

THE MANIFEST

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Greetings!

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and able to return to some sort of normalcy in your lives, even if it is a new norm. I for one am going to look at my glass as half full not empty and count my blessings and if I have to have a new norm, well I will embrace the change and move forward with life, even though I know that is very often easier said than done.

UPDATES FOR COVID-19 AND THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY By Allen Dobney

As most of you know, we are closed due to Covid-19 and will probably be closed the remainder of this season. Also, our annual Rogue Valley Model RR Show may also need to be cancelled. If we end up closed all this season, we expect to loose \$7,000. to \$9,000. in donation and sales revenue.

The only possible good news in light of the pandemic is that there are 2 grant opportunities that have opened up for Historical Society non-profits. I have applied to both of these grants. We should hear back on them in the June / July time frame. Keep your fingers crossed.

UPDATES FOR BUTTE FALLS PROJECT

By Allen Dobney

Good news on the town's overall project. The town has been awarded a US Forest Service Program grant in the amount of \$400,000.

Because of Covid-19, several of the face-to-face meetings needed to move our Railway portion of the project forward are delayed. I have continued to work on the Railway facilities designs from home. I am still hopeful that we can break ground sometime in 2021.

Thank you to Allen for keeping us updated during these trying times. We will be sure to update you all, as new information becomes available.

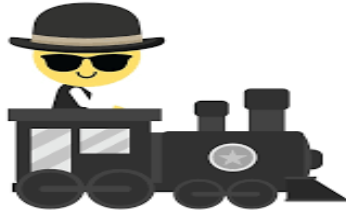
To lighten the mood, I want to share a funny story about riding a train. This comes from an Irish train and involves a disgruntled passenger. A passenger, we will call him Mr. O'Shea, has been commuting to work every week for two years on the train, a trip of about 14 miles. He finally is upset to the point he writes a letter to the railway company complaining.

In his letter, he explains that he has been commuting to work using their train service for the past two years, and, in his opinion, their service is getting worse, not better. He complains of having to stand in an aisle for the entire 14-mile trip every day for the past two years. Mr. O'Shea points out that their system is worse than that enjoyed by people 2000 years ago.

In response, the Railway writes back acknowledging his letter with reference to their inefficiency and poor service; however, they point out that 2000 years ago the only mode of transportation was by foot.

In response to that, Mr. O'Shea points to the Bible, Book of David 9th Chapter, where it is written that Balaam rode to town on his ass, which, he says "... is something I have not been able to do on your train for the past two years"

It does not really matter if the story is true or not, it just might bring a smile to your face.



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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

At this point, we are still closed due to the COVID pandemic, so there are no scheduled meetings.

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