

**December 2003**

## Annual Meeting And Banquet

The annual meeting and banquet of the RCGRS was held on November 8, 2003, at the West Portland United Methodist Church. A delicious dinner of “Chicken Picatta-Lemon” and “Grilled Salmon” was catered by “Maggie’s Buns” of Forest Grove.

Four seminars were presented:



1. Weathering rolling stock by Carolyn Rose



2. Miniature plants and how to care for them by Sharon “Sky” Yankee



3. Getting started in building your garden railroad by Jerry Chapman



4. Etching foam for use in tunnel portals and structures by Allan Warrior



Darrel Dunham and Jeff Lange  
Award Door Prizes



Jan Zweerts Wins The Grand Prize Drawing,  
A Bachman Train Set

The election of officers was held for the years 2004–2005. Those elected:  
 President, Dennis Peoples  
 VP, David Linn  
 Secretary, Dennis Rose  
 Treasurer, Marion Snyder–Kantor  
 Yardmaster, Gary Lee

## President's Message

This has been one of the most exciting years for the Rose City Garden Railway Society in many years. We found that we could set up and tear down a GATS display in an hour. The National Garden Railway Convention in Sacramento will be remembered as a great time by many of our members. The summer tours again were a rousing success! Most of us had 500 or so visitors smashing our lawns and enjoying the day. This event, like no other, has taken the burden off the club members that build the displays to teach the public about garden railroading and grow our hobby. The financial input from the tours has made the club solvent and will allow us to build displays without the need for individual member contributions. I personally want to thank each and every one of you for the support given to make our club what it is.

**Website:** If you haven't had the chance to visit the club's Website lately you might want to take a look. The webmaster is Allan S. Warrior, not the one you know but Allan and Kathryn's son Allan Scott. Check out his excellent creation at [www.rcgrs.com](http://www.rcgrs.com). Allan S. lives in Minneapolis, MN where he is a trainer for CompUSA. His Email address is: [warroria@earthlink.net](mailto:warroria@earthlink.net). The members area is protected and the user name is "2003" and the password is "member" (lower case). You can use this from now until the end of the year. After January first, we will change the user and password and issue that info to those with paid memberships.

For you members with layouts, you need to send in the best photos you have, complete with the name of the layout and a caption. Send one or two photos at a time so we don't overload the webmaster's Email. The plan for next year is to make the newsletter available on the Website for all those persons who can receive it electronically. Those members without computer access will receive a snail mail copy as is the current practice.

Our membership grew considerably this year with new members: Dave & Nancy Drummond, Susan Howard, Jay Cosnett & Julie Jones, John Derville, Gene & Betty Dietzen, Walt & Gwen Heuer, Dave & Margaret Kookan, Jim Laycock, Bill & Lora Layman, Larry & Maria Lemanski, Andy Macha,

John Rossi, Colleen Sinsel, John & Meredith Stiger, Richard and Penny Walker, Les Wierson, Jan & Rae Zweerts, and returning members Dennis and Sharon Ediger. Welcome to you all, and I hope you enjoy our little social gatherings. This brings our membership to 58 families totaling 92 memberships. Welcome, everyone and thanks for joining the world's greatest hobby, Garden Railroading. Let's see if you can find another eight unsuspecting people, introduce them to Garden Railroading to help us reach 100 members in 2004.

There is a rumor going around that a special interest group (SIG) is forming for members who have live steam engines. Anyone interested in participating in the "live steam" special interest group should contact one of the current "live steam" members. If there are others who are interested in creating other SIGs, make yourself known to me.

Next year's convention will be held where Garden Railroading as we know it began in the US, Denver, Colorado. This promises to be a great convention! We'll get to see Mark Horovitz's railroad and many more, tour the RR museums, take train rides and excursions, get super deals on all the stuff you want and need. There is talk about a 5th wheel caravan. See Darrel Dunham or Gary Lee about this possibility.

Happy Holiday wishes to you all.  
Dennis

## **January 2004 Business Meeting**

**January 17, 2004, Saturday, 6:30 to 10:00 p.m.:** The January potluck Business Meeting will be held at the Columbia Gorge Railroad Club, 2505 N Vancouver Avenue (corner of Vancouver and Russel) near Emanuel Hospital. Remember this is a potluck event A-K main dish, L-N desert, P-Z salad or side dish.

The agenda for the business meeting:

**Old Business:** We will discuss the need for insurance and present our findings from other clubs.

**New Business:** Form committees that are needed to fulfill our involvement through out the year. Think

of which committee you would like to be part of. We'll need team leaders and gandy dancers.

**Newsletter:** We now have the beginnings of a newsletter committee with Allan Warrior, Bill Layman, and Chris Rohrs. More people are needed to take digital photos and write a short impression of what they saw on tours and other club events; and help design the newsletter format.

Other team needs:

Coordinator to maintain calendar schedule of layout tours

Annual Banquet

Summer Tours

GATS & other displays (setup and tear down)

Design & building of our basic display

Club outings

Design/advice team for new members railroads

Railroad building crew to help members build their layout

**Callers:** We need someone in each metro area with email to call the seven (7) club members without Email and tell them what's happening and when (Longview, Vancouver/Camas, and Portland).

## **Dues Are Due**

Everyone's Dues are due at the end of the year for 2004.

## **Schedules & Timetables**

December 12, 2003, Friday, 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.: Jan & Rae Zweerts are having an open house. They live on a houseboat at Jantzen Beach, The Christmas ships will be sailing passed their house that same evening.

Hot Cider and Chili will be served, potluck dishes are welcomed. An RSVP would help them figure out how much chili to make. Address: 1859 N Jantzen Ave. Portland 97217 (503-247-7531).

**Directions:** Take I-5 to Jantzen Beach. Park between Home Depot and the shopping Center (Tri-

met bus #5) Walk from the parking lot south to pedestrian gate down ramp. Then walk west to Row O. and proceed down Row O to the last home on the walkway. Park in the area between Home Depot and the mall.

**Warnings:** The ramp is grated and is steep (10% slope), wear non-slip shoes. Put your keys away before you leave land. The 1:1 trains have the right of way. The pedestrian gate is open 6 to 10 p.m. Tell the security guard "Zweerts Party".

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**RCGRS Officers (2003)**

President, Dennis Peoples 503-452-4469  
 VP, Allan Warrior 503-648-8112  
 Secretary, Jeff Lange 360-696-0799  
 Treasurer, Darrel Dunham 503-697-4738  
 Yardmaster, Gary Lee 503-695-2550

**Board Meeting 12/03/03**

Secretary's Notes:

Time: 6:30 Place: Pizza Caboose in Tigard, OR

Present: Allan Warrior, Steve Cogswel, David Linn, Gary Lee, Dennis Peoples, Darrel Dunham, Marion Snyder-Kantor, Jeff Lange, and Dennis Rose

Marion reported the expenditures for the 2003 year. The banquet cost a total of \$1745.03 for space rental and 52 dinners. The banquet costs are nearly self-sustaining except for the cost of door prizes. The summer tour of 2003 had fewer people than the 2002 summer tour. We are setting aside \$900.00 for the 2004 summer tour. By starting the planning earlier we hope to get better pricing for the booklets. Our estimated income is \$1600.00. The newsletter will be posted on our web site for reading and/or downloading. Those who have no access to our web site will continue to have the newsletter by mail.

This will save on printing and postage expenses. It was noted that Bill Layman and Chris Rohrs will be helping Allan Warrior with the newsletter. Because the February GATS will fall on Valentine's day we have decided to not participate. We will ask for \$300.00 to participate in the November GATS.

We have set aside a budget amount of \$250.00 to participate in the Yard, Garden & Patio Show. Our layout will be part of a nursery display and we looked at plans for the display. The trains will be running on the nursery display and we will have a 10X10 foot static display nearby. We will build the sub-roadbed ahead of time.

Our new web site, **rcgrs.com**, will cost \$14.95 a month. We will pay Allan S. Warrior, Allan's son, a total of \$500.00 for setting up the web site (\$250 from 2003 budget). Dennis Peoples will Email him to ask about the cost of maintenance of the site.

A committee is to be formed to plan for a modular layout. Jeff Lange has volunteered to help. Anyone else interested in this effort should contact him. It was noted that the club should pay for any expenses Chuck Weber has when he hosts the annual RCGRS open house/auction/business meeting. It was also suggested that we need to review the RCGRS Rules of Etiquette for open houses.

**2004 Expense Budget**

Event	Budget	Est. Income
Banquet	\$500	0
Summer Tours	\$900	\$1600
Newsletter	\$735	0
(Electronic delivery of newsletter expected to significantly decrease this cost)		
GATS (November 2004)		\$300
Website provider charges	\$179.40	0
Yard, Garden & Patio Sh.	\$250	0
Website Preparation	\$250	0
(Other \$250 paid from 2003 Budget)		
Auction	\$100	0
Income from dues		\$1100
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$2914.40</b>	<b>\$3000</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
 Dennis Rose, Secretary