



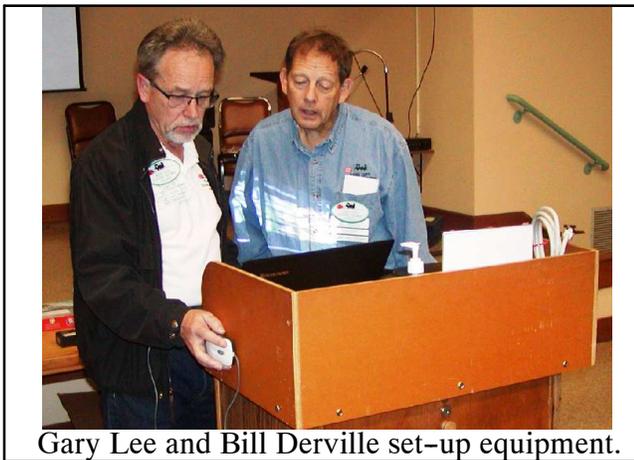
NEWSLETTER

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Rose City Garden Railroad Society December 2016

RCGRS 2016 Fall Social

The 2016 Fall Social was held in the Canby Adult Center in Canby, OR on November 12th. Alan Olson, Chair of this Fall Social, negotiated more tasty menus this year to accommodate more members diets and diet restrictions. We are grateful to Alan Olson for his help in organizing a successful social.



Gary Lee and Bill Derville set-up equipment.



Rusty Baumberger – Basic Electricity for LED Circuits. Using LED Lighting for Locomotive, Cars, and Buildings. Replacing Original “Pea” Bulbs) with LEDs

Rusty Baumberger, Education Chair, arranged for clinics that were of high interest and well attended.



Ron Bacon – Live Steam; How to Get Started. Equipment Needed/Sources Basic Control and Operation Facilities/Support/Events in the Portland Area. “Things I’ve Learned that I Wished I Had Known Before.”



Tom Gaps – R/C and Battery Conversion Battery selection (physical size, rating, battery life). Provision for charging batteries. Provision for swapping out batteries during operation. Adding sound.



Gary Lee – Scratch-Building Structures Design and inspiration. Developing a plan. Selecting material. Preparing/Milling Scale lumber. Building custom windows/doors. General Discussion of my favorite techniques.



Nola Olson – Trim miniature trees to look like adult trees. Members bring a tree and their clippers.



Bill Derville – An Introduction to Switching Operations at Club Op Sessions. How to switch cars from a train into sidings and pick up cars demonstrated on a John Allen Timesaver layout. Best couplers to use for switching and how to use them. Planning your moves for maximum efficiency. How the car cards and waybill work in OP-sessions. Train priority Dispatching and use of Track Warrants. Switching in a yard. Switching puzzles.



Door prize winner of the GP38 Locomotive: Dick Stormt



Door prize winner of the \$200 cash: Steve Cogswell



An active knitter's circle

President's Column

My thanks to Alan Olson and everyone who worked on and attended the Fall Social in Canby this year. We had a wonderful raffle again thanks to Gary Everett and Gary Garnas. Gary Lee, Tom Gaps, Ron Bacon, Rusty Baumberger, Jan Zweertz and Nola Olson put on great clinics. The large turnout shows the support of our members for our club. We are working on the Great American Train show Jan 27th and 28th. Set up is planned for January 26th. However, in spite of my Email to club members, no one has volunteered to take over the coordinator position of the Mod-Sig. We appreciate the work Rick Bartko put into this event the past few years. If no one comes forward, we will be forced to cancel our participation in this event. Dave Stratton with the help of Jan Zweertz will handle the logistics of setting up and tearing down the modules and making everything run. We need someone to take on the coordination of the event. Rick's list of the duties include:

- Ask Randi Fischer to request volunteers to sign up via the Event Function on Wild Apricot.
 - ✓ Reach out to members to set up modules on Friday.

- ✓ Reach out to member to schedule operators and greeters during Saturday and Sunday. We need at least 12 to run trains, staff the Thomas display, and Summer Tour promo.

- ✓ Reach out to members to schedule breaking down the show at 4pm on Sunday.

- ✓ Early January – Identify and contact the Show Coordinator to confirm who will be managing the show. Get floor plan when available and our assigned space. The most convenient positioning for us is at the end of the Hall. Easier access from both sides throughout the install, show and teardown.

- Week before – Contact Rick Bartko to get Thomas Layout Materials and big banners.

- Friday – Coordinate with Ron Bacon to schedule trailer pickup. Bill Carson also offered to help if Ron can't. We will need keys to the trailer. (several people have keys).

- ✓ Get Exhibitor passes from Show Coordinator – at least 20 or 25 passes

- ✓ Get money and give out money from Steve Cogswell to reimburse parking ex-

penses to those who work the show on Saturday and Sunday.

- Sunday – collect honorarium from Show Manager – \$150

While this seems like a lot, if you break it down, it is mostly send out Emails and getting people to commit to be there. You don't need to know a lot of people in the club to do this. Send out a mass e-mail (I can help with that) and people will sign up. But we need to know when they will be there and make sure we have coverage throughout the show. If you can do just a part of this list, let me know and maybe we can find someone to do the rest of it. Again, if no one accepts this job or the parts of it, we will cancel our participation in the show.

Put January 14th on your calendar for our annual business meeting potluck which will again be held at the Odd Fellows Hall in Milwaukee. It will include another club auction where you can sell you excess railroad equipment and tools, and buy new items for your railroad at rock bottom prices.

Thanksgiving is here, and I am again reminded of all that I am grateful for. I am grateful for our wonderful club members who show so much love and consideration to our other members and those appreciating our hobby. We have many members who are willing to help other members with their railroads and knowledge of this hobby. Jim Louden, one of our newer members moved here from southern California because he liked our club. We do have a great club, and all of you are the ones who make it great. I am very grateful.

—Bill Derville, President

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 **Randi Fisher, 503-799-9161, mqrmmfisher@msn.com**

Pre-Registration for Events

How to register for “Open Houses”, BnB, Movie Nights and Other Club Events: To help the person hosting an event and to know how much food etc. to prepare, it is important for each of us to use the club Website member section to register for the event we are planning to attend. It is challenging to keep track of individual Emails from 20 to 30 people. **Please register for events you are planning to attend.**

To Register:

Go to the society Website: www.rcgrs.com.

On the home page, click on “member pages” which is located under the logo.

This takes you to the “member pages.” The first bullet under the Membership Application Form is “Members Only Content.” Click on the blue phrase, “Page Access.”

Clicking on “Page Access” takes you to the log-in to access these pages. You will need to log-in with your email and password to continue.

You will now be on the member page that allows you to see the upcoming scheduled events and to register for an event. Each event has a button, “Register” which will take you to the page to register. By registering here, the host can see how many are coming as well as who is coming. In addition, you will receive a reminder of the event.

2016 Christmas Ships Party

When: December 2, 2016

6:00 PM to 11:00 PM

Location: Jantzen Beach Moorage 1859 N. Jantzen Ave. Portland OR 97217 503-247-7531

Christmas Ships pass by our floating home while Swiss Flats Railway runs in holiday mode. Contact Jan Z. 503-705-3840

Guest sign-up limited to 45 people. Due to limited space on the house boat. A second party is planned on December 16, 2016.

Chili and Hot Cider served. Guests encouraged to bring finger foods & favorite beverage.

BnB Breakfast – East

When: December 06, 2016, 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM
Location: Elmer's, 10001 NE Sandy Blvd, Portland, OR. Breakfast and Bull Session. Come and talk trains, family, anything except politics.

BnB Breakfast – West

When: December 15, 2016, 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM
Location: Elmer's, 1250 NW Waterhouse Ave Beaverton, OR Breakfast and Bull Session. Come and talk trains, family, anything except politics.

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Railroad Movie Night

When: January 21, 2017

Location: Fanno Creek Brew Pub, 12562 Main Street, Tigard, OR 97223

Please RSVP here or contact Jan Z. RR Movie Czar 503-705-3840. If there is to be a clinic, it will be added to this event. 6 PM Short subject. TBA. 7 PM Feature Film. TBA.

Set up displays for the Great American Train Show

When: January 27, 2017 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Location;Expo Center, Marine Drive Portland.

Come help set up the club's large Modular display. "Please" use the REGISTER button to sign up for this activity so that we know how many people will be helping with the setup. If there are not enough registered by 1-Jan-2017, the club will have to withdraw from the show. If you have questions about the setup process, please contact the SET Up Manager, Dave Stratton, at destrat@hevanet.com

Great American Train Show

Start: January 28, 2017, 12:00 PM

End: January 29, 2017, 5:00 PM

Location: Expo Center, Marine Drive Portland

Please come and help the club promote our hobby. Bring your trains to run on our modular train track. The public really likes to watch the trains as they run.

It would be great to see all club members come out and show off this huge display of the hobby we all love. If you have questions about the setup process, please contact the SET Up Manager, Dave Stratton, at destrat@hevanet.com

Disassembly and storage of the displays for the Great American Train Show

When: January 29, 2017 5:00 PM

Location; Expo Center, Marine Drive Portland.

Please contact the SET Up Manager, Dave Stratton, at destrat@hevanet.com that you will be available to help with this important activity.

After the show ends on Sunday afternoon, stay and help take down the display and load it into the trailer(s). We need some of the younger (Stronger in the Back) members to help with this. If you have any family members that would be available to help that would be great.

Railroad Movie Night

When: February 18, 2017

Location: Fanno Creek Brew Pub, 12562 Main Street, Tigard, OR 97223

Please RSVP here or contact Jan Z. RR Movie Czar 503-705-3840. If there is to be a clinic, it will be added to this event. 6 PM Short subject. TBA. 7 PM Feature Film. TBA.

Railroad Movie Night

When: March 25, 2017

Location: Fanno Creek Brew Pub, 12562 Main Street, Tigard, OR 97223

Please RSVP here or contact Jan Z. RR Movie Czar 503-705-3840. If there is to be a clinic, it will be added to this event. 6 PM Short subject. TBA. 7 PM Feature Film. TBA.

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