

3. Mat Thompson's Prairie 2-6-2



I took these pictures on June 24, 2012, in Garibaldi, Oregon. McCloud River RR #25 was heading a tourist passenger train on the Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad. The short ride was from Tillamook north about 25 miles along the Pacific Ocean. The OCSR had acquired the 2-6-2 (Prairie) engine about a year earlier. The engine is still running and as far as I know is still lettered for the McCloud River.



Interesting to me is that the engine was used in the movie *Stand By Me*. The movie was filmed in and around Cascade Locks, Oregon, along the Columbia River. That's where I lived when I was about the age of the boys in the movie but long before the movie was made. My friends and I spent a lot of time in the woods, just as in the movie, but fortunately we never found a human body.

I call my HO scale railroad the Oregon Coast Railroad but didn't know about the Oregon Coast Scenic RR when I settled on the name. **Mat Thompson, MMR**