



Double Track Bascule Bridge at the February 19, 2005 GATS — Photo Courtesy of Joe Jones

Summer Tour Minutes, May 9, 2005

The third meeting of the year was held at General Tool and Supply at 6 p.m. The following people were in attendance: Bill Derville, Bill Dippert, Mike Greenwood, David and Margaret Kookan, Jeff Lange, Vaughn Lee, Dennis Peoples, Dennis and Carolyn Rose, Allan Warrior

- I. Open Garden Date = July 9th and July 10th 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. both days.
 - A. Fee still \$10 per family
 - B. Railroads on Tour:
 1. Oregon railroads on tour:
 - a) Bill Dippert
 - b) Bill Derville
 - c) Dennis Rose
 - d) Allan Warrior
 - e) Joe Chesney
 2. Washington railroads on tour:
 - a) Dave & Margaret Kookan
 - b) Gene Dietzen
 - c) Dennis Ediger
 - d) Chuck Weber
 - e) Jeff Lange
- II. Printing Tour Booklets: We reviewed a draft of the booklet in preparation for giving to the printer next week.
 - A. Cover - a few changes were made.
 - B. We edited the Rules, and changed the title of this section to "Suggestions".
 - C. Directions to homes - We created written directions between railroads. A double asterisk marks where to start using the directions if you are going to the railroad, but not from the previous railroad. We will use small maps Carolyn Rose drew of each layout.
 - D. Pictures of layouts - We need to add photos of a few layouts to our Website. Bill sent pictures of Ediger and Dietzen's layouts to Dennis who will get them added.
 - E. Descriptions of layouts - a few changes to this section were made during the meeting.

- F. All places where books on sale have been confirmed.
- G. Cost of publication: It will cost \$634 for 700 booklets, and 20 posters. Half of this is due upon receipt of the order. Bill and Vaughn e-mailed Marion Snyder to issue a check for \$317.
- H. Description of club was submitted by Dennis Peoples.
- I. E-Mail list and letter – Bill will create the letter that will be e-mailed to those that have given us their e-mail address.
- J. Invitation to other clubs – Dennis will invite members of regional garden RR clubs to visit at no charge.
 1. Salem (two groups).
 2. Seattle
 3. Eugene
- K. Advertising – The following press release was reviewed and approved by the Summer Tour planning committee.
- L. Railroads in the Garden Summer Tour – sponsored by the Rose City Garden Railroad Society. July 9th features 5 Portland area garden railroads and July 10th features 5 Vancouver area Garden Railroads. Noon – 6:00 p.m. both days. Admission booklets w\directions \$10 per family (covers both days) available at hobby shops and garden centers after June 4th. There is more info at www.rcgrs.com

This is being sent to local TV stations: KATU-2, KOIN-6, KGW-8, KPTV-12, and MCTV-29; local newspapers: The Oregonian, the Tribune, and community newspapers; local radio stations: KPAM AM 860, KEX 1190; Garden Shows: Mike Darcy (KATU), Anne Jaeger (KGW), Paul James (HGTV).

We encourage our members to contact

- local newspapers in their area and pass this on to them.
- M. Bill proof read the final draft, made some changes and delivered the final marked up copy to Vaughn on Monday May 23rd. Vaughn will make the changes, and deliver them to the printer. They will be ready for our next meeting on May 31st.
- N. Our next Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 31st. at 6 p.m.. The books, posters, and store contracts will be ready for distribution at our Tuesday, May 31st meeting. Dennis Peoples will prepare the contracts to be signed when we drop off the books on our letterhead. We will sticker approximately 1,000 booklets on garden railroading to be given out at homes during the tour at the May 31st meeting. I will not be at the meeting as I discovered my wife and I will be in Hawaii that week. (Somebody has to keep their economy running). Dennis Peoples will run the meeting for me. We need everyone who will be delivering booklets to hobby shops and garden stores at that meeting so we can get them to their retail locations as soon as possible. The assignments are as follows:
 - O. Hobby Shops
 1. Cobbler – Joe Jones – 15
 2. Tammies – Dennis – 175
 3. Vics – Bill – 35
 4. The Hobby Smith – Dave Linn – 35
 5. Quality Farm Toys – Marion 35
 6. Whistle Shop – Jerry – 40
 - P. Distribution to Garden Shops
 1. Max and Hildy’s – Bill – 25
 2. Yard and Garden Land – Hazel Dell – Don – 25

Sincerely, Bill Derville,
Summer Tour Chairman

Schedules & Timetables

Anyone interested in having an Open House or sponsoring an event, please contact **Donald Goltger** at **360-896-1778** or **grammabob@wanet.com**.

June 4, 2005, Saturday, 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Hazel and Odell Lee are hosting their open house. Potluck: B-D: side dish, E-L main dish, M-Z dessert.

June 11, 2005, Saturday, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tom Miller has again invited RCGRS to visit his 1-1/2 inch scale railroad in Scholls, OR. The railroad features 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. **Because of liability and insurance problems, this visit is restricted to adults only.** Tom's address is 18055 Sw Seiffert Rd Sherwood, OR. Bring your own picnic.

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-210/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). The Miller residence is toward the top of the hill.

July 9, 2005, Saturday, 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., RCGRS (Portland Area) Summer Tour: Coordinator is Bill Derville. Help is needed from all members.

July 10, 2005, Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., RCGRS (Vancouver Area) Summer Tour: Coordinator is Bill Derville. Help is needed from all members.

July 26-31, 2005, 21st National Garden Railway Convention, Chicago, IL: Info and registration at <http://www.21ngrc.com/>

July 30-31, 2005, 1st Weekend: Great Oregon Steamup at Brooks, Oregon. Tractor pulls in addition to the events described in the following weekend.

August 6-7, 2005 2nd Weekend: Great Oregon Steamup at Brooks, Oregon. Truck Museum, Trolley Museum, steam tractors in action, restored tractors of almost every kind from 1888 to more recent, operating antique engines, operating antique sawmill, Willow Creek 7-1/2 inch gauge railway and many displays. An awesome and delightful visit for the modeler and the mechanically inclined.

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Editor's Note: Pictures and articles are eagerly sought for the newsletter. Help keep your newsletter interesting by submitting materials that can be printed and shared with our members. **The deadline for the July newsletter is June 22, 2005.**