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PNW CHAPTER TIMETABLE

Friday REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING (3rd Friday of each month)

18 February The February meeting of PNW Chapter will be held in the Safety Assembly Room of Burlington Northern which is situated on the right hand side of N W 11th Avenue (extended) about two city blocks north of its intersection with N W Hoyt Street. The front side of the building at this point is painted white to make the room easier to find.

8 PM

Vice President and Program Chairman Ed Immel has arranged for an "Oldies Night" featuring slides and/or movies that are ten years old or older. Member are invited to participate by sharing their own slides and/or movies. Contact Chuck Storz ('phone 289-4529) if you wish to have your material included.

Saturday EXCURSION TO VANCOUVER, BC VIA PRIVATE CAR "MOUNT HOOD"

5 March The Chapter-owned sleeper-lounge car "Mt Hood" departs Portland Union Station via Amtrak for Vancouver, British Columbia where it is to become part of a BC Government train to promote tourism. This is a low-cost opportunity for PNW Chapter members to take a one-way ride on the Mt Hood. Participants must make their own arrangements to return to Portland.

The train arrives in Vancouver late Saturday evening. Individuals must make their own arrangements for lodging.

Some coach seats at \$10 per person are still available. Contact Roger W Phillips ('phone 281-6184 evenings after 6:30 PM) for information on availability of space.

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"PNW Chapter Timetable", cont'd

Friday REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

18 March The March meeting will also be held in the BN Safety Assembly Room unless otherwise noted. Contact one of the Chapter officers listed inside the front cover if directions are needed.

8 PM

Program Chairman Ed Immel has arranged for another interesting program in the wide world of railroading. Elmer Mencer will present a slide show on "Traction in Europe".

Refreshments as usual, arranged for by Cora Jackson, will be available between the business session and the program. Also, the "kitty" will be waiting to receive donations which are used to defray the material costs of this operation.

Saturday RAILROAD "SLIDE-A-THON" AT SALEM, OREGON

19 March A & L Railroad will present an all day railroad slide-a-thon in the 4-H Building on the Oregon State Fairgrounds at Salem (17th and Silverton Road). The event will run through late evening. Activities include slide shows, clinics, a flea market, and a photo contest. Special presentations will be given by Don Hunter and Richard Steinheimer.

11 AM

Registration fee is \$5 and must be paid by 7 March. Mail payment to Rod Loder, Space 206, 3100 Turner Road, Salem, Oregon - 97302. Additional information may be obtained by 'phoning Rod Loder at (503) 362-1687 or Ed Austin at (503) 364-5728.

Friday REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

15 April Unless circumstances dictate otherwise, the April meeting will also be held in the BN Safety Assembly Room. This is an early "third Friday", so reserve the date now.

8 PM

Program will feature the famous Oregon railroad historian John T Labbe who will be bringing one of his fascinating slide programs to the meeting. Subject to be announced.

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ROYAL HUDSON TO TOUR WESTERN STATES

Locomotive 2860 "Royal Hudson" will make a one-month excursion through the States of Washington, Oregon and California during the spring of 1977. Starting in Vancouver, British Columbia the engine and its display train will spend a month going to Los Angeles, California and return. It is expected to operate under its own power for most of the trip. The purpose of the display is to encourage Americans to visit the Province of British Columbia.

The popular "Age of Steam" exhibit that has been touring the Province for the last two years will be a part of the consist. Two other cars will feature British Columbia and royal visits to the Province. Invited guests of the Ministry of Travel Industry will have priority in seeing the display with the general public being allowed entry when time permits. Time has been set aside in each city for public visitations.

The following is a tentative schedule:

day	date	from	to	railroad
Sat	19 MAR 77	Vancouver, BC	Seattle, Washington	BN
		Remain overnight at King Street Station. No public display.		
Sun	20 MAR 77	Seattle	Portland, Oregon	BN
		Remain overnight at Portland Union Station. No public display.		
Mon	21 MAR 77	Portland	enroute	SP
Wed	23 MAR 77	enroute	San Francisco, California	SP
		Display at Aquatic Park on San Francisco Belt Railroad.		
Thur	24 MAR 77	Public display at San Francisco, 9 AM.- 9 PM.		
Fri	25 MAR 77	Closed to public.		
Sat	26 MAR 77	Public display at San Francisco, 9 AM - 9 PM.		
Sun	27 MAR 77	San Francisco	San Jose, California	SP
		Display in the afternoon.		
Mon	28 MAR 77	San Jose	Port Chicago, California	SP
		Port Chicago	Fresno, California	ATSF
Tue	29 MAR 77	Fresno	Bakersfield, California	ATSF
		Bakersfield	Los Angeles, California	SP
Wed	30 MAR 77	Closed to public.		

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"Royal Hudson Tour", cont'd

day	date	from	to	railroad
Thur	31 MAR 77	Public display at Los Angeles, 9 AM - 9 PM.		
Fri	01 APR 77	Public display at Los Angeles, 9 AM - 9 PM.		
Sat	02 APR 77	Los Angeles	Bakersfield, California	SP
		Display in the afternoon at Bakersfield.		
Sun	03 APR 77	Bakersfield	Fresno, California	ATSF
		Display in the afternoon at Fresno.		
Mon	04 APR 77	Fresno	Stockton, California	ATSF
		Display in the afternoon at Stockton.		
Tue	05 APR 77	Stockton	Sacramento, California	SP
Wed	06 APR 77	Sacramento	Redding, California	SP
		Display stop at Redding.		
		Redding	Klamath Falls, Oregon	SP
Thur	07 APR 77	Klamath Falls	Eugene, Oregon	SP
		Display in the morning at K Falls prior to departure.		
Fri	08 APR 77	Public display at Eugene, 9 AM - 9 PM.		
Sat	09 APR 77	Eugene	Salem, Oregon	SP
		Display stop at Salem		
		Salem	Portland, Oregon	SP
		Remain at Portland Union Station overnight.		
Sun	10 APR 77	Public display at Portland, 9 AM - 9 PM.		
Mon	11 APR 77	Portland	Tacoma, Washington	BN
		Display stop at Tacoma		
		Tacoma	Seattle, Washington	BN
		Remain at King Street Station overnight.		
Tue	12 APR 77	Public display at Seattle, 9 AM - 9 PM		
Wed	13 APR 77	Seattle	Bellingham, Washington	BN
		Display stop at Bellingham		
		Bellingham	Vancouver, B C	BN

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"Royal Hudson Tour", cont'd

Notes regarding schedule:

As much of the run as possible will be made during daylight hours. The Southern Pacific portions may have a diesel on the point on account of railroad restrictions. Other portions will have the Royal Hudson pulling the train unassisted.

Consist of train:

Locomotive 2860
 Auxiliary tender 2860B
 Power Car "Chekamus"
 Tool Car "Prince George"
 Display Car "Kooteney River"
 " " "Skeena River"
 " " "Cowichen River"
 " " "Shannon Falls"
 Club Car "Brandywine Falls"
 Crew's Quarters "Mt Hood" Owned by Pacific Northwest Chapter,
 National Railway Historical Society.

Statistics:

Length of train	758 feet
Weight of train	591 tons
Weight of locomotive	314 tons
Total weight, including engine	905 tons

PNW CHAPTER'S EQUIPMENT SEES SERVICE

The Chapter's two pieces of rolling stock, baggage/dorm 76 and sleeper/lounge "Mt Hood" are both currently in service on two different steam operations. They are fast becoming some of the best-known cars in the United States.

Car 76 is probably the most photographed baggage car in railroad history. Not only has it been the crew car behind the American Freedom Train's 4449, but was also used behind their ex-Reading T-1 #1. Little did anyone realize when the car was donated by BN that this ex-SP&S car would sit out a hurricane in Rhode Island, climb the Pennsy's Horseshoe Curve, and spend a winter in Florida.

The Mt Hood is the only private car in the Pacific Northwest that sees service on Amtrak trains. It was the car behind AFT's 4449 in the official AFT photograph of the engine. It will bring additional fame when it brings up the markers on the Royal Hudson's tour of the western United States in March 1977.

Both cars have paint schemes quite different from their original colors. The 76 is now red, white, and blue while the Mt Hood is a deep Tuscan red.

CHAPTER BULLETIN BOARD

Dues for 1977 should be paid as soon as possible to Chapter Treasurer Roger Sackett. This applies to full memberships as well as "Chapter-only" memberships. Dues may be mailed to the treasurer at the address shown inside the front cover of this issue, or paid in person at the regular meetings.

The revision of the Chapter's by laws providing for an annual budget and other financial controls has been rewritten to read as follows:

The Chapter Board of Directors shall submit a budget to the membership for approval by the February meeting of the current year. Any expense or commitment in excess of a single budget item must be approved by the Board. Any expenditure or commitment of Chapter funds in excess of \$300 over the approved budget in any calendar year for any single budget item must be approved by majority vote of the membership present at a regular meeting. No funds are to be borrowed by the Chapter without approval of the membership. Any purchase, lease or sale of real property, or purchase, lease or sale of railway operating equipment, must be approved by majority vote of members in attendance at a regular or special meeting, regardless of the amount involved, except leasing of Chapter owned operating equipment for a period of less than 15 days.

The Chapter treasurer may advance Chapter funds not to exceed \$100 to the Excursion Director in connection with Chapter approved excursions. All receipts from excursions are to be submitted directly to the Treasurer for deposit in the Chapter account and are not to be paid out in cash for excursion expenses. The Excursion Director shall file a complete financial report on each excursion with the Chapter Board of Directors within 30 days of the excursion.

Due to the late publication date of the February 1977 issue of "The Trainmaster" (#200), the vote on the amendment will be postponed until the March meeting.

CWS

"MOUNT HOOD" EXCURSION TO VANCOUVER, BC

The Chapter's sleeper-lounge car "Mt Hood" will move to Vancouver, BC via Amtrak on Saturday 5 March 1977 to join the BC Government's tourism promotional train. A one-way excursion for Chapter members has been arranged as part of the movement of the Mt Hood. The fare is \$14 per person for bedroom or roomette space and \$10 per person for coach space. The fare includes transportation and refreshments. Please note that the car will be unheated due to movement on trains with Amfleet equipment. The return trip to Portland via Amtrak at regular fare is an additional \$20. It may be possible to spend the night on the Mt Hood, but those going should be prepared to stay in a hotel if necessary. Members who have signed up for the trip should mail their checks in at once.

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Summary of Minutes, Regular Meeting, 21 January 1977

The January meeting was called to order by PNW Chapter President Bill Bain at 8:05 PM in the Burlington Northern Safety Assembly Room.

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 19 November 1976, were approved as read.

Chapter Treasurer Roger Sackett was not present to give a report.

Ed Immel reported on progress of the 1978 NRHS national convention:

1. Gil Hulin will put together a slide program to advertise the convention. Slides are needed. The proposed program is to be about ten minutes long.
2. Committees are to be formed soon. Volunteers are asked to see Ed.

Ed Immel reported that he has inventoried the timetable in room one. There are about 4,000 public timetables. Ed stated that the objective for 1977 for room one is to make a complete inventory of all the material stored in the room.

Chuck Lund reported on the status of the car Mt Hood: The mechanical committee is studying the purchase of a heating device for the car. Any brake work is to be deferred until enough revenue is in sight to justify the expense.

Secretary Chuck Storz read the revised financial amendment to the Chapter's bylaws. (Editor's Note: The full text of the amendment is reprinted on page 6 of this issue under "Chapter Bulletin Board".)

The proposed amendment will be published in the February issue of "The Trainmaster" and will be voted upon at the February meeting.

Ed Immel reported that the 4449 will probably return to Portland over a southern route and via Southern Pacific most of the way. The move, as presently proposed, will be via Jackson, Mississippi; New Orleans, Louisiana; San Antonio, Texas; Sanderson and El Paso, Texas; Tucson and Yuma, Arizona; Los Angeles, San Louis Obispo, and Oakland, California. The 4449 is scheduled to leave Birmingham, Alabama after Easter and arrive back in Portland, Oregon about 5 May. There is a possibility that PNW Chapter may be able to operate one excursion from Portland to Seattle and return immediately after the locomotive returns.

Chapter President Bill Bain stated that the Chapter's goals need to be spelled out and that the members' help will be needed to achieve these goals. The 1978 NRHS national convention, which will be hosted by Pacific-Northwest

"Minutes of January Meeting", cont'd

Chapter, will be a major project in itself. There is much material in room one that is in excess of our needs and can be sold. The Chapter can begin an estate counseling program. The Chapter needs a proper budget and will begin this year to draw up a budget annually. The "Railfan's Guide to Oregon" should be updated and republished. Sales made during the return trip of the 4449, if done, will need staffing. Opportunities for excursions for the enjoyment of the membership will be explored. President Bain also stated that he will assign areas of responsibility to each director, including the writing of a budget.

Don Davison reported that Leonard Woodford has the bell and whistle from the UP 3203. Bill Bain asked Don to arrange to pick up the bell and whistle from Woody who now lives in Wenatchee, Washington.

Chris McLarney suggested that the editorial on the 4449 which appeared in the November 1976 issue of "The Trainmaster", Number 197, on pages 9 and 10 be submitted to a number of railfan publications to publicize the cold hard facts of the situation. President Bain stated that he will ask the Board to formulate a resolution of the idea.

President Bain also reported that he recently met with a number of railroad officials in Portland and offered any help that the Chapter could give. Bill asked that any contacts with the railroads be made through the Chapter's Officers.

Ed Berntsen reported as follows:

1. The Royal Hudson will leave Vancouver, BC about 19 March 1977 with a promotional train to advertise tourism in British Columbia. The train will run directly through to California with only operational stops en-route and then will proceed north with promotional stops at a number of cities. Ed Immel will be the trip coordinator. Train movements will be mostly during daylight hours. No passengers will be carried.
2. Amtrak has cancelled a number of local trains operating out of Chicago early in the week of 17 January due to extremely cold weather.
3. Graham Claytor has been nominated by President Carter to be Secretary of the Navy. No change is likely in the Southern Railroad's steam operations.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM. Refreshments were served by Cora Jackson during the intermission between the business session and the program..

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Storz, Secretary