

Southern Oregon Railway Historical Society
Membership and Board of Directors
Regular Meeting August 13, 2026, 3:30PM
At the Medfab Conference Center
1109 Court St., Medford, OR

1. Meeting Called to order at 3:40 pm by President Ric Walch.
2. Roll Call: Ric Walch, Donnie Brown, Mick Smith, Francis Gauthier, Allen Dobney, Trish Callahan, Lyle Bozworth, Bruce Kelly, Eric Muller, Alice Mulally, Larry Mulally, Janet Dock, and Ken/Donna Hill.
3. Consent of the Agenda: The agenda was approved by consensus.
4. Approval of Minutes: A copy of the minutes of the July meeting were made available. Trish moved that they be accepted, Donnie seconded and was unanimously passed.
5. Treasurer's Report: Donnie Brown presented the Treasurer's report. His report was accepted as presented. Comparing profit from last year we are up \$5200.
6. Committee Reports:

Medco 4 and engine shed: We need to clean up the southside of the engine shed so people can walk by and actually see the #4. We can put up our reader boards that explain what we have and are doing on the #4. We need to get the engine outside the shed. Mount a winch on it and winch it both ways. A fellow who came to the park last run day mentioned that assistance with replacing the lighting is available through the energy trust.

Jerry plans to get the drive shafts in Ft. Bragg before the end of the month.

Burger Shack: going to experiment with new Knick knacks, otherwise it's doing ok this season.

Newsletter: nothing new

Website: nothing new

Butte Falls: nothing new

Excess Sales: last month \$1307 and another set of auctions are active.

RR Park:

Francis has the motor for the Amtrak speeder in his truck. Cesar is suggesting that the engine should probably be replaced. Donnie will look at the manual to figure out what we need.

Mower will be done and Ken has already paid \$800. Ric and Mick will share that cost. The deal with Shane was price minus the repair

Dump trailer: \$7100 total and our share is 1/3. Our club has approved the purchase, and the Live Steamers will vote on it at their next meeting.

Motor car is still being worked on and isn't yet available for runs. Ken will know whether his motorcar will be available later this week. Long term we may need to replace the engine.

Retirement home visits are scheduled for 9/25. The Burger Shack won't be open, but we will need to have at least 3-4 members there to help show the seniors around. 11 am to 1 pm.

7. Membership Applications: none this month

8. Old Business:

Dining car tarp is toast. Ric is having a MedFab employee go out and wrap the roof with sheet metal. Ethan is going to empty the oil pan.

9. New Business:

Francis presented several items for sale in the Burger Shack: cups and pens; agreed that it was best sold at the park rather than online.

Larry/Alice have been overseeing the CB&Q for the past 20 years. Discussed options for displays. Larry says that we need to be able to show an item and follow up with an activity or demonstration. He wants to have another couple to do the morning shift and Larry/Alice would do the afternoon. He suggests culling books down to 30 good book and install kid level shelves below the model train case to put books at the kids' level and be able to read to them. We will put some of the kid books from the museum there and we need to use the more glossy one. Need fresher Lionel trains. Most of the stuff is old is faded. JR has a box of Marx tinplate trains. Larry told the group that too much talking about history can't keep the kids interest. We should go on a visual along with a spiel to attract children. Alice developed a series of activities for the kids: knuckle couplers; signal flags. The history of the car is interesting for kids and parents. The older folks like to see the Lionel train cars. The kids have gotten younger. We need to rotate our exhibits in the caboose. Should change the display case/poster on the left as you enter. We can put the big tv in the caboose and Allen will be providing a train pictures and has a 55" tv he will donate. Allen has pictures of local railway stuff with people in it.

JR—handrails in the 1107 needs sanding and painting.

The Annual Labor Day get together is set for Saturday September 5 (see attached flyer)

Ric and Eric surveyed the track between White City and Tolo for the possibility of running a tourist excursion on that track. They will follow up with Corp to see what might be possible.

11. Good of the Order: Ian and Janet Dock have donated a bunch of hand tools, several rolling trash cans and smaller trash cans. **THANKS!**

Meeting Adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Next meeting will be September 10, 2026 at 3:30PM

