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MAY MEETING NOTICE

The May meeting will be held at 8:00 pm, Friday May 19th, in Room 208 of Portland Union Station. Important business will be on the Agenda, so your attendance is encouraged. The program will consist of movies taken by our excursion director, Ed Immel on his grand safari through northern Canada this past winter. His travel adventures have been published in past issues of the Trainmaster...this is your chance to see for yourself just what happened. Ed has received his "Greetings" from the President of the U.S. and will shortly join our other members in the service.

1967 ALBANY, N.Y. CONVENTION NOTE

It's too early to talk about the details, but it looks like we may be on the verge of having a steam spectacular for the convention! Chairman Larry Lee and trip chairman Bob Manwiller recently spent an evening with Nelson Blount hatching the plot. More details when they are announced.

Mohawk & Hudson's "Call Board"

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAPTER'S LOUNGE CAR DESTROYED

Fire, believed to have been caused by drunken hobos who have broken into the car, gutted the interior of our ex Union Pacific lounge car while it was stored in the Portland Terminal Company yards. The car, which was stored awaiting movement to the Oaks Park exhibit, is a total loss. It is probable that the car will have to be scrapped. The fate of the car will be discussed at the May Meeting. The fire happened May 7th. A clean up party worked to remove broken glass from the area last week, but inspection of the car indicated that it was hopeless to attempt to do anything with the car itself.

MILWAUKEE ELECTRIC LOCOMOTIVE REBUILT

Possibly many of you saw the picture of Milwaukee Road's "Little Joe" # E 78 in the March "Trains". E 78 had fallen into Sixteen Mile Canyon in Montana sometime in early 1966, and because of extensive damage was shipped to Milwaukee, Wisconsin for rebuilding. By June, the shops had stripped E78 down to where rebuilding could start. Both cab roofs had been completely wiped out along with one side which was rebuilt from scratch. Even one of her massive six-wheel trucks was bent out of shape. Reportedly the cab roofs and other hardware came from foreign road F units bound on the Road for La Grange as trade-ins.

Wisconsin Chapter's "Sparks & Cinders"

PENNSY SPEED TESTS

Test trains operating on a 21 mile stretch of track near TRENTON, N. J. are now reaching speeds of up to 152 mph, according to a recent news item in Railway Age. Track structures on the line are quite standard, but with extra attention paid to details of gauge and alignment. The four test cars are virtual duplicates of the lightweight 85 foot commuter coaches used in the Philadelphia area, but the higher speed gearing. The test cars have four 150 hp motors. Initial high speed service is expected to be limited to 110 mph for a while until some real operating experience is accumulated, then it will be gradually raised.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC – NORTHERN PACIFIC JOINT FREIGHT OPERATION

Northern Pacific FT units (5400 series) are not operated south of Portland Union Station because of their 55 mph top speed, which is too slow for S.P.'s highballing freights. Instead, NP 6000 series F-3 and F-7 freight units are now in this joint service with their 65 mph maximum. NP 7000 series F-9 units could be used also, but have not been used south of Portland as yet.

When the joint operation started on Feb. 9 of this year, the entire train complete with engine and a caboose was operated right through Portland without change, only swapping an SP crew for the NP crew & vice versa. On March 6, however, the operation of through cabooses was discontinued. Thus cabooses and crews are now changed at the Portland depot, everything else now goes straight through.

Ed Bernsten, Tacoma Chapter

RAILROAD QUIZ

By Ceres & Holst

This quiz is intended to test your knowledge of the states served by the following railroads. Following each road are blanks for each state served by that road....one state name per blank. Total of 50 blanks, allow 2 pts. for each correct answer. Good Luck. Answers elsewhere.

1. Reading Railroad

A. _____ B. _____ C. _____

2. San Diego & Arizona Eastern

A. _____

3. Kansas City Southern

A. _____ B. _____ C. _____ D. _____ E. _____ F. _____

4. Chicago, Burlington & Quincy

A. _____ B. _____ C. _____ D. _____ E. _____ F. _____ G. _____

5. Atlanta & St. Andrews Bay

A. _____ B. _____

6. Ann Arbor

A. _____ B. _____

QUIZ, CONT'D

7. Chicago & Northwestern

A. _____ B. _____ C. _____ D. _____ E. _____ F. _____ G. _____ H. _____
I. _____

8. Western Pacific

A. _____ B. _____ C. _____

9. Seaboard

A. _____ B. _____ C. _____ D. _____ E. _____ F. _____

10. Soo Line

A. _____ B. _____ C. _____ D. _____ E. _____ F. _____ G. _____

LIFE MAGAZINE FEATURES TRANSIT VEHICLES

The current issue of "Life Magazine" (May 12, 1967) features articles and photos on transit vehicles. Included are the Tokaido Train and control room, French experimentals, and Bay Area Rapid Transit.

STEAM LOCOS TO DISPLAY

Comox Logging & Railway Co. #7, Baldwin 34270 16x24 cyl. 44" drivers 2-6-2TT which has been stored out of service at Ladysmith, Vancouver Island has been shipped to the Pacific Great Eastern shops at Squamish for fixing up and painting for eventual display. The loco was originally Howe Sound, Pemberton Valley & Northern #2, the predecessor to P.G.E. & may be relettered to this name for display.

Mayo Lumber Co. #3, 2tk. Lima shay 3262 11x12 cyl. 32" drivers blt. 4/24 has been removed from display at Paldi on Vancouver Island and moved to the Cowichan Valley Forestry Museum for display. The C.V.F.M. is on the Island Highway near Duncan & features operation of a pair of 0-4-0T locos and the former Osborn Bay Wharf Co. #1 2tk. Shay. C.V.F.M. is 3' gauge.

Hillcrest Lumber Company #9, 2tk. Climax 1359, a 50 ton blt. In 11/15 has been removed from service at Cowichan Lake and donated to the C.V.F.M. It is not known if this loco will be narrow-gauged for operation or preserved for display. Its donation now leaves only Climax #10, a 3tk. For operation on Hillcrest's lumber line.

ALL TIME ROSTER OF LOCOMOTIVES

Carbon County Pennsylvania Squid Fisheries & Mine Safety Appliance Company

Locomotive specifications are unknown to us.

STEAM LINE CHANGES SCHEDULE

The Reader Railroad, last regularly scheduled, steam powered mixed train in the U.S., changed its timetable effective Jan. 1st so that passenger service will be offered every Saturday. T.W.M. Long, president of the 23 mile road said the railroad will operate trains every Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday instead of Monday, Wed. & Fridays. The thrice weekly mixed train departs Reader, Ark. At 10:30 am and arrives at Waterloo, Ark, its southern terminus at 12:30 pm. The return trip leaves Waterloo at 2 pm and arrives back at Reader at 4:30 pm.

"The Locomotive Engineer" 1/27/67
from C.J. Keenan

CANADIAN PACIFIC "MOUNTAIN OBSERVATION" CAR OFFERED P.N.W.

The West Coast Railway Association of Vancouver, B.C. has offered to lease their ex C.P.R. mountain observation car to the P.N.W. Chapter for \$1.00 per year. The office is made due to the inability of the Vancouver Club to find suitable storage for the car plus lack of suitable excursion trip opportunities in their area. Investigation is being made to PNW Chapter's acceptance of this offer. Details of the proposal will be discussed at the May meeting, and a decision reached as to whether to accept this offer. If we can properly care for this car and a suitable place to store it can be obtained, the car would be a great attraction for our excursions. The lease would permit the sub-leasing of this car to other clubs in the area for their trips. Sub-leasing of the car should bring in enough money to pay for its expenses.

Jack Holst

ANSWERS TO QUIZ

1. Delaware, N. Jersey, Penn.
2. California
3. Kansas, Ark., Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas
4. Colo., Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Minn., Montana, Neb., Missouri, Wisconsin, Wyoming.
5. Alabama, Florida
6. Mich., Ohio
7. Illinois, Iowa, Mich., Minn., Neb., N. Dakota, S. Dakota, Wisc., Wyoming
8. Calif., Nevada, Utah.
9. Alabama, Florida, Georgia, N. Carolina., S. Carolina, Virginia
10. Illinois, Mich., Minn., Montana, N. Dakota, S. Dakota, Wisconsin

"BLUE GOOSE" TURNS OUT TO BE PROTOTYPE

Spokane, Portland & Seattle's blue and gray Alco road switcher #97 has turned out to be the prototype for the Great Northern's new color scheme. #97 shocked many a railfan with its quite different paint job. With the announcement this week by the Great Northern of their new colors....Big Sky Blue and Gray, the "Blue Goose" was returned to the paint shop in Vancouver and was last seen putting around Willbridge yard looking like the rest of her sisters in conventional SP&S colors.

Ed Immel

FASTEST TRAIN IN THE WORLD OPERATES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

According to the latest Canadian National Timetable (p.6), Chilliwack, B.C. is 2654.4 miles from Montreal, while Vancouver B.C. is 2914.0 miles from Montreal, a difference of 260 miles. The "Super Continental" leaves Vancouver at 17:15 and arrives Chilliwack at 19:15, having covered the 260 miles at an average speed of 130 mph. The train has to make stops at New Westminster, Fort Langley and Matsqui before getting to Chilliwack. On top of these stops is a 10 mph speed restriction on the New Westminster bridge! In order to hit the 130 mph average speed, in excess of 230 mph must be attained! This is a real feat for 85 mph geared F units! The answer to this feat of speed and daring is that the C.N. has made a mistake in mileage in their timetable. Chilliwack should be 2854.4 miles from Montreal, not 2654.4 miles. This works out to an average speed of 30 mph which is more within the capabilities of the locomotives and track.

Ed Immel

McCLOUD RIVER RAILROAD LOG FLATS

A cut of about 20 McCloud River R.R. log flats were seen at Blaine, Wash. awaiting crossing to Canada. Who knows what they are doing so far from home?