

DECEMBER MEETING -- There will be no meeting due to the holidays, Merry Christmas from the PNW Chapter officers & TM staff!

LIBRARY WILL ALSO BE CLOSED DURING DECEMBER

SHAY RESTORATION WORK PARTIES EVERY SATURDAY EXCEPT DECEMBER 26th.

JANUARY MEETING WILL BE JANUARY 15th....reserve the date now!

STIMSON SHAY RESTORATION PROJECT

At the October meeting the membership voted to undertake complete restoration of the former Stimson Lumber Company # 1, 42ton 2 truck Shay. This Shay was once displayed at the big log cabin (near Wards) which burned to the ground a few years ago. The fire also burned the cab from the shay. The Shay was moved to the Oaks Park by the City after the fire and has since been quietly deteriorating on "display".

We have arranged with the City for permission to do this project and now have our own lock on the enclosure at the Oaks so that we can work when we wish. There is about 100 feet of track available for trials once we get the Shay overhauled. Electric power is available for power tools. Our first work party erected a plastic shelter over the cab & this is being extended to cover the boiler so that we can work in the dry in any weather.

We have had four work parties to date with much work already accomplished. Those who have turned out most regularly to date include Roger Sackett (& son Randy), Bob Hoffman, Jim Gilmore, Woody Woodruff, Jack Holst, Ken Dethman, & John Holloway. My apology for not listing everyone who helped.

Work accomplished to date includes building the shelter, removal of rotten pilot beams, running boards & steps, removal of the dummy stack, removal of air tank, steam pump & misc. unneeded pipe, cleaning and overhaul of valve gear & lubricator and many small projects.

Major projects will include removal of the oil and water tank, replacement of decking, welding a broken frame member, rebuilding the cab, welding of a patch on the water tank, welding a patch in the smokebox, converting of the firing back to the left side of the cab, replacement of pilot beams, running boards, etc. (anyone have any spare 10"x14"x10' beams?). Boiler work needed will have to await the results of a hydrostatic test which can't be given until other items are complete.

We need help to accomplish this restoration. Carpenters are especially needed at this time. Someone who can weld and who has welding equipment would be a boon to the project. There is also lots of work for those of us with lessor skills scrapping paint, wielding wrenches, etc. Please help!

WORK PARTIES ARE AT THE OAKS PARK (near the Sellwood Bridge) LOCOMOTIVE DISPLAY EVERY SATURDAY AFTERNOON starting at 1:00pm and going until dark. If you have questions, call Jack Holst (255-0631 home or 255-4797 office)

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Although Rockefeller's New Year's Eve bash is sold out, we can still offer a limited number of tickets to our own PNW Chapter's New Years Eve excursion-bash to the entertainment capital of the West - Wishram, Washington on the shores of the beautiful Columbia River. Why spend piles of money trying to keep up with the Jet-Set when for a few dollars you can be in with the train set at the Pastime Tavern.

This is the second time that the ladies can participate in one of the Chapter's infamous private car trips. The ticket price this year includes not only 220 miles of rail transportation, all the adult refreshment one can drink, light snacks & foods (remember last year's free buffet at the Pastime?), but complimentary champagne will also be served to welcome in the New Year.

SCHEDULE: Depart Portland at 9:30pm on Burlington Northern #24, the Western Star, Thursday, December 31, 1970.

Arrive Wishram, Wn. before the end of 1970 to catch the festivities at Wishram's number one night spot, the Pastime. This is a place you will long remember!

While in Wishram the car will remain connected to steam for heating. Passengers may remain on the car or they can spend four delightful hours seeing the sights of historic Wishram, originally called Fallbridge.

Depart Wishram at 4:53am, January 1, 1971 on BN train # 21, the Empire Builder. Breakfast is available in the dining car (not included in ticket price, but a good opportunity to partake of excellent food in great style.)

EQUIPMENT: The lounge-sleeper Mt. St. Helens will be for the private use of the traveling party. If there is sufficient demand to warrant a second car, a suitable piece of equipment will be operated in addition.

NOTE: No space will be specifically assigned. We request that all be twenty-one (21) years of age or older.

FARE: \$16 per person or \$30.00 per couple.

By all means include me in this year's trip. Enclosed is my check for \$_____ for (#) _____ tickets at \$16 single or \$30.00 a couple.

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