

Mt. Hood Railroad Introduces Its New Dome Car



Mt. Hood Railroad invited special guests, including Oregon Rail Users' League (ORULE) staff, to an introductory train ride on its new Dome Car on August 6, 2008. We're glad we went! It was a great event.

The dome car is a bi-level luxury railcar circa 1950s, offering panoramic scenic views of Mt. Hood and Mt. Adams. It toured the Hood River Valley to Odell and back. Food, beverages and service were outstanding.

Dome cars are among the most popular for railroad sightseeing, and feature a glass room that allows passengers to see in all directions around the train.

The dome car was acquired from the Rio Grande Scenic Railroad in Southern Colorado, where it was previously in operation on that historic passenger line.



Mt. Hood Railroad operates two trains, the historic Excursion Train featuring enclosed Pullman coaches, concession car, caboose and open-air car, and the classic Dinner and Brunch Trains comprised of dining cars, kitchen car and lounge car. Go to www.mthoodrr.com for a complete calendar of events. Mt. Hood Railroad is a member of ORULE.

Note that Mt. Hood Railroad, with funding from *ConnectOregon II*, is in the process of restoring storm-damaged track. This fall, beginning September 12, 2008, it will once again offer trips on 22 miles of historic rail with four-hour roundtrip rides to Parkdale, the stunning terminus point at the base of Mt. Hood. It has been nearly two years since damage to the track forced the closure of this popular train trip. We'll look forward to the "Return to Parkdale Celebration Train" event! Congratulations, Mt. Hood Railroad!

