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Membership Meetings: Oct 19, Nov 16 St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 5415 S.E. Powell Blvd. 7:30 PM
PLEASE ARRIVE AT OR BEFORE 7:30 AT OUR MEETINGS for security. If you arrive after 7:30 the parking lot door will be locked. You will need use the basement door on the West side of the building.

Graffiti Removed From RDC's text and photo by Arlen Sheldrake



Sometime during the Labor Day Weekend movement of the Chapter's two RDC units they received major graffiti vandalism to three of the four sides. It took about 40 hours of effort by Pete Rodabaugh, Randy Rock, Ken Peters, and Arlen Sheldrake to get the paint off.

Work On Equipment Display at WAPI Started by Glenn Laubaugh

On September 16, 2001 Pete Rodabaugh, George & Brian Hickok, and Glenn Laubaugh started work on installing ties and rail for display of the chapter's Jordan Spreader and Flanger at the Western Antique Powerland near Brooks. This is the first time the chapter has been given the chance for a permanent display home for any of its equipment, and we hope may be the start of a larger railroad display at that location. If anyone knows anyone who may be interested in the formation of a railroad museum in the region, please be sure to get them interested in becoming members of the chapter. We need the help of everyone possible, and that means going out and finding those who are able and interested in helping out in the process of starting a railroad museum.

Trainmaster Runs Short, from your Trainmaster Editor: Due to the need for track workers at WAPI on Sept. 16, the resulting lack of time available for editing, as well as my being out of town starting Sept 21, the day of the membership meeting, it is not possible to have this issue of the Trainmaster include minutes, meeting summary, and many other materials. The normal amount of material will be available in the October issue. Someone to edit the Trainmaster would be helpful at this point, so that your museum committee chair could be more involved in developing museum plans and other related needed items.

From The Wire



Rare Train Trip operated by NRM

The Northwest Rail Museum is sponsoring a rail fan weekend on the Puget Sound and Pacific Railroad. This is a rare chance to ride this normally freight-only railroad and experience passenger railroading that has not been possible for 40 years. In fact, one line has never had passenger service! The Puget Sound & Pacific Railroad operates over 120 miles of former Northern Pacific Railroad and Burlington Northern Railroad track westerly from Centralia, Washington. Trackage extends west to the ocean shore communities of Aberdeen and Hoquiam while another line skirts the shores of Puget Sound to the naval community of Bremerton. **Please note: this is NOT a steam excursion.** A for a map of the route and the train trip, see the web page at :

http://www.northwestrailmuseum.com/rail_fan_weekend_map.htm

The Train will leave Centralia, WA at 9:00 am October 27. Return will be on October 28. Due to federal hours of service laws for train crews the return to Centralia will be by chartered motor coach. Passengers for the Seattle area will be provided connecting service to the Bremerton-Seattle ferry terminal. Navy security concerns do not permit any passenger operation between Bremerton and the nuclear submarine base at Bangor.

Adult: \$135 Ticket price includes two days of rail travel over the Puget Sound & Pacific Railroad. Meal stops will be made at Aberdeen/Hoquiam on Saturday and at Shelton and Bremerton on Sunday. No meals or lodging are included. A list of local motels will be provided with tickets for those who are coming from out of the area. Pricing is on a per-seat basis due to the limited seats available.

Seating is limited and will consist of regular railroad intercity type coaches.

New Rail Advocacy Group Formed

Chicago, Illinois, June 28 -- Responding to the growing threat of the elimination of the passenger train in the United States, The Association of Rail Travel in the US (RTUS) today announced official incorporation as a not-for-profit organization operating in the United States. Based in Illinois, the Association of Rail Travel in the US is national rail

advocacy organization aimed at promoting rail travel in the United States.

The Association of Rail Travel in the US hopes to play a vital role in the development of future passenger rail policy, using both its board of directors and its members. In addition, RTUS will attempt to act as a rail organization of the 21st century, using the Internet and other modern technologies to help promote its message and goals. Some of RTUS's goals include promoting rail travel in the United States with a dedicated force of funding for Amtrak, the national rail passenger system, helping other rail organizations develop an online presence, and uniting all rail advocates with common goals.

RTUS would like to emphasize that it is interested in being a supplement for existing rail organizations, not a replacement. Therefore, membership will be offered at no charge, so that organizations such as the National Association of Railroad Passengers (NARP) and State ARP's will not lose membership. RTUS plans on encouraging its members to join the National Association of Railroad Passengers as well as their State ARP's, due to the large part that both play in communicating with Amtrak, Congress, and their effectiveness to lobby on behalf of the passenger train. In the coming weeks, Rail Travel in the US plans on revamping its website located at <http://www.ustraintravel.com>, allowing for easier access to resources and membership information. For more information on RTUS, call (847) 433-0731, or email RailTravelUS@yahoo.com.

About Rail Travel in the US Founded in 2001, The Association of Rail Travel in the US (RTUS) is a not-for-profit organization based in Chicago, IL. Its goals include the promotion of rail travel in the United States with a dedicated source of funding for Amtrak, the national rail passenger system, helping other rail organizations develop an online presence, and uniting all rail advocates with common goals. For more information, visit <http://www.ustraintravel.com>.

Attack Causes Major Inspection on UP

OMAHA, September 12 - Within hours of yesterday's terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C., Union Pacific Railroad

employees inspected every major bridge and structure on its 33,000-mile system, including oil and fuel tanks, buildings and rolling stock.

"The railroad is the lifeline to the American economic engine," said Dick Davidson, Union Pacific Corporation Chairman and CEO. "At a time like this, it's absolutely crucial that we maintain our operations to support the needs of the country."

"We'll continue to do business safely and responsibly. We'll continue to accept freight and serve our customers at all Union Pacific facilities while enhancing security. There's no better way for us to tell terrorists they can't win," Davidson said. Union Pacific special agents continue to coordinate security and law enforcement procedures with the FBI, local police and sheriffs' offices.

The railroad maintains a command post in the Harriman Dispatching Center in Omaha and access remains limited to employees-only at centralized computer and communications centers, as well as office complexes around the system. Access to terminal and yard facilities also remains limited to employees and to only those non-employees necessary to pick up and deliver customer freight.

Traffic across the railroad yesterday experienced minimal delays despite the track and structure inspections. UP is also working with eastern carriers experiencing delays so they are not flooded with traffic at eastern connections. Rail traffic at UP's Mexico and Canada border crossings moved without issue. Crews in Chicago went the extra mile to operate 20 additional Metra trains in an effort to help move workers out of the city after several businesses closed early yesterday.

UP's Travel Services reports that no Union Pacific employees were ticketed on the four commercial airliners downed by yesterday's terrorism. U. S. flags are flying at half-staff on all UP properties.

The railroad is supporting efforts to help victims of yesterday's terrorism by:

- Matching employee donations to the Red Cross and Salvation Army, dollar-for-dollar.
- Donating medical supplies to be sent to New York City and Washington, D.C.
- Letting employees know that if they wish to donate blood they should call their local Red Cross office and make an appointment.

"The purpose of terrorism is to disrupt normal life," said Davidson. "Every one of our jobs is crucial to moving the American economy. Carrying out our daily responsibilities sends a very strong message during this trying and emotional time. I'm proud of our employees, especially those who stepped forward and asked, 'What can I do to help?' Every single member of the UP Team has my personal thanks for keeping our railroad running."

Correction: In reviewing my "pending article" file I noted that the 1887 Depot Restored article had what is now a glaring error "with original 1987 high ceilings" doesn't quite match when the building was built. – Contributed by Alren Sheldrake

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Oct 19, Nov 16 7:30 p.m. St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 5415 S.E. Powell Blvd.

Rolling Stock Committee:

Oct 24, Nov 28 Room 208 Union Station. Committee meets on 4th Wednesday of each month, Work parties on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays, and 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. Information: Pete Rodabaugh at 503. 771.8545

Lending Library:

Library open October 20, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.



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