library.
- New members were welcomed and introduced by, Vice President, Nick Kelsey:

*Daniel Campagna* (helped Bill Derville with gardening before summer tour; he has a passion for gardening)

*Bob and Ellen Hutton and sons Ben and Cody*

*Tony and Sylvia Connor*

### **Unfinished Business:**

- Purchase of LGB 260 unlettered Mogul locomotive from Steve Cogswell. It was moved by Shannon Pratt and seconded by Jan Zwerts that the club purchase this locomotive from Steve Cogswell for \$450. Motion approved. All club property is responsibility of yardmaster. Motion approved. Ron Bacon indicated the badge maker can letter the locomotive.
- Dave Kookan reported that Bob Kumamotu is donating items from his railroad to club as he is moving out of the area. These items will be put in the annual auction.
- Registration and title for trailer are missing. Greg Martin will take care of going to DMV to complete paper work needed so license tags for the trailer will be current.
- Birthdays  
6/20 Greg Martin, Rob Reiterman  
7/3 Margaret Kookan  
7/8 Tom Gaps  
7/11 Larry Blair  
7/12 Bill Dippert  
7/15 Bill Derville  
O’Dell & Hazel 62nd Anniversary June 26th  
Ron & Merlene Bacon 18th Anniversary, July 11th.

### **New Business:**

- Hughes Water Garden Project  
Tom Gaps outlined the chain of events from original request during the first part of June to the present. After receiving the request, Nick, Ron, and Tom went down to investigate. Now they have a loop with water interest and plantings. Tom initially loaned LGB starter set, but after 13 days, the locomotive died. Now, Bill Derville is loaning a diesel locomotive, some cars, and power supply. Water Lily Festival starts next Friday. Nick will be

bringing Thomas down. Tom will be available to ask questions.

- Does the club need a display chairperson to coordinate public displays, as it now seems Hughes would like us? Tom Gaps is viewed as holding position of coordinator and requests will be weighed on individual basis.
- Hughes has expressed an interested in having RCGRS participate in the Home, Garden and Patio Show with them. Suggestion was to have them visit Gary Lee and Bill Derville’s layout.
- Greenwood’s train display – Greg Martin reported that seven members—Ron Bacon, Steve Cogswell, Jan Zweerts, Jeff Lange, Nick Kelsey, Greg Martin, Tom Gaps, and the club purchased from Mike Greenwood at a cost of \$750 (table modules that are small and portable) for the use of the club for club activities and to promote the club. Nick’s “Thomas Train” and Jan’s European train were running on it at this meeting. Purchasers put together a use agreement.
- Ron Bacon made a presentation on Sumpter Valley Railroad to encourage people to become involved as they need all the help that they can get. For a \$10 donation he has pins and he has flyers with schedule.

Email Bill Derville if your railroad is on the pre-convention tour and you need help.

Next meeting: The 2nd week of October is the club trip to Klamath Fall. Jeff reported a host is needed for October open house and for the quarterly business meeting. Site to be announced.

Gary and Jonette were thanked for their hospitality.

Adjournment 3:46 p.m.

Respectively, Submitted

Kathryn Warrior, Secretary

## **MODSIG Activities**

### **Greg Martin – YardMaster / MODSIG Chair**

The MODSIG is making progress in getting a final track plan established. We had a meeting on June 5th at the “Clubhouse” or better known as Steve Cogswell’s barn. As a follow-up from a prior committee meeting, the ad hoc committee presented some options to resolve the width problem when using John Stiger’s bridge. To accommodate the

ever increasing popularity of 1:20 scale locomotives an alternative design is becoming more apparent. On June 23rd, the committee met with a friend of John's who is a bridge designer (the real thing) that is anxious to help the committee come up with options to resolve this issue. We will look forward to the results of the meeting and then we can decide where we want to go and what expenses may be involved.

The discussion moved on to yard design options that would best serve the layout and its purpose. It was decided that a single ended yard will serve each established loop in a double peninsula configuration on the outside of the main layout. A turn and/or transfer table will be utilized at the end of each yard. The club already has one turntable as a option. Nick is working on a layout drawing to make sure that this will integrate into the existing layout without any space restrictions and make best use of the tables available. The final plan will be presented in the near future for approval. Also discussed were ways to route the mainline track with more curves to get away from the race track look we currently have. This will probably be resolved in a future work session where things can be more visual. The final track plan will be posted on the Yahoo Group.

The MODSIG activity has been somewhat linear in its progress, so I would like to start having simultaneous tasks going on to help move the project along. Since we have a permanent space, we have the opportunity to work on the display between established work sessions. Some tasks take only a couple of members to complete and could be accomplished prior to a scheduled session. To kick things off, I would like to plan a work session for July 10th at 9:00am to accomplish the following:

- The curved modules need to have additional top skin added to eliminate the warping and the spacer sheet under each track so they will match the straight sections in thickness.
- Add edge lips to modules that need them.
- Remove temporary sidings used in the show.
- Prime all modules when track is removed.

Directions to 17520 S Holly in Oregon City: From I-205 (N or S), take exit 10 for Hwy 213/Molalla. Go east about 1/4 mile. Just past Home Depot, turn right on Redland Rd. Go about 2 miles Turn right on Holly. There is one small sign about 300 ft ahead. Go about 1/4 mile and will be on the left with a fairly well marked mail box. At the back of the drive, it will be the house on the right. Be sure to bring a sack lunch and we have pop and water in the fridge.

As the process gains momentum I would like to establish an ongoing "Task List" with items that a couple of individuals could complete at a time convenient to them. To help control costs, a "Material Needed" list will be posted in the Yahoo Group to give the members an opportunity to contribute any un-needed material to the cause in turn for freeing up space in their garage. Also, I would like to see if someone could volunteer to regularly "troll" Craig's List or similar for any of the listed materials that may be available. A list of tools required and who can provide them for each session will be available soon on the Yahoo Group. I would like this to be interactive so anyone can access and revise list as necessary.

As the work sessions continue, other aspects of the project can be in the planning stage and be ready to integrate at the proper time. With that said, I am looking for a few members that would like to lead an ad hoc group in the following areas:

**Scenery** - This would include an overall design plan submitted by committee to the group that would give our display a sense of flow and eliminate the appearance of passing dioramas. After a consensus is reached, modules would be allocated to any members wishing to apply their modeling/landscaping skills to fill out the plan.

**Landscaping** - Rally together the green thumbs of the club and bring life to the display. This would include plants, landscaping materials, a water feature, etc to integrate into the scenery and about the display in general. This too would have a plan presented for consensus in finishing out the appearance of the display. Establish contact with nurseries

to supply/loan landscape elements for shows in exchange for advertising. There is a lot of latitude in this area for creativity since this aspect of the display would change from show to show depending on materials available.

**Public Contact** – This would include organizing an information table that could include photo albums, videos, slideshows along with membership forms, Summer Tour fliers, etc. Organize and schedule members to be available at the table and about the layout to answer questions and nurture interest. This is a good opportunity to develop creative media options to help promote the Club.

**Operations** – Organize and schedule members wishing to run trains at the shows. Establish train opportunities, limitations and general guidelines prior to scheduling to avoid any situations that may hamper train operation about the layout or the enjoyment of the engineers.

I always appreciate and am grateful for the help that is given to this activity along the way and I look forward to working with more of you as this project evolves.

The last couple of months I have received a lot of great ideas and some sharp criticisms on where we are with this activity. It is important that as many as possible get involved in the planning stage not only to have your ideas heard with the opportunity for them to be implemented, but we also need your skills to diversify the display to make sure that it is a proper representation of the Club. The consensus of those that are involved is where the direction is established. I provide the forums and help nurture the process forward to stay on task with the decisions that are made. I see this as an all club opportunity with an accomplishment we can feel good about. After all, the sole purpose of this activity is to market the Club, its activities and to share the hobby with the community. Seems like it's more than a Special Interest Group. So let me know your interest in any of the opportunities I have described, and we will look forward to great success.

## **Riding the Rails on the Oregon Coast**

**From Northwest Travel Magazine**

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The Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad offers the opportunity to ride the rails behind a 1910 Heisler steam locomotive. The 1-1/2 hour train tour departs from Garbaldi or Rockaway Beach including a lay-over in each town. The train travels along Tillamook Bay providing passengers views of the ocean.

Trips run twice daily Friday–Monday in July and August and Saturday and Sunday in September. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$7 for children age 3–10, and free for children age 2 and younger. Locomotive cab rides (limit 2 per trip) are available for \$30. In addition to rides during the day, Sunset Dinner trains are offered occasionally throughout the year. Check the website for schedules.  
(503–842–7952; [www.ocsr.net](http://www.ocsr.net))

The “Big Easy Express” trip on September 11 combines an afternoon of rail and musical adventure from Garbaldi to Wheeler, with a Louisiana po’boy sandwich lunch served onboard and live N’awlinsstyle music performed throughout the trip.  
(503–292–5055;  
[www.railsnw.com/Tours/pacificnw.htm](http://www.railsnw.com/Tours/pacificnw.htm))

## **RCGRS Auction**

**From Nick Kelsey**

I know most are busy with preparation for the Convention, and Hughes, and Mod–Sig, and Ops–Sig, but a money making activity (Money for YOU, that is) is coming soon. August 14th Open House at the Bacon residence will feature the annual RCGRS Auction. Dust off those unused items, and rolling stock you thought would look good, it’s time to get rid of it so you can buy more.

Darrel has graciously agreed to spearhead the preparation for the auction, thanks Darrel.



Please send a list of what you want to sell to Darrel Dunham at [dwdunham@msn.com](mailto:dwdunham@msn.com). Please make sure you list what you want to sell BEFORE the day of the auction. Quite frankly, last year we were swamped by a LOT of stuff coming in on the day of the auction that we did not expect and it caused some confusion. It also means you do not get listed on the advance notice of what's for sale, and your potential buyer may not have brought his/her checkbook.

## Schedules & 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.

**Editor's Note: The Newsletter Editor will be out of the country from August 20th to September 7th. There will not be a September newsletter unless someone else does it.**

### **July 29 - August 11, 2010:**

2010 NGRConvention.in Tacoma, WA. Website and registration information is available at [http://www.psgrs.org/2010\\_NGRC\\_Schedule.html](http://www.psgrs.org/2010_NGRC_Schedule.html)

**Pre-convention Tour:** July 28 through August 1 Oregon & SW Washington. Volunteers will be needed to assist the layouts that will be open for the tour.

**Convention & tours:** August 2-8 Greater Puget Sound area.

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

**August 14, 2010, Saturday, 12 to 5 p.m.:** Open house and **annual auction** at Ron and Merlene Bacon's house, 31262 SW Laurelview Rd, Hillsboro OR 97123, 503-628-2300

**August 28, 2010, Saturday, 10:00 a.m.:** Tom Miller 7-1/2 inch gauge and indoor F-scale

railroads. He also has a spectacular American Flyer S-gauge layout.

Tom Miller address:  
18055 SW Seiffert Rd,  
Sherwood, OR.

As in the past, host requests **No Children** please. Bring your own lunch or snacks to eat on lawn at the site before the tour.

Tom has a 1-1/2 inch scale railroad featuring 12,000 feet of track, a 30 foot tall by 400 foot long trestle with a Howe truss center span, and a long tunnel. The estate is beautiful. This railroad is not normally open to visitors, so this invitation is a real treat.

**September 12, 2010, Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.:** Track laying party at the Lake View and Boulder Railroad. A request for gandy dancers to lay track on their new right-of-way at Jeff and Dianne Lange's home at 5220 N.W. Cherry Street; Vancouver, WA 98663. Bring dremels, gloves, dirty clothes and what ever else you need when working on your hands and knees all day laying track. Lunch will be served.

**September 25, 2010, Saturday, 12 to 5 p.m.:** Open House and completion celebration of the Lake View and Boulder Railroad at Jeff and Dianne Lange's home at 5220 N.W. Cherry Street; Vancouver, WA 98663. Potluck Luncheon starting at 1:00pm: A-D Salads, E-K Side Dish, L-P Main Dish, Q-Z Dessert

**Halloween Trains October:** Location and Host Needed.

**November 13, 2010:** Annual RCGRS Luncheon

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



Our RCGRS was asked to put a Christmas 2009 display in the lobby of the Multnomah Athletic Club. Gregg Childs, a member of the Cronin and Caplan Realty Groups, Inc., liked the display. He made a photograph (shown above) of the display and featured it on his business calendar for the year 2010. Shannon Pratt presented one of the calendars to Gary Lee at the July quarterly meeting.

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