



Southwest Oregon Large Scale Trains
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The purpose of Southwest Oregon Large Scale Trains is to further the enjoyment of large scale model railroads and to promote good fellowship among individuals and families interested in the operation of railways both indoors and outdoors.

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From Our President:

What a terrific month we have had!

Thanks to Guy Jenkins for creating a beautiful train station for the garden layout. Thanks to Christopher Bray for all the wiring and repairs to the mountain line. Thanks to Norman Schumacher for getting our power supply back into topnotch working condition. Thanks to Bill Meyer for his gardening maintenance. Thanks to Jeremy Taylor, for taking over the Train Master position and scheduling the run themes and managing the run Sundays. Thanks to Lynda and Mike Saling, Kristine and Dan Merrill new members who have leaped right in and become very expert concessionaires! And a special thanks to Mike Miller for being a real force in managing the running of the garden railway and the repairs to date. Well done!

The Family Connection special run of June 23 was absolutely terrific. This group who supported SOLST during our time of need certainly showed us how fond they are of us. The kids rode the steam trains yet continually returned to the garden railway and followed the trains around and around the layout until they wore their parents out. What a day! The future of garden railroading would be safe in their hands.

Due to the lack of available staffing for the Special Run for the Masons on July 14, 2005, I will be informing them our feature will not be open for viewing during their visit. Too many of our members are away on much deserve vacations and will not be returning in time to cover this event.

Saturday Work Parties are on the Saturday prior to the run Sunday in order to maintain our garden railroad from 9AM until noon. However due to the fact the plants and "weeds" continue to grow between run Sundays feel free to come out any Saturday if you like. Most importantly lock up when you leave!

Happy rails to you...Irene Zajac

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Southwest Oregon Large Scale Trains will be July 15th at 7:30 PM at the HO clubhouse at the Medford RR Park.

Saturday Work Parties:

Saturday work parties 9AM—Noon...Saturday prior to run Sunday. Come any Saturday if you like (there usually is someone there, if not you know the code to the shed...lock up when you leave) the weeds can always be handled ahead of time.

Sunday Run Days:

Jeremy Taylor is in charge of making up the calendar for the 'themed runs'. So contact Jeremy if you have any ideas on a theme.

The joy of sharing our hobby!

by Frank Anderson

After months of weeding, pruning, watering and trying to correct the derailments, Marsha and I were able to finally experience the joy of sharing our railroad for a very good cause.

In our little dorf of Roseburg there is a nun that was a little disappointed with the way their school and the other public schools were leaving some students behind. She felt that things could be better but was unable to change the old ways at her school. Therefore she went out on her own and started a new school that would give the students who were being passed over the advantage they might otherwise not receive in the other schools.

Five years ago, a group of parents and friends of the new school got together to see what they could do to help out the Sister and her students. Money was tight and field trips were few and far between. There were some families that couldn't afford to have their children attend this new school to get the kind of education they needed. The group knew they needed to get the whole community involved as best they could. They came up with the idea of inviting the public to tour their home gardens...hence the garden and pond tour, now known as the patio and garden tour.

I became involved four years ago when my neighbor told me about it and thought my fledgling railroad might just be a hit. I had reservations about doing it because my yard was a big ugly mess. It hadn't been taken care of for years before we moved in. I did have one loop finished with a small pond and smaller water fall so we became part of the tour.

We were pleasantly surprised by how many people came to see our railroad. There were over 160 people that came through. Some even came back that night with family to see it.

One of the ladies that came through during the day brought her husband back that night and we talked for quite some time. He had purchased some LGB trains when he lived in the bay area but hadn't done anything with them since.

To make a long story short, that night when he went home, he borrowed his neighbors backhoe and started working on his garden railroad. His railroad was also part of the tour the very next year. It really makes me feel good to know our little railroad made a difference. Some of you met Chuck later that year at our almost annual BBQ.

Each year there were major changes to the railroad as new track was added and problems solved. There are still problems to solve and new ideas to add. Our Shadowridge Short Line is our little part of SOLST and the wonderful world of garden railroading. You too can have fun sharing it with others.

We'll see you in the funny paper!

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Building the Medford Railroad Park Garden Railway is now available on DVD! Jeremy Taylor converted the VHS video created by our own Norman Schumacher to DVD and will make anyone a copy. Your cost \$3 for DVD and cover. Give Jeremy a call or e-mail :
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Calendar of Events

Work Party Saturday before Run Sunday @ the Park 9AM until Noon

Jul ...	10	RR Park Run Day
Jul ...	15	SOLST Meeting 7:30 PM
Jul ...	24	RR Park Run Day
Aug...	14	RR Park Run Day
Aug...	19	SOLST Meeting 7:30 PM
Aug...	28	RR Park Run Day
Sep ...	11	RR Park Run Day
Sep ...	16	SOLST Meeting 7:30 PM
Sep ...	25	RR Park Run Day

