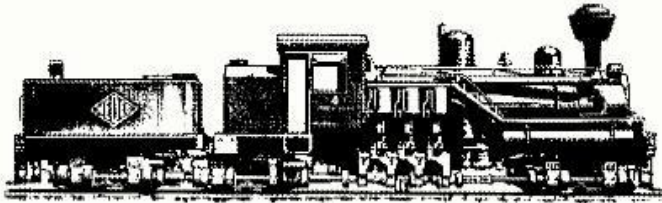


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Well, here we are folks at the end of yet another year. I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year. I hope the coming year brings you all much happiness. It's hard to believe that another year has come and gone!

We had what I believe to be a moderately, successful railroad show this year. I do not have the final figures, as we did not have a quorum for the meeting in December because, due to the weather, many of us, including me, did not make it.

I enjoyed helping to setup and working in the booth with Jerry, as well as Rick Aubin, John and several others who helped in the booth. Please forgive me if I have forgotten anyone that stopped to help. We also had help from my good friend Pam Kantola for a couple hours on Sunday!

It was good to see people you do not get to see every day. Dale Edwards made it out and of course, my sweet Stretch was able to make an appearance and visit with his many friends at the show.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN DUE FOR UPDATE By Larry Tuttle**

It's been a couple of years since we last reviewed and updated our Strategic Plan. Now, this is a living document, which outlines where we're headed and helps guide us towards our goals, not just some stodgy list that collects dust. We need input from each and every interested member about the direction the Chapter is headed, and what changes we want to make in our course. Below is the November 2011 version for your consideration. We've met some goals, made progress on others and put off (abandoned?) some more. To get 2014 off to a flying start in the right direction, I propose that we plan to discuss and update our Strategic Plan at the January 9, 2014 general meeting. This is not just something that the Board needs to consider. Got an idea for a new project? Have some recommendations for ongoing projects? Think we need to scrap some of the goals? Now's the time to bring it all out in the open and revise our Strategic Plan for the New Year. See you on January 9.

### Strategic Plan -- 2012 and Beyond

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- **Excursion Railroad** -- Build and operate a steam powered excursion railroad in Jackson County, Oregon using locomotives and other equipment once used in Southern Oregon.
  - **In the year 2012:**
    - Continue to explore opportunities for short and long term location
    - Ongoing development of community support
    - Develop and implement a training program for train crews
  - **In the following years:**
    - Acquire and develop a facility area of 5 acres or more, adjacent to live rail
    - Build 3 or more miles of track
    - Construct a two stall engine house
    - Equip a machine shop
    - Erect a car shop building
    - Acquire and equip additional passenger cars for operation
    - Build a restoration shop
    - Build a depot
    - Construct crew quarters
  
- **Locomotive & Car Restoration** -- Equipment which is on display now and/or to be restored for use on the excursion railroad and interpretive display at the Medford Railroad Park
  - **In the year 2012:**
    - Complete the boiler rebuild of our Willamette Locomotive, the Medco 4:
    - Develop and procure funding for the remaining work
    - Continue work on sub-assemblies
    - Repair Dining Car Roof
  - **In the following years**
    - Inventory and catalog Baldwin parts
    - Refurbish one of our roller bearing equipped cars for excursion train service
    - Restore OC&E caboose
    - Restore GN caboose
    - Paint ex-military box cars
    - Small tool purchase (maintenance and construction)
    - Acquire (go get) Sumpter motor car
    - Build or acquire a second motor car trailer
    - Rebuild S-2 motor car
    - Repair CN motor car
  
- **Park Presence and Development** -- Maintain and improve our contributions to the public experience at the Medford Railroad Park
  - **In the year 2012:**
    - Develop displays and library Mack Walch Museum and Archives Building
    - Move existing park fence back to enlarge our working area

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- Extend Motor Car track
- Develop blacksmith shop display
- Continue improvements to area, notably interpretive signs

Due to the bad weather, our December meeting did not have a quorum, so we have no minutes or update on the Medco 4. Therefore, just in case you missed it last month, I am reprinting our progress and will have an end of the year update for you in January.

\*\*\*\*\*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 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**

<b>Source</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
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
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>\$6,280.48</b>
Matching funds pledge		\$6,280.48
<b>Total Donations</b>		<b>\$12,560.96</b>

**Grants**

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

**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**

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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.

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday and safe, healthy, and happy New Year. See you next year!

**Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday January 14, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING ENTERTAINMENT**

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](mailto: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](mailto:c-manley@charter.net) or call 541-890 -7639. Thanks, Chris

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**UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS**

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