

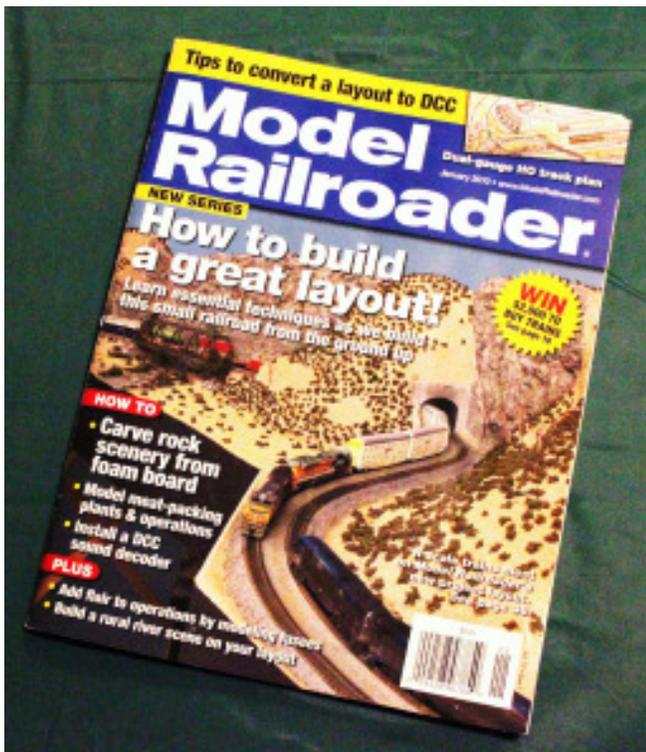
Yakima Valley Trolleys YVT BULLETIN SPRING 2010

Andy Gautrey's Model Railroader Article

Our member in England, Andy Gautrey, had an article in the January issue of Model Railroader Magazine about building a model of YVT #298 in HO. The article has received many compliments and has helped to spread the fame of YVT. Andy and his wife Petrina have visited the United States three times to see the YVT in person. He has photographed the rolling stock and structures along the way, and he has visited with old timers. On one occasion, he got to run the 298 under the tutelage of former YVT motorman, the late Mel Lucas.

Andy is an accomplished modeler and his realistic models of the YVT and fruit packing district in Selah have been featured before in European magazines. He and Petrina last year welcomed their first son into the world, Elliot Gautrey. Although Elliot frequently wears train coveralls, he tends to sleep through Andy's model railroading operating sessions.

Andy very kindly donated half of his royalty from the Model Railroader article to the Yakima Valley Trolleys. We thank him and salute him for his excellent article. Model Railroader is the leading magazine for the model railroading hobby. The January issue should still be available from Kalmbach Publishing Company.





Andy Gautrey learns how to run YVT #298 under the watchful eye of former YVT motorman Mel Lucas. Andy and his wife Patrina have made three trips to the United States from their home in England in recent years to see the YVT. Andy's models of the YVT are famous.

The trolleys will be put back together in time for the Yakima City Council to ride in April. Ken Johnsen will be giving a Powerpoint presentation to acquaint the new City Council members with the trolleys and they have been invited to tour the shop complex and take a ride on the trolley. Bill Cook, who retires as director of the City's office of Community and Economic Development April 16, wants to come along on the ride. We wish Bill well in his retirement, but are certainly going to miss him!

Election Results

At the February meeting, ballots were counted for the two board positions that were up for election. The winners were Ed Neel

Ed and Scott Neel Rehabilitate Oporto Trolley Brakes

Following the failures of certain components of the brake systems during cold weather, Ed and Scott Neel have taken it upon themselves to completely rehabilitate the braking systems of both Oporto cars. The brakes were dismantled and the parts taken to Ed's Machine shop for rebuilding. Much welding and fabrication of new parts was needed to get the brake cylinders into like new condition. Some of the parts were over an inch thick and now have bores in them that have tolerances of a couple thousandths of an inch instead of the almost 3/4 inch oval shaped holes of before.



On April 6th Ken Johnsen gave a powerpoint presentation to the Council to update them on the trolleys. At the presentation Ken gave Bill Cook a memento to thank him for being the trolleys' friend for the last 13 years. He retires April 16th. The Council was very receptive and City Manager Dick Zais was very appreciative of our efforts and said that they will work to keep the trolleys around for many future generations. Councilwoman Kathy Coffey also praised the trolleys part in Yakima's tourism industry. It was a good meeting. I think video streaming of the meeting can be viewed on Y-PAC.

and Bob Brown. While Bob is new to the board, he has been with the trolleys since the beginning. His Dad, Wray Brown, was the head of the project to bring trolleys back to Yakima in 1974.

Carbarn Repairs and Work Party

The City drew up plans for repairs to the carbarn and Niles Crane and put them out to bid. Four companies bid on them and the lowest bidder was within the City's budget. Repairs will begin soon. In anticipation of the work, a work party was held on Saturday, March 27, to prepare the barn for the workers. Ken Johnsen, Ed Neel, Scott Neel, Bob Sullivan, Paul Edmondson, Pablo Espinosa, Rich Wilkens, Charlie Cripps and Liz Brown came to help.

Everything along the west wall was moved with a large forklift operated by Scott Neel. The 298 and line car A were secured for their trip to off site storage. Ed Neel welded a broken piece of line car A that had to be renewed before the locomotive could be moved off site.

Thanks to Our Generous Donors

The following people have made monetary donations to the trolleys this year: Bob Brown, Clark Frazier, Dick Harrison, Mike Collins, Les Tonkin, Andy Gautrey, Joe Mann, Ryan Cooper, Hilding Larson, Yvonne Wilbur, Bob Lowry and Ken Johnsen. Thanks go to all our generous members and friends!

Ken Johnsen, President
Yakima Valley Trolleys



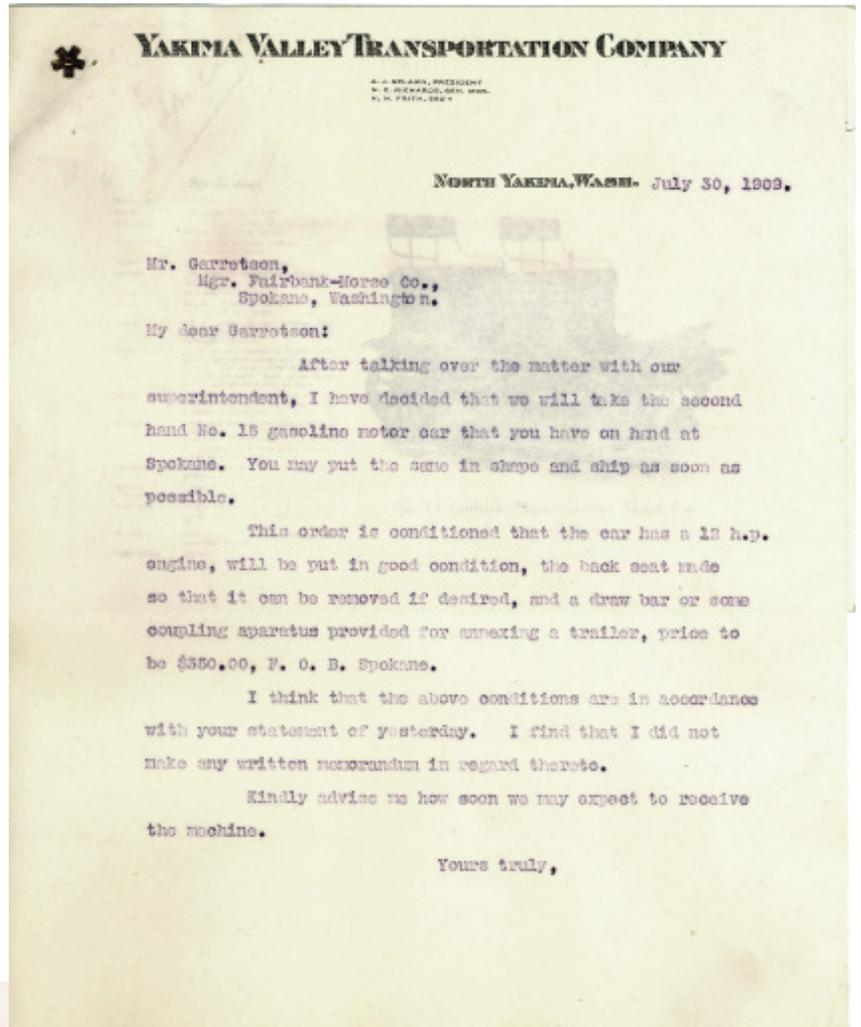
To help clean out the west wall of the carbarn the group rented an extendable boom forklift. The boom extension came in handy to reach items along the wall while keeping the weight off the wood floor. Scott Neel ran the lift while Rich Wilkens and others helped in slinging loads.

The YVT's Gas Car

While many know of the McKean gas motor cars that ran on the YVT in 1910 most don't know of a gas car that was in use a year earlier. In 1909 the YVT purchased a 2nd hand Fairbanks-Morse No. 15 motor car from F-M in Spokane for \$350. The YVT classed it as a "gasoline emergency car" and it's assumed this car was used for inspecting the railroad as well as transportation when the electricity was down.

Sometime prior to 1917 the car was scrapped and in April 1925 General Manager Order GMO 556 was completed to officially remove it from the accounts.

Richard Wilkens



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Specifications

- Wheel Base . . . 4 ft. 7 in.
- Gauge . . . Any gauge 36 in. or over.
- Wheels . . . 22 in. wood center wheels, M. C. E. Ringer, taper fitted on axles.
- Axle Boxes . . . Hard rubber bearings running in seamless steel tube casing.
- Axles . . . 1 1/2 in. locomotive axle steel.
- Springs . . . The frame is carried on semi-elliptic springs.
- Frame . . . Steel angles riveted.
- Brake . . . Wooden shoes on each rear wheel, operated by foot pedal.
- Power . . . 6 H. P., single-cylinder, vertical, four-cycle gasoline engine, water jacketed, jump spark ignition.
- Transmission . . . Planetary transmission on engine shaft, giving two speeds ahead and one speed reverse. Full speed ahead being about 25 miles an hour. Slow speed ahead and reverse about 9 miles an hour.
- Drive . . . Is by means of roller chain, 1 in. pitch between sprocket on transmission and sprocket on foot axle.
- Control . . . Spark and throttle are controlled by a small lever at the right-hand end of front seat. The high speed and reverse are operated by a hand lever, the slow speed by a foot pedal.
- Gasoline Supply . . . The gasoline tank has a capacity of 4 gallons.
- Seating . . . Capacity, four persons: two cross seats, arranged rearward.
- Dimensions . . . Length over 8 ft. 3 in., width standard gauge car 5 ft. 5 in., height above rail 57 in.
- Weight . . . 1200 pounds. Coated for foreign shipment 2000 pounds.
- Code Word . . . Maria.

No. 15 Fairbanks-Morse Gasoline Motor Car
 For Inspection Service

Yakima Valley Trolleys - Membership Application

Name _____ Phone (____) _____
 Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____
 E-mail address _____ New Member Renewal

Please list those areas you have experience in or would like to help with:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ticket selling / gift shop | <input type="checkbox"/> Finances and bookkeeping | <input type="checkbox"/> Fund raising |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | |

DUES AND DONATIONS

Dues are \$25.00 per calendar year. Donations are gladly accepted to help with necessary repairs and projects of the YVT. YVT is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization. All donations are tax deductible.

- Enclosed is \$25.00 for my membership. \$ _____
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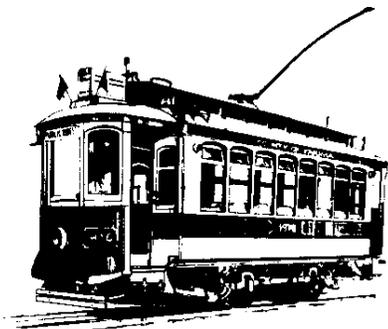
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