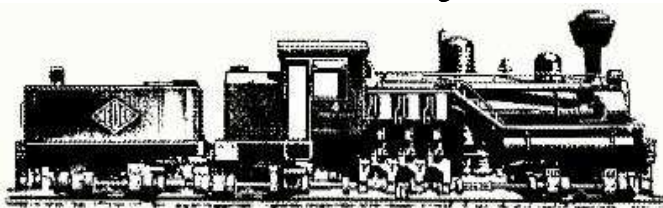


# The Manifest



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## **Our Heritage PAC**

**By: Allen Dobney**

The Our Heritage Political Action Committee has been formed with the support of the Jackson County Heritage Association to get a measure on the May, 2014 ballot to create a new levy of up to \$.05 per \$1,000. of assessed property value to support the historical societies in Jackson County including our chapter. For a house with an assessed value of \$200,000. the annual cost would only be a maximum of \$10.00 per year.

The tax levy will provide funding to pay all of the chapter's basic operating expenses (utilities, insurance, facilities maintenance, etc) so all of the income we generate on our own can be used for project work. The proposed heritage district budget also includes a fund for historic preservation grants for heritage assets in Jackson County that we may qualify for.

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!!** For us to get this measure on the ballot in May, 2014 we need to collect the signatures of 20,000 Jackson County registered voters starting this May, and complete within 90 days. If you are a resident of Jackson County, in the next few weeks you will be receiving an informational package in the mail detailing how you can help.

## **Butte Falls Scenic Railroad Project Update**

**By: Ric Walch & Allen Dobney**



On March 14<sup>th</sup> the project team met with the mayor and town council of Butte Falls. We discussed the proposed working agreement drawn up by the project team. It was decided that Fred Phillips would draw up a letter of understanding between the town and the chapter and work on the detailed agreement later. This letter would allow us to get started working on easements while at the same time start working on a more detailed plans and agreement. The general mood at this meeting was very upbeat with everyone wanting to get moving forward on our project quickly.

## **Wreck of a Southern Pacific McKeen Car Near Medford**

By: Tony Johnson

The following story appeared in the May 26, 1911 edition of the {Medford} Mail Tribune. Thanks go to Larry Mullaly for passing it along to us.

### **CRASH INJURES 17; BRAKES USELESS**

Motor Train in Smash Near Medford

#### **Portland Couple Bruised**

S.D. Fox and Bertha Wolverton Passengers on Car

### **TRAINMEN DO HEROIC WORK**

Engineer and Motorman Stick by Posts in Headon Collision, Which caused Panic on Motor-Car. Injured Taken to Medford.

Medford, OR., March 25 - (Special) - With airbrakes and emergency brakes proving useless, Southern Pacific motor train No. 53, from Ashland to Grants Pass, running at a speed of 30 miles an hour, was demolished today in a head-on collision with train No. 15, southbound from Portland to San Francisco. Though nearly a score of passengers of the 50 aboard the motor car were injured, no one was killed.

#### **The injured:**

J.H. Durfee, 711 North Central street, Medford, leg broke, badly bruised.

W.H. Hawkins, Star. OR.; cut and bruised.

S.D. Fox, 543 East Thirty-fourth street, Portland. Star Brewery employee: bruised

Miss Paul Lake, Central Point, OR.; cut on head.

Mrs. Ray Blakely, Gold Hill.; head cut.

H.C. Radell, Gold Hill, Or.; cut and bruised.

Mrs. F.B. Crecey, Medford, OR.; cut and bruised

Bertha Wolverton, Portland; cut and bruised.

Laura Magnus, Ashland, OR., cut and bruised.

Mrs. William Budge, 402 South Newton, Medford. Cut and bruised

Roy Carpenter, Medford, OR. ; hips bruised

W.R. Baumbaugh, Medford, Or.; cut and bruised

Mrs. M.R. Woods and Mrs. N.R. Burgemen, both of Seattle, were considerably bruised and shaken up.

#### **Wreck Occurs at Siding**

The wreck occurred at the P&E Junction, about one mile from Medford.

No. 15, on the main line, was waiting for the approaching motor to take the siding. The motorman threw on his airbrakes in order to slow down, that the conductor might throw the switch, but they apparently failed to work.

Inside the motor car a panic ensued. The shock of the impact threw people to the floor and a shower of broken glass cut many of the passengers.

A peculiar feature of the wreck was that fact that the motorman was unhurt, although he stuck to his post in the face of danger and was exposed more than anyone. The entire front of the car was crushed in like an eggshell. After a three hours' wait the track was cleared and, with a relief engine, train 15 proceeded. The damaged motor was towed to Ashland for repairs.

### **Riggs Saw Impending Danger**

Motorman Riggs, of Ashland, in speaking of the collision tonight, said: "It was not till I was coming down on the junction, where I was to take the siding to give right of way to No. 13, that I noticed something was wrong. As we have to stop there to turn the switch for the siding, I applied the airbrakes first and found they would not work; then I tried the emergency brakes and found the brake beam was broken, or had fallen down, and there was no hope of making the stop at this point, I then did the next thing possible to avoid the accident, which I felt impending, and that was to give the danger signal, which fortunately was heeded insofar as possible.

"The engineer on No. 15 immediately heeded the signal the signal and started to back his train, but could not get it underway to avoid the on-rushing motor train, which had gathered momentum as it came down the grade at this point, a mile from Medford. All trainmen jumped from their train and did heroic work to carrying the injured from the motor train.

Riggs received much commendation at the hands of the passengers for his bravery in fighting the flames which broke out immediately following the crash. Edward Clanton, Master Fish Warden, crawled into the wreckage in the cab and pulled Riggs from under the debris and asked him concerning the gasoline tanks.

This brought Riggs to his senses and he immediately attacked the flames and crawled under a mass of wreckage and shut off the gasoline supply. He was badly burned about the face and hands in so doing.

Mr. Clanton also carried three women from the wrecked car and otherwise distinguished himself. He was the first man on the ground and directed the first attempt at rescue and succeeded in calming the panic which followed for a moment or two.

The injured were taken to Medford in automobiles.

**MINUTES**  
**Southern Oregon Chapter – National Railway Historical Society**  
**Board of Directors' Regular Meeting**  
**March 12, 2013, 7:00 PM**

1. Board Meeting Call to Order: President Allen Dobney called the meeting to order at 7:54 PM
2. Roll Call: Allen Dobney, Jerry Hellinga, Larry Tuttle, John Powell and six other members were present. Ric Walch was absent.
3. Consent of the Agenda: Larry Tuttle moved to consent to the agenda. Jerry Hellinga seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
4. Approval of February 12, 2013 Membership Meeting & Board Minutes: Larry Tuttle. Jerry Hellinga moved to accept the Minutes from the February 12, 2013 Membership and Board meetings as presented. Allen Dobney seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
5. Treasurer's Report: Jerry Hellinga presented the Treasurer's Report for March, 2013. John Powell moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Larry Tuttle seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
6. Standing Committees & Projects:
  - a. Medco 4 Restoration – Jerry Hellinga
    - No update
  - b. Concession Stand – Ric Walch
    - Allen Dobney performed a survey of current food costs to determine the appropriate prices to be set for this season.
  - c. Newsletter – Allen Dobney
    - Need articles for the May issue and beyond. **(Larry, April 10<sup>th</sup>)**
  - d. Park Committee – Ric Walch
    - No meeting
  - e. Membership – Allen Dobney
    - No update.
  - f. Web Site Updates – Larry Tuttle
    - Donations tab has been added to the website.
  - g. Butte Falls Tourist RR Opportunity – Ric Walch / Allen Dobney
    - Met with the mayor & city council on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Presented the tourist RR project and next steps. The meeting was very positive.
    - At the meeting we agreed on March 14<sup>th</sup> for a workshop meeting in Butte Falls to discuss a draft agreement and next steps.
    - The draft agreement has been created by Allen Dobney and reviewed by the chapter board. The cross-functional team is now reviewing the document.
  - h. Fence move & Track extension Project – Ken Hill
    - Fence move planned for Early, 2013.
  - i. Sale of surplus / Duplicate Material – Allen Dobney
    - We are having problems with the transfer of donated auction funds into our PayPal account. Allen to work on this issue.
7. Old Business
  - a. Donation: Jerry Hellinga reported that Tom Mougovan donated a 3 HP compressor, an oxy-acetylene torch setup, some glass negatives and a valve handle from the Medco 7.

- 8. New Business:
  - a. Approve pricing for the concession stand for the 2013 season.

**Concession Stand Information for Pricing, 2013 Season**

Item	Quantity/servings	Price	Unit Price
HB Patties	40	\$41.52	\$1.04
HB Buns	24	\$3.79	\$0.16
Chicken Patties	36	\$60.63	\$1.68
Veggie Patties	1	\$1.22	\$1.22
Cheese	1	\$0.10	\$0.10
Soft Drinks-Costco	1	\$0.34	\$0.34
Soft Drinks-Cash & Carry	12	\$5.64	\$0.47
Water	1	\$0.15	\$0.15
Chips	54	\$12.39	\$0.23
Tomatoes	240	\$19.23	\$0.08
Onions	240	\$4.53	\$0.02
Ketchup	180	\$6.99	\$0.04
Mustard	240	\$4.89	\$0.02
Dill Pickles	180	\$5.49	\$0.03
Sweet Pickle relish	180	\$4.89	\$0.03
Mayo	40	\$3.99	\$0.10
SunnyD	1	\$0.37	\$0.37

**Concession Stand Information for Pricing, 2013 Season**

Menu Item	Cost	Proposed Price	Markup
Hamburger	\$1.51	\$3.00	98.47%
Cheeseburger	\$1.61	\$3.50	117.18%
Chicken Burger	\$2.16	\$4.00	85.38%
Chicken cheeseburger	\$2.26	\$4.50	99.32%
Veggie Burger	\$1.69	\$3.50	107.10%
Veggie Cheeseburger	\$1.79	\$4.00	123.46%
Cheese Sandwich	\$0.40	\$1.00	150.00%
Soft Drinks - Costco	\$0.34	\$0.75	120.59%
Soft Drinks - Cash & Carry	\$0.47	\$0.75	59.57%
Water	\$0.15	\$0.50	233.33%
SunnyD	\$0.37	\$0.75	102.70%
Chips	\$0.23	\$0.50	117.92%

Discussion about pricing for food and drinks. Larry Tuttle noted that the markup on the veggie burger was lower than the others and that we should raise the burger to \$3.50 and with cheese to \$4.00. It was also noted that the cheese sandwich had inadvertently been left out. It was added back at \$1.00. Jerry Hellinga moved to adopt the revised menu prices. John Powell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- b. Concession Stand: Are we ready to proceed with establishing means to accept credit/debit cards? This could cost up to two hundred bucks for the card reader and we need to decide what technology (individual cell phones, wireless Internet...) for connecting to the web. The consensus of the Board was to install another, external antenna for the router in the model railroad building and test wi-fi strength with it. Additional research will be done looking into the costs of accepting credit and debit cards.
- c. Web Site Update/Social Media: Larry Tuttle noted that he should not be the only one who has access to the web site and social media oversight. Someone else needs to be set up to add, change and delete content on the web site as well as moderate Facebook and other media as they develop. Moderate computer skills are required; decent grammar and composition skills are required if creating

content for the web site; the software is free or transferable; Larry can help do setup. Allen Dobney stated a willingness to serve as co-moderator for the Chapter's social media and co-web master of the web site. Larry Tuttle moved that Allen be named as co-moderator for social media and co-web master for the web site. Jerry Hellinga seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- 9. Good of the Order: Larry Mullaly stated that Ron Steffani was redoing the toy train exhibit in the CB&Q caboose. Larry also proposed creating an exhibit showing how railroad track is constructed. This would include a short piece of rail and tie, a tie plate and a spike. Jerry Hellinga requested help with herbicide spraying. He has the equipment and chemicals and needs help mixing and spraying. E. Don Petit offered to assist.
- 10. Adjournment: Jerry Hellinga moved to adjourn. John Powell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Next Regular Membership & Board Meeting: April 9, 2013, 7:00 PM

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Larry Tuttle, Secretary

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING ENTERTAINMENT**

If you have railroad slides or videos that you would like to present, please email me at ([adobney@gmail.com](mailto:adobney@gmail.com)) or call me at 541-582-0605 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; [adobney@gmail.com](mailto:adobney@gmail.com) or call 541-582-0605. Thanks.....Allen

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## UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

**April 9, 2013, 7:00PM @ Model Railroad Clubhouse:** NRHS membership / board meeting. Tony Johnson will be presenting **THE CRIME OF THE d'AUTREMONT BROTHERS** by Tom Olsen is a one-hour documentary detailing the "last great American train robbery." On October 11, 1923, Ray, Roy, and Hugh d'Autremont held up Train #13, of the Southern Pacific Railroad just outside of Ashland, Oregon. Four trainmen were murdered. The brothers were found nearly four years later and sentenced to life in prison. The story is told by their lawyer, Noreen McGraw, who fought for their parole, and a documentary filmmaker, Jerry Schneider, who made a 1973 documentary for the 50th anniversary of the crime.

Tom Olsen, Jr., has been making documentaries for 10 years. His other films include KILLINGSWORTH and POLITICS OF SAND. He is a graduate of Chapman University's MFA film program. Tom teaches film at PCC and Warner Pacific University, and serves as the Multimedia Production Specialist at the University of Western States. THE CRIME OF THE d'AUTREMONT BROTHERS premiered at the 39th Northwest Filmmakers Festival, and was a recipient of a 2012 Oregon Film Award.

**April 14, 2013, 11:00AM to 3:00PM @ Railroad Park:** It is our first run day of the 2013 season. Please come over and help support our activities. This is one our largest fundraisers of the year. If you would like more information contact Dan Wilkinson 541-479-1210 or [whetstone@budget.net](mailto:whetstone@budget.net).

**April 28, 2013, 11:00AM to 3:00PM @ Railroad Park:** It is our second run day of the 2013 season. Please come over and help support our activities. This is one our largest fundraisers of the year. If you would like more information contact Dan Wilkinson 541-479-1210 or [whetstone@budget.net](mailto:whetstone@budget.net).

**May 14, 2013, 7:00PM @ Model Railroad Clubhouse:** NRHS membership / board meeting. Allen Dobney will be presenting a slide show on the Southern Pacific Narrow Gauge in the Owens Valley.

**May 12, 2013, 11:00AM to 3:00PM @ Railroad Park:** Railroad Park open house. Please come over and help support our activities. If you would like more information contact Dan Wilkinson 541-479-1210 or [whetstone@budget.net](mailto:whetstone@budget.net).

**May 26, 2013, 11:00AM to 3:00PM @ Railroad Park:** Railroad Park open house. Please come over and help support our activities. If you would like more information contact Dan Wilkinson 541-479-1210 or [whetstone@budget.net](mailto:whetstone@budget.net).

## UPCOMING NON-CHAPTER EVENTS

**April 13-14, 2013, Eugene, OR**

25th Annual Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club Swap Meet & Train Show, 796 W. 13th Avenue, Lane Events Center (Lane County Fairgrounds). Adults \$6 each, children 8 years and younger free if accompanied by an adult, optional early bird special Saturday only at 9:00 a.m. \$10 per person admission good for both days, Show hours Sat. 10 am to 5 pm, Sun. 10 am to 3 pm., FREE PARKING, and all kinds of trains, parts, memorabilia. For more information please contact

co-chairs, Lee Temple, 541-954-4917 or [ttandt@ram-mail.com](mailto:ttandt@ram-mail.com) or Diane Temple at 541-225-7394 or [LDTemple@ram-mail.com](mailto:LDTemple@ram-mail.com)

***May 4-5, Rickreall, OR***

Rickreall Grange Model Train Swap Meet & Show Sat/Sun 10am-3pm 280 Main str. {Hwy 99W} Rickreall, Or. 97338. Sat. Admission \$5.00-\$1.00 off with can food; Sun. Admission free with can food item! Vendor Tables 6'=20.00 8'=25.00 Vendor move-in Fri. 1pm-7pm or Sat. 7am. Breakfast & lunch specials Make checks payable to: Tom Pryor Mail to: 2085 S. Pacific Hwy. West, Dallas, Or. 97338 Operating Model Railroad! Two Rooms of Vendors! Come join The Fun! Info:- Tom 503-606-0398 [pry626@onlinenw.com](mailto:pry626@onlinenw.com)

***If you know of any other events that should be added to our newsletter, please email, ([adobney@gmail.com](mailto:adobney@gmail.com)), or call, (541-582-0605), with the details.***

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