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At the Christmas party Mary & Carl Bradley with Ken Nesland and many others enjoy the bounteous feast.
Photo by Mark Jennings.

The Wheels Keep Turning

By Norm Baullinger, President.

Well, 2016 is over and we begin a new year. Remember to renew your membership. Send your dues, \$36, to Brent Stuvland, our Membership Chairman. We closed out 2016 in fine fashion with a successful Christmas party netting, after expenses, about \$1400. See the article later in the newsletter. We gained several new members during the year and have already gained one new member this year, Glenn and Karen Risdon from Issaquah.

2017 activities are starting off quickly. By the time you read this, the electric modules will have been set up and run at the World's Greatest Hobby Show in Puyallup on January 21-22. We will have our clinics on February 18, in Auburn, coordinated by Mike Phillips. If you have items to sell, there will be tables set up for you to display your wares. The club has about 1,000 feet of used code 250 brass rail for sale if you are in need of some rail. The rail requires Sunset Valley ties. See the article later in the newsletter for more information on the clinics.

I am still interested in having someone becoming a leader in 3-D printing. The Sacramento Valley Garden Railway Society (SVGRS) has an active member, Dick Friedman, who is into 3-D printing components for his garden railroad. Technology is with us and I think to get

new and younger members involved, it would be good to have someone who has 3-D printing experience and can pass it on to those in the club who would be interested. If that is you, please let me know.

This brings me to note that we will now be publishing, in the members only section on our web site, newsletters from other west coast clubs. And yes, you can find the Sacramento Valley club newsletters with 3-D printing articles there. Not only will you find interesting articles from the other clubs, but ideas on how things are done in other clubs that maybe we could incorporate to improve our club. Also, if you are traveling, it is a good way to find contacts so that you can go and visit other layouts in your traveling area.

The clinics are followed by our electric modules being set up and run at the annual 4-H Train Show in Monroe on February 25-26. If you have a train and want to run it, you are welcome to come and run on our club module.

The steamers were, and are, busy as usual. They have meetings at members' homes about every two weeks. This year their near term schedule shows "steam-ups" February 11 & 25 and March 11 & 25. This past year saw the completion of the club-funded new, portable, all metal, module for running live steam locomotives. If you are interested in live steam trains, contact Peter Comley (253-862-6748.)

Our annual business meeting will be held at the Eagles Club in Puyallup on the *fourth Saturday in March, March 25*, not the usual third Saturday. The change had to be made due to the Eagles having a scheduled activity of their own on the third Saturday. Also, we are changing our April meeting from the 3rd Sat. to the 4th Sat., April 22, due to a conflict with Easter weekend. **Please mark you calendar now so you won't forget.**

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The annual business meeting is where we nominate and elect officers for the coming year. I have been president now for the past three years and historically, convention says that it is time for me to retire and turn over the reins to someone else. The by-laws, found in the members only section of our web site, describe some of the duties of each office and I have put together some of the more practical aspects of each office. So, please consider running for an office to get more involved in the club. If interested, please contact me. The other important part of our annual meeting is the ability of any member to bring up any aspect of our club operation. If anyone has a proposal to spend more than \$500 on any project, they must submit it to me, and the newsletter editor, at least one month prior to the meeting so that it can be published and members have time to consider it prior to the meeting.

We look forward to having a great summer visiting the homes and layouts of our hosting members. April is the start of our summer hosted meetings on the third Saturday of each month (except for the first one, rescheduled to April 22). Thanks to Mark Jennings, all the summer hosted meet-

ing dates have hosts. Regarding our summer hosted meetings, at the March business meeting, I will be requesting the club to ratify my proposal that we provide \$50 to each host to help offset the cost of hosting the meeting.

Some of our members have been busy writing articles for publication. Two have had articles recently published in the *Garden Railways* magazine. I had a two part article on "Kitbashing a 4-8-4 Northern" and Fred Konkell, with his grandson, Zachary, had an article on "Building the Pacific Northern Railway". Also, our newsletter editor, Bill Thurston, had his article on using a battery powered Dremel to do railway weeding published in our December newsletter and in the Sacramento Valley Garden Railway Society newsletter. I've encouraged Bill to submit it to *Garden Railways* magazine as I think it is a real unique and quick way to weed your railroad.

That's about it for this month. I'm keeping my wheels turning by taking the Empire Builder from Seattle to Chicago in late February after the clinics. How about you?

Report on the 2016 Christmas Party at the Lynnwood Elks Club

Article and photos by Mark Jennings

December 17th marked the tenth anniversary of Christmas Parties at the Lynnwood Elks Club. That we have enjoyed this privilege for so long is entirely the work of long time member Glenn Shadduck. His wife Barb has been the keeper of the table cloths and decorations that enliven our parties. We owe them both a debt of gratitude and appreciative words when next seen. The words may have to wait a bit as they are on their annual sojourn to Palm Springs. Thank you Glenn & Barb for all you do.

During the party Glenn announced that the Elks building has been sold to the State of Washington, and the Elks will be building a new clubhouse a few miles away. Firm dates have yet to be determined, but Glenn assures us that there will be a Christmas party next December and he has already made the reservation and paid the fee (to be reimbursed). Whether we will be in the old club or a new one remains to be seen.

Thanks and appreciation must also be given to Norm and Gale Baullinger. They supplied the ham and the raffle basket. Norm has been a very able and dedicated president

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Norm and Glenn get the party started with some announcements.



Ralph Olsen and Barb Shadduck keep an eye on Norm and Glenn.

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and keeps the club running smoothly. BTW, Norm has an article in the December issue of Garden Railways magazine about kit bashing a 2-8-2 Mikado into a 4-8-4 Northern. It describes some very serious kit bashing. Part 2 of his article is in the February issue. Even if you are not into kit bashing, the article is a good read. It was about this time that I received my first Christmas present: Jerry Madsen offered to host the September meeting.

I digress. In a way the party was *deja vu*. We've done it before. 10 times actually. As soon as the door to the Elks Club was opened, male members rapidly pulled tables and chairs out of storage and set them up. As soon as they were set up the women covered them with table cloths and then decorations... Meanwhile, food tables and auction tables were set up. Under Barb Shadduck's direction, Cindy Madsen, Gale Baullinger, Julie Madsen and other women got coffee started, the punchbowl filled and the many delectable food donations placed in an orderly manner.

Right along with setting up for the party was an almost continuous arrival of party members bearing stuff for the auction. In no time at all, the silent auction tables were crammed with offerings. And in no time at all others followed, pencils in hand, making bids. Norm allowed time for examining and bidding prior to lunch, with tables closing after lunch. I then received my second Christmas present: Mike Phillips offered to host the May meeting. I now have hosts for all six meetings for 2017. My cup runneth over.

At this time lunch was announced. A line formed and with many greetings and much chatter, plates were filled and dining commenced. Four crock pots provided staples followed by ham, vegetable dishes, salads, and snacks. Desserts occupied a table by themselves. By any measure it was a feast to behold with plenty of seconds for those so moved. As appetites abated, Norm closed the first auction table and many of the dining tables were momentarily abandoned as diners claimed their prizes or walked away with a shrug. At this point Dwight Malott assumed his customary role as auction banker. And so it continued until all three auction tables were decimated.

During all this hubbub Pat Brown was busy selling raffle tickets. Next came the live auction. Ably assisted by Chris Johnson and Glenn Shadduck, Norm began the live auction. Things started slowly and bids were paltry even though the auction table was piled with a lot of G scale stuff – two locomotives, a new diesel F-3A(?) donated by Ralph Olsen and an original LGB Mogul, rolling stock and nickel-silver rail. But Norm warmed up to the challenge and soon bidding was spirited and competitive along with a lot of wisecracks and good humor. A great party got even better. Too soon it ended; winners took their prizes and paid the mandatory visit to Dwight. That was followed by a drawing for gifts under the tree (give one: get one) and announcing the raffle winner - a large basket of goodies donated by Gale and Norm.

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Marge Curtis, Pat Brown and Bev Melrose in the background help decorate tables.



Nathan Smith and Joseph VanderWerf with their pile of auction loot.



Brent & Julie Stuvland, Jerry & Cindy Madsen with Pete Comley in back.

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Then it was deja vu in reverse. Train stuff and dirty dishes were picked up and hauled away. Decorations and table cloths were packed into their boxes and taken out. Tables were folded and stacked as were the chairs. It was a great party - my kind of deja vu. And I look forward to deja vu all over again next December. Oh yes, the financials:

Auctions	\$1567.00
Raffle	83.00
Bottom line	\$1650.00



Alex Osenbach and Dwight Malott. Dwight was the auction banker.



Marge Curtis inspects the silent auction table.



Lunch is served. That's Beth MacLaren in foreground.



Cindy Madsen wields a mean spoon for anyone messing with the food table.



The dessert table prior to the arrival of the demolition crew.

Shared Newsletters

By Bill Thurston

Those of you who get our emails know that we currently get newsletters from several garden railroad clubs. They are now being posted on the member's only portion of our website. You will find them listed by club name at the bottom of the page that lists our own newsletters. The most recent newsletters from the Bay area, Gold Coast, Denver, Sacramento Valley, and Rose City clubs are there now. Future issues will be posted as we get them.

As I discussed the possible posting of shared newsletters with club board members, Brent Stuvland told us about a good use for them:

This (sharing the newsletters) is a good thing. Let me tell you a good story. Two years ago, I got an email from a very nice lady in South Carolina. She was a G Scale railroad buff. She was meeting her husband in Seattle, as he was on a work related tour of the West coast. She wanted to know if anyone in our club would be OK with them seeing our railroads. Julie and I offered up right away, and four other members showed their layouts too. Since then we have become best friends, so much we went on a 7 day cruise. So use the information in these newsletters on your next road trip. Call first, introduce yourself, and make a new friend.

This and That

By Bill Thurston

- **Note that both the March and April club meetings will be on the 4th Saturday rather than the usual third Saturday of the month.**
- As mentioned by Norm in his article on page 1, our club is well represented in the February issue of Garden Railways Magazine. The Northern Pacific Railroad of Fred Konkell and his grandson Zachary Zielinski is the featured railroad. Part 2 of Norm Baullinger's locomotive building project is in this issue, and a photo of a well groomed boxwood tree that Joe and Miriam Sommer had in their layout is part of Nancy Norris's article on pruning.
- Due to the early deadline for publishing this issue (due to my schedule), a report on the club's participation in the January 21-22 train show in Puyallup is not included in this issue of the newsletter. An article is planned for the March issue.



Don MacLaren and Norm Baullinger look over John Morrison's latest Garratt project at a recent Big Liars club breakfast. Photos by Dave White.

More Murray Track Work

Photo and article provided by Pete Comley

Another work party to help dismantle the Tom Murray garden railroad was held on Dec 6th. By then we had gotten into a routine and although we had just a small gang we ripped up track like nobody's business. By the end of the day we had over 700 ft. pulled up, and are now getting closer to the goal of getting 6000 ft. removed. After the work session a couple of us explored around the layout and discovered this gorgeous trestle bridge by the side of the lake. It's about 300 ft. long and up to 20 ft. high. The house that can just be seen through the trees on the left has a spur off the railroad going right into the house, which looks as if it is up for sale. Anyone interested? I believe this part of the railroad is going to be kept rather than pulled up. It would certainly be a shame to have to take the trestle down.

We had a further session Jan 15th. Unfortunately, due to the sub-freezing weather we had in the previous 10 days, the track was solidly frozen into the ground and couldn't be lifted without the danger of bending the rail upwards. What we were able to do was saw the railjoiners on about 800 ft of track, so when the ground thaws it will be an easy task to lift the sections and recover the rail.

The rail is taken back to Bill Zingheim's house, where the ends are trimmed and the sawn off joiners removed, then a group of volunteers assembles "panels", 10ft sections of track screwed to new plastic ties. These ties are made from scrap polypropylene by a company back east that makes medical equipment, the plastic is not allowed to be recycled.

I understand that the track plan for the new layout at Mineral has been approved, it's 5100 ft. with 13 switches. I was able to show the plan to interested members at the Christmas show. The next step will be to grade and bulldoze the route, then we will go in to place the trackbed. This involves laying down 2x4's in a line to get the exact route established, then laying a second line beside it to get a 4ft wide right of way. Then a truck will come in and dump 5/8"



sharp stone between the forms, we'll grade it and tamp it down. Goodness knows how many tons of stone will be involved. The track will be put in place and more ballast put between the ties and groomed. Garden railroading on a grand scale!

There is still quite a lot of track to take up. We are currently waiting on Bill the organizer for the next session.

Posters for events of possible interest to club members

The Tulsa Garden Railroad Club invites you to Tulsa in 2017

Think Tulsa in 2017

The Tulsa Garden Railroad Club is pleased to invite you to Tulsa for the 33rd National Garden Railway Convention July 10 through the 15th.

The convention will be held at the 4 diamond Renaissance Hotel & Convention Center, just off the State Rt 169 expressway

33rd National Garden Railway Convention

Tulsa Oklahoma 2017

www.ngrc2017.org

Links

- Rearster
- Renaissance Hotel Booking
- Arkansas and Missouri Railroad
- Tulsa Garden Railroad Club
- RV Parks in the area
- Places to see in Tulsa

Rocky Mountain Train Show

March 4th & 5th, 2017
 Saturday 10 am - 5 pm, Sunday 10 am - 4 pm
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Skip the lines and buy your tickets in advance at your favorite hobby shop or online at:
www.RockyMountainTrainShow.com
 Seller Information Call (303) 364-0274 Join us on Facebook!

The 2017 Clinics

By Mike Phillips, Clinics Chairman

Happy New Year and welcome back to a new PSGRS season! Kicking off the season on Saturday February 18, 2017 at 11:30 is our annual clinic meeting. We will be gathering at the same venue in Auburn as the previous 2 years, the Messiah Lutheran Church, 410 H St. NE, from 11:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Please bring your tasty potluck item early as we will begin the day with our traditional potluck at 11:30 and the clinic program starting at 12:00. The usual complementary java and water will be provided. The program will start with a show and tell table where members can bring any item they wish to show and talk about (2-3 minutes or less). We'll also have tables for those who want to bring items to sell (or give away) in the back of the room. We have a full agenda of interesting and educational topics our new and past presenters have been working on this winter just for you. And as a special treat, a sound unit that Mark Howe will be demonstrating will be auctioned off sometime during the day. Come get your railway season started right (or just started) by joining in the fun at your annual clinics! Below is the tentative schedule for the clinics. See you on the 18th in Auburn!!

2017 Clinic Schedule

1100-1130	Setup	All Members
1130-1200	Potluck Lunch	
1200-1220	Introduction, Agenda for-the-Day, Show-and-Tell	Norm/Mike
1220-1240	Sounds on the Railroad	Mark Howe
1240-1300	Floating Road Bed Technique	Norm Baullinger
1300-1320	Break 1	
1320-1340	Bridges	Brent Stuvland
1340-1400	Track Power	Mark Sauerwald
1400-1420	Break 2	
1420-1440	Water Flume	Bill Thurston
1440-1500	Drop-in Sound for a GP-38	Alex Osenbach
1500-1520	Iron Bridge	Chuck Carlson
1520-1530	Closing Comments	Mike, Norm
1530-1600	Cleanup (must be out by 1600)	ALL Available Members

Directions to the Clinics

From the Eastside: Take I-405 south to WA Hwy 167. Take Hwy 167 south to 15th St NE exit. Turn left on to 15th St NE and head east, continue east the road will change to Harvey Rd heading southeast and then change to M St NE heading south. Turn right on 4th St. NE going west to H St. NE. The Church will be on your right at the corner of 4th St. NE and H St. NE. The Church parking lot is in the back off H St. NE.

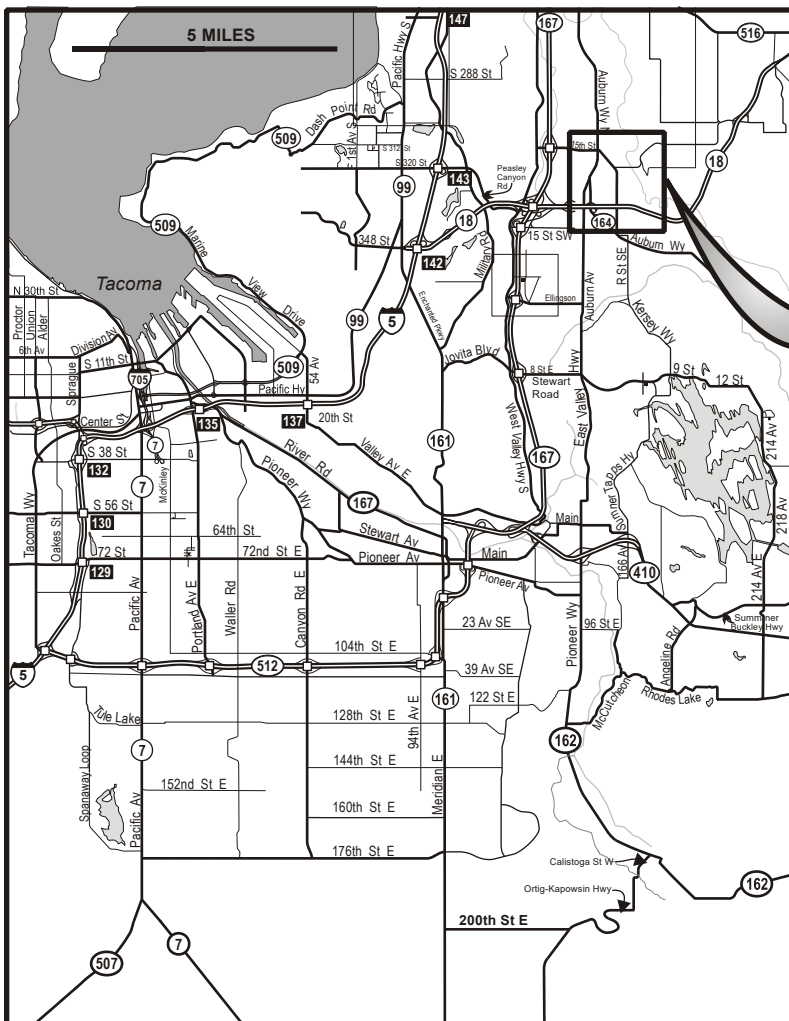
From Seattle: Head south on I-5 to WA Hwy 18. Head east on Hwy 18 to Hwy 164/Auburn Way exit. Turn right onto Auburn Way and head north to 4 St. NE. Turn right onto 4 St. NE and head east to H St. NE, the Church will be on your left. Turn left on H St. NE and the Church parking lot is in the back. (make sure you go to 4th St. **NE**, you will pass 4th St. SE)

From Tacoma: Head north on I-5 to WA Hwy 18. Head east on Hwy 18 to Hwy 164/Auburn Way exit. Turn right onto Auburn Way and head north to 4 St. NE. Turn right onto 4 St. NE and head east to H St. NE, the Church will be on your left. Turn left on H St. NE and the Church parking lot is in the back. (make sure you go to 4th St. **NE**, you will pass 4th St. SE).



At the Christmas party Norm Baullinger auctions off a lighthouse with the assistance of Chris Johnson.

Photo by Mark Jennings.



Special Interest Groups (SIGs) and Regularly Scheduled Events

Big Liars Club

Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 9:30 AM at Denny's Restaurant on 148th Ave. NE (in the Overlake area – next to Fred Myers and across from Sears) for breakfast and friendship.

Little Liars Club

Meets at 9:30 AM the 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday of each month at Ikea, 600 SW 41st St, Renton for breakfast and friendship.

West Sound Liars Club

Meets at 9:30 the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Family Pancake House, 3900 Kitsap Way, Bremerton for breakfast and friendship.

Tall Tales Club

Meets at 9:00 AM on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Denny's in Monroe located at 18824 US Rt 2, for breakfast and friendship.

South Sound Liars Club

Meets for breakfast different times, places, and dates based on who calls for a meeting. Sometimes includes running trains after breakfast. Notices typically sent to all club members who have email addresses. Contact Chuck Carlson at 253-927-7062 for more information.

Wind Up Train SIG

Kurt Sykes is hosting a monthly wind up, or clockwork, train meet at his house on the first Saturday of each month at 1:00pm until dark. Bring your vintage windups and have fun! Kurt at 253-941-4218 for more information.

Live Steam SIG

The Live Steamers meet on the 2nd Saturday of every month at Chris Johnson's. We also meet at a member's home as shown in "Schedules and Stops" below. Contact John Bigelow (206-284-5038) or Peter Comley (253-862-6748) for further information.

Modules SIG

Constructs and displays the club modular layout at various shows throughout the region. No set schedule, but shows are publicized well in advance. Contact Jerry Madsen (253 307 9055) to join.

Boating SIG

For PSGRS members who are also interested in model boats. Meets the 1st Sunday after the 1st Thursday of each month at the Bellevue park just south of Bellevue Square mall. Call Dave White at (425-269-9277) for further information.

Operations SIG—Goodson

First Friday afternoon and evening of each month from 2:00 PM until 9:00 PM at Dave Goodson's home. Scheduling and running trains as would be done on a real railroad. Please call Dave (425 823 3507) for an invitation.

Schedules and Stops

(SIG regularly scheduled meetings and contact information is above)

Feb 7		South Sound Breakfast	Black Bear Restaurant, Federal Way	
Feb 18		Clinics	Auburn	See details on pages 8 and 9.
Feb 24	10 AM	Monroe train show	Monroe	Module setup at Noon
Feb 25 -26		Monroe train show	Monroe	Run trains
Feb 25		Steam up	Gladney's, Bellevue	
March 25	Noon to 4PM	Club business meeting	Puyallup Eagles Club	Note: 4th Saturday rather than the usual 3rd.
April 22	Noon to 4PM	Club Meeting	Carlson's, Federal Way	Note: 4th Saturday rather than the usual 3rd.
May 20	Noon to 4PM	Club Meeting	Phillips', Issaquah	
June 17	Noon to 4PM	Club Meeting	Shadduck's, Lynnwood	
July 15	Noon to 4PM	Club Meeting	Osenbach's, Mill Creek	
August 19	Noon to 4PM	Club Meeting	Drake's, Ferndale	
Sept 16	Noon to 4PM	Club Meeting	Madsen's, Kent	

Dues are due. It is that time again. The cost is \$36.00 for the 2017 and must be paid before the beginning of the annual business meeting. You can pay at the business meeting, but it would be helpful to our membership chairman, Brent Stuvland, to send him a check well before March 25. Make the check out to PSGRS and send to :

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