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Where has the year gone? Our last run day, October 27, 2013 started out with pleasant weather, then the wind picked up and it threatened to pour rain, although it never did rain a lot we lost a good number of visitors. Overall, it was a good day. I have enjoyed working this year in the concession stand, along with Nancy and Larry; as well as Dan and a visiting helper and friend Pam Kantola. The picture below, from left to right Nancy a/k/a The Assembler, Pam Kantola (guest helper for the day)a/k/a Condiment Girl, yours truly Chris Manley a/k/a/ Money Bags and last but not least Larry a/k/a Flipper.



We have made a few changes, some of which were cosmetic in nature. Nancy and Rick Aubin got the concession stand organized. Larry put up shelving so we could put the microwave out with the grills, as well as other small changes. We also purchased the "Square" so that we can now begin to take credit/debit cards via a smartphone, iPod, etc., which both Nancy and I have. I have set it up, made some test purchases to ensure it is working and I am pleased to report that during our last run day, it worked perfectly!

We have had a good year with lots of happy memories, as well as some not so happy ones. As most of you know, Allen Dobney had to resign all of his positions due to health reasons, although I am happy to report he is doing well. We also lost a longtime member and dear friend to many of us, John Powell.

On to another railroad show, the planning and preparing of which is well underway. I hope to see many of your there, and if you can help please let Jerry Hellinga know. I believe he has the sign-up sheets. We have several spots to fill.

Pease note my updated phone number below.

AUBURN CALIFORNIA 100th BIRTHDAY of the MOUNTAIN QUARRIES RAILROAD BRIDGE

AUBURN CA - The last of a line of locomotives that labored in the American River Canyon as part of the mine bringing limestone out of the Cool quarry, Engine No. 22 arrived in Auburn on Friday to help celebrate the 100th birthday of the Mountain Quarries Railroad Bridge.



A little worse for wear after a recent run-in with copper thieves at the Clarksburg farm it has been stored at for several years, Engine No. 22 pulled off Interstate 80 on the back of a Robinson Sand & Gravel flatbed trailer.

The dusty, charcoal-colored locomotive turned heads as it proceeded down High Street and into the American River Canyon along Highway 49.

It will be temporarily housed at the Auburn State Recreation Area office as it gets spruced up for its first public appearance

June 10 at the American River Confluence Festival in Auburn.

Superintendent Mike Lynch of the Auburn State Recreation Area said that the 30,000-pound, oil-fired steam engine, will be the center of attention Sept. 29 when it is trucked to the 100-year-old Mountain Quarries Railroad Bridge and positioned in the middle of the span.

Guarded by local Boy Scouts camping out nearby, it will stay there for a week. Among the activities being planned is a picture day or two – when vehicles will be allowed on for once-in-a-lifetime photo opportunities.

Ron Ludford, of the Auburn Model A Club, said his organization has already voted to support the photo day and could put 50 cars on the bridge.

On Friday, the engine was placed on temporary tracks after the journey from Clarksburg, where Silver Bend Farms had allowed it to be temporarily borrowed for events surrounding the bridge anniversary.

The locomotive was constructed in 1913 and has seen service on the Virginia & Truckee line as well as at the Mountain Quarries operation.

“This is the last of the Mountain Quarries locomotives in existence,” Lynch said. “We’re lucky it wasn’t scrapped out like the other ones.”

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Lynch said that Robinson provided the expertise and a specially equipped flatbed at cost. The El Dorado Rail organization plans to help fix it up for display, he said.

Auburn's Wayne Lyndon, who once served as manager of the Sierra Railroad in Jamestown, said the locomotive is a link to Auburn and American River Canyon.

"The Mountain Quarries were a viable business for a number of years and this was a unique railroad, hauling limestone to Auburn and the Southern Pacific line to be used mostly in the sugar-beet sugar-refining process," Lyndon said.

MEDCO 4 – RAISING THE JOHNSON BAR

By: Larry Tuttle

Jerry Hellinga continues to make progress on reassembling the Medco 4. On October 8, he was ready to mount the Johnson Bar (aka Reversing Lever) and needed a hand. He recruited yours truly and, who else but, Tony Johnson. The three of us had no trouble lifting it into place after Jerry had thoroughly lubed the mounting pin and hole. Below are Jerry and Tony posing next to the frame of the Willamette. It's great so see steady progress made on the 4-spot.



*****MEDCO No. 4 FUND RAISING PROGRESS*****

With the matching funds offer due to expire on November 1, the annual effort to raise funds for the Medco No. 4 locomotive restoration is finishing with a **flourish**. Since October 1, **12** Southern Oregon Chapter Members have donated a total **\$1,020**. This puts us over the 25 member donations needed to qualify for the \$1,000 challenge grant offered by Project Manager Jerry

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Hellinga in May. Adding in the matching funds pledge, a total of **\$4,040** was raised just in the last month. Here is a summary Medco No. 4 project fund raising this year so far:

**Medco No. 4 Income Summary
As of October 29, 2013**

Donations

Source	Number	Amount
Individual Member Donations	28	\$3,270.00
Challenge Grant	1	\$1,000.00
Other Individual Donations	20	\$1,600.00
Anonymous cash donations		\$410.48
Subtotal	49	\$6,280.48
Matching funds pledge		\$6,280.48
Total Donations		\$12,560.96

Grants

NRHS Grant	\$2,500.00
Mary Louise Pride Charitable Fund	\$1,000.00
Oregon Cultural Trust	\$5,000.00
Total Grants	\$8,500.00

Other income including book royalties, book sales, etc. \$1,967.58

Total 2013 Medco No. 4 income as of 10/29/13 \$23,028.54

This is enough to keep the Medco No. 4 restoration moving ahead for at least the next year. Thank you to everyone that helped make this fund raising effort a success. A special thank you to Jerry Hellinga for all of his time and work, as well as donations.

In addition, the family of Charles Oden, who worked on the Medco 4 has generously given us a couple more photos we did not have. *Left is Bill Oden, Center Right is Bill Oden, Jr.*



**Southern Oregon Chapter – National Railway Historical Society
Board of Directors and Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Southern Oregon Chapter – National Railway Historical Society
Membership & Board of Directors' Regular Meeting
October 8, 2013, 7:00 PM**

1. **Board Meeting Call to Order** – Secretary Larry Tuttle called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2. **Roll Call:** Larry Tuttle, Jerry Hellinga, and E. Don Pettit were present. Ric Walch was absent. 4 other members were also present.
3. **Consent of the Agenda:** The Agenda was approved by consensus.
4. **Approval of September 10, 2013 Regular Board and September 17 Special Board Meeting Minutes** – Jerry Hellinga moved to approve. E. Don Pettit seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
5. **Treasurer's Report** – Jerry Hellinga presented the Treasurer's Report. Larry Tuttle moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Jerry Hellinga seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
6. **Standing Committees & Projects:**
 - a. **Medco 4 Restoration** – Jerry Hellinga reported that the fund raising is ongoing. Twenty-two donations from members; about \$20,000 received since the first of the year; about \$4400 additional in matching funds. He's working on getting ready to reassemble the boiler, etc.,
 - b. **Concession Stand** – Larry Tuttle reported that sales are starting to wind down. He and Bruce Kelly are on track to work on the roof.
 - c. **Newsletter** – Chris Manley reported that the November Newsletter will be out by November 1 and that publication will be back to monthly. While she still has several feature articles, additional updates and "fillers" are always needed.
 - d. **Web Site Updates** –. Nothing new to report
 - e. **Butte Falls Tourist RR Opportunity** – E. Don Pettit reported that Ric Walch has sent out follow-up letters to landowners on whose property we need easements.
 - f. **Fence move & Track extension Project** – No update
 - g. **Sale of surplus / Duplicate Material** – Larry Tuttle explained the need for a member to assume the responsibilities involved with eBay and other sales of surplus and duplicate items. Our next big opportunity will be at the November show.

7. **Old Business** – Accepting Credit/Debit cards: Chris Manley explained the program to use the Square Reader device to accept credit and debit cards via smart phones at the food stand, annual show and other venues. There are no upfront, setup or equipment fees and the service will deduct 2.75% from each sale. Proceeds will be deposited directly into the Chapter's checking account. Larry Tuttle moved to authorize Chris Manley to set up a Square Reader account for deposits into the Chapter's bank account for credit and debit transactions. Jerry Hellinga seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Southern Oregon Chapter – National Railway Historical Society
Membership Meeting
October 8, 2013, 7:00 PM**

1. **Membership Meeting Call to Order:** Secretary Larry Tuttle called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2. **Roll Call:** Larry Tuttle Jerry Hellinga and E. Don Petit and 4 other members were present. Ric Walch was absent.
3. **New Business:**
 - a. **Nomination of Officers for 2014.**
 - Larry Tuttle nominated Bruce Kelly for President. E. Don Pettit seconded the nomination, which Bruce accepted.
 - E. Don Pettit nominated Ric Walch for Vice-President. Jerry Hellinga seconded the nomination, which Ric reportedly will accept.
 - Chris Manley nominated Larry Tuttle for Secretary. Bruce Kelly seconded the nomination, which Larry accepted.
 - Larry Tuttle nominated Jerry Hellinga for Treasurer. Bruce Kelly seconded the nomination, which Jerry accepted.
 - Jerry Hellinga nominated E. Don Pettit for National Director. Chris Manley seconded the nomination, which E. Don accepted.
 - With no additional nominations coming from the floor, Jerry Hellinga moved that the nominations be closed. E. Don Pettit seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
 - b. **Any other new business:** (none)
4. **Adjournment:** Jerry Hellinga moved that the meeting be adjourned. E. Don Pettit seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM.

Larry Tuttle, Secretary

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Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday November 12, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING ENTERTAINMENT

Southern Pacific: The Hill -- Oakridge to Cascade Summit by Charlie Lange

If you have any videos, or other items you would like to share with us for our entertainment portion of the meeting, please email me at (c-manley@charter.net) or call me at 541-890-7639 with the details and I will put you on the schedule.

ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

As always, we need articles for the newsletter. If you have something you would like to see included in an upcoming newsletter, please send your submission to c-manley@charter.net or call 541-890 -7639. Thanks, Chris

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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

November 30 –December 1, 2013 – Railroad Show, Medford Armory: Annual Railroad Show, Saturday 10am to 5pm, Sunday 10am to 4pm. Proceeds benefit the Railroad Park. Adult \$5 – Senior \$4, 12 and under free w/adult.

If you know of any other events that should be added to our newsletter, please email, (c-manley@charter.net), or call, (541-890-7639), with the details.