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SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September meeting will be held on Friday, September 16th at 8 pm at the home of Al Hajj, 6615 N. Campbell Avenue, Portland (four blocks west of Interstate Blvd. between Dekum and Portland Blvd.) Miss Beth Russell, our newest member, and who lives in Salem, will show colored slides that she has taken in various parts of the world. Al Hajj will show some of the material he has collected over the years. If anyone has colored slides that they would like to show, bring them along.

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Efforts are underway to establish a railroad in the Vernonia area for tourist purposes, to be known as the Vernonia and South Park Ry, using the two locomotives purchased by Weaver Clark and some trackage around the abandoned International Paper Co. mill. The Chamber of Commerce in Vernonia is spearheading the move, and a committee headed by Marvin Kamholz, Editor of the Vernonia Eagle, will be formed to carry out the necessary details. If anyone would like further information contact Chuck Hayden in the UP City Ticket Office.

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Of interest to railfans is the movie "Ring Of Fire" now being filmed in the Vernonia area. Originally to be based on the Hinckley fire in Minnesota, it is now based on a fire in a fictitious town in Washington. The International Paper Co. mill at Vernonia is to be burned, and some houses have been set up near the SPS depot which will also be burned. The movie company has secured Georgia Pacific Corp. 9 and has brought in a couple of Cotton Belt coaches, which will be used in the movie. The railroad equipment is to be used in the Vernonia area for part of the filming and then moved to a point on the Simpson Logging Co railroad near Shelton, Washington where the equipment will be caught on a flaming trestle.

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Georgia Pacific Corp. has now disposed of the four locomotives that were at Siletz when their logging line ceased operations Dec. 31, 1959. Number 5, 2-8-2 built in 1922 for Brooks Scanlon Lbr Co at Bend and acquired four years ago has been donated to the City of Corvallis, where it will be displayed on the east edge of Avery Park. Number 9, a 2-6-2 tank type locomotive has been moved to Vernonia, where it will be used in filming a movie mentioned above. Both locomotives were to move out of Toledo on Aug. 30th via SP. One locomotive has been donated to Coos Bay and one has been donated to Toledo, Oregon. On Friday, Sept. 2d, OP&E #1 was moved to city park in Cottage Grove, along with a flat car and a side-door caboose. This locomotive was also the gift of G-P, who now own the OP&E.

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Various material has been added to our collection of historical material during the summer months. Ed Culp has donated an album containing a number of photographs. Nelson Hickok has donated several photographs and Harley Hallgren's efforts at the Retired Railroader's Club have produced a number of interesting photographs and books. We wish to thank these people for the efforts.

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This and That: The Oregon Locomotive Works has been invited to submit a bid for constructing two full size models of the General and the Texas for Atlanta, Ga.....Western Washington Excursions is running a fantrip out of Seattle on Oct. 8th to Rockport, Wash. via GN....SP&S is scrapping their 4-8-4' and 4-6-6-4's stored at Vancouver. Date of delivery to Oregon Steel Mills was as follows: 701 - May 27th; 702 - June 10th; 901 - June 22d; 903 - July 5th; 904 - Aug 1st; 911-Aug 17; 910 - August 31st. Balance are expected to go at two week intervals.

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