

# TRAINMASTER

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# Pacific Northwest Chapter Reaches 40th Anniversary!

by Jim Loomis

This year we celebrate our 40th anniversary. The occasion will be marked by a banquet at Shenanigan's Restaurant on Swan Island. After a good meal, we will have a guest speaker, Gregory Molloy. Mr. Molloy is the president of the National Railway Historical Society. He will discuss the future of the organization. A short slide program will follow.

The Pacific Northwest Chapter was formed in March, 1955, by a small group of people interested in recording and preserving the passing railroad scene for future generations. Passenger trains still ran to Astoria and Seaside, and the Shasta Daylight ran 14 cars long. Steam was still in use, but dwindling rapidly. Lucius Beebe & Charles Clegg, noted railroad authors, stopped in Portland on their way home to Virginia City, Nevada. They travelled around the U.S. in their private railroad car, by then the only private car owned by those riding it.

The first issue of <u>THE TRAINMASTER</u> was not published until March, 1956. It was a one-page newsletter, and was generally not published during the summer. The list of officers included Miln D. Gillespie, known to many older members, and a chapter railcar is named in his in honor, recognizing his many years of service to the chapter. Now <u>THE TRAINMASTER</u> frequently runs to 8 pages, and is published year-round, with as many as 550 copies distributed to chapter members and many organizations across the continent.

Ten years later, 1965, the chapter hosted the national NRHS Convention in Portland. Events included a trip to Oaks Pioneer Park (now Oaks Park) to view the City Park Bureau transportation exhibit, including S.P. & S. 700 and the S.P. 4449. Also on the agenda was a rail trip to Seaside (sorry, no dining car service!). Other noteworthy events are listed, but space limits this article. The chapter hosted another convention, of which there is no information available, at present.

In 1980, the chapter's 25th Anniversary, a banquet was held on March 21. V. Allan Vaughn, president of the National Railway Historical Society, was guest speaker. Mr. Vaughn spoke about the chapter and the area's importance to the commerce of the United States. He also presented the chapter's first 25-year pin to member Eugene Crothers of Salem, Oregon.

One of the more memorable excursions the chapter has sponsored occurred in October, 1981. It was supposed to be a one-day trip to Madras and back, via the UP to OT Junction, then the joint BN/UP line along the Deschutes River to Madras. Everything went along fine, and the train started back to the north. Just outside of Gateway, the train came to a stop for a long period of time, due to a red block ahead. Then came word that a UP freight just ahead of us derailed in the tunnel north of Gateway. The fact that there weren't enough busses in central Oregon to haul 630+ passengers called for an "extra" run south to the SP at Chemult, in order to

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The Editor reserves the right to edit or hold material at his/her discretion.

# CHAPTER TIME TABLE No. 391

### **REGULAR RUNS**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Thursday, April 13, 7:00 P.M., at Room 208, Union Station. Enter through the main entrance, turn right two times, past the magazine stand, first door on left at hallway to Wilfs.

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING Friday, April 21, 7:30 P.M., at St. David's Episcopal Church, 2800 S.E. Harrison. The business meeting will start promptly at 7:30, with the newsreel and program following a short break. Refreshments will be available; please bring some money to feed the "kitty," so it can continue to feed us! A map is on page 7, courtesy of Irv Ewen.

WEEKLY NO-HOST LUNCHEON every Saturday, 12:00 Noon, at the Semaphore Restaurant at S.E. 17th & S.E. Holgate Blvd. Our group is in the back. Come on down!

**ROLLING STOCK WORK SESSIONS will resume when possible.** Contact Richard Gray (452-8936), or Peter Rodabaugh (771-8545) for an update.

LIBRARY/ARCHIVES WORK SESSION: Thursday, April 13, 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. at Room 1 & 1A, Union Station. Help is needed to get things organized and catalogued. Contact Bob Weaver (654-4274) for more information-or just show up! There's a lot of work to do.

CHAPTER LIBRARY OPEN HOURS Saturday, April 22 & 29, 1:30 to 4:00 P.M. at Room 1, Union Station. Call Jim Loomis (253-3926) for appointments, if this is a difficult day and/or time for you.

### **EXTRA BOARD**

PNWC-NRHS 40th Anniversary Banquet Saturday, April 22, at Shenanigan's Restaurant, 4575 N. Channel Ave., Swan Island. A no-host bar will open at 6:00 P.M., with dinner served at 7:00 P.M. Guest speaker is Mr. Greg Molloy, president of the NRHS.

### APRIL MEETING PROGRAM

Program begins after business meeting

To be presented by

Dick Ordway

### UPCOMING PROGRAM

Scheduled for May: Gallatin Gateway To be presented by: Dale Miller

**NOTICE:** Programs are needed for future meetings. Anyone who is willing to present a program (slides, film, etc.) at a Chapter meeting, please contact the President.

# CHAPTER BUSINESS

### Summary of Minutes Board of Directors Meeting March 2, 1995

The meeting was called to order by President Terkelsen at 7:30 P.M. He welcomed members who were present.

Present: Roard: Ackerman, Edgar.

<u>Present:</u> <u>Board</u>: Ackerman, Edgar, Larson, Mack, Miller, Ordway, Reese, Schuler, Rodabaugh, Terkelsen.

<u>Members</u>: Rich Carlson, Ralph Johnson and Jim Loomis.

Minutes: The February Board minutes stand approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Maxine
Rodabaugh reported the balances of the
accounts. Spaghetti Feed report was that
we sold just above cost for tickets and the
excess food afterwards. We learned a lot
and it was a good social event. Ralph
Johnson was thanked for his help in
getting the event committee started.

Vice-President's Report: Marilyn Edgar reported that she and President Terkelsen, in answer to a letter from Board member Dick Ordway, set up a Board retreat preceding this meeting as a think-tank priority planning meeting. Dick Ordway suggested we should do this every couple of months.

President's Report: Bob Terkelsen distributed information & ideas to Grants Committee members to be read for consideration. We have good materials and members in. the organization. Now how do we use these resources? Orin Knee was suggested as a good Grant Committee resource by Dick Ordway. Orin has offered his help. Bob Terkelsen has received information from Steve Lee which explains how to go about approaching UP for future train trips.

National Director's Report: Gerald Schuler reported that all Portland hotels, except one, are full for the Spring NRHS Director's Meeting in 1997. Gerald displayed slides of Portland that he plans to use in his presentation bidding for the NRHS 1997 Spring Board Meeting. The Board recommended reserving the available hotel immediately. Gerald was thanked for his efforts by Bob Terkelsen.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

Finance: Marilyn Edgar reported the committee met on Feb. 27 in the afternoon. They discussed the funds issue raised by Maxine Rodabaugh concerning access to the funds money. The committee decided in favor of transferring up to a set amount into the savings account so that money is more available when we need car repair expense money.

Rolling Stock: Ed Ackerman reported on the status of broken car windows. Darel Mack elicited that the door on the Mt. Hood will be included in the repair decision. The name ot one possible window vandal identified should be given to the insurance company rather than placing charges at the police department. Bob Terkelsen asked if anyone had looked at Sherwood. The Santa Inez at Sherwood has broken windows which will also be looked at. We have received a check from the Golden State Railroad Museum for the use of the 6800 minus some repairs. Peter Rodabaugh thinks we should thank all of the moving helpers, plus Bob Melbo and Doyle McCormack for providing storage assistance. Maxine has done this in the "Trainmaster." Pete also said we should write thank-vou letters to our realty representative and the people in Sherwood who have helped us. Maxine, who also wrote several other items for the "Trainmaster," has listed the names of the monetary donors, which helped defray moving expenses.

**Excursions:** Bob Terkelsen reported giving Irv Ewen the information about Union Pacific ride possibilities. Irv has already contacted Hal Lewis of Pacific Limited for a September trip on the UP to Bend, OR.

Short Trips: Bob Terkelsen reported that the Mt. Rainier triple-header is sold out; so we will not have this. He will look into this as a fall possibility. He has gotten us on their mailing list. Bob will contact the Snoqualmie train for information about their operation. He mentioned several other possibilities. Dick Ordway has taken very recent pictures of the train to Astoria which could be a program.

<u>Library</u>: Jim Loomis had nothing to report at this meeting.

Activities: Darel Mack described our Swap Meet jobs beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday evening, Mar 17. He said we didn't make a lot of money on the spaghetti dinner, but we learned a lot for the next one. Darel will have the 40th Anniversary order form in the "Trainmaster" and showed us the program script and the name tags. It has been suggested that the chapter picnic be on Steam-Up weekend at Brooks. The Board discussed the weather at Steam-Up time and the size of the crowd; and agreed the picnic should be later, in August, after the membership meeting perhaps. The Toledo Chapter, the Oregon Electric Railroad and a model railroad group will be invited.

<u>Museum</u>: Bob Terkelsen and Ed Ackerman have been out to see a piece of property Dave Stimac has found for an eventual museum. Dave has prepared a very nice draft proposal which we looked at and discussed.

### AD HOC COMMITTEES

Concessions: Marilyn Edgar reported for Jim that Concessions will be selling at two tables at the Swap Meet. The B&O mugs finally came and we have more calendars.

"Trainmaster": Bob Terkelsen asked Jim Loomis if he was ready to help Stan Woolard, but not to do any more than he feels good about. Jim will help with the computer use. It was noted that Al McCready is still listed as "Property Development" in the "Trainmaster" though he has not been doing that job for about a year and a half.

**Programs:** Bob Terkelsen reported that the March Program will be Gerald Schuler's video of the Atlanta Steam Celebration. Dick Ordway will prepare a program for the April member meeting night. Our May program will be Dale Miller's slides of Gallatin Gateway.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

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### **NEW BUSINESS**

700 Group Move: Peter Rodabaugh has volunteered to help the 700 Group move since they provided parts for our move.

Letters Supporting AMTRAK: Ed Ackerman proposes that the Board send a letter to our Senators. Representatives and the Governor supporting AMTRAK; an organizational letter including our members. Bob Terkelsen will write the letter. Ed suggested that somebody who has a letter on a computer could produce a copy of a letter from an individual for the "Trainmaster" to encourage members to write.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

None.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:33 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

-Joyce E. Reese

Secretary

### Summary of Minutes Chapter Meeting March 10, 1995

President Bob Terkelsen called the meeting to order at 7:50 P.M. He welcomed all to our early-in-the-month meeting, plus introduced two guests.

Vice-President's Report: Marilyn Edgar reported that due to the stimulus of a letter of concern from Dick Ordway an officers' brainstorming session was held just prior to the regular board meeting last Thursday.

# Swap Meet Thanks!

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to the many friends and Chapter members who helped make our Little Toot Cafe at the Swap Meet very successful. I am listing the names of these people below. If your name is not listed, it is an oversight, not an omission, and thanks still go out to you!

-Juanita White

Roger White
Ralph Jack
Ken Krause
Louise Ives
Elaine Terkelsen
Carl Rodabaugh
Janet Larson
Diane Mack
Naomi Gray
Clytis Belloit
Rosemary Scheel

Sara Ackerman
Helen Jack
Peter Rodabaugh
Bob Terkelsen
Olive Schuler
Maxine Rodabaugh
Sue Harrison
Joyce Reese
Mildred Messmer
Fred Dorsett

National Director's Report: Jerry Schuler reported that he has a slide presentation all prepared to take to this Spring's National Board Meeting, inviting them to come to Portland, Oregon in Spring '97. We understand that we are the only bidders at this time. We will require a lot of people to help us plan and pull such an event together.

President's Report: Bob Terkelsen has received a response from Steve Lee of the U.P. Steam Program. We are also in touch with Hal Lewis of the Pacific Limited group who is running the steam and diesel excursions in September '95.

Treasurer's Report: Maxine Roda-

baugh reported we have received a check from the Golden Gate Railroad Museum for lease of our 6800, less the expenses for required repair work. This money will go into the bond program as this is a bond car. She also reported the balance in the checking account.

Rolling Stock: An insurance adjuster will be taken to view all of the broken windows on our rail cars, so that we can then get bids on completing the repairs. Rich Parks reported that the firehouse has been unloaded off of Roger White's trailer, at St. Joe. It will be used for storing the speeder and assorted items for the Willamette & Pacific Railroad.

Excursion Committee: Irv Ewen reported looking into a Redmond-Prineville trip which would entail bussing passengers. A Seattle trip, including the Brunch train in Renton, dinner on their own, or an evening cruise on the Virginia V, and the Mt. Rainier train on Sunday after an all-night stay in Seattle. Many options to look at but not always relying on the train. Also on the proposed agenda is a visit to the flight museum in South Seattle.

Activities Committee: Darel Mack reported we will need lots of helpers for the swap meet coming up Saturday, March 18. He also announced the 40th Anniversary dinner to be held April 22. 1995 at Shenanigan's Restaurant on Swan Island. The order forms are included in the March TRAINMASTER. There is a limit of 90 people so you are encouraged to put in your reservation early. Finally, the Chapter Picnic, to be held at Brooks, Oregon, in the Antique Powerland Park grounds on August 19. Museum: Grants information packets have been distributed to the appointed committee members for reading and familiarizing with what is required for

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applying for grants. There are some classes also available to help with the process.

Membership: An alert that several new members are listed in the March

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Concessions: Jim Edgar that the chapter will have 2 tables at the Swap Meet March 18, and along with the rest of the Union Pacific calendars at \$4.00 and Chessie calendars at \$5.00, we have new Chessie mugs and, of course, our new design 3 locomotive and Union Station T-shirt and sweatshirt.

Kitchen: The Little Toot Cafe will be open for the March 18 Swap Meet, and for the photography group on March 19. TRAINMASTER: Jim Loomis will edit the April issue.

**Programs:** April will be Dick Ordway on the Astoria line. May will be Dale Miller on Montana. June will be Darel Mack on the S.P. over Donner Pass.

New Business: Bob Terkelsen pointed out the need for letters to members of the U.S. Congress regarding funding for passenger rail service. It was mentioned that a letter to our governor is also very important. Personal letters, keeping it short and to the point are the most important items.

Good of the Order: Terry Parker announced the auction of Bob Hoffman's toy train collection Sunday, March 19, at Beaumont School. The Mt. Rainier scenic triple-header will be Saturday, April 29; coach seats only remain. Rich Carlson, Northwest Regional National Vice-President, met recently with 15 other regional vice-presidents in Charlotte, N.C. He said our problems are national in scope, and common to many chapters. He related that it was a good exchange. This was the first meeting of this type in a long time.

The meeting was adjourned to refreshments to be followed by Jerry Schuler showing a video of the NRHS National Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1994.

Respectfully submitted, Marilyn Edgar Secretary Pro-tem

# **CONVENTION CHATTER**

(supplied by the NRHS headquarters)

### 1995 INFORMATION UPDATE

February 27, 1995

Lancaster, Pennsylvania

#### SCHEDULE CHANGES

As of the Lancaster Chapter Convention Committee meeting on Monday, February 13th, there are CHANGES from the schedule overview published in the <u>National Railway Bulletin</u> Issue 4 of 1994 ONLY for the following;

WEDNESDAY JUNE 28 ... Ride the Wilmington & Western Railroad and the <u>Queen Anne's Railroad</u>, both in Delaware. The <u>Delaware Valley Railroad</u> will not be in the itinerary. Balance of events for this day remain unchanged.

SATURDAY JULY 1 ... <u>Instead</u> of excursion train from Lancaster direct to Scranton/Steamtown and return passengers will travel by bus from Lancaster to <u>Pocono Summit</u>, thence by train <u>[possibly</u> with steam] from Pocono Summit to Steamtown; tour of Steamtown; train will run from Steamtown to <u>Cresco</u> on the return trip, with bus connection from there back to Lancaster.

There are NO CHANGES for Tuesday 6/27, Thursday 6/29, Friday 6/30, and Sunday 7/2.

### **CONVENTION BROCHURES**

The Convention Registration Brochures were originally scheduled for mailing shortly after January lst. Due to unexpected event changes noted above and resulting planning adjustments, the brochures are running late and are expected to be in the mail by the end of February.

The brochure will include the above activity changes.

### CONVENTION "HOTLINE" ESTABLISHED

Lancaster Chapter has established a Convention Hotline for <u>any and all</u> information requests about the 1995 NRHS Convention:

### 717-786-4932

It is staffed seven days a week <u>between 10am and 9pm Eastern</u> Time. During all other hours members may leave a message on the answering machine; a member of the Chapter Convention Committee will return calls as soon as possible.

### WRITE TO ADDRESS

You may write to Chapter regarding all facets of the 1995 Convention;

Lancaster Chapter, Inc. - NRHS Post Office Box 643 Quarryville PA 17566-0643

### HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

All requests for accomodations at the three convention hotels MUST go through Lancaster Chapter, either via the Convention Hotline or by mail. The convention hotels will NOT accept telephone reservations

As of Friday 2/24/95, the President of Lancaster Chapter advised that there are still rooms remaining at all three convention hotels

[information provided by Lynn Burshtin, National Office Manager]

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return to Portland. A call was put in to the Kentucky Fried Chicken franchise in Bend for 660 chicken dinners (say what?), and the wings went flying to meet the demand. Possibly, even McDonald's (or Burger King, or Wendy's, just to be fair to all!) could not have mastered the feat that little facility accomplished on such short notice! The train was due back in Portland originally at approx. 7:00 P.M., but the detour gave us an arrival time of 7:30 A.M. the next day. Thus began our "Bend Circle Trips", an enormously popular excursion for the chapter. In recent years, the chapter has been unable to operate the trip, due to various difficulties.

Over the years, the chapter has sponsored many rail trips, as well as swap meets, banquets, picnics, and trips oriented to railfans of the great Pacific Northwest. Members must not forget, however, that the chapter has many other activities ongoing, including the restoration of vintage railroad equipment, and the acquisition and cataloguing of railroadrelated items and literature. The archives are still in the cataloguing phase, but research is presently possible for anyone interested in writing about railroad history, among other things. Also, the archive has over 700 passenger timetables for railroads of the United States and Canada available for research material. The chapter library has over 1.000 books, and close to 50 video tapes for reading and viewing by anyone interested. One reminder: it is important that books and tapes are returned promptly, so that others may check them out. Some of the items are irreplaceable, so they can not be replaced for the future generations of railfans we want to encourage to join us.

### **Excursion Committee Report**

-Irv Ewen, chair

The excursion committee has proposed 3 trips for this summer and fall, and would like to know if you are interested in any or all of them. Please let us know as soon as possible, so that we may finalize the itineraries for these trips, or modify them to suit you.

Tour #1 - Crooked River Dinner Train: This is being planned for mid-July. We will travel via bus to Redmond, where we will ride the train in the evening, enjoying a "hoedown" barbeque halfway through the ride. Other attractions outside of the train ride are still being explored (any suggestions?). We will spend the night in Redmond.

Tour #2 - Seattle - Virginia V & Brunch Train: This is being planned for September 9 & 10. We will travel via bus. Plans now are for an evening trip on the historic Virginia V steampowered vessel, with hors d'oeuvres served on the boat. On Sunday morning, we are planning a Brunch on the Spirit of Washington dinner train. Other attractions on the possible agenda are the Boeing Flight Museum and Pike's Market, as well as the Pacific Science Center.

Tour #3 - Union Pacific to Bend: September 30 & October 1. This is the advertised trip from Portland to Bend. We will have a car at our disposal for the trip, with lodging arranged in Bend for Saturday night. This will be limited to the number of seats available.

Again, we need your input, <u>as soon as possible</u>, regarding your desires to partake one or more of these trips. Address your comments to Irv Ewen, care of the Excursion Committee, PNWC-NRHS, Room 1, Union Station, Portland, OR 97209-3715.

Other short trips are still in the planning stages, and information regarding these will be made available when possible.

Mention must also be made of the people that acquire railroadiana for sale, such as the great T-shirts, mugs, and calendars available over the years. There are also the dedicated people in the kitchen, feeding us at the general meetings; the people involved in getting trips up and running; the people fighting hard to keep the equipment in operating condition; the people working to find a permanent home for our chapter-the ultimate goal includes a museum for our equipment; the people involved in planning and coordinating various chapter activities; the people not

mentioned, but nonetheless just as important to the chapter; and, of course, the MEMBERS of the PNWC-NRHS, without whom 40 years would not have been possible. Let us all work together to reach 50, and keep it going!!!

### REMINDER:

Members with concerns are welcome to the monthly board meeting, on the first Thursday after the first Friday of the month, in Room 208, Union Station, 7:00 P.M.

### Library Committee Report

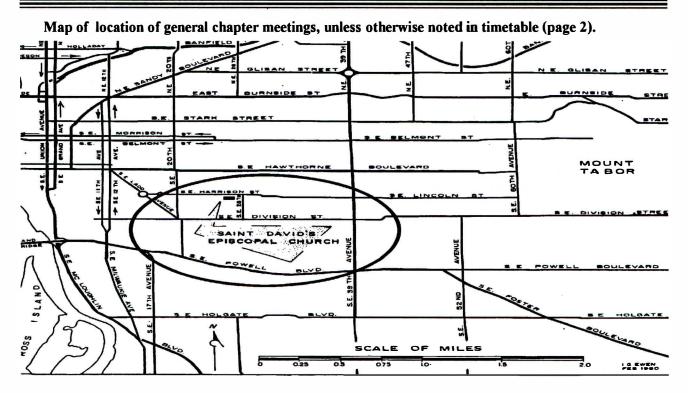
-James Loomis, chair

### The videos are in!!!

The library now has 16 videos available for check-out. They are various movies dating from the early 1900's to the 1980's. The oldest ones are silent films made by Thomas Edison and other pioneer filmakers. All feature railroads to one degree or another, and should entertain you. Come on down to the library, and check out one or two soon!

### Here is the list of the films:

Denver & Rio Grande, starring Edmond O'Brien and Sterling Hayden The General, starring Buster Keaton and Marion Mack D.W. Griffith Collection-The Lonedale Operator and A Girl And Her Trust A Ticket To Tomahawk, starring Dan Dailey and Anne Baxter Emperor of the North, starring Lee Marvin and Ernest Borgnine Phantom Express, starring William Collier, Jr. and Sally Blaine The Broadway Limited, starring Dennis O'Keefe and Marjorie Woodworth Paradise Express, starring Grant Withers and Dorothy Appleby Runaway Train, starring John Voight and Eric Roberts The Train Robbers, starting John Wayne and Ann-Margret Danger Lights, starring Louis Wolheim and Jean Arthur Red Signals, starring Earle Williams and Wallace MacDonald The Great Train Robbery (actually 6 films), by Thomas Edison and Sigmund Lubin Union Pacific Strangers On A Train, starring Farley Granger and Ruth Roman The Train, starring Burt Lancaster



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