

CONVENTION



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WELCOME TO PORTLAND, OREGON and the 1965 N.R.H.S. NATIONAL CONVENTION

We of the "Rose City" and members of the Pacific Northwest Chapter extend a most sincere welcome to railfans and their friends from everywhere! John B. Egan of James St., Goodna, Queensland, Australia, will probably gain honors by traveling the greatest distance. Our plans are all in order, and we are looking forward to giving you the most trilling N.R.H.S. Convention ever. If, at times, we may seem to be leading you too fast a pace, please remember that we are trying to show you in four days, railroad activity which we wish we could stretch out over a whole week. If you can stay longer, we hope you will be able to enjoy may of the natural wonders of the great Pacific Northwest. Members of the Pacific Northwest and the Tacoma Chapters of N.R.H.S. are ready, willing, and able to assist you.

Enclosed with this "SUMMER ISSUE" of the TRAINMASTER is a detailed, mimeographed schedule of Convention activities. This was originally compiled over three months age and pblished (in two sections) in our TRAINMASTER for March and April. For that reason, the second introductory paragraph mentions three (rather than TWO) eaerly Friday morning trips and an incorrect rate of \$1.50 per trip. Also, through an error in compilation, Trip No. 2 information precedes that for Trip No. 1. Regardless of these small errors, we felt that there was a need on the part of some NRHS members to see a completely detailed Convention itinerary, and, for this reason, it is being repeated.

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Please note in the Convention Brochure (which you have already received) that our Registration Desk at the Sheraton Motor Inn will be open ALL DAY Thursday, September 2nd, up to 11:00 P.M. Daylight Time as well as from 7:30 A.M. to 11:00 PM on Friday, September 3rd, with a 5:00 P.M. closing on Saturday, September 4 th. These late hours are to accommodate anyone arriving Thursday or Friday night by train from Seattle and points north, as well as late arrivals using other than train travel.

The Sheraton Motor Inn (NEW name for the Sheraton-Portland Hotel) adjoins the Lloyd Center, the world's largest shopping center, complete with department store, bank, specialty shops, and an ice rink. The Sheraton pool is open for the use of hotel guests. The Sheraton Motor Inn is not over ten minutes' ride from Union Station. Charter bus transportation will take all our Sheraton guests directly from the hotel door to each day's activities, and return them to the Sheraton. These bus transfers are included in the convention cost of each trip.

Due to pressure of Convention plans, we did not issue our usual June or July TRAINMASTERS. This issue kept being put off until we are now calling it the "Summer Issue", and it will be the last TRAINMASTER edition until after the Convention. We are in hopes that the Officer of each Chapter who receives it will keep it available for the use of other Chapter members who may have last-minute questions about the 1965 Convention. Incidentally, the Sheraton Motor Inn is holding 250 rooms for those attending the Portland Convention. These are being assigned as reservation cards are received. Anyone not an NRHS member can make reservations direct with the Sheraton Motor Inn, Lloyd Center, Portland, Oregon, advising of NRHS Convention attendance so as to get the special CONVENTION rates of \$9.00 single and \$12.00 double (or twin bed); children under 14 years are free.

Our barbecued Columbia River Salmon dinner Friday night (Trip No. 3) will be run "buffet style" in a grove of Douglas Fir trees overlooking the International Rose Test Gardens and the city of Portland. Barbecue sauce will not be used. The salmon is based in butter and barbecued over hot alder log coals It is delicious! This grove is only five minutes' walk from the Washington Park Station of the Portland Zoo Railway. As come "Conventioneers" will be riding the chartered Zoo steam train and others take pictures, dinner will be served between 6:30 P.M. and 7:30 P.M. to give everyone ample time to eat at an hour most convenient to their picture-taking and train riding schedule. NRHS members may ride the other (scheduled) trains of the Portland Zoo Railway without charge, but only from terminal to terminal. Only our chartered steam train will make picture stops, "run-bys", etc.

Monday's trip on the Longview, Portland & Northern Railway will be diesel-powered after-all. Their well-maintained 2-8-0, kept on their Grande Ronde Division (70 miles from Portland), has had three flue extensions OK'd by the I.C.C. L.P. & N. wants to get another extension so as to continue to use No. 680 as "stand-by" for their diesel. (She was taken out of regular service in May 1959.) L.P. & N. feels that any use, at this time, of their "steamer", will nullify their chances of securing another flue extension. We were turned down on steam for this reason alone. Regardless, L.P.& N. is going "all-out" to make this trip an interesting and exciting one, over a line which hasn't seen passenger service in nearly forty years. Do not worry if you can't find either Rye, Washington or Chelatchie Prairie, Washington on any map. You won't. Rye is the name of the point on Northern Pacific's former Yacolt Branch (about two miles from Vancouver Jct.) where N.P. ownership ends and the new L.P. & N. ownership begins. It is at the northern city limits of Vancouver, Washington. Current Northern Pacific timetable maps still show their former Yacolt Branch. After purchase, about eight years ago, L.P. & N. extended the line from Yacolt another eight miles to Chelatchie Prairie, where the railroad owner, International Paper Company, built a plywood mill. Chelatchie Prairie is not a town, but the name of a local area.

The new Tacoma Chapter of N.R.H.S. chartered in April of this year, already has thirty members! Many of them will be assisting Pacific Northwest Chapter as co-hosts to the 1965 N.R.H.S. Convention. Do plan to come, even if you have to make up your mind at the last minute! We have room for you, and a hospitable spirit as high as our Cascade Mountains!

If you wish any further information, write: P.N.W. Chapter Convention Committee, P.O. Box 8853, Portland, Oregon 97208. We now have a staff who will answer letters quickly!

Sincerely yours,

Miln Gillespie

1965 CONVENTION CHAIRMAN

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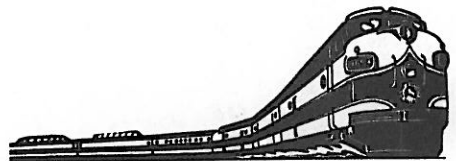
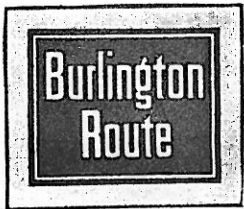


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