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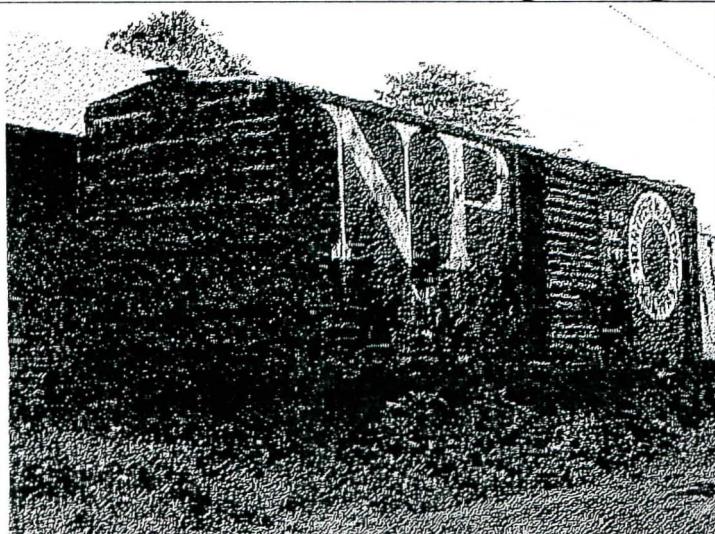
Board of Directors: March 8, April 12, Room 208, Portland Union Station, 7:30 PM

Membership Meetings, Mar 16, April ?, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 5415 S.E. Powell Blvd. 7:30 PM

PLEASE ARRIVE AT OR BEFORE 7:30 AT OUR MEETINGS For building security purposes please arrive for membership meetings at or before 7:30 p.m. If you arrive after 7:30 the parking lot entrance will be locked and you will need to enter the building using the basement door on the West side of the building.

Chapter Banquet Coming March 18th.

Also note that due to the excursion, the membership meeting for April will be moved or cancelled, depending on a decision to be made by March 8.



NP Boxcar in Pennsylvania

I was wondering how many former NP freight cars there are which survive. I'm not a NP fan as such, but know where there is a landlocked NP boxcar here in NE PA. It's on a former Lehigh Valley branch line which was flooded out in 1972 and was subsequently abandoned. Do any of your members know about this? It's located at the former LV station in New Albany, PA.

Steve Hall

Jack M. Holst Memorial Award Winners

Pacific Northwest Chapter, National Railway Historical Society

At the Chapter's first annual banquet held in January 1982, Chapter President Ben Fredericks announced that member Mary Lou Weaver won the award-naming contest with her entry of the Jack M. Holst Memorial Award. The award is intended to recognize an outstanding Chapter member. A committee composed of the immediate past three-year award winners nominates members. The membership votes and the award is made at the Chapter Annual Banquet. The winners have been:

1981 Charles W. Storz, Jr.	1991 Roger A. White
1982 Irving G. Ewen	1992 Bob Weaver
1983 Edward E. Immel	1993 Gerald K. Webb, Sr.
1984 Walter R. Grande	1994 No award
1985 John D. Holloway	1995 James A. Loomis
1986 Mary Lou Weaver	1996 Frank J. Weiler
1987 Bob Slover	1997 Darel H. Mack
1988 Marilyn L. Edgar	1998 George N. Hickok
1989 Peter M. Rodabaugh	1999 Gerald A. Schuler
1990 Bob Hoffman	2000 To Be Announced at March Banquet

The Library Committee Solicits Donations:

The library is in dire need of a new copy machine. The one we have now is inoperative. We have had this machine since 1984 and it has served us well. After extensive research, member Chuck McGaffey with the help of other committee members has identified the machine that would best service the library and has the features we need. It is a laser-digital copier and printer with a 600x600 resolution. This machine costs about \$400 and if it lasts as long as our old machine that is about a \$25 per year investment.

The committee is asking the membership for donations toward this copier. You may make the donation in your name or as a memorial. All donators will be recognized in the Trainmaster and in the library. Thank you.

21st Century Vision Survey

Thanks to the following members for taking time to complete the survey:

Rick Banton, Darrel Mattoon, Raymond DeBuse, Doug Bingham, Bob McCoy, Scott Bruce
Chuck McGaffey, Michael Bryan, Kenneth Peters, Jerry Elder, Randy Rock, Al Hall, Gerald Schuler, Judy Hall, Arlen Sheldrake, Kent Hutchens, Tom Smith, Ralph Johnson, Walter Stott, Richard Mather, Joe Wright

21 of our approximately 280 members took the time to respond to this survey. While more input would have been helpful, the Board determined that we **must** quickly move ahead in developing plans for the Chapter's future. The information you provided is very valuable as your Chapter Board develops long-range plans.

On February 8th the Board adopted the following *recommendations*:

#2. What activities would you like the Chapter to sponsor for the membership?

It is pretty clear that more activities are desired. *Recommendation:* Ask the Activities Committee to implement these ideas.

#3. What are your thoughts about developing partnerships?

Very clear that this must be a **major** priority. *Recommendation:* Board action to make this priority 1.

#4. What would you like included or excluded in *The Trainmaster*?

Very clear that members appreciate the current format but some good suggestions for improvements. *Recommendations:* 1) Find/assign someone to maintain a local/regional calendar of railroad events and activities; 2) Get Committee chairs to write-up what they are doing; 3) Find someone to track/publish information about local/regional railroad activities; 4) Solicit members to write articles.

#5. Your thoughts on the Chapter establishing a storage/repair facility:

Do it or dump our rolling stock. *Recommendation:* Incorporate with item #3.

#6. Your thoughts on working toward establishing a museum:

Do it. *Recommendation:* Incorporate with item #3.

#7. Continuing to acquire materials for the library/archive:

Continue but be selective. *Recommendation:* Ask Library/Archive Committee to implement following the Chapter's purpose statement.

#8. What programs should be offered at monthly membership meetings?

Programs from members, local rail operators, programs from our archives. *Recommendation:* Ask Program chair to implement.

#9. Present location of the membership meetings:

Present location is OK. *Recommendation:* End of issue.

#10. Willing to do or continue to do for the Chapter:

Some new volunteers. *Recommendation:* Copies to Committee Chairs for follow-up.

#11. Describe your general long-term vision for the Chapter:

Multiple ideas. *Recommendation:* Board will review each submission 3-8-2001.

#11. Other thoughts:

Multiple ideas. *Recommendation:* Board will review each submission 3-8-2001.

Departed Member

The Chapter regrets the passing of member Thomas B. Thompson who died on January 4, 2000.

- ~ Thomas had been a member since 1987, lived in Grants Pass, and was a long time supporter of railroad history.

Homecoming Excursion

The April 20-23, 2001 Pacific Railroad Preservation Association excursion to Pasco/Spokane planning continues with lots of work by Chapter members George & Jean Hickok, Rick Banton, Al & Judy Hall, Chuck McGaffey, Darel Mack, and Arlen Sheldrake meeting weekly with PRPA planning members. The Chapter is providing ticketing, car hosts, and other support for this PRPA excursion. If you aren't "working" the train, get ticket information from www.sps700.org or by calling 503.649.6602.

Amtrak Funding

Are you watching Congress? Amtrak funding is promised to be an early 2001 topic at least in the US Senate. S.1000, the High-Speed Rail Investment Act, is one such bill that bears watching. If you have an opinion about the future of high-speed rail and/or Amtrak, now is the time to get your opinion heard by your Representatives and Senators in Washington DC.

Other:

According to the USPS our zip code for room 1 is: 97209-3794 instead of 97209-3715

With this 10 digit dialing bummer maybe we should remove all the 503 brackets from the phone list?

Track Walking Encouraged

By Arlen L. Sheldrake

Definitely a weird headline in today's world but this is a reality for our own Port of Tillamook Bay Railroad (POTB). A unique partnership came out of the devastating February 1996 floods between the governor's office, the Oregon Department of Forestry, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the POTB to develop a policy that allows public access.

16 miles of railroad are open to foot traffic with 9 tunnels and numerous trestles along the roadless Salmonberry River in the Oregon Coast range west of Portland. The only hiker requirements are that you register at the trailhead, carry a free permit and obey the posted rules. Overnight camping and fires are not allowed in the rail corridor.

To reach the lower Salmonberry Canyon, drive US 26 west of Portland to the restaurant and store at Elsie. Turn south near milepost 20 onto the Lower Nehalem River Road. Drive 13 miles, most of it on pavement, to where the Salmonberry joins the Nehalem River. Park and follow the railroad tracks upriver. The Salmonberry also can be reached at Cochran, Belding and the North Fork by using a detailed map of the Coast Range, such as the BLM's Salem Westside recreation map.

When hiking the rails keeps your ears open for approaching trains, as this is an active railroad with 6+ trains per week!

This information was extracted from an *Oregonian* October 13, 1999 newspaper article that is available through the POTB web site: www.potb.org/railroad; click on Salmonberry Access.

President's Update, By Arlen L. Sheldrake

Here is an update from your 2001 President. While not promising to publish monthly, I will attempt to get this update to you often.

First I want to express my great appreciation for the support I am receiving from our Past President (1997-2000) George Hickok. His advice, help, wealth of information and continuing involvement as a Board member is a great help as I try to learn more about the Chapter and how it operates. I am also enjoying an involved and active Board of Directors.

We regret the departure of Bob Melbo from the helm of Portland & Western Railroad. Bob's active support of the Chapter for 20+ years both as a member, during his Southern Pacific Railroad days, and as the President of P&W/W&P has been truly outstanding. I certainly wish him the best in his new endeavors.

Our Chapter committees are springing to new life. Ron McCoy, *Activities*, promises to offer you new activity opportunities during the year. The newly organized committees with Chairs Ralph Johnson, *Lending Library* and Chuck McGaffey, *Archives* promise to get these resources organized. Our *Museum*

Committee chaired by Glenn Laubaugh is getting a fresh start based on the strong input from the Vision Survey. Gerald Schuler has agreed to Chair a new Committee to handle our *Memorial Funds*. Members for these committees are welcome, please contact the Committee Chair of interest and volunteer. And thanks to all of you who took the time to share your thoughts by completing and returning the Survey. As reported in this issue, the Board is taking each of your suggestions very seriously.

One of the strong Survey suggestions was that we continue our efforts to form partnerships. This effort has now been given a priority #1 blessing by the Board and efforts are moving ahead.

Glenn has agreed to continue as *The Trainmaster* editor. I have promised him that we will **all** help him by providing information for publication. The Editors job is to take the material submitted, edit as needed, and get it published. We all have a story to tell be it a rail trip, a good book or video we have experienced, something we have found on the Web, or some research we have done. So what are you waiting for?

Thanks also to Darel Mack for agreeing to take the *Car Host* Committee and all his work in preparation for the PRPA Homecoming Excursion April 20-23, 2001. Jean Hickok has agreed to continue as our *Concession* committee Chair and George is doing all the Ticketing. This is a huge activity for the Chapter. We have the opportunity to make some needed money for the Chapter as well as firmly establishing a great partnership with the PRPA.

I hope to see you at a Membership meeting!

From The Wire

More Fiber is Healthy, By Arlen L. Sheldrake

The Port of Tillamook Bay (POTB) is continuing a healthy financial marriage of railroad right of way with the booming telecommunications industry by beginning the second fiber installation between Nedonna Beach, near Wheeler, and Hillsboro.

The first fiber optic cable owned by Alaska Northstar Communications was buried starting in the summer of 1999 and as you might guess comes from Alaska. The second fiber cable, owned by Southern Cross Cable (a conglomerate of Telecom New Zealand, MCI WorldCom, and Wireless Optus), is now being laid overland in 2001 and comes from Australia/New Zealand to Hawaii then on to Nedonna Beach . Once on the beach they follow the POTB right of way to Hillsboro then on

to Portland and Seattle. Seattle is a major North American Internet gateway. Cable for the projects is manufactured in part by Portland-based Alcatel Inc.

Special POTB work trains are laying the cable. After installation about the only indication of the fiber installation is found by the "buried cable signs" or the conduits along trestles and bridges.

Information for this article was obtained from the POTB web site (www.potb.org/fiber-optic) and www.trainweb.org/poth, Jody Foster's unofficial POTB web site (Jody is a conductor for the POTB Railroad, a freelance writer, and Website developer.

If you want additional information about the ocean cable laying process, go to the Oregon Fishermen's Cable Committee web site:
www.ofcc.com

Mailbag

A professor at Webster University seeking any information about a 1904 train and a conductor

The train was #42 leaving Tacoma, Washington on 3/22/1904 - left at 4:35 and came to St. Louis, Missouri for the world's fair. There were a number of Pullman cars on that train and the Pullman conductor's name for the whole trip was J. G. Crombie. Normally Mr. Crombie was on the O. R. & N. between Portland and Green River, Wyo. Karl M. Kindt III, Professor at Webster University St. Louis, Missouri (314)335.1159 kkindt@icon-stl.net

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Book author search

Noted from the dust cover of co-author Walter Grande's great book "The Red Electrics" that he's a member of your NRHS chapter. I'm about four years into a research project for a book to be tentatively titled and subtitled "Rails to the Domes. A Pictorial History of Our Capitols and Their Railways."

I've now been to all 50 of our capital cities, and have visited whatever archives and historical societies each offered.

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I'd like to get in touch with Mr. Grande regarding some Salem references in his book.

Also interested in dialog with Messrs. Tom Dill and/or Ed Austin if either or both are also members of your chapter. Would appreciate any help you can give me, including forwarding this E-mail to any or all of the above if you have E-mail addresses for them.

Thanks, Russ Davies (310)454-0046
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Homecoming Excursion

You have all received a copy of the brochure announcing the PRPA's April 20-23, 2001 excursion to Pasco/Spokane. As promised the members of the Pacific Railroad Preservation Association and Pacific Northwest Chapter received the brochure first.

This excursion is a **huge** undertaking! We have 600 seats to be sold, so get your tickets purchased and get the word out to **all** of your friends and acquaintances. All the information is on the PRPA web site: www.sps700.org or contact any Board member to get more copies of the excursion brochure.

The PRPA is hoping that this excursion will generate enough funds to continue their excellent maintenance program on the SP&S 700 Northern class 4-8-4 steam locomotive.

The Chapter is partnering with PRPA to provide passenger support activities. This includes development of the brochure, ticketing, hotel arrangements, and car hosts. For this support the Chapter is receiving money for each ticket sold that will go to our fund raising needs.

PNWC/NRHS General Meeting

Summary February 16, 2001

CTO: 7:35 pm by President Arlen Sheldrake.

The pledge of allegiance was lead by Vice President, Al Hall

Members & Guests: Welcome members. There were no guests.

Officer's Reports:

Secretary: Judy Hall. The reading of the minutes was dispensed with and there was one correction. The minutes were dated June instead of January in

Harry Bedwell

Hi, I found your site while searching for a collection of Harry Bedwell's stories. Do you know of any collections of all his stories?

Thanks for any light shed.

Yours, Carl Krall cdkrall@earthlink.net

The *Trainmaster* is always interested in hearing from chapter members and others who follow trains. Please address correspondence to the address on page 7.

the Trainmaster. The minutes were correct but the date was wrong.

Treasurer: Rick Banton. The treasurer's report was not given. (A copy of the report filed at the Board meeting will be filed with the minutes in Room 1, Union Station).

National Director: Gerald Schuler. No report.

VP: Al Hall. No report.

President: Arlen Sheldrake. Arlen said we are in the process of rekeying the Chapter property and we now have a policy for the keys in place. (A copy of the key policy is filed with the minutes in Room 1, Union Station). A summary of the Vision Survey was placed on the members' tables for review by the membership. Of the 280 sent out only 20 were returned. It was clear that the members want more activities so Item#2 was directed to Ron McCoy, Activities Chair. Item #3 concerning Chapter partnerships with other rail groups has been given #1 priority status. Item #4. Glenn Laubaugh has agreed to continue on as the editor of the *Trainmaster*. He could use the help of Chapter members to write and submit articles to the *Trainmaster*. We need a calendar of local events and regional events of railroads in the area. Please volunteer if this is something you'd like to contribute to. Item #5 & #6 will be incorporated with #3. Item #7 given to the Library committees. Item #8 given to the Program Chair, the Vice-president. Items #1 and #11 will be discussed by the Board and brought to the membership next month. (A copy of the survey summary is filed with the minutes in Room 1, Union Station).

Committees Reporting:

Rolling Stock: Scott Bruce. Scott reported that the

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committee hauled a pickup load of junk to the dump. They cleaned up the 76 and the Twin Grove. The committee will present to the Chapter; 1) a long

term plan for the rolling stock and 2) acceptable use policy for our rolling stock. There have not been guidelines for taking care of the equipment. In March the committee will be updated. If you are interested in staying on the committee please attend the next meeting, Feb. 28 at 7 pm in Room 208.

Membership: Maxine Rodabaugh. No report.

Excursion: Al Hall/Janet Larson. Al reported that over 1100 tickets have been sold and we are about 50% sold. The Dome is sold out. More newspaper press releases are due to hit Spokane and elsewhere and should generate more ticket sales. Chuck McGaffey and Ted Ahlberg have visited the hobby shops and Amtrak stations and have had good responses from the Amtrak agents who are hanging our posters and passing out brochures. Bob Terkelson sent information to the Central Coast Chapter of the NRHS about the excursion.

Library: Ralph Johnson-Lending Library, Chuck McGaffey-Archives. The library will now have two committees and chairpersons; one for the Lending library and one for the Archives. Chuck McGaffey said there was a request for a certain magazine, Railway Express, that someone wanted to know about. Using the system that is in place, he was able to find it in the archives. He also mentioned the visit from Richard Engeman from the Oregon History Center who looked at the archives. He said that maybe about 200 of our rolled items need unrolling. The next meetings of the committees are March 17; Archives meet 9 am to 11 am and Lending meet 11 am to 1 pm. A question was raised by a member about the possibility of publishing the significant Southern Pacific RR historical archive at a national level. The answer is that we are not ready to do something like this yet. Ted Ahlberg said that other NRHS chapter newsletters will be available in the library if anyone would like to read them.

Activities: Ron McCoy. Darel Mack asked that you please get your checks (made out to the PNWC/NRHS) to Ron for the banquet. The deadline is March 10.

Programs: Al Hall The program for tonight will be on the Strasburg Railroad, a video from Darel Mack.

Museum: Glenn Laubaugh has been asked to revive the museum committee. If interested, please call Glenn and volunteer to help.

Old Business: Western Antique Powerland Incorporated (WAPI) report was given by Al Hall. For the past number of years we have been looking for a home and the Chapter has been unable to find a suitable place near a railroad. WAPI seems to be the most obvious place to go. There are currently ongoing negotiations with a WAPI neighbor to lease some land to bring in rail from the P&W RR. We've been asked to submit plans and Matt Baccitich (member PRPA) who is a computer aided drawing specialist is drawing up the plans. The PRPA and Friends of the 4449 have expressed interest in getting the groups all in one place. There was a question about why St. Mary's was not considered as a site. The answer was that it's too small and it slopes downhill. Bob Terkelson said that the Truck Museum and the Oregon Electric are going in together with their archives at WAPI and perhaps we could join them.

New Business: The April membership meeting will need to be canceled or changed due to the conflict with the excursion. Judy Hall said that an article was placed in the January issue of the Trainmaster about the desperate need for a new library copier. One member generously responded with a donation of \$200 to be matched by the membership. So far we have \$50 toward the match. If you can donate, please do so. Thank you.

Good of the Order: The Great American Train Show will be at the Expo Center this weekend. There will be 8 or 9 model layouts. Please pick up and fill out your Volunteer Hours Sheets for this year. It is very important to have these completed to demonstrate the members' participation if we should want to seek money from private grants. If you have any forms from the year 2000, please give them to the Vice-president. Some members who do not drive a car would appreciate a ride to and from the Homecoming Excursion in April. Please contact Judy Hall if you could help out.

Motion to adjourn: Adjourned at 9:05 pm.

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Snacks and birthday cake, (for all Chapter members with a birthday in January and February), were provided by Ted and Cora.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Hall, Secretary

Chapter Timetable #461 February 2001

Monthly Board of Directors Meetings:

Mar 8, April 12 7:30 pm. Rm 208, Union Station. (Usually Thursday evening of week prior to membership meeting.)

Monthly Membership Meeting:

March 16th 7:30 p.m. St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 5415 S.E. Powell Blvd. (Usually Third Friday Evening of every month.)

Note: April meeting will be either cancelled or moved to April 27. To be announced.

Other Meetings:

March 17th 9:00 a.m. **Archive Committee**, room 1.

March 17th 11:00 a.m. **Lending Library Committee**, room 1.

March 28th 7:00 p.m. **Rolling Stock Committee meeting**; room 208.

PRPA April Excursion planning meetings; every Saturday, 3:00; room 208.

Library will be open March 17 and 24 from 1 to 4 pm.

Chapter Banquet Will be in March.

The Model Railroad and Railroadiana Swapmeet will be March 10, at the Collectables Market Building, just east of Portland Meadows Race Track in North Portland. The event is sponsored by the Columbia Gorge Model Railroad Club.



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Trainmaster Contributions:

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Due to some changes at our internet provider, as well as a desire to make the web site easier to maintain, we will soon be changing our web site to a new location:

<http://www.pnwc-nrhs.org> with many thanks to EasyStreet for registration for us.

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