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NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MAY MEETING

Our May meeting will be held on Friday, May 20th at 8:00 pm and we will be the guests of the Willamette Valley Electric Railway Association on their observation car "Bridge River" located in the NPT Guilds Lake yard off of Yeon Avenue. The Bridge River was purchased from the Pacific Great Eastern Ry about a year ago and is being restored by WVERA. The car was built for the Oregon Electric Railway and was known as the Champoeg, and operated in regular service between Portland and Eugene. Refreshments will be served. The June meeting will be held at the Grande residence in Glencullen on June 17th, and we are trying to work in a ride on the Zoo Railroad prior to the meeting.

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Our meeting in Salem on April 22d was one of our better meetings and everyone attending seemed to enjoy it very much. Our thanks go to our Salem members, especially to Nelson Hickok, who made arrangements for holding the meeting at the Western Paper Converting Company plant and who conducted a tour through the plant and arranged for a new SP "DF" car to be on display, to Mrs. Hickok, who served the delicious refreshments, and to Ed Culp, who arranged to have Mr. Cox as our speaker. Mr. Cox retired as Superintendent of the Valley and Siletz RR on March 31st and now resides in Carlton, Oregon. We all enjoyed his reminiscing about 40 years of railroading in the Pacific Northwest, starting with the Portland and Southwestern, then to the Carlton and Coast, where he was responsible for liquidating the line for the RFC after the Tillamook burn destroyed most of the line, and finally to the Valley and Siletz in the 40's where the line was expected to operate for only seven more years, but which today still has seven more years to go.

A new member of our organization is R. C. McCormick of Salem, who is local agent for the Southern Pacific Co at that point. Welcome, and we hope that you will be able to attend most of our meetings!

White Pass and Yukon 190 2-8-2 Baldwin Locomotives Works #69425 of 1943 passed through Auburn, Wash. on April 24th enroute to Blowing Rock, North Carolina, where it will be put in service on the ET&WNC, "Tweetsie RR." This locomotive was reported to be the last steam locomotive on the White Pass and Yukon.

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The Public Relations and Advertising Dept. of the Great Northern Railway has published an attractive pamphlete on "Steam Locomotives of the Great Northern Railway." A free copy can be obtained by writing to them in St. Paul.

Seattle will not have monorail for its Century 21 Exposition, after all. The Seattle Transit Commission has abandon plans for a \$5,000,000 Lockheed-designed monorail system because the 1961 exposition will run only six months instead of 18 months as originally planned—not enough time to recover the investment.

The Zooliner made a trip over the new extension on the Zoo Railroad to Washington Park and the steam locomotive made a trial trip over the new extension on May 17th. Regular service over the new extension will start on May 26th using the diesel, with the steamer running over the present line.