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CHAPTER TIMETABLE:

CHAPTER BANQUET DATE CHANGED: The date and location of the Pacific Northwest Chapter banquet have been changed. Please look inside of this month's issue of THE TRAINMASTER for the new date and location. This information will be repeated in the March issue of THE TRAINMASTER.

February 12, 1987 Thursday 7:00 PM FEBRUARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING at the Columbia Gorge Model Railroad Club clubhouse at the corner of North Vancouver Avenue and Russell Street. Please inform President Auburg ahead of time if you wish to address the board members. Meeting lasts until at least 10 pm.

February 20, 1987 Friday 7:30 PM FEBRUARY MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING at the Portland General Electric Auditorium on SE 17th Avenue between Powell and Holgate in Portland. We will be raffling off some prizes and will have some very nice refreshments for you; please leave something in the kitty to help pay for the goodies. Program to be announced.

Each and every Saturday 12 noon NO-HOST GET-TOGETHER at the Semaphore Restaurant at the corner of SE Holgate Boulevard and 17th Avenue. Our group sits in the back of the room.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BY-LAWS by Jack Pfeifer, Chairman

The By-laws Committee for 1987 has been named by President Auburg and as chairman I intend to make sure the committee gives full consideration to any by-laws changes suggested by the membership, after which appropriate recommendation will be made to the Board.

If you have any suggestions for changes in the Chapter by-laws please submit your proposed changes in writing by first quoting the section to be changed as it now reads; secondly, quoting that section as it would read if the suggested change is adopted; and third, give a paragraph of two of explanation as to why you think the change is needed. You will be advised of the

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Doug Auburg

WHOA! STOP! TIME OUT! KINGS X!
LET'S WAKE UP OUT AND SMELL THE COFFEE!

I always had heard that incoming presidents enjoyed a short (and sometimes long) period of peace and tranquility. After looking over last month's TRAINMASTER, I guess that isn't always true. So now is the time when we find out if our new president has the guts to go with his promises.

What does that mean? Well, first let me say that I'm sure that everyone who has something to say in our Chapter honestly holds their point of view. Everyone has a horror story to tell about what "such and such" group did or who "so and so" did some unfair thing. The problem is that we as a group are never going to get all this rancor behind us unless we DO SOMETHING to get it behind us!

I'm not criticizing any actions of the past. That was another time. People have honest concerns and they do what they think is right to air those concerns. Frankly, I'm not very interested in fault finding, never have been. What I am interested in is: results, setting and meeting goals, and having some fun while I'm at it. So when I ask what happened, or what went wrong, I'm trying to learn how we can avoid making the mistake again, rather than who I can blame for what went wrong.

Don't get the wrong idea though. I didn't just fall off a pickle truck and I don't intend to be a soft touch. If someone consistently doesn't get the job done, or is unwilling to learn from his/her experience, or doesn't have the knack for a particular job--I'll remove them. Hopefully without too many hurt feelings and hopefully by giving them another job that needs doing--but the bottom line is that the welfare of the Chapter as a whole must come ahead of the feelings of any one of its members. Somehow I feel that most of you reading this column would agree with this approach. I hope so, because it's the one I intend to use.

To get down to specifics, I am hereby instituting a new presidential policy regarding the content of the Trainmaster:

THE TRAINMASTER IS A PUBLICATION WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO PROVIDE THE MEMBERS OF THE PNWC-NRHS WITH NEWS ABOUT RAIL HAPPENINGS IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST, RAILROAD HISTORY RELATED TO THE PNW, AND INFORMATION ABOUT CHAPTER FUNCTIONS. IT IS NOT A VEHICLE FOR THE PROMOTING OF THE PERSONAL VIEWS OF CHAPTER MEMBERS (WHETHER OFFICERS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS, OR PLAIN OLD MEMBERS). THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE WHEN THOSE VIEWS ARE ATTACKS ON OTHER MEMBERS, QUESTIONING OF THEIR MOTIVES, OR OTHERWISE SERVES TO INCREASE DIVISIVENESS IN THE CHAPTER.

Therefore, I am directing the new TRAINMASTER Editor, Bryan Leeder, and new Associate Editor, Randy Nelson, not to publish material of this nature in the future. Specifically, this will mean that the TRAINMASTER will not publish questions directed at members, or groups, unless those members/groups have been given an opportunity to answer the questions. Nor will it publish self serving statements without balance. Nor will it waste space with pointless speculation about a set of circumstances when the answer is potentially available for the asking. The proper places for such debates about Chapter policy are Board Meetings and Membership Meetings, where all sides can have a chance to be heard and the membership can make its own judgements, not in our newsletter.

Material that crosses over this line will be edited or returned to the author for use in one of those forums, or for direct submittal to those who are being questioned.

Anyone who feels that they have been wronged by any action of the Editor in response to this policy should contact ME and not him. Or bring the matter to the Board of Directors for their consideration. I will be happy to discuss specifics, consider your point of view, be convinced that I'm wrong and, as necessary, to defend the policy and the Editor.

We are starting fresh from this issue. A

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER (continued)

number of you responded to the Chapter Questionnaire by indicating an interest in helping with the TRAINMASTER. Bravo! If every one of you comes through when Bryan contacts you, we'll have a newsletter to be proud of. A newsletter that is interesting and informative of railroad happenings in the region. But Bryan can use more volunteers. People to write monthly columns, people to research the history of each of our pieces of rolling stock and to write a feature article about each, people to pass on news of local railroad happenings and plans, and PEOPLE TO HELP PRINT IT, PUT IT TOGETHER AND GET IT MAILED. How about joining Bryan and Randy's little crew and helping to put out a high quality newsletter?

Finally, regarding the formation of the new Pacific Northwest Railroad Museum, Inc. by some Chapter members and involving a number of non-Chapter members, I will attempt to meet with them during the next month and report back to you, the membership, with what I've learned in the March TRAINMASTER. Portland should certainly be big enough for another railroad interest group. Some years ago, Chapter members were involved in the formation of a Transportation and Logging Museum corporation and the Chapter survived. The Chapter maintains its interest in seeing that a railroad museum is founded in the Portland Metro area. If the PNWRRM, Inc. can accomplish this, so much the better.

ROLLING STOCK COMMITTEE REPORT-

There will be a committee meeting on Feb. 21 at 10 am on the Chapter car "Mount Hood" at the SP Brooklyn Yard in SE Portland. Non-committee members are welcome to attend.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT-

Your new Membership and Hospitality Committee chair is Fred Dorsett, Vancouver telephone (206) 256-4981. Please send in your renewals as soon as possible. Thank you.

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date, time and place of the meeting at which your suggested change will be discussed by the committee and you will be welcome to attend to answer questions and offer any further explanation you deem necessary.

No suggested changes are presently in the hands of the committee, therefore if you have previously submitted a suggestion and it has not been acted upon, please re-submit it if you still want it considered. Such suggested changes may be mailed to me at home or in care of Room 1.

EXCURSIONS by Kerrigan Gray, chairman

The excursions committee would like to announce the "Cascades-Deschutes Rail Adventure" tour, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, May 9-10, 1987. We will be travelling via chartered Amtrak train, using the following routing:

Portland-Chemult on SP
Chemult-Bend on BN (ex-GN)
Overnight at Bend
Bend-Ore. Trunk Jct. on BN
Ore. Trunk Jct.-Portland,
routing not confirmed at
this time

Ticket prices for the entire package will approximately \$230 double occupancy, \$250 single occupancy. This will include all meals on board the train and motel rooms at Bend. It will not include breakfast Sunday morning at Bend. Please do not send any money to the Chapter until these prices have been confirmed.

P. S. Applications for car host will be taken at the February 20 membership meeting.

Summary of Minutes - Regular Chapter Meeting - January 16, 1987

The meeting was called to order by V.P. Bob Hoffman at 7:37 PM.

Treasurer Kyrian Gray reported balances in the Chapter's accounts as of 12/31/86: Checking: \$25,765.48. CDIC: \$6,343.55.

Ship Pegasus Room Deposit: The Chapter's attorney, Steve Bennett advised that there is a good chance of recovering the \$18,000 room deposit but that attorney's fees will probably be in the \$5-8 thousand range if a trial is needed.

V.P. Bob Hoffman announced the following appointments made by President Doug Auburg: Trainmaster Editor: Bryan Leeder. Trainmaster Associate Editor: Randy Nelson. Rolling Stock Comm. Chair: Larry Miller. By Law Comm. Chair: Jack Pfeifer. Concessions Comm. Chair: Marilyn Rehm. Excursion Comm. Chair: Kerrigan Gray. Car Rental Agent: Carl Rodabaugh.

Excursions: Kerrigan Gray announced that the Chapter's first excursion for 1987 will probably be a two day circle trip Chemult-Bend-Madras sometime in May. Bob Hoffman reported that the Chapter lost about \$14,000 on its two 1986 trips.

Chapter Banquet: Tom Brewer reported that only 18 out of a needed 50 reservations for the Chapter banquet have been received. Tom proposed postponing the banquet until March in the hope of having a better turnout. Moved by John Holloway, seconded by Kerrigan Gray to cancel the Feb. banquet date and reschedule on the regular meeting night of March 20 at a new location for a more reasonable price. Motion passed.

Swap Meet: Terry Parker announced that the 1987 Chapter/Columbia Gorge Swap Meet will be on Sat., March 7 at the armory on N.E. 33rd Ave. As of today 37 tables have been reserved.

Membership Committee: Darlene Morrison announced that Fred Dorsett will be taking over as membership chairman.

V.P. Bob Hoffman announced that the board has decided to call in all Chapter master keys and to re-issue them only as needed.

V.P. Bob Hoffman announced that committee chairs are no longer required to attend board meetings and that board members have been assigned as contacts for each committee. The board contacts can report in place of committee chairs.

Respectfully submitted, Chuck Storz, Secretary.

Summary of Minutes - Board of Directors Meeting - January 8, 1987

The meeting was called to order by President Doug Auburg at 8:10 PM.

President Doug Auburg asked for a motion exempting committee chairs from attendance at board meetings and allowing board committee contacts to report instead. Moved by Bob Hoffman, seconded by Al McCready to exempt committee chairs from having to attend board meetings. Motion passed.

Key Policy: Pres. Doug Auburg stated that too many master keys are out and

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he proposed a revision of policy to reduce the number of keys issued. Moved by Al McCready, seconded by Jack Pfeifer that the vice president recall all master keys and re-issue them as directed by the president and the board. Moved to amend by Terry Parker, seconded by Rich Carlson, that issuing a master key to any member outside the board of directors must be approved by the board. Amendment passed. Main motion, as amended, passed.

Swap Meet Proposal: Terry Parker and Doug Auburg presented a proposal written by them to formalize the relationship between the Columbia Gorge Model RR Club and the Pacific Northwest Chapter regarding operation and sharing duties for their joint swap meets. Moved by Jack Pfeifer, seconded by Carl Rodabaugh to accept the proposal as presented. Motion passed. Secretary's note: Details of the swap meet agreement will be added to the minutes of the next board meeting.

January 1987 Trainmaster: Pres. Doug Auburg reported that he has received a complaint from a Chapter member about the January issue of The Trainmaster. He suggested to the board the following options for dealing with the objectionable copy: 1) Send the issue out as is, 2) Re-do the issue to delete the objectionable copy, 3) Add additional material, and 4) Cancel the issue - no January issue. Al McCready moved, seconded by Rich Carlson, to mail the January Trainmaster as is. Motion passed.

Letter to City Regarding the New Museum: Doug Auburg suggested that the Chapter send a letter to the City: 1) Stating the Chapter's continued interest in a museum, 2) Explaining that while many members of the Pacific Northwest Railroad Museum Corp. are members of the Chapter the new corporation is a separate entity, 3) Indicating that, for the sake of minimizing confusion, the Chapter has no present intention of separately pursuing the matter of forming a museum with the City. However, the Chapter stands ready to become involved in any way the City feels appropriate. 4) The Chapter is the custodian and operator of the 4449, subject to our proposal to form a steering committee for its management. 5) That the Chapter is a member of an established national organization of long standing. The board agreed informally that Doug should send a letter as outlined above.

Telephone Calling (Credit) Cards: Doug Auburg reported that all the telephone calling cards that the Chapter had out have been cancelled by Kyrian Gray as instructed by the board. Members should bill the Chapter for any necessary calls.

Car "Rental Host Policy": Doug Auburg asked Larry Miller and Carl Rodabaugh to formulate a car host policy so that all Chapter members will know how car hosts are chosen when cars are rented. Carl suggested a training program to acquaint hosts with the Mt. Hood and any other cars to be rented.

Respectfully submitted, Chuck Storz, Secretary.

NOTE ABOUT PUBLICATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of both the board and regular meetings have been summarized for this issue of The Trainmaster. Matters covered in both meetings and committee reports appearing elsewhere have not been duplicated. Copies of the complete board meeting minutes are available at regular meetings as required by the Chapter by laws.

ATTEND THE CHAPTER'S

MARCH BANQUET

SATURDAY THE 28TH

BUFFET STYLE

PRICE IS \$8⁵⁵ 'TIL THE TENTH OF MARCH
AND \$9 UP TO THE 20TH OF MARCH

NO SALES AT THE DOOR

NO-HOST COCKTAILS AT 7, DINNER AT 8 P.M.

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