

The Willow Creek Gazette

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The First Junior Membership Meeting *By Scott Morrison*

We now have 18 members signed up for the Junior Program, and ages 5 through 17. Thank you all for signing up during the Steam Up! Here is a recap of what we have done so far with the program and what to expect in the next couple of months.

Our kick off event with the Juniors was on the 2nd Saturday of July. For an activity, we headed down to the steaming bays and gave them a good cleaning and dressing down. The children were all very positive about the program and couldn't wait to jump in with shovels and rakes to clean up the steaming bays, wash the racks and spread gravel around the area. In about 30 - 45 minutes they had the bays looking 110% better and ready for members and guests to use during Steam Up. After putting away the tools they all sat down to juice boxes and fruit snacks. The children should all be proud

of what they accomplished on Saturday, and with their attitude and enthusiasm, we can expect this program to be a great success.

Saturday, August 11th was our second Junior meeting and was at Willow Creek. WCRR is taking over the concession building just adjacent to our grounds to use as a kitchen, meeting hall, work room, etc. Our activity was a general cleaning of the building and starting to get it ready for our use. This building will be a great place for our Junior meetings during the fall and winter months when things are pretty much shut down.

The September Junior meeting event will be a field trip on September 8th to Alan Shifley's Willamette and Kings Valley Railroad and in conjunction with Alan's open house. This will be a great opportunity for the juniors (and some of us seniors) to

see another railroad operation. I talked with Alan during the Steam Up and he was thumbs up with the field trip.

Sara Heaney and Bob Hellman have agreed to join up Ernie Hellman, Lori Hellman, and myself to help out with the Junior Program. Welcome Sara and Bobby!

Have any of you wondered what that rusty pile of stuff is back in the corner buried amongst the brush by the back loop? I found out yesterday that it is an antique switching machine that came out of Portland. This machine is badly in need of restoration, and would be a great project for the older Junior members to work on. What we need is an adult sponsor to spearhead this project and work with the kids on it. If anyone is interested in taking this on, please let us know.



2007 Annual Meeting Reminder

The 2007 WCRR annual meeting will be held early this year. The meeting will be on September 1, 2007, at 1:00PM. We will hold the meeting at the railroad, Brooks, Oregon. Two board

positions are up for renewal. If you wish to run for one of these positions, please notify WCRR in writing, by August 31, 2007, at: 2627 N. Willamette Blvd., Portland, Oregon 97217-

4117. Or e-mail: willow-creekrr@att.net We will also be playing trains after the meeting. I also have heard there will be one or two birthday parties earlier in the day.

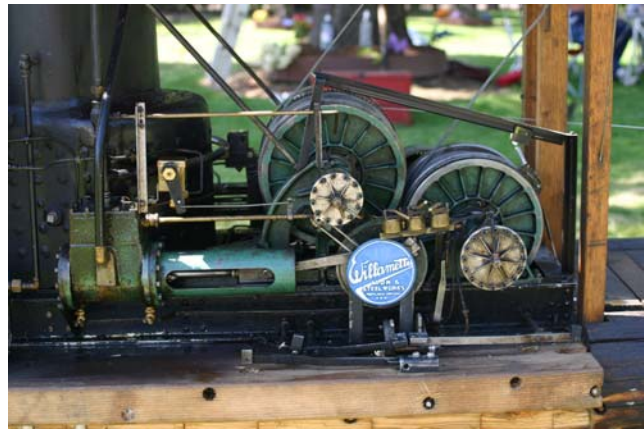
Steam-Up 2007

Well we survived another Steam-Up. This years event broke many records. We gave a lot of train rides, we made a respectable amount of money,

and we put together a new, record length, long train.



Steam-Up Continued



The Long Train



The long train was the result of a lot of hard work, lead by Josh (J2) Ledbetter. Josh had the help of several people building and putting away the train. With the permission of the owners of the rolling stock, a train consisting of **136** cars was assembled. This is a new Willow Creek record.



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"The Back Shop"

An Invitation from the Willamette and Kings Valley Railroad

We would like to invite Willow Creek Railroad club members and families to the Willamette and Kings Valley Railroad for a run day on Saturday, September 8th.

The Willamette and Kings Valley is a 3,000-foot fully-signaled railroad with bi-directional running.

Minimum radius is 60' and the maximum

grade is 1½ %.

We are located in Kings Valley, Oregon, about an hour south-west of Brooks.

A hydraulic lift is available for loading and unloading. You are welcome to bring your equipment or just come and hang out.

Things will get rolling at around 10AM. We will provide drinks and

snacks. You may want to bring a lunch and chairs.

Please contact us at wkv@peak.org for directions and to let us know how many people and what train equipment to plan for.

We will look forward to hearing from you!

*Alan, Carol and Amy
Shifley*

