



The Willow Creek Gazette

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It has been a While... Here is an Update

Well Steam-Up is over, the car barn is almost complete, the old car barn has been demolished, we have hosted parties, signals have been installed at the west end of the railroad, and we played trains.

At Steam-Up a 102 car train was pulled. There were two engineers, 30 passengers, and one stuffed bear. The train was pulled by two diesel locomotives. Then the steam engine crews



wanted to try. They pulled the train without a problem. Fun was had by all who played.

Once again this year was full of activity. The New Car Barn is almost complete. The track work has been refined, leading to the car barn.



WCRR Annual Meeting Announcement

Willow Creek Railroad will be holding it's Annual Meeting, at OMSI 1945 S.E. Water Ave. Portland, Oregon (To be more accurate, a railcar located across the street). Both of Portland's operating steam locomotives, the SP&S 700 and SP 4449 will be there as well. The 700 will be pulling a

small consist between Oaks Park and OMSI. The PRPA has agreed to let us hold our meeting in the soon to be crew car. This is a work in progress situation, so we are looking at a gutted car. There are no seats in the car. So if you wish to sit, bring your own chair.

We plan on having a short to the point meeting, taking care of business. Two board positions are up for renewal. If you wish to run for one of these positions, please notify Garry Johnson [in writing](mailto:garryjsps700@att.net), by Dec. 7th at: 2627 N. Willamette Blvd., Portland, OR 97217- 4117, or e-mail: [garryjsps700@ att.net](mailto:garryjsps700@att.net)

Steam-Up Photos



Party Photos



Playing with Trains Photos



Old Car Barn Demolition Photos



Photos of the West End Signal Installation



Other Work Photos





“Santa?” I don’t think so.

Photo by Sarah Lertora

President Johnson’s Rant

Note to Sarah, just remember I don’t get mad, I just get even! By the looks of my hands and arm it shows I had been working and really needed that lemonade?

Looking over this newsletter I see Frank has used the old standby...Photo’s. If it is true what they say about every photo being worth a thousand words, this newsletter contains over 34,000 words?

Sometimes when you’re so close to the operation of the club, seeing that all the little things are taken care of or that we were represented at a meeting or that party on Saturday is still a go, one tends not to see some of the fun things as they happen. Looking over the photos that Frank put in this issue pretty much sums up the year... All had fun.

On the first page, I see Tiger Woods giving putting demonstrations to the gallery and Josh explaining to James how to do a steam dance (a railroaders version of a rain dance). Then we come to the work section... No matter how you look at it the Steam-up is hard work, but we came through it in pretty good shape. I think

the first day I counted 14 engines on the track at one time. You think that was amazing, that evening a 102-car train was built and made several trips around the track with over 30 passengers. I for one am glad to say, “been there done that”. No more for a while... Please.

We got back on track this year with parties, 11 non-member parties and several member parties plus 4 field trips. The one that stands out most, is one held for a “BOY” celebrating his 60th birthday, 25 piece Jazz band and all. (Two top pictures pg. 3). The article in the Statesman Journal sure gave us some exposure.

I also see a photo of new member Ernie discussing with Josh how he got mom to say yes? Plan goes into effect...(Next photo) Give Mom and Bryson a ride...see dear, how much fun is this?

Now you see it, now you don’t... That’s what happened when the word was given to tear down the old car barn. Boy I wish they went up that fast! It reminded me of the old track, once I gave in and said it’s in the way of the new track;

Uncle Frank and Steve had it in the scrap pile in 30 minutes. What took years to build, gone in the bat of an eye? That’s progress!

Over the years I keep hearing the same thing, why is the club so small? I belong to a club in Tin-Buck-Two, and we have a lot more members. So I check out their website... You know, they might have 200 or more members but only about 10 or so are really involved. As a whole we have a bigger percentage of people involved than most other clubs. I have always been a believer in quality over quantity and if it takes a little longer to get something done then so be it. Take a look at these photos again... What I see is a group of people all with different talents, ages and incomes coming together to form this family **WCRR** and that is why this club was formed. **Not to be just another club.**

May you all have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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