

## THE MANIFEST October 2018



Greetings All:

The season is almost over, where has the time gone. Only two more run days left. We have had a wonderful season and now we are looking toward the annual railroad show in November. The sign-up sheet will be out soon, please sign-up to help wherever you can. I am attaching a link to the flyer, to open the link **please hold down Ctrl and click on it.** I will also be sending it as an insert in the mailed version, and there will be some available at the burger shack on our last two run days.

This month I thought I would include some information on railroad history in Oregon. However, I got rather involved in researching and there is way too much information for one newsletter, and I am not prepared to start it. So, here is a brief, very brief history (if any of my facts are wrong please let me know). Then beginning next month, I am going to run a series of history of the Oregon railroads and would welcome any input anyone would like to offer me.

Oregon's railroad history predates the transcontinental railroad of 1869. As Oregon was aligned with the Union during the civil war, the use of a railroad was planned to help supply the troops, as well as boost morale.

Proposals began as early as 1864. Byron J. Pengra, (Surveyor General of Oregon 1862-1865) obtained a federal land grant for the Oregon Central Military Wagon

Road from Eugene to Owyhee. He proposed a railroad along this line, joining the transcontinental railroad near Winnemucca, NV. Pengra incorporated a company in 1867 but failed due to lack of financial support.

Then there was William Williams Chapman (Surveyor General of OR 1857-1861). Chapman envisioned a railroad from Portland, over the Blue Mountains and along Snake River all the way to the transcontinental railroad in Salt Lake City. He did form the [Portland, Dalles and Salt Lake Railroad Company](#) in 1881, which he then incorporated into [Portland, Salt Lake and Salt Pass Railroad Company](#) in 1876. He attempted to secure funding not only in the U.S., but also England.

It seems that both Pengra and Chapman were hampered by [Crédit Mobilier of America scandal](#) in 1872. You can follow the link to learn more about that.

As stated above, this is just a very brief abstract, I will expand on it and gather more facts and pics beginning next month.

However, right now we need to focus on our railroad show. Please, please sign-up and help wherever and whenever you can. The dates are November 24-25, 2018. 10-5 on Saturday and 10-4 on Sunday. More information in the flyer. [Large Flyer-2018.doc](#).

In addition, we have decided to order new staff shirts. They will be pocketed T-shirts, short and long-sleeved, and should you wish a sweatshirt, they will also be available. The T-shirts are \$14.50 for Sm, Med. and Large. \$16.50 2x, 18.50 3x, 20.50 4x. The sweatshirts are \$26.00, up to XI, after, 2X are \$28.00, and add \$2.00 for every size thereafter.

I am also attaching the updated project list, if there is anywhere you can assist, please let me or any of the officers know. [..\projectlist1018.xlsx](#)

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Southern Oregon Railway Historical Society  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes of September 11, 2018**

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM by President Bruce Kelly
2. Roll Call: Bruce Kelly, Allen Dobney, Jerry Hellinga, Chris Manley, and several other members. Ric Walch were absent.
3. Consent of the Agenda: The agenda was approved by consensus.
4. August, 2018 minutes were approved on motion by Allen Dobney and second by Chris Manley.
5. Treasurer's Report: Jerry Hellinga presented the Treasurer's Report. No questions, unanimously approved on motion by Chris Manley and second by Allen Dobney.
6. Committee Reports:
  - a. Medco 4: Jerry Hellinga No update.
  - b. Burger Shack: No updates
  - c. Newsletter: No update.
  - d. Website: We may have an IT person to assist with the park in general.
  - e. Butte Falls: No update.

- f. Excess Sales: Allen Dobney reported that we are over \$3,700.00 so far this year.
- g. RR Park: Questions on if the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals decision that it is not illegal to sleep in public places would affect the park. No definite answers on that.

7. Old Business:

- a. None.

8. New Business

- a. New staff shirts were discussed; long and short-sleeved pocket t-shirts. Chris Manley will make a spreadsheet and bring it to the next run day and try to get everyone's sizes and the kind and number of shirts they want.
- b. Allen went over the project list, and updated it and demonstrated where help was still needed.

9. Good of the Order

Classic car display at White City. Dan is going to go out and see what needs to be cleaned up, and he will send out an email to confirm dated and time. As of now, it is September 15, at 10:00 a.m., but he needs to be certain it can be readied in time.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Allen Dobney and Second by Chris Manley passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

**Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 9, 2018,  
7:00 P.M.**

*Meetings are in the Model Railroad Building.*

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## UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

The entertainment for the **October 9, 2018** meeting will be courtesy of *Allen Dobney*, "Canadian National Volume 1"

*If you know of any other events that should be added to our newsletter, please email, me at [chrismanleysteam@gmail.com](mailto:chrismanleysteam@gmail.com)/ call, (541-291-1705), with the details.*

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