

May 2010

Open House at the Kookens's

An open house and quarterly business meeting was held at Dave and Margaret Kookens's home. The

Kookens seem to be on good terms with the weather gods since each year their early spring meetings have enjoyed good weather during our normal rainy season. As usual, the garden was beautiful.



Conversations abound as Jan Zweerts sets up his tank car unit train.



Christina Brittain discusses the "plank-on-frame" building she has built based on the article that appeared in the "Garden Railways" for April 2010.

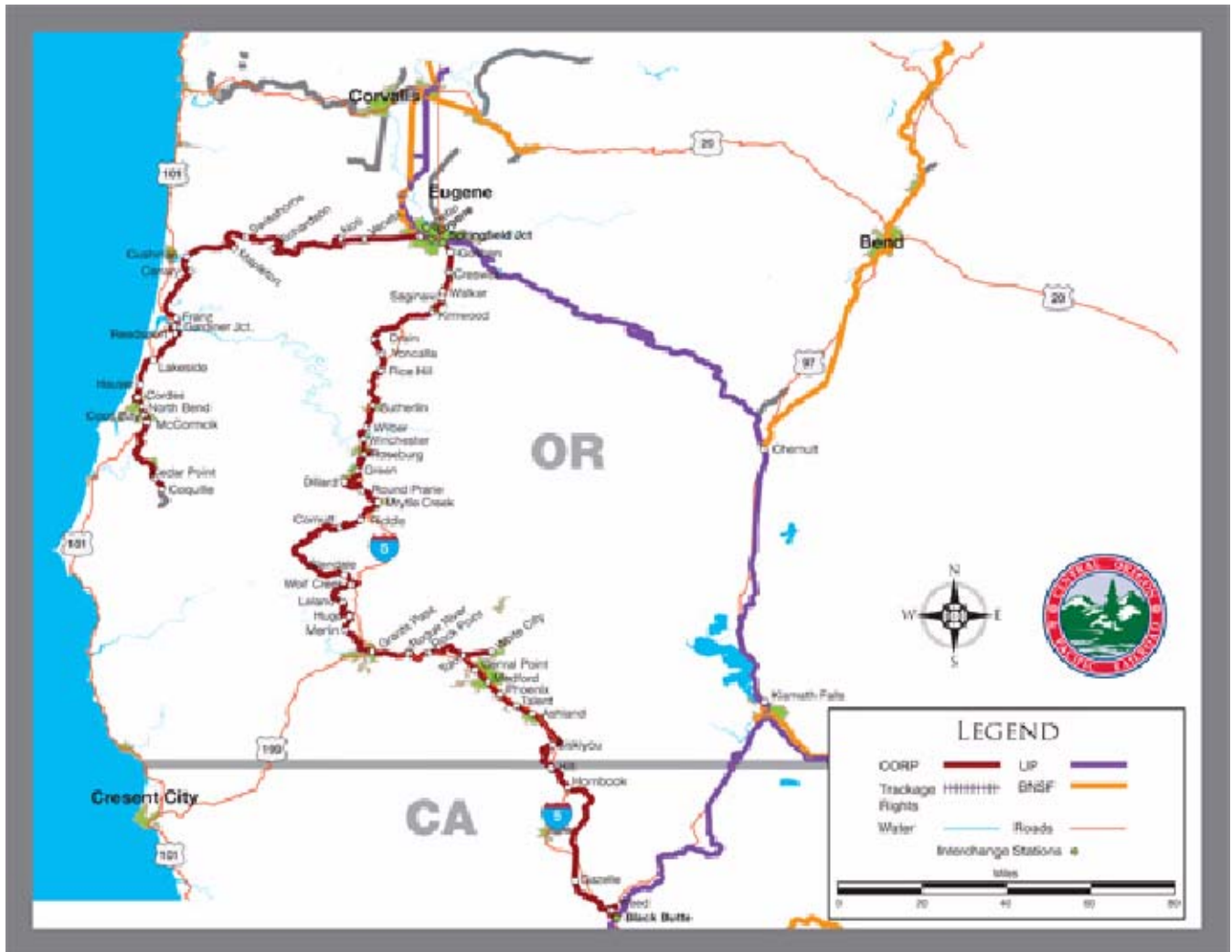


Host David Kookens

Central Oregon and Pacific Railroad From Wikipedia

Editor's Note: As I have travelled down I-5 and over the Siskiyou Pass, I have seen portions of the tracks for this railroad and wondered if this railroad was still in operation. It is! This railroad has the

steepest grades (3%) and some spectacular views of any railroad operating in the country. You are encouraged to visit **The Unofficial Home Page of the Central Oregon and Pacific Railroad** at <http://www.alpharail.net/corp/corp.htm> and <http://www.brian894x4.com/CentralOregonand-PacificRR.html>



The Central Oregon and Pacific Railroad (reporting mark CORP) is a Class II railroad operating between Northern California and Eugene, Oregon, United States. It was previously a mainline owned by the Southern Pacific Railroad (SP) between Eugene and Weed, California (north of Redding, California) via Medford, Oregon. SP sold the route on December 31, 1994, in favor of using its route to Eugene via Klamath Falls, Oregon and Cascade Summit.

CORP began life on January 1, 1995 when the “Go-Team” from then-parent company Railtex arrived

and took over operation of the Siskiyou and Coos Bay lines from the Southern Pacific. Overnight the tunnel motors were gone from the haulers, replaced by GP-38's and GP-40's. The SD-9's hung around for a bit, but soon those were also gone as more four axle power arrived in Oregon.

The total length of the CORP is 439 miles (707 km), consisting of 303 miles (488 km) mainline and the 136-mile (219 km) Coos Bay branch, another line once owned by the SP. Traffic (1996 figure) is estimated at 40,000 cars per year. CORP is a subsidiary of RailAmerica.

Traffic on the CORP is about 27,000 cars featuring the following commodities of lumber, logs, and plywood. Being located in Oregon and California, the CORP serves national account lumber compa-

nies and provides transportation through interchanges with other line-haul carriers to serve all of North America. Lumber and related products are the mainstay for the CORP.



Photo by Larry Tuttle

Cresting the top of Merlin Grade near Hugo, this Medford — Glendale Hauler displays quite a diversity of railroad heritage and paint schemes on this April 1995 morning. All units are GP-38s except for the single ex-BN GP-40. Four to six locomotives and 30-car trains or less are typical on this railroad.



Many of the current locomotives are GP38-3 and painted in CORP colors.

April 24th Movie Night

The room was full at Max’s Fanno Creek Brew Pub in Tigard as members and friends shared each other’s company and watched train related short subjects and a movie. The main feature was “The Train” (1965) starring Burt Lancaster. Lancaster plays Labiche, a French railway inspector in 1944. Allied forces are threatening to liberate Paris, so Col. Franz von Waldheim (Paul Scofield) is ordered to move the priceless works of art from the

Jeu de Paume Museum to Germany. The head of the museum (Suzanne Flon) attempts to convince Labiche that he should sabotage the train on which they are transporting the art. Labiche is more focused on destroying a trainload of German weapons. After his friend is killed trying to stop the train with the art, and after a consciousness-raising conversation with a hotel owner (Jeanne Moreau), Labiche resolves to save the antiquities. A great story on a clash between two men each with a single-minded dedication to achieve a goal.

RCGRS Fall Rail Trip Update

Thirty-three people are planning to take the Amtrak Starlight to Klamath Falls on October 9th and returning on the Starlight on October 11th. **If you want to join the group and did not sign up at Kookon’s open house in April, you need to do so before May 10th. A payment of \$70.00 per person will be due on May 8th at the Rose’s open house or by mail by May 10th.** The deposit will be used to purchase the group train tickets and apply to the cost of the charter bus.

A second payment to finish covering the bus will be much smaller.

Contact Carolyn Rose at 503 649-4904 for more information or to join the group.

Itinerary:

Saturday, October 9th: Leave Portland train station on the Starlight at 2:25 p.m. There is a wine tasting during the afternoon in the parlor car and dinner is served in the dining car, the snack bar or you can bring a picnic to eat in your coach seat. We will arrive in Klamath Falls about 9:50 p.m. and will be shuttled to the same motel the train crew uses. It is older but very reasonably priced and has good reviews.

Sunday, October 10th: A charter bus will pick the group up at 8:30 a.m. and will take us to Crater Lake Lodge for brunch and time to view the lake. We will bus from the lodge to **Train Mountain** to spend the afternoon riding trains and watching the operation during the Fall Color Meet being held there. We will return to Klamath Falls for dinner.

Monday, October 11th: The Starlight leaves Klamath Falls at 8:25 a.m. for the return trip to Portland. The train winds around a lake, up the east side of the Cascades and through a number of tunnels in the mountains to the west side, then up the valley arriving at 3:40 p.m. There is also a wine tasting on Monday.

Projected cost of the trip: About \$100.00 per person for the round trip train ticket and the charter bus.

The items below are to be paid for by individuals during the trip although reservations have been made where needed.

Cost of Train Mountain \$10.00 (a \$40.00 discount thanks to our club friends Sharon and Dennis Ediger)

Room for two nights (double occupancy) \$53.41 (includes breakfast)

Brunch at Crater Lake Lodge
Dinner Saturday evening
Meals on the train

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 deadline for the June 2010 newsletter is May 25, 2010.

May 8, 2010, Saturday, Noon to 5:00 p.m.: Open house at Dennis & Carolyn Rose's home. 18325 SW Jaylee St., Beaverton, OR. Potluck: Host will provide beverages and dessert. A-K main dish; L-Z side dish.

Members can run their trains. Minimum track radius is 4-ft. Track power or RC is OK. NO live steam please.

May 8, 2010, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.: National Train Day at Union Station Portland. Mike Greenwood will have his portable layout on display. Contact Ron Bacon for more information.

May 14, 2010, Friday, 4 p.m. until 8 p.m.: OP SIG meeting at Bill Derville's Colorado & Southern RR.

May 28, 2010, Friday, 4 p.m. until 8 p.m.: OP SIG meeting at Gary and Jonette Lee's Baker and Grande Ronde RR.

Jun 13, 2010, Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.: Open house at Odell and Hazel Lee's home. 619 NE 160th Portland OR 97230, 503-253-3447

Host will provide desserts only. The pot luck and drinks will be provided by the attendees.

June 19, 2010, Saturday: Railroads In The Garden Summer Tour 2010. Bill Derville, Chairman

July 11, 2010, Sunday, Noon to 5:00 p.m.: Open House and quarterly business meeting at Gary and Jonette Lee's home.

July 11, 2010, Saturday, Noon. to 5:00 p.m.: **Open House General Membership Meeting.** Gary and Jonette Lee, 34140 SE Hurlbert Rd Corbett, OR 97019, 503-695-2550; nanajette@aol.com Corbett, OR

Hosts will provide main dish and drinks. Members bring salads, side dishes, snacks, desserts, and own adult beverages.

Layout info for those who want to run their own trains: Battery Power or live steam only, no track power. Minimum track radius 5 ft or 60 inches. Fn3 90% compatible. Hand-laid track, custom built structures

Directions. Use MapQuest, Google, etc: Cross bucks sign will be out. Call hosts if you need more information about location

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

Pre-convention Tour: July 20-31 Oregon & SW Washington. Volunteers will be needed to assist the layouts that will be open for the tour.

Convention & tours: August 1-8 Greater Puget Sound area.

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

August 14, 2010, Saturday: Open house and annual auction at Ron and Merlene Bacon's house.

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.

Directions to Tom Miller: 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).

Seoptember 12, 2010, Sunday, Noon to 5:00

p.m.: Open house at Jeff and Dianne Lange's home at 5220 N.W. Cherry Street; Vancouver, WA 98663.

September 25, 2010, Saturday: Open Houses in Bend, OR. Bob & Colleen Melton 61261 Ladera Rd Bend OR 97702-4001 541-382-8881 melton.r@bendbroadband.com Harvey & Arlyn Becker 2497 NW Todds Crest Dr. Bend OR 97701 541-383-1864 bharvey@bendbroadband.com

Halloween Trains October: Location and Host?

November 13, 2010: Annual RCGRS Luncheon

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

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