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Winter 2005

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Up to Speed, Year in Review, *Get'er Done*

Is it 2005, what happened to 2004?

The year started with a snow and ice storm that severely damaged the trees in the park. Members were onsite in early March to begin cleanup.

The passing of longtime member and friend, Bill McCready. Basil was acknowledged for his help in liquidating Bill's train and tools.

There were 2 car wash fundraisers held in Astoria.

The chain link fence project was completed around the park.

The new car barn project has gone from acquiring permits to almost done.

Steam-up was attended by many members.

Group functions have been; school tours, picnics and birthday parties.



Annual Meeting Review

The December 11, 2004 meeting was once again, well attended. Garry Johnson presented a review of the year. Mark Adelblue read the minutes of the 2003 annual meeting. The financial statement for 2004 was read by Mark Adelblue. Scott Johnson gave a Steam-Up recap. An up date on the WCRR web site was presented

by Frank Lertora. Josh Palenuk gave a report on the parties for 2004. Scott Morrison gave a up-date on the model buildings and asked for volunteers to construct buildings for the town site. The planned scale is 1 inch but buildings up to 2 inch will be accepted. Scott Johnson and Frank Lertora each gave reports on WCRR apparel sales. A car

barn up-date was given by Scott Johnson. There were 3 board positions up for election. The nominees were Garry Johnson, Darren Golden and Frank Lertora, all were elected. Garry Johnson recognized individuals with "thank you's". Scott Johnson gave a review of projects for 2005.

Let's Get'er Done (Goals for 2005)

For 2005 there are three major goals: **complete the car barn, track work** and a **survey of WCRR**. The standard maintenance items will always be at the top of the list of things to do, like mowing lawns, flower bed maintenance, watering and general house keeping.

Work on the car barn will include interior and exterior finishing touches. Final installation of the roll-up doors need to be completed. Finish the

sheet rocking, taping and mudding. On the exterior there is the final trim work to complete.

The major track work is in conjunction with the car barn project, the leads into the car barn. Other track work is: replace broken ties, install switch machines, fiberglass panels for grade crossings, Trex material for the replacement ties on the three track grade crossing at the west end. The Trex ties will also be cut

18" long for more stability. Then ballasting needs to be completed and the track tuned-up.

The survey of WCRR grounds will include all the major features within the fences and items of importance outside of the fences. Frank Lertora will head up the survey crew



Mike on the LPOS pulling 17 cars.

WCRR Thank You

Every year, they're a few individuals, which give a little extra time and effort for the benefit of the club. This year was no exception. These are my Get'er Done crew.

Jack Chapman, shows up at all work days, plus providing rides for all the birthday parties and special events.

Dave Chuculate, not only comes to most scheduled workdays, but comes on his day off and takes care of many little projects throughout the year.

Dick Hofsheier, put 1134 miles on his odometer, bringing his little backhoe, to dig holes and move material. 29 hrs. of

tractor time, some on the hottest days of the year.

Frank Lertora, Webmaster duties, Embroidery coordinator, Now the Newsletter publisher. In general The Get'er done guy!

Red Nelson, most people don't even know who he is. He spends most of his time running the Truck Museum. But when it comes to getting things done He's my Got'er done guy. He has been responsible for getting both of our truck box / containers.

Tom Neighland, not even a member of our club, but was my right hand man when it came to the construction of the car barn. He had all the

local contacts for cement, pumper, and building supplies. He also offered labor and tools for both pours.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Anderson, for their donation of \$1000, to be used for a special project.

Richard Johnson, for his donation towards the new truck box.



Club Work Day

For 2005 WCRR will be having scheduled work days. The second Saturday of each month will be the scheduled work day. As always volunteers are welcome on other days as well. There is always something to do.



Car Barn Up-Date

Many of you have not seen the car barn since the Steam Up? You are in for a surprise. At that time the concrete had been poured and it was partially framed. Work continued through the first week of January, and has now resumed. We had a very generous donation of sheetrock from Knez Building Materials. We are now in the process of taping and mudding and then a nice bright white paint job. Once this gets done, the tracks will be put in place. Darin has made two very nice fiberglass

roll up doors, and they are in place. As you can see by the attached photo, the roof and siding are up, with minor trim work left to do. Hopefully this project will soon have the "Done" stamp on it!



WWW.WILLOWCREEKRR.ORG

The web site has been receiving a steady stream of guests. Look for the buttons with the date after the button name. The date indicates the last update.

work. Write-up a short description you would like on the site. You can mail prints and they will be scanned and then returned to you.

If you have a home railroad, send information and pictures to Frank Lertora (see contact information below) and a small web site will be created. It is a good way to show off your



Call for Reporters, Photographers

In order to make this a true "club" newsletter, I am asking for your help. Send me articles, pictures with captions, short updates describing things that you think would be of interest to the members.

You can mail submissions to :
 Frank Lertora
 35162 Kee Ln.
 Astoria, OR 97103

Or email to:
 webmaster@willowcreekrr.org

Send information about your home railroads, projects you are working on, even trips you have been on or planning.

Or:
 elk_hunt_1@hotmail.com



We'er on the web
willowcreekrr.org

"The Back Shop"

Here is what members have been working on:



Bay-window caboose built by Garry Johnson for Jack Chapman.



North-eastern caboose built by Frank Lertora for Josh Palenuk.



Comox Logging & Railway, No. 3 tank engine built by Basil "Bas" Pascoe.



The car barn, by many.

President Johnson's Rant

I think Frank is having fun here?

I try to keep my windy tirades for my weekly updates, which are sent by e-mail to those that care. (in most cases)?

If you have been paying attention? You have noticed the term Get'er Done. That is the what we would like to see happen this year.

After the track was down, people started using it, and seemed to forget that there is still a lot to do. So we have dedicated this year to ongoing projects, and I hope most of you will contribute towards the effort.



Believe it or not? That's water in the cup !!!!

I know there are a few shade tree critics out there, but this railroad is going to continue in the goals set up by it's founders.

We have been blessed with a great winter and early spring, so come on out to the track and help Get'er done.

Final note: Dues are still only \$20 and can be paid early to help reduce the work load around Steam-Up.