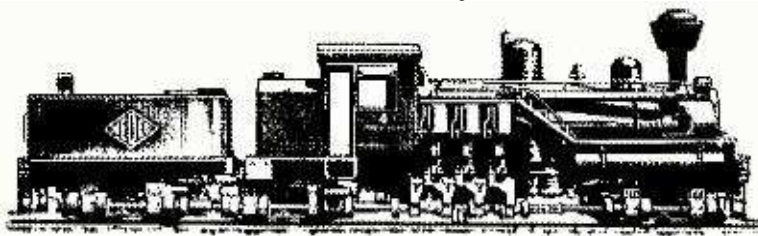


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Medco #4 Matching Donation Update Number 2
All offers expire 11/1/12. Time is running out!

By: Jerry Hellinga

Now that the boiler has been repaired we are starting into the final stretch toward completion of the restoration of Medco #4 and your help is needed. It is estimated that it will cost more than \$55,000. and a lot more volunteer hours to complete our locomotive. We need your generous donations to continue.

Below is a partial list of what needs to be done to complete the restoration:

Rebuild air compressor and air compressor governor.	\$4,000.00
Almost every pipe, pipe fitting, and valve needs to be replaced .	\$8,400.00
The steam engine power plant will need to be torn down, inspected and repaired or rebuilt as needed.	\$10,000.00
Electrical	\$1,500.00
Boiler - The pressure vessel has been repaired and is now serviceable, but repair or replacement of the components that make it function (injectors, blowdown valves, water glasses, firebrick, insulation, and lagging) are needed.	\$17,000.00
Finish cab repairs	\$1,450.00
Crane services to assemble the primary components of the locomotive (boiler, cab, and engine, and frame)	\$1,230.00
Rear sand box repair	\$1,300.00
Complete repairs on truck line shafts, drive lines, and universal joints.	\$10,900.00

As of today we have collected \$3,781.00, with the matching funds, a total of \$7,582.00. So as you can see we have quite a way to go.

In order to encourage more member participation, the offer of one to one matching funds will be continued to November 1, 2012. In addition, I am offering a challenge grant of \$1,000 if at least an additional 20 members will each donate \$20 or more between now and Nov. 1, 2012. What we have collected so far is less than half of what we need to keep the project going with no delays for the next year. Thanks to all of the members who have already donated to this part of our Medco #4 project.

Oregon Rail Heritage Center Opening in Portland



The Oregon Rail Heritage Center will be opening these doors for its first visitors from 10 AM to 5 PM on both September 22 and 23rd. www.orhf.org (August 2012 Photos by Trent Stetz)



Medco #8 Tangles with a Log Truck in Butte Falls



A log truck collided with Medco #8 at the grade crossing on the main road out of Butte Falls. According to an elderly resident of Butte Falls, it took over a day to clean up the accident and reopen the road causing a large backup of log trucks in town. Log trucks during this period were gasoline powered. Over night magically all of the log trucks were out of gas and all of the cars, even the ones that did not

run, had full tanks of gas. Photo courtesy of: *Southern Oregon Historical Society, Neg. #15592*

A Project Leader is needed for the fence move and motor car track extension project. If you are interested in heading up this project please contact Allen Dobney at 541-582-0605 or adobney@gmail.com.

We are looking for the donation of a riding lawnmower working or not as long as it is fixable. Contact Ric Walch at ric.walch@medfab.com

**Southern Oregon Chapter – National Railway Historical Society
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
Minutes of August 28, 2012**

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by President E. Don Pettit
2. Roll Call: E. Don Pettit, Jerry Hellinga, John Powell, Ric Walch, Larry Tuttle, Allen Dobney and 1 other member were present.
3. Consent of Agenda: Larry Tuttle moved to accept the Agenda. Jerry Hellinga seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
4. Approval of the July 24, 2012 Board minutes: Jerry Hellinga moved to accept the minutes for the July 24, 2012 Board meeting as presented. Allen Dobney seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
5. Treasurer's Report – Jerry Hellinga: Larry Tuttle moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Ric Walch seconded the motion which passed by consensus.
6. Standing Committee Reports:
 - a. Concession Stand – Ric Walch/Allen Dobney: Operation of the concession stand is going well.
 - b. Newsletter – Allen Dobney: The September edition of the Manifest is ready to be published.
 - c. Park Committee – Ric Walch: Ric reported that the Park Committee is working to improve communications among the groups, especially with regard to special events. There's a continuing debate over the location of the porta-potties. The Medford Police Department has been contacted about issues created by homeless people hanging out in the Railroad Park. They are eager to correct any issues with the homeless. Any citizen can call their non-emergent dispatch number at 541-770-4785 to report suspicious activity, rude and obnoxious behavior, etc. 9-1-1 should be called to report physical threats, fights and other situations likely to cause physical harm. Members of the Parks Committee met with the new maintenance supervisor and he was made aware of the need for area lighting at the Park.
7. Old Business:
 - a. Medco 4 Update – Jerry Hellinga: Fund raising is sort of slow with about \$4800 raised to date. Currently, work is focused on the plumbing – air, water and steam lines – in areas that will be inaccessible once the boiler is set back on the frame.
 - b. CTC Relay Panel Disposal – Allen Dobney: Allen reported that Rod Loder will be through in a month or so to pay for and pick up the panels.
 - c. Signs for Railroad Park: Nothing is going on right now concerning signs.
 - d. Membership Campaign – Allen Dobney: Allen reported that he'd changed the flyers to reflect the new dues structure and that they're available in 20 locations.
 - e. Fence Move & Track Extension Project: Ric Walch reported that we're ready to start this project and that a "Lead" is needed to oversee the work.
 - f. Bookcase Doors – Larry Tuttle: Larry reported that the doors are under construction and that he needs direction on how many will need to be locked. The consensus was that all doors be receive locks at a cost of around \$15 per pair. Allen Dobney offered to help cut and put the glass in the doors.

8. New Business:

- a. Board and Membership Meetings Consolidation – Larry Tuttle/Allen Dobney: Larry presented the pros and cons of having both meetings on one night. Short discussion on the advantages of having one regular meeting a month unless a special Board meeting or workshop was needed. Larry Tuttle moved to consolidate the Board and Membership meetings on the second Tuesday of the month with the Membership meeting starting at 7:00 and the Board meeting to follow. Ric Walch seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Short discussion followed about New Business items including a short explanation when placed on the Agenda.
- b. Railroads in the Rogue Valley Traveling Exhibit -- Allen Dobney: Allen provided an update of a meeting to create an exhibit to travel throughout Jackson County that would focus on rail passenger service in the Rogue Valley. This would be a 4' x 4' display and could be part of the Chapter's exhibit at the annual railroad show. The consensus of the Board was to "go for it". It might also include a model train.
- c. Sale of Surplus/Duplicate Material – Larry Tuttle: Larry proposed the idea of a "store" to sell excess items for the Chapter's benefit. Attention needs to be paid to developing an inventory, a web site with available items and a system for shipping. Ric Walch and Jerry Hellinga will help. Larry Tuttle moved to create a new sub-account in the Chapter's finances for the store as well as a Pay-Pal account linked to this new sub-account. Jerry Hellinga seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- d. Use of Chapter property and equipment for Photo Shoots – Jerry Hellinga: Jerry reported that some people or groups have been using Chapter equipment for photo shoots. The Chapter needs to be advised of this in advance. If a commercial enterprise wants to use the Chapter's site, then the Chapter should be receiving something in return. Also, a contact person needs to be designated for all such activities. Jerry Hellinga volunteered to be the contact person. Jerry and Larry will draw up a policy to be presented at a future Board meeting.
- e. Butte Falls Museum Opportunity – Ric Walch: Ric reported that he's been in contact with people in Butte Falls regarding a possible excursion railroad. He attended a City Council meeting and they liked the idea. The City would be willing to grant an easement on land they own: notably the truck road on the south side of town, which was once part of the P&E and Medco rail line. Ric asked the Council to partner with the Chapter to get permission to continue the line on an existing truck road through timber company property. The Council wishes to have an open forum with Chapter members in September.

9. Good of the Order: Jerry Hellinga reported on a potential liability issue involving a member spraying bees and the spray getting into a visitor's face. He noted that we all need to be proactive with First Aid and attend to any visitor who might get hurt. Also, an Incident Report needs to be filed for any visitor injury, no matter how minor.

10. Adjournment: Jerry Hellinga moved to adjourn the meeting. John Powell seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Larry Tuttle, Secretary

Next General Meeting: September 11, 2012 at 7:00 PM

Next Regular Board Meeting: September 11, 2012 following the General Meeting

**Southern Oregon Chapter – National Railway Historical Society
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting**

Minutes of September 11, 2012

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 8:20 PM by President E. Don Pettit
2. Roll Call: E. Don Pettit, John Powell, Ric Walch, Larry Tuttle, Allen Dobney and 3 other member were present. Jerry Hellinga was absent
3. Consent of Agenda: The Agenda was accepted by consensus.
4. Approval of the August 28, 2012 Board minutes: Minutes for the August 28, 2012 Board meeting were not available.
5. Treasurer's Report – Jerry Hellinga: Allen Dobney gave a report on sales and donations for the September 9, 2012 public run day. Larry Tuttle announced that Jerry Hellinga was in Ft. Bragg, CA with his wife, Stephanie. She had suffered a mild stroke over the weekend, was expected to make a good recover and they would be home soon.
6. Standing Committee Reports:
 - a. Concession Stand – Ric Walch
 - Sales were generally slow with the lower than expected general park attendance.
 - T Shirt sales were brisk, total of 5 sold.
 - b. Newsletter – Allen Dobney
 - Still have about ½ of the newsletters being sent via snail mail.
 - In need of articles for this month's issue.
 - c. Park Committee – Ric
 - d. Membership – Allen Dobney
 - Now have flyers and applications at 16 Rouge Valley locations. Up from 13 last month.
 - Due to the recent national dues changes, the applications already distributed are being updated. Currently 6 locations have been updated.
 - e. Railroads in the Rouge Valley traveling exhibit – Allen Dobney
 - Another meeting with Victoria and Amy was held on 9/7/12.
 - We are looking for the following items and / or pictures:
 - A Conductor's uniform
 - Lionel size SP engine, a flat car and a passenger car.
 - Pictures of railroads in the Rouge valley from the 1950's through the 1990's.

- We are planning on placing the finished display as part of our chapter's display at the annual railroad show.

7. Old Business:

- a. Fence Move & Track Extension Project: No progress to report; a "Lead" is needed; no volunteers.
- b. Sale of Surplus/Duplicate Material – Larry Tuttle: Allen offered to help Larry with sales of surplus materials.
- c. Use of Chapter property and equipment for Photo Shoots: Larry reviewed the situation and possible solutions. Jerry Hellinga will be the contact person. Tony Johnson stated that a release from liability would be good to have. Larry suggested drafting an agreement/release for:
 - Non-profits and educational with no donation expected
 - For profit enterprises encouraging a donation commensurate with the value of our service and any anticipated financial gain.

8. New Business: (none)

9. Good of the Order: (none)

10. Adjournment: John Powell moved to adjourn the meeting. Ric Walch seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 PM.

Larry Tuttle, Secretary

Next General Meeting: October 9, 2012 at 7:00 PM

Next Regular Board Meeting: October 9, 2012 following the General Meeting

**Southern Oregon Chapter – National Railway Historical Society
Regular Membership Meeting – September 11, 2012**

Meeting called to order at 8:18 by President E. Don Petit

Larry Tuttle reported that three people have applied for membership in the Chapter and have submitted their checks. They are Bill Ainsworth from Montague, CA, Barry Barnes from Mt. Shasta City, CA, and Bruce Kelly from Grants Pass. Larry moved to accept all three as members. John Powell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

Larry Tuttle, Secretary

Ride with the SP 4449 to Bend, OR

Deschutes Steam Special

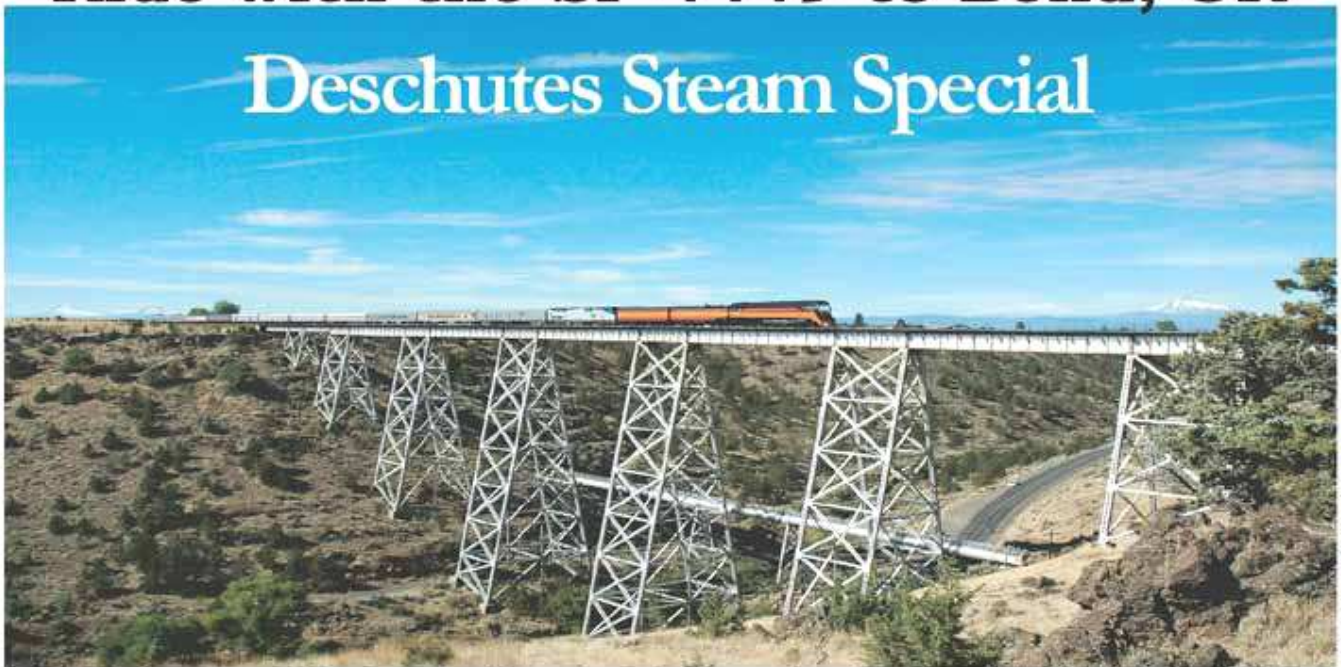


Photo by Chris Pissel

Portland and Vancouver Departures Saturday October 20, 2012 8:30 AM

- ◆ Ride behind the historic Southern Pacific 4449 Steam Locomotive
- ◆ Two-day trip through the beautiful Columbia and Deschutes River Gorges and return to Portland
- ◆ Vista Dome, Club and Coach seating available in vintage rail cars
- ◆ Complimentary box lunches with beverages provided
- ◆ Overnight premier hotel accommodations with transportation to and from train in Bend included

Tickets available now from TicketsWest
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For Schedule and Details
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DON'T MISS THIS CHANCE TO RIDE WITH SP4449
All proceeds from this excursion will go toward keeping this historic steam engine to service.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING ENTERTAINMENT

If you have railroad slides or videos that you would like to present, please email me at (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 or call 541-582-0605. Thanks.....Allen

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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

October 9, 2012, 7:00PM @ Model Railroad Clubhouse: Membership/ Board Meeting. Allen Dobney will be presenting a slide show on the “Colorful Southern Pacific, with a minimum of scarlet and red engines.”

October 14, 2012, 11:00AM – 3:00PM: Railroad Park open house. If you would like to help during the open house, contact Dan Wilkinson at whetstone@budget.net or (541) 479-1210.

October 28, 2012, 11:00AM – 3:00PM: Railroad Park open house. If you would like to help during the open house, contact Dan Wilkinson at whetstone@budget.net or (541) 479-1210.

November 13, 2012, 7:00PM @ Model Railroad Clubhouse: Membership/ Board Meeting. Allen Dobney will be presenting the first half of a Charles Smiley video, “SP when the empire was intact, 1965 to 1979 A look at a great era”

November 23, 24, 25, 2012: Medford Armory Annual Rogue Valley Model Railroad Show. Setup will be on Friday the 23rd. Signups for helping at the show are being taken now. The signup sheets will be at the concession stand at RR park at both of the October run sessions. Contact Don Pettit at 541-601-4772 for more information or to signup.

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