



Club President: Bill Derville and his lovely wife Brenda

President's Message By Bill Derville

We are quickly "falling" into Fall as the leaves cascade down around us. But the weather for the most part has stayed warm and often sunny, allowing us a little more time outside with our railroads before the colder weather and rains chase us inside. I have been busy outside with my railroad this month, planting plants, building foundations for buildings, and sculpting landscape, and I hope you have found time to enjoy building your railroad as well. Several of our members are planning and some have started building new layouts. Jim Dunk had his first open RR in McMinnville in September showing off his modeling skills. All of us in the club look forward to seeing everyone's new layouts. Our club continues to grow with 117 members, up from 106 paid memberships in March.

We had a record turnout of 15 members to build the Christmas snow scene layout at Al's Garden Center. As always, Gary Lee led the construction efforts. Joe Eckardt repaired the sound systems in our club engines and both he and his wife Jen were on hand to help with construction. Several somewhat newer members were on hand to help as well. Don Dolan recently retired from UP, and was on hand. Jim Dunk, Wayne Bruck, Gordon Ryan, Michael Barnes, and others were on hand, and I am very pleased to see the increased involvement by members who have joined the club in the last few years. I am very pleased to have Michael Barnes join the convention Steering Committee this month.

Tom Gaps has resigned as Registrar and Steering Committee member this month due to over commitments in his life. All of us on the Steering Committee will miss his active involvement in planning this convention and serving as Registrar. His e-mails (long as they usually are) were thoughtful and explored subjects in depth, and we will miss that. But Tom will still have his layout on tour, and host an ops session during the convention, and will remain active as always in club activities. Thank you, Tom, for your work on the convention.

That leaves the job of 2019 NGRC Registrar open to someone else who would like to take on this responsibility. It involves managing the registration process which will open up next September. The Steering Committee will design the website on-line registration process in the coming months. Don Erikstrup is already working on the process so almost all of the registrations will come in over the web with payment made by credit cards. But there will also be a process

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**October Open House
Hosts: Allan & Kathryn
Warrior with Casper**

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where someone can print out a form and mail it in. There will also be a few people that will call and want to register over the phone because they don't have a computer. These few duties are handled by the Registrar.

The Steering Committee and Don Erikstrup will design our convention website to track everything that an attendee has registered for, such as; the BBQ, banquet, buses for layout tours, ice cream social etc. There will be a stuffing party assembly line to stuff the convention packets with tickets, a program, name badges, and convention pin. (I will bet someone will provide popcorn)

Some people will have questions about the convention and the Registrar will answer questions, mostly by e-mail. Most inquiries and questions will come just before the convention. Finally, the Registrar will set up the registration area where we hand out the packets to attendees. The Meads were the Registrar for the Tacoma convention, and have offered to help staff the registration area during the convention. (Thank you Donna and Dean Mead.)

Please let me know if you would like to be the Registrar for the convention. It is mostly done from home. It could also be a husband and wife team. This is one of the many jobs that will need to be filled to pull off a great convention that this club will be proud of. All of us will need to jump-in to fill various rolls, so please be open to serving this once in a life time experience.

Finally, my thanks to Allan and Kathryn Warrior for hosting our Halloween open railroad this year. You have a wonderful layout with beautiful structures, and everyone enjoyed Jeff Lange's lengthy Halloween train scaring the wits out of the spiders and bugs that watched the spook train go by!



RCGRS Hats For Sale

RCGRS Logo hats will be for sale at the East BnB at Elmer's next Tuesday, 11/7/17 and the Fall Social, 11/11/17. Price TBD. See Darrel Dunham for more info.

New Club Members

Welcome!

New Member: Willie Phelps (Jr), Wife Amy & Family

Kids: 3

Date Joined: 15OCT17

I heard about the club several times in the course of the year (pretty much whenever I visit a Portland hobby shop).

I was in Tammy's Hobbies purchasing rail when Gary said "I see someone is buying G scale track".... We talked for a few minutes and after that I knew I had to join!

Sadly, I have not laid my track yet. I'm currently buying track so I can be ready to start laying it in the spring. I do have an operational wall layout that I store my trains on and the top section of track supports short back and forth runs.

I have trains of all scales but garden has always been my favorite scale. I prefer diesel engines the most but I'm always looking for live steam models.

I look forward to becoming more engaged with the club and would like to host meetings at my home in The Dalles, Or. I have installed DCC, AirWire and BlueRail (bluetooth) controllers in various scales not to mention incorporating Arduino controls. I've always liked building and repairing electro-mechanical components that can be used in RC and train models.

Welcome!

New Member: Bob & Karen Fogarty

My name is Bob Fogarty and I just became a member on 10/18 along with Karen, my wife of 52 years.

When I was 4 years old my Dad bought me a (used) 1926 Lionel standard gauge electric set which I still have and run on a small layout in the garage along with a 1935 Lionel steam engine set and an O gauge steam set.

Three years ago we started attending your annual open house on Father's day weekend and Just recently decided to run a train in the backyard. I am a complete novice in G scale and garden railways but look forward to learning. Currently, I have an inexpensive Aristocraft set to run in the yard when my track is complete. Karen & I look forward to meeting you and other members and learning more about your group.

Oregon'izing a Highball Signal

By Mike Fisher

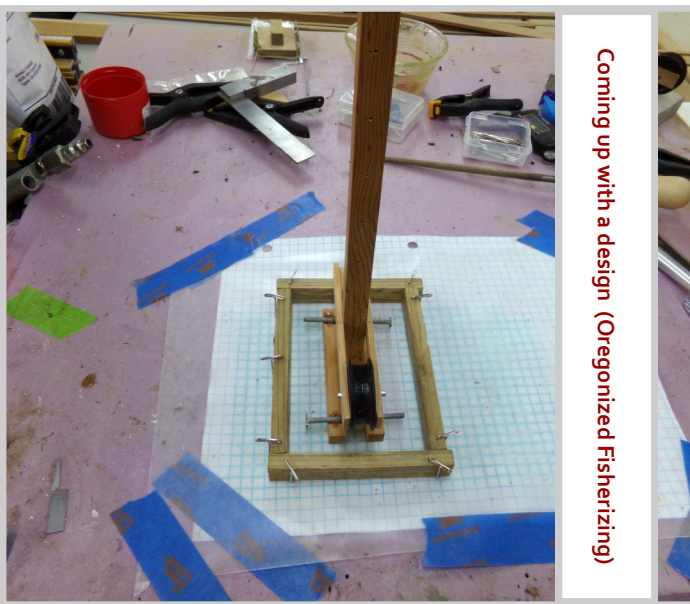
(Garden Railways, October 2017, page 48, article: "How to build a Highball Signal")

When I saw this great project in the October 2017 issue of Garden Railways I knew that a few of those would be a great fit for my Nebraska Oregon Railroad.



Oregon-ized Highball Signal

In reading Todd Haskins article I realized that the base he used would not be adequate for out in my garden. I needed something much more substantial. So after some thought I decided to Oregon-ize it, or as my wife calls it, Fisherizing it.



Coming up with a design (Oregonized Fisherizing)

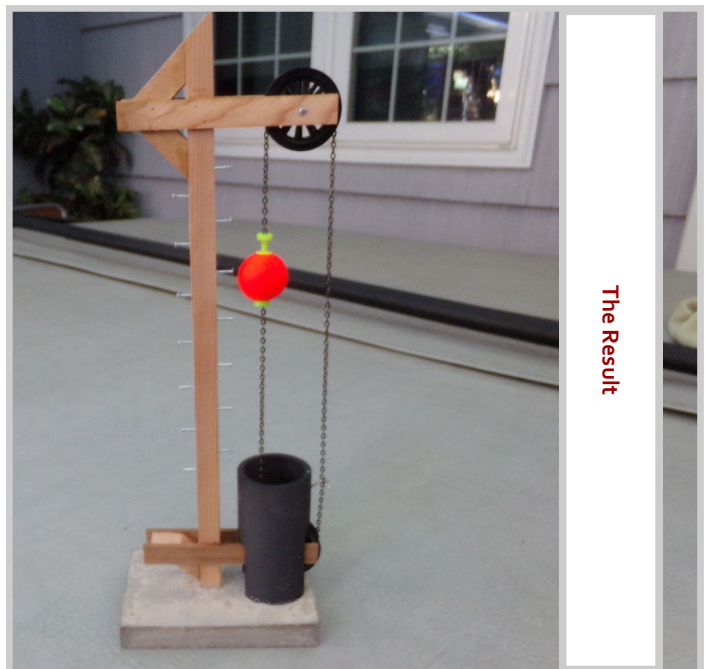
I thought about a few options and decided on a poured cement base. This base provides some great benefits. It is totally weather proof and will never rot. It is substantial enough to just sit above ground but can easily be placed so that it's flush with the ground. As it is heavy it can withstand any weather along with the squirrel 'o' saurus

that roam the wilds in the railroad. For the base I attached 2 small pieces of wood to the main upright. I then



Cementing the base

used 2 common nails glued to the base as rebar. I next used some scrap wood and made a simple square form. For the cement I used some leftover anchoring cement from a previous project. Once poured I let it sit over night and removed the forms.



The Result

As the cement was still somewhat soft I scuffed the cement for a better appearance.



Elmer's East B n B October 3, 2017



Breakfast and Bull Session on the East side



Phil Yoker praising (is that what he's doing?) Alan Olson's version of the "Highball Signal" (*Garden Railways*, October 2017, page 48)

"Just Run Trains" at Staver Locomotive October 3, 2017



Above: Larry Staver running trains with Michael Barnes

Right: Jeff Lange and Friend enjoy the sunny outdoor track



The following dates are for "Just Run Trains" at Staver Locomotive after the 1st Tuesday Breakfast: **November 7** and into 2018 **January 2nd**.

More dates may be posted after review with our host Larry Staver. So far he has been pleased with the attendance and the fun times all had.

Below is the boilerplate that I add to this event each time:

* Attendees are encouraged to bring their own

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"Just Run Trains" - Continued

- * Locomotives and rolling stock for this event.
- * There is No Track Power
- * You may park in the rear
- * Carts are available, please unload promptly and return cart to west door for others to use
- * Restrooms on East end of building
- * Bring your own food and drink
- * The building is not climate controlled, wear appropriate clothing for being outdoors

Dispatching on Single Track sections between High Rocks and West Albina, all other tracks subject to "Smoke Orders" with **Westbound trains superior** to East-bound trains.

Further Rules and Regulations to be determined in the fullness of time.

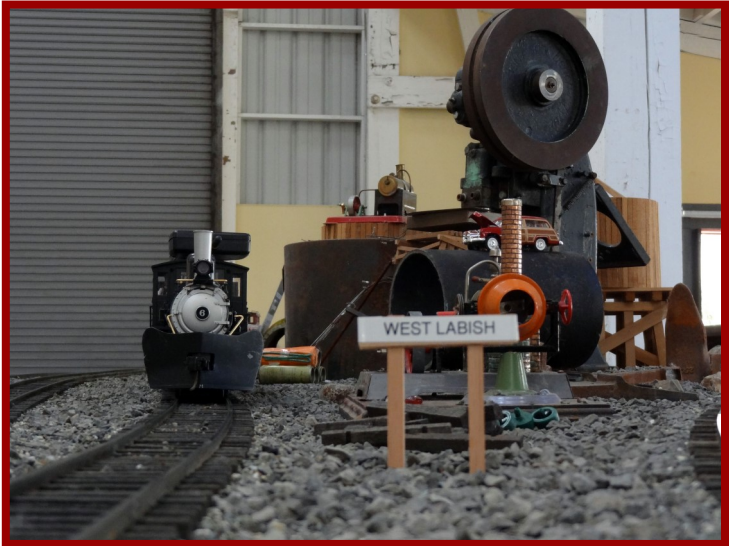
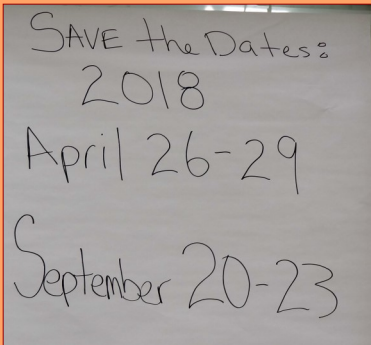
Slow trains like Shays, Climax and the like are encouraged to use the

Secondary Mains marked in **Yellow** to avoid faster traffic.

A small supply of Time Tables and schematic maps are in the wood room for those who did not print one out for themselves.

J.M. Zweerts
Chief Dispatcher

Staver Posted Steam-up Dates



Above: A close-up



Right: Darrel Dunham takes a break from running trains

Below: East meets west or color coded chaos



**RCGRS Members Supporting Local Clubs
44th Great Train Swap Meet
October 7, 2017**



Darrel Dunham and Jeff Lange talk trains with SWWMR Members at Swap Meet—Battle Ground High School



Jim Loudon, A Future Member, Darrel Dunham & Alan Olson

October 14th Open House at the Burlington & Missouri River



The Halloween Train pulls into the Creston Yard



Casper the pooch meets the Halloween Train Pumpkin car



The Halloween Train Creator & Engineer, Jeff Lange



Marilyn Parker, Richard Parker, Penny Walker & Scottie Erikstrup
Waiting to view the Halloween Train



New Members David & Robert Harmen with Host, Allan Warrior

Al's Garden Center Christmas Train October 25, 2017



The Creation of
"A Winter
Wonderland"



Ready, Set, Go!

Photo by Tom Wirth

Smile for the Camera!



Photo by Tom Wirth

Photo by Tom Wirth



Photo by Tom Wirth

Far Left: Bill Derville & Gary Lee are figuring out the angles of laying track while Don Dolan, Jim Dunk, Ev Helm, Don Erikstrup & Tom Gaps work on

Left: RTGRS (too numerous to name all) laying down track



Photo by Tom Wirth

Left: Gary & Jenette Lee arrive with the snow. Let it Snow!

Right: Fluffing of the Trees - Ladies left to right: Jen, Penny & Jenette

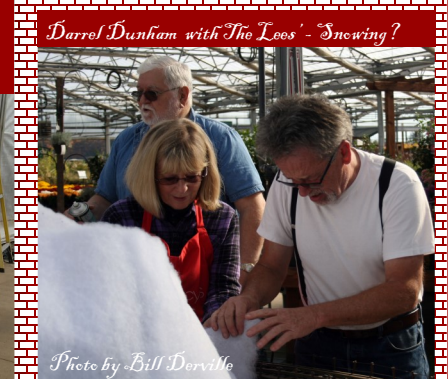


A winter wonderland created by Members of RTGRS

Choc-Choc



Push the button and watch the train chug around the Rose City Garden Railroad at Al's Garden



Darrel Dunham with The Lees' - Snowing?

Photo by Bill Derville

**All Day Clinic on R/C
at the Home of Gary and Jonette Lee
October 26, 2017**



LOCOLINC Series 200 presentation given by Behren Reeves (pictured in the middle), founder of LOCOLINC. Gary Lee to the left & Terry Brindley to the right.



Jim Loudon (left) runs an older version of LOCOLINC. Tom Gaps (middle) watches for derailments as Warner Swarner takes in the beautiful surroundings of the Baker & Grande Ronde Railroad.

Note from the Editor: My limited expertise does little justice to this subject and only allows me to simplify the day's activities. Activities included: Information shared by Behren Reeves (LOCOLINC) and Tom Gaps (AireWire & Battery Power). Perhaps there will be future articles on these topics (refer to 'A Note from the Editor', page 9)



Upcoming Events...
(Editor's note: This calendar will appear in our monthly newsletter to provide non-club local and regional rail related events. Information for this calendar is provided by and for RCGRS members and friends. The Newsletter Editor has only lived in the Pacific Northwest two years and would appreciate some guidance finding rail-related items and activities. If you would like to share an event then email or phone the information to the RCGRS editor.)

POLK STATION RAIL SWAP MEET & SHOW
WHEN: Nov 4th, 9am-4pm
WHERE: Rickreall Grange Hall
 280 Main St. (Hwy 99)
 Rickreall, OR 97338
MORE INFO: Contact: Steve McNamara
 503-857-2108 or sjmcnamara@peoplepc.com
www.trainweb.org/psr

Railroad models and materials in all scales and RR Memorabilia.

40TH ANNUAL ROGUE VALLEY RAILROAD SHOW
WHEN: Nov 25th, 10am-5pm,
 Nov 26th, 10am-4pm
WHERE: Jackson County EXPO
 1 Penger Road
 Central Point, OR
MORE INFO: Contact: Bruce Kelly
 541-613-1638
ROGUEVALLEYRAILROADSHOW@GMAIL.COM

Admission: Adults \$5, Ages 6-12 \$1, 5 and under FREE with paid adult. Free parking. Model railroad displays, historic railroad artifacts, swap meet, door prizes, and more. Proceeds benefit Medford Railroad Park.

THE TRAIN TO CHRISTMAS TOWN
WHEN: Weekends beginning Nov 11
WHERE: Mount Hood Railroad
 110 Railroad St
 Hood River, Oregon 97031
MORE INFO: Phone: 800-872-4661
 Web Site: www.mthoodrr.com

Upcoming Events Continued...

COLUMBIA GORGE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB

WHEN: November, each Saturday and Sunday, 10am—5pm

Where: 2505 N Vancouver Ave
Portland, OR 97227

MORE INFO:

<http://www.columbiagorgemodelrailroadclub.com/>

call 503-28-train (503-288-7246)

or email:

info@columbiagorgemodelrailroadclub.com

MOUNT HOOD MODEL ENGINEERS ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

WHEN: November 4, 11, 18 & 25, 2017
Noon—5pm

WHERE: 5500 SE Belmont St
Portland, OR 97215

MORE INFO:

WWW.MTHOODMODELENGINEERS.ORG

WVMRC ANNUAL RAILROAD SHOW AND SWAP MEET

WHEN: Dec 2nd, 9:30am-2:30pm

WHERE: Polk County Fairgrounds
520 S. Pacific Hwy West
Rickreall, OR (Hwy 22 and Hwy 99W
1 0 miles west of Salem).

MORE INFO: Contact: Judy MacInnes
503-581-6071, MACINNEJ@MSN.COM
[HTTP://WWW.WVMRM.WEBS.COM/](http://WWW.WVMRM.WEBS.COM/)

Over 100 tables, all scales of trains. Admission: Adults \$5, children under 12-free, 8 ft. tables \$30 each.

HOLIDAY EXPRESS

WHEN: Dec 2nd, 5pm

WHERE: Oak Park Station in S.E. Portland

MORE INFO: Contact Don or Ruth Dolan
503-714-4186

Train is chartered by Union Pacific Employee Club No. 9

STAVER LOCOMOTIVE HOLIDAY STEAM-UP

WHEN: Dec 3rd

WHERE: Staver Locomotive
2537 NW 29th Ave
Portland, OR

MORE INFO:

Website: WWW.STAVERLOCOMOTIVE.COM

INFO@STAVERLOCOMOTIVE.COM

A Note from the Editor

Calling all RCGRS Members.
The following is a "wish list"
of future items and articles
for our newsletter:

- ⇒ "How to" articles—
Buildings, inventions, or
other helpful items that
are an asset to your RR.
- ⇒ Why not share your skills
with an article in the club
newsletter?
- ⇒ **Looking for someone to write an article on R/C
and Battery power to compliment and expand on
the R/C Clinic held at the Lees' on October 26th.**
- ⇒ Have you made changes to your Garden Railroad?
or, maybe you are working on a new Garden Rail-
road layout in anticipation of the NGRC 2019 Con-
vention. What better way to share your hard work
with your fellow Garden Railroaders with a good
read.
- ⇒ Would you like to share a non-club rail related
event?
- ⇒ Photos wanted for any train-related (club or non-
club) event. If the photos feature an RCGRS mem-
ber then please name them.



Please contact your friendly and helpful Newsletter Edi-
tor for details and guidance.

Thank you, Linda Loudon

Fall Social

A message from the Fall Social Coordinator, Alan Olson

Hey fellow railroaders. Its that time again. The Fall social is being held on Sat. Nov. 11. Come one and come all. Its bar -b-q season in November with a great menu, and A great day planned. A buy and sell table. The raffle and a silent auc-tion. The menu and the schedule is on the events calendar. There is plenty of time to sign up.

See you all there!

Fall Social Clinics

Morning Clinics (1 ½ hours)

10:30 AM

Topic	Presenter
RC/Battery Conversion New LOCOLINC Products Battery Sizing and Conversion RC Conversion	Terry Brindley
Photographing Your RR with a Video Camera Selecting Location(s) Camera Setup Using a Camera Car	Ev Helm
Weathering Basics: Overview of Chalks, powders, ink and acrylics on wood, plas-tic or metal	Warner Swarner

Afternoon Clinics (1 ½ hours)

1:15 PM

Topic	Presenter
Making Loads for Your Freight Cars Logs Coal Loads Boxes for Flatcars Styrofoam Inserts	TBD?
Building a Battery Car from a Standard Box Car Why Use a Battery Car? Wiring and Switches Installing a Meter for Voltage Monitoring	Rusty Baumberger
Make and Install Your Own Shingles Materials and Design Building and Using a "Shingle Jig" Attaching to Roof	Gary Lee

Railroad Movie Nights

Location: Fanno Creek Brew Pub 12562 SW Main St. Tigard.

The Fanno Creek Pub has good food & drink at reasonable prices and will put in a dedicated server for groups bigger than 10 and with of course no outside food or drink. This location is on the south end of Main St. Tigard just off 99W and should be easy to find for most club members.

Please RSVP via the Wild Apricot club web site.

Saturday, November 18

Preshow 6 PM: **TBA**

Feature Presentation **7 PM: "7 Percent Solution"** 113 minutes **Rated PG**

Plot and notes from Wikipedia:

The heart of the novel consists of an account of Holmes' recovery from his addiction. Knowing that Sherlock would never willingly see a doctor about his addiction and mental problems, Watson and Holmes' brother Mycroft induce Holmes

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Railroad Movie Nights...Continued

Holmes to travel to [Vienna](#), where Watson introduces him to [Dr. Freud](#). Using a treatment consisting largely of [hypnosis](#), Freud helps Holmes shake off his addiction and his delusions about Moriarty, but neither he nor Watson can revive Holmes' dejected spirit.

What finally does the job is a whiff of mystery: one of the doctor's patients is kidnapped and Holmes' curiosity is sufficiently aroused. The case takes the three men on a breakneck train ride across Austria in pursuit of a foe who is about to launch a war involving all of Europe. Holmes remarks during the denouement that they have succeeded only in postponing such a conflict, not preventing it; Holmes would later [become involved](#) in a "[European War](#)" in 1914.

The story was adapted for the screen in 1976 in a [Universal Studios](#) production, directed by [Herbert Ross](#). The film was made at [Pinewood Studios](#) with location shooting in the UK and [Austria](#) (including the famous [Austrian National Library](#)); the tennis match/duel between Freud and von Leinsdorf was filmed on one of the historic [real tennis](#) courts at the [Queen's Club](#) in [West Kensington, London](#).^[3] The chase on the trains was shot with set-dressed British steam locomotives and freight cars dressed up as coaches.

Jan Z.

Club Calendar of Events....

Interested in attending the following club events?

Don't forget to register at:

<https://rosecitygardenrailwaysociety.wildapricot.org/>

BNB BREAKFAST—EAST

WHEN: November 7th
9:30am—11am

WHERE: Elmer's Restaurant
10001 NE Sandy BLVD
Portland, OR

JUST RUN TRAINS OP SESSION

WHEN: November 7th
12pm—5pm

WHERE: Staver Locomotive
2537 NW 29th Ave
Portland, OR

MORE INFO: Refer to page 4

FALL SOCIAL

WHEN: November 11th
10am—5pm

WHERE: Canby Adult Center
1250 S. Ivy St. (13th and Ivy)
Canby, OR 97013

MORE INFO: Refer to page 10

*(the day's schedule and menu choices are available at :
<https://rosecitygardenrailwaysociety.wildapricot.org/>
Registration is required)*

BNB BREAKFAST—WEST

WHEN: November 16th
9:30am—10:30am

WHERE: Elmer's restaurant
1250 NW Waterhouse Ave
Beaverton, OR

RAILROAD MOVIE NIGHT

WHEN: November 18
6pm—9:30pm

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

MORE INFO: Refer to page 10

BNB BREAKFAST—EAST

WHEN: December 5th
9:30am—11am

WHERE: Elmer's Restaurant
10001 NE Sandy BLVD
Portland, OR

BNB BREAKFAST—WEST

WHEN: December 21st
9:30am—10:30am

WHERE: Elmer's restaurant
1250 NW Waterhouse Ave
Beaverton, OR

JUST RUN TRAINS OP SESSION

WHEN: January 2nd
12pm—5pm

WHERE: Staver Locomotive
2537 NW 29th Ave
Portland, OR

MORE INFO: Refer to page 4

Club Business

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, mqrmfisher@msn.com

From the Yardmaster

Did you know that the RCGRS has a dual rail bender and Jig stone molding set for use by the club members? All you have to do is request the Item from the Yardmaster and then make arrangements to pick the item up. Or it can be shipped to you with you paying the freight both out and back.

For more information contact: Jay Burke
jburke114@comcast.net

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 Email from 20 to 30 people. Please register for events you are planning to attend.

To Register for Events:

Go to the society Website: www.rcgrs.com
Refer to the home page, click on "member pages" located under the logo.

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.

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