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Pacific Northwest Chapter Timetable #515 Membership Meetings: June 17, July 15, 7:30 PM, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 5415 SE Powell Blvd.

If you know of any good program subjects for future call Ralph H. Johnson at 503-654-1930

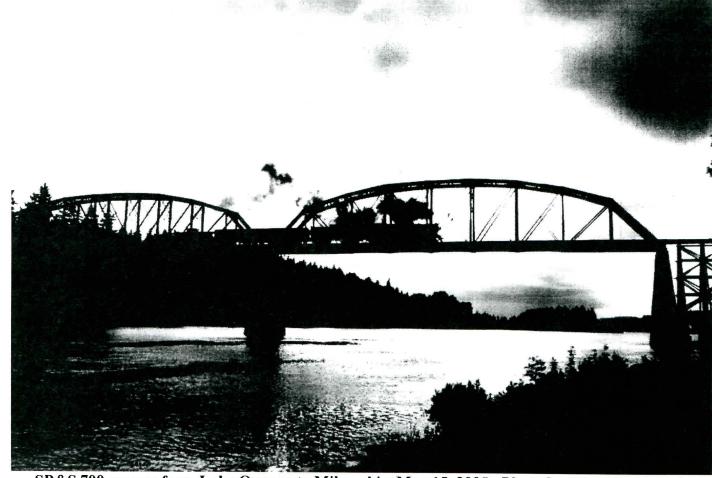
<u>Board of Directors Meetings:</u> June 9, Room 208, Union Station, 7:30 PM July: TBA, due to Convention

<u>Lending Library:</u> June 18 & 25, July 16 & 23, 1:30 to 4 pm, check-out subject to loan agreement.

<u>Chapter Outing to Train Mountain:</u> Sept 9-11, 2005: see page 6 for details

Notable Non-Chapter Events:

Annual Cruisin' Sherwood, SP 4449 on static display plus 650+ cool autos, June 11, 15th, Sherwood.
 Portland Rose Festival Model Railroad Show, June 10-11, noon to 8 PM, Columbia Gorge Model RR Club, 2505 N. Vancouver Avenue, Adults \$4, kids 3 to 11 \$2. 503.288.7246 or www.cgmrc.com
 Mt. Hood Railroad Thomas the Tank Engine Visit June 25th to July 3
 Day Out With Thomas, July 8-10 & 15-17, Northwest Railway Museum, Snoqualmie, Washington.



SP&S 700 crosses from Lake Oswego to Milwaukie, May 15, 2005. Photo by Glenn Laubaugh June 2005, Pacific Northwest Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society, *The Trainmaster* page 1

NRHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING CUMBERLAND, MD, APRIL 10, 2005

The meeting was opened by President Greg Molloy, followed by the invocation given by Rev. Howard Walker. The minutes of the Oct. 24, 2004, meeting in Utica, NY, were approved. Greg named some new members of the Board of Directors, who had been elected by their Chapters. Then he asked anyone who was attending their first Board of Directors meeting to stand and introduce themselves. This was followed by reading some new Committee appointments.

In reports of National Officers and Committee Chairs, Larry Eastwood, Senior Vice President, started by stating one activity being done by a volunteer in the National Office has been to create an all time file of membership applications. He has been working on the Membership Awards which should be completed soon to be presented by Chapters this year.

Next Jeff Smith, Bulletin Editor, announced that Bulletins 1 & 2 are being mailed now. Number 3 is in the final stages of lay-out. He expected that to be sent out in early May. Numbers 4 & 5 he expected to be sent out in late June. The hold-up was because of some quality problems with the printer. When the 2005 issues come out they will be printed in 8 1/2 x 11 format. Winter Rail will occur in December or January with an appropriate slide show and party. It will be sponsored by the Feather River Railroad Society in Stockton, CA. Greg stated that nobody had volunteered to take on Membership Records, so he will. He knew that there were many delays because of the work schedule of the person who had been handling it. There has been only one volunteer working on it. The Society has also been working on this record system. It may be that they will have to contract out for some of the services. This will be an unbudgeted expense. Jim Andrisen, VP Public Relations, mentioned his recent advertising activities. One was in a "True West Magazine" that had an article about western trains. We had a half page ad. There was also an article in the "Classic Trains" Magazine on Streamliner Pioneers that had our ad. He also mentioned a paper back book "Tourist Trains Guides" that has one of our ads. Greg mentioned that Treasurer Dick Billings and Comptroller Bob Heavenrich each had separate conflicts, so he asked Joe Heffron, Chairman of the Finance Committee, to give a financial report. He gave a brief explanation of a distributed report. The good news is that we have adequate reserves of actual money. The bad news is that the society has operated at a deficit for several years The Society has been doing very well in donations. Most of these are from Chapter members. For the first time we are getting money from the Combined Federal Campaign. Next Mitch Dakelman, Director Media Services, mentioned the Societies film program.

Last October the Society inherited about 135 titles of videos and slides. He has been sorting and inventorying them. Bob Ernst, NRHS News Extra Editor, said the next deadline for receiving copy is April 30. Next Wes Ross, Operation Lifesaver, invited any Chapters interested in getting involved in this nationwide program to contact him. He would assist anyone interested in the program to become Presenters. 2004 was the first since the 1970's to show an increase in the number of highway grade crossing accidents. There were 3006 crashes nationwide, which is a 2.2% increase. This resulted in 369 fatalities which was a 10% increase. The good news is that the trespasser deaths was reduced for the first time to 480, which was a 4.4% decrease. The second portion of his program was explaining the 2005 Railway attraction discount program which will be distributed in the NRHS News in the near future. There are 164 attractions listed in 42 states. That is a 41% increase over last year. There are 11 Chapter operated attractions.

Jack Salt, Director Railway Heritage Grant Program, spoke next. The grants this year will total \$32,000. The applications for grants this year will close Friday, May 13 at 3 PM. So far this year they have sent out 43 applications. Next Martin Swan, Director Emblem Sales, reported. Last year they had a record breaking year by selling \$3319 of NRHS merchandise.

As of April 6 this year he has sold \$469. Since he became Director in 1999 he has sold a total of \$12,933. Martin then had David Baniewicz, Assistant Director, describe some new merchandise they are considering handling. The Chairman of the Nominating Committee then mentioned some possible vacancies that are to be filled at the summer Board meeting.

Bob Bitzer reported briefly on the RVP meeting. It was an extensive agenda some of which had already been covered, or will be. It included updates on the Operations Manual, RailCamp Progress, Discount

Program, Membership records, By-Laws changes, membership drop, NRHS Conventions, guidelines for RVP's to use when visiting Chapters, and railfan photography. Lynn Burshtin, Office Manager, offered help for anyone who had questions. Next Larry Eastwood spoke again about the 2005 RailCamp which will be held July 17-23. Of the 24 maximum slots, there are now 17 of them firmed up. It is possible there will be some visitors to observe what is being done. One alumni student is now majoring in film-making in college and has made about a 4 minute video. He would like to return to produce a longer film documenting more of the training being done at RailCamp. He thanked those Chapters that are offering Scholarships or other helps to prospective attendees. Greg mentioned that the Chapter Operations Manual, that had been a RVP project, is temporarily on hold because of the rush of other projects and uncertainties regarding By-Laws changes. Greg also mentioned the RVP's are working on a Promotional Membership Campaign, or Membership Recovery Program to solicit past members who have dropped out. Greg continued on with Chapter Charter requests. A group calling itself the Dalsa/Sunset Chapter in Texas was voted in to receive a Charter. Greg listed five Chapters that are being placed on Administrative Suspension.

Joe Fiorilla, General Counsel, reported on the Alcoa Photo custody problem. This long running project to decide custody of the photos is nearing the end by getting the collection together and moving it to a safer place.

Walter Zullig RVP discussed the problems with railfan photography. He recently had met with a Lawyer in the Transportation Security Administration. He explained the nature of railfanning and current problem of fans taking pictures of trains. She shook her head in disgust and said "There is no law or regulation against photographing railroads." She agreed to look into the problem and report back to him, but she never did. Walter followed up with a letter, but still has not had a reply. In later casual conversation with their Attorney General, he stated they were considering a permit system for photographers. The National Transit Institute is also studying the problem. Greg mentioned the standby authority that had been approved for opening a separate bank account for the 2006 Convention. He thanked Dave Ackerman for volunteering to serve as Treasurer for this Convention. Greg called for a motion to approve this position. It was passed. Greg explained that any action regarding dues must be approved by the Membership. Therefore if any action is to be referred to the Membership at the July meeting it should be acted upon at this meeting. Bob Bitzer, RVP, moved to present such a motion to increase 2006 dues by \$1, and again in 2007 to the membership. After an explanation by Greg stating the last dues increase was in 2002 there was considerable discussion. It was voted to table this action until the BOD meeting during the July Convention in Portland. In order for members to get information at the National level, the e-mail address is president@nrhs.com and secretary@nrhs.com.

Greg said the other item of new business is the proposal that has been distributed to the Board of Directors to adopt new By-Laws to replace the current ones. He asked for such a motion. It was moved and seconded. Joe Fiorilla, Chairman of the By-Laws Committee, took the floor to give a lengthy explanation of the rational behind this motion. The By-Laws have not been rewritten since they were initially written in 1937 when the Society was much smaller. It is now time to make some changes. One reason is that the Associate Members now make up 18% of the membership, but they have no representation on the Board. There were many questions and much discussion from the floor. Barry Smith, Secretary had asked for any proposed changes to be given in writing. The proposal was ultimately passed for referral to the Membership meeting at the Convention in July.

Carl Jensen, Chairman Convention Committee, introduced the Chairman of the 2004 Minneapolis Convention who gave their final report. Then Carl introduced Gerald Schuler to report on the Go By Train 2005 Convention in Portland. Copies of a statistical report had been distributed to all in attendance. The Registration Booklet had recently been sent out to all who pre-registered, except two who had not received them at the time they had left for Cumberland. Some questions about activities, Port of Tillamook Bay RR, Lewis & Clark Explorer, and Western Star Mainline Steam were asked from the floor. Pre-registration numbers have been very gratifying but since this is the first time the \$10 pre-registration has been used, we have no past statistical record for comparison. In closing, the delegates were invited to come to Portland. Then Carl complemented the Committee for an excellent report. Carl continued on to explain the July 18-23,

2006 Convention will be a little different in New Philadelphia, Ohio. They will try to continue the \$10 preregistration concept. The Ohio Central RR had said they will assist with putting on the Convention. Carl was asking for suggestions. There is no Chapter that has offered to host a 2007 Convention. The Nov. 4-6, 2005 fall Board meeting will be hosted by the Central Coast Chapter in San Jose, CA.

The Benediction was given by Joanne Riffe Then the meeting was closed by Greg. Gerald A. Schuler, PNWC National Director, Northwest Region VP

Regional Vice President Vancancy

After giving much thought to it, I have decided it is time for me to retire from the RVP position at the end of this year. The National Nominating Committee would like recommendations for a replacement by mid June.

Nominations may came from any of the eight Chapters in this Region. If there is anyone in PNWC-NRHS that would like to serve in this position please let either Ron, Jim Long, or me know so the name can be submitted to the Nominating Committee. I will continue to serve out the rest of this year, and will assist whoever is my replacement to make a smooth transition. The Regional Vice President represents the National Organization to the Chapters, and a reciprocal duty to represent the Chapters to the National. The duties briefly are: to attend the RVP meetings which generally preceed the Spring and Fall Board meetings. (2006 Spring meeting will be in Indianapolis, IN, Fall will be in Huntsville, AL., to attend the Board of Directors meetings, maintain contact with and provide information to the Chapters in the Region through phone calls, newsletters, and personal visits, etc. Assist Chapters that are having problems.

Gerald Schuler, Regional Vice President

Antique Powerland Becoming Tourist Mecca By Glenn Laubaugh

On January 4, 2005 Salem Statesman Journal, the Community Connections column, by Kathleen Ellyn, ran a piece about the Antique Powerland and its increasing popularity as a tourist destination, particularly during the annual steam-up. This article was brought to our attention by Al Hall.

The article mentions that Antique Powerland has become "a small city of museums dedicated to vehicles of all sorts and hosts dozens of events throughout the year."

The column reports that there are 14 museums on the property, and with each added museum more tourism opportunities increase.

Grant money was also mentioned. Specifically, The Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum receiving a \$10,000 grant from the Jeanette Epping Family Fund. We receive the Oregon Electric Railway Museum's newsletter, and they report also receiving grants and donations that continue to help their museum, interpretive center, carbarn, and other facilities.

One interesting quote from Charles Philpot, Antique Powerland Museum Association president: "The growth of the museum collective has created a wonderful 'problem' for surrounding businesses... Too many visitors are eating all the food at local restaurants, asking for recommendations for overnight accommodations and looking for shopping opportunities," he said.

This column in the Statesman-Journal was brought to our attention by Al Hall.

Lewis & Clark Explorer <u>Update</u> by Arlen Sheldrake

Please note that ticketing for this last year (2005) of the Lewis & Clark Explorer train between Linnton and Astoria is now being handled by TicketsWest (1-800-992-TIXX or www.ticketswest.com, tickets also available at select Portland Oregon metro and Puget Sound Washington area Safeway stores).

The final season of operation is Friday through Monday, June 3rd to October 3rd, 2005. Free parking is available at the boarding area in Linnton (12222 NW Mariana Way – off Highway 30). More information is available at: www.lcbo.net/traingo. Hotel & train packages are available from Columbia Travel, 888.325.1531 or Sundial Travel, 800.433.1164 or Blue Sky Travel & Cruise, 503.325.7655 (beach@pacifier.com).

Tickets are sold for each leg of the trip, Linnton-Astoria or Astoria-Linnton thus making an overnight or nights stays easy. One way tickets are: kids up to 2 years old = free, 2 years to age 11 = \$25, 12 years and up = \$35. Up to 6 bicycles per train may be booked at \$5.00 additional.

$1955 - 1980 = Our 25^{th}$ By Arlen Sheldrake

On March 21, 1980 the Pacific Northwest Chapter celebrated the chapter's 25th Anniversary with a banquet held at the Airport Holiday Inn. It is interesting to review the content of the banquet program:

John D. Holloway, Master of Ceremonies

V. Allan Vaughn, President NRHS, speech

Walter Grande, Spectacular slide program: Remember When

The 1980 Chapter Officers: President – Edward E. Immel, Vice-President – Terry Parker, Secretary – Charles W. Storz Jr., Treasurer – John D. Holloway, National Director – Roger W. Sackett, Director – Duane Cramer, Director – Ben Fredericks, Director – Doyle McCormack, Director – Robert Slover.

Let There Be Light by Arlen L. Sheldrake

This Convention business is a lot of hard work by a lot of volunteers. Every once and a while a message is received that gives us volunteers a real positive uplift. Here is a message from two NRHS husband and wife members from Perrysburg Ohio received May 3rd:

"I wanted you folks, all involved in the planning of the upcoming convention, to know just how very much my wife and I have appreciated the excellent flow of information and details about the convention and associated events.

The Portland Chapter is to be commended on devising a good plan, and then implementing it very successfully, so that there is ample time for attendee (or potential attendees) to respond in a timely fashion.

The assigning of a number to each attendee, and follow-up/date of mailings is unique insofar as we are concerned. We have attended more that a few of the annual conventions and none can compare with the beforehand preparation that the Planning Committee of your chapter has shown. Special thanks to George Hickok and to Arlen Sheldrake for being so helpful. In addition, you should know that we have had nothing but good experiences with the Portland Oregon Visitors Association personnel!!

All of the above counts for much if the convention is to be successful. We look forward with much anticipation to our July 3rd arrival in the Rose City."

Our customer service efforts are guided by the principle of going the extra mile whether it is confirming receipt of orders with a postcard or responding to voice and electronic mail messages within 24 hours. Exceptional customer service is expected from all volunteers as we go through the Convention.

Gold in Them There Shelves by Arlen Sheldrake

Ever wonder what materials might be owned by your Chapter and stored in your Chapter's archives? One of our major collections is a lot of the corporate records for the Mt. Hood Railroad from 1916 to 1968. These records are contained on two shelves in our archives and are recorded under the accession numbers 86-1 thru 86-12.

Examples of the collection:

- 86-1.1 Annual Report working papers, 1951-1965
- 86-1.2 Annual Report working papers, 1937-1950
- 86-1.3 Power of Attorney
- 86-1.5 Per Diem Ledger, 1956-1968
- 86-1.6 Income Tax, Lease, Bank Deposits, Pension Fund, Property records
- 86-1.7 Corporate Records
- 86-1.8 Annual Reports, 1946-1968
- 86-1.9 Annual Reports, 1916-1944
- 86-1.10 Letterhead, Envelopes and other records
- 86-1.11 Financial Records
- 86-1.12 Uniform System of Accounts

Accession Record 86-1

<u>Description:</u> Records from the corporate office in Hood River including financial records, annual reports to the ICC, Oregon PUD, and state tax office, tariff matters, lists of equipment, accident reports, locomotive mile records, monthly per diem charges, locomotive inspection reports, contracts, lease agreements, income tax filings, property tax records, working papers for annual reports and other records.

Date Range: 1916 – 1968

Quantity: 18 boxes, 16 lineal feet

Inventory Completed: 1986 by Walt Grande

Notes: Mt. Hood Railroad Company incorporated in 1905, line opened to Dee 1906, to Parkdale 1910. Mt. Hood Railway Company, a subsidiary of Union Pacific formed in 1968 to purchase the line. It took over and began operations on October 16, 1968. References: Jack Host, "The Mt. Hood Railroad", Pacific News, January 1971; Edward Lewis, American Shortline Railway Guide, Kalmbach, 1986 page 144.

The Mount Hood Railroad Company, the correct name for today's entity, purchased the railway from Union Pacific in December 1987. It is a closely-held private corporation.

The Mt. Hood Railroad was originally incorporated in 1905 by David C. Eccles and was built shortly thereafter. The railroad runs 25 miles from Hood River to the community of Parkdale at the northern foot of Mt. Hood. If our math is correct the MHRR will be celebrating 100 years of operation in 2006. *Article contributors: Bill Hyde, Bob Melbo & Arlen Sheldrake*

Portland-Vancouver Junction Railroad by Arlen L. Sheldrake

Never heard of this one? The reason might be because it is the new name for the line formerly known as the Lewis and Clark Railroad.

Since its inception in 1886 this line has known many names including: The Chelatchie Prairie Railroad, the Clark County Railroad and Vancouver, Klickitat and Yakima Railroad.

According to a May 5th article in the Clark County section of *The Oregonian*, the new name was selected as a marketing tool by Eric Temple, chief executive for Clark County operations of the Columbia Basin Railroad. Columbia Basin Railroad was selected by Clark County commissioners in 2003 to run the 33-mile line. Eric's family owns Columbia Basin which operates a freight railroad in Eastern Washington and the Spirit of Washington Dinner Train southeast of Seattle.

The line was purchased by Clark County in 1986 to prevent the break up and elimination of the line.

Spend a day at Train Mountain during their Fall Meet, September 9-11, 2005.

Enjoy the late summer daylight and early fall colors on this excursion aboard Amtrak's Coast Starlight to Southern Oregon. There we'll see and ride a huge variety of one-eighth scale locomotives and rolling stock operating on 25 miles of world-class trackage at Train Mountain Railroad Museum. Train Mountain holds the Guiness World Record for the largest miniature railroad, and their meets attract thousands of rail enthusiasts from around the US and Canada.

This Chapter activity is open to members and invited guests, and includes:

- * Round-trip coach travel on the Coast Starlight
- * Two nights lodging including continental breakfasts
- * Shuttle bus to and from Train Mountain
- * Admission fee, boxed lunch and banquet dinner at Train Mountain

This is a special opportunity for members all along the west coast to enjoy a Chapter activity. From Washington to California, and all stops in between, if you can board the Coast Starlight, you can join the fun. Prices are subject to change, but current price estimates (based on Amtrak travel from Portland) are:

- * One adult, with one bed: \$226 per person
- * Two adults, with one bed: \$182 per person
- * Two adults, with two beds: \$191.50 per person
- * One senior, with one bed: \$212.50 per person
- * Two seniors, with one bed: \$168.50 per person

* Two seniors, with two beds: \$178 per person

The above prices will be slightly higher for departures from Washington, and slightly lower from stations south of Portland.

Prices are even lower from California, due to lower lodging costs.

NARP, AAA and Child discounts are available also. Please inquire for specific pricing, specifying the age of each person in your party, and how you wish to room together.

This package price covers everything except your meals while onboard the Coast Starlight. Passengers are free to bring their own snacks, buy food in the Sightseer Lounge, or enjoy a meal in the full-service diner.

To ensure that we get the best rates and fares, this trip will require advance reservations. Contact Jim Long at 503-313-7382 or e-mail pnwc@pnwc-nrhs.org to learn more about this trip and reserve your space. Please provide a phone number, the number in your party, your choice of lodging arrangements, and indicate where you will board the Coast Starlight.

Remember, space is limited, so make your plans and get on board now!

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The Convention is coming and there will be an increased need for more car and bus hosts. If you are able, please contact Darel Mack at 503-723-3345. Here is your chance to do a little work, ride some great trips, and have lots of fun!!

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