

News from the RCGRS Railyard

Greg Martin – RCGRS President

This month I will keep it short to make room for other Newsletter items. RCGRS did it again with another successful “Railroads In The Garden Summer Tour.” Thanks to everyone that participated especially the hosts and Bill Derville for chairing the event. See newsletter for details. The month started off with an OP session at the Worthington and Randolph. Participation was low this time but the event was enjoyable. No casualties were reported and the trains ran smoothly through the system. Next up was an open house at Bill and Brenda Derville’s home. It was a great afternoon with a good turnout of members. The Colorado and Southern had it’s first consist of heavyweights taken up to the summit after some track shifting and rock blasting by the road crew. The only thing missing was that cancelled fresh off the grill burger I had looked forward to with great anticipation. But on the other hand, the Club was not subjected to my cooking and was probably a good thing in the long run.

I also heard that the Eagle Scout project at Shady Dell is completed with much success. Attaining Eagle in the scouting world is a rite of passage. Thanks to all that participated to help make this happen. The end of the month brought the rain and the cancellation of the much anticipated OP session at the Baker and Grand Ronde RR. No doubt this will be rescheduled.

Coming up next month is our Quarterly Business meeting to be held at Steve Cogswell’s home. The meeting will be much shorter with a new format of communication leading up to and including the meeting. No torches and pitch forks will be needed this time. I would encourage as many to attend the meeting, especially our new members so we can get to know you and make you feel at home in the Society. Of course there is an ulterior motive here, and

that it is to have more member engagement in Club activities to even out the load and encourage more members to share their skills, expertise and experience with the Club.

So look out for more upcoming activities for July in this newsletter, the Yahoo Group Calendar, and your email box. In closing it’s happy July Birthday’s to Margaret Kookken, Tom Gaps, Larry Blair, Bill Dippert, and Bill Derville.

Open House at the Colorado & Southern RR

June 9th was the time for the open house at Bill and Brenda’s home. The weather was cool and threatening rain, so the barbecue was cancelled but the pot luck continued and there was plenty of good food. Bill has been continued to develop his switch yard. As it turned out, the train operations were a prelude to the “Railroads In The Garden Summer Tour” and some unanticipated snags needed to be corrected before the Tour the following week.



Switch Yard in Progress

When Bill attempted to run his new heavyweight passenger cars, there was not enough clearance in several places in the right-of-way for these cars. After a short conference, “maintenance-of-way” workers began working to move and chip rocks.



Conference time



With sledge hammer and crowbar in hand, Bill Derville attacks the rocks to widen the right-of-way to accommodate his new heavy weight passenger cars.



Not enough clearance yet!

“Railroads In The Garden Summer Tour” From Bill Derville

We had 9 layouts open for Summer Tour this year, and the weather was excellent if not a little warm. The crowds were a little down this year as we were not the pick of the week for the “Oregonian” which only happens for us every five years or so, but still we had a decent turnout. Joe Chesney had the most visitors with 546 this year.

This is the first year we did not have a layout open for the first time, although Hal Beigley’s layout has been completely rebuilt. So far with most of the results in, we have sold over 200 books, and the results are all not in yet. This provided us with at least \$2,532 of income. Last year’s expenses were \$1,216 so we should make a decent profit again this year.

Bill Derville was on the KUIK radio the Friday before the tour for about 10 minutes plugging the event and our sponsors. We were listed in several other publications including PNR’s (local NMRO chapter) listing of events. A new person in the publicity department of the “Oregonian” goofed up and we were omitted from the garden tours listing that weekend, although we did have our paid ad in the paper. That will be corrected next year.

My thanks to the entire club for again making this a huge success both for a club and for the hobby. We got several new members added to our roster again this year as well. This is a truly club project and community service project. Thanks all of our hosts Joe and Linda Chesney, Doug and Marilyn Watson, Ron and Marlene Bacon, Allan and Katherine Kathryn Warrior, Hal Beighley, Bill and Jean Dippert, Tom and Betty Gaps, and Gary and Jonette Lee. It is a lot of work to get our railroads ready for this event. A special thanks to Jonette for handling the publicity, Darrel Dunham for lining up volunteers to work at each host’s layout, and Constructavision for preparing the booklet for print.

Colorado & Southern RR



This is my grandson Cooper Derville–Teer at the controls. He is 10 years old, and I may have him join the club. It was his first year as an operator, and he did very well. No collisions and he operated all day.



Burlington & Missouri River RR



The CB&Q acquired a new industrial park this year as a customer generating additional revenue.

Although no one toured the railroad until well after 11:00 am, 350 people of record visited the the next four hours. It was found that the visitors for the

most part, started at one end or the other in the numerical sequence in the guide book.



Ian Turner was a hero to some of the children by teaching them how to operate the doodlebug and the switches and coordinate the operation with the large freight train on the main line.



Editor's Note: I had anticipated that there would more photos and comments from the hosts on the Summer Tour and had saved space in this newsletter. This newsletter is shorter than usual.

Live Steam SIG by Ron Bacon “Got Steam”

Spring Steam-up 4/26-29/2012 at Staver Locomotive. We had a great time enjoying trains that run with fire and real steam. Ron ran most of his trains. The Daylight and K-27 ran well. Some other trains of interest were the Great Northern, S2, Pennsy K-4, Canadian Pacific Royal Hudson, and many more.

There were people from California and Vancouver BC as well as other places in between. The RCGRS members that were in attendance were Larry Staver, Greg Martin, Andre Anderson, Alex English and Ron Bacon. Greg Martin enjoyed the event and got some track time running Ron's K-27.

Larry Staver and the staff at Staver Locomotive hosted a wonderful event. They provided drinks and snacks throughout the event with a great barbecue on Saturday night. We are looking forward to the “Staver Locomotive Fall Steam-up” on September 20-23, 2012 which is a larger event. You can contact Staver Locomotive at www.staverlocomotive.com for registration. You don't need a train to enjoy these events. There is a lot to see and do. There is good fellowship for both him and her. The live steam SIG will try to get you some track time with one of Ron Bacon's trains.

Up coming events for the Live Steam SIG:

July 18-22, 2012 National Summer Steam-up, Sacramento, Cal.

Sept 20-23, 2012 Staver Locomotive Steam-up Portland, OR

If you have any questions, you can contact Ron Bacon at 503-628-2300. P.S. I am not an Email person. —Live Steam SIG Chairman, Ron Bacon

Schedules & Timetables

It is our Society's policy to attempt to have an event or open house on every second Saturday or Sunday 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 **Tom Gaps 503-659-8893**, tgaps@comcast.net

July 6 - 8, 2012: West Coast Regional Meet in San Diego, CA. San Diego Garden Railway Society.

OPSIG— July 13, Friday, 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm: Lone Pine & Western RR. 5922 SE Skyhigh Ct., Milwaukie, OR 97267, 503-659-8893. Come and be the Engineer or Conductor running a freight and getting the train through on time. Please call the host and request an invite to attend. Unless otherwise mentioned, bring your own dinner/lunch.

July 14, 2012, Saturday, Noon to 5:00 pm: Second quarterly business meeting and Open house at Steve Cogswell's. 17520 S Holly Lane, Oregon City, OR 97045. Phone: 503-501-8630
The host will be providing burgers on the grill. The BBQ is available for those wishing to bring something to grill.

A-E Main Dish

F-M Side Dish and/or Salad

N-Z Desert

Seating is limited, so bring extra chairs.

Parking is limited - 10 cars max in the drive way - so car pooling is suggested.

Over flow parking will be in the field with the goats - remember to close the gate.

The host advises that the goats like to “climb” on things like cars, so be advised.

July 20, Friday, 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm:

July 21 Saturday & July 22, Sunday, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm: Highes Water Lily Festival.

Hughes Water Gardens, 25289 SW Stafford Road, Tualatin, Oregon 97062. Helpers needed! Contact Nick Kelsey and Greg Martin

OPSIG— July 28, Saturday, Noon to 5:00 pm: Burlington and Missouri RR, 3358 SE Roanoake Ct N., Hillsboro, OR 97123, 503-648-8112

Come and be the Engineer or Conductor running a freight and getting the train through on time. Please call the host and request an invite to attend. Unless otherwise mentioned, bring your own dinner/lunch.

August 4, 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.

How to get there:

Take the OR-210/Scholls Ferry.Rd. near Washington Square toward the southwest. (approx. 7 miles). At the flashing yellow light where OR/10/Scholls Ferry Rd. meets River Road, turn LEFT toward Scholls.

Go past the store at the intersection of OR-219 and OR-210/Scholls Ferry. Rd. for approx. 0.09 miles. Turn LEFT onto SW Seiffert Rd. (0.70 miles).

OPSIG— August 10, Friday, 4:00 to 9:00 pm: Colorado & Southern RR, Bill Derville. 930 NW 170th Place, Beaverton, OR 97006 Phone: 503-645-1771

Come and be the Engineer or Conductor running a freight and getting the train through on time. Please call the host and request an invite to attend. Unless otherwise mentioned, bring your own dinner/lunch.

August 11, 2012, Saturday, Noon - 5:00: Open house at Tom and Betty Gap's Lone Pine & Western RR. 5922 SE Skyhigh Ct., Milwaukie, OR 97267, 503-659-8893.

Details TBA

August 15 - 19, 2012: 28th National Garden Railway Convention in Chicago, Illinois.

August 25, Saturday, Noon to 5:00 pm, OPSIG & Open House: Baker and Grande Ronde RR, 34140 SE Hurlburt, Corbett, OR 97015, 503-696-2550.

Operations Session and Open House for all interested Society members. Come and see the Engineer or Conductor running a freight and getting the train through on time.

September 8, 2012, Saturday, Noon to 5:00 p.m.: Open House at Dennis & Carolyn Rose's Blueberry Mountain RR. 18325 SE Jaylee St., Beaverton, OR 97007
Phone: 503-649-4904

Details TBA

September 11-16: Colorado Trip: "6 trains in 6 days" For information, contact Carolyn Rose

October 2012: The October Open House will also be a quarterly business meeting and is generally the Halloween decoration event. To encourage maximum attendance at business meetings we would like to see the business meeting held at a somewhat central location to minimize the average travel distance for attending members.

November 2012: Annual Banquet is not scheduled yet.

December 2012: Not scheduled yet.

In Case You Missed This Announcement

Celebrate Union Pacific Railroad's 150th Anniversary

Experience the "E9 Streamliner" Locomotive



The most prestigious passenger trains in the 1950s were pulled by the Union Pacific E9s. These Streamliners were known for their "fine foods ... fine service ... fine trains," as well as carrying America's elite. We are honored to share with you this unique, grand old style of passenger travel.

Other attractions:

- Union Pacific's new traveling museum exhibit
- A locomotive simulator immersing visitors in railroad operations
- Operation Lifesaver promoting railroad safety

Free Family-Friendly Event

July 13-14, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Portland Amtrak Station 800 NW 6th Ave. • Portland, OR 97209

Mayor Sam Adams will join Union Pacific SVP Bob Turner as we proclaim Portland an official Union Pacific Train Town on July 13 at 10:30 a.m.

Join the celebration at www.up150.com



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