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CHAPTER TIMETABLE OF EVENTS

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| 10 Jan 85 | Thursday | 7:30pm | January Board Meeting at Columbia Gorge Model Railroad Clubhouse. All welcome. |
| 18 Jan 85 | Friday | 7:30pm | January Business Meeting at Union Pacific RR Clubhouse at N Russell & N Interstate. Newsreel feature involves membership input of up to six recent rail slides. Snacks. Raffle. Film program. |
| 26 Jan 85 | Saturday | 6 pm | BANQUET NO HOST COCKTAIL HOUR |
| | | 7 pm | ANNUAL BANQUET DINNER at the Imperial Hotel but need advance reservations. Maybe could buy ticket at door for \$13, but better to reserve thru WHALEY for \$10. See inside for details. |
| 7 Feb 85 | Thursday | 7:30pm | February Board Meeting at Columbia Gorge Model Railroad Clubhouse. All welcome. |
| 15 Feb 85 | Friday | 7:30pm | February Business Meeting at Union Pacific RR Clubhouse at N Russell & N Interstate. Newsreel feature involves members submitting up to six recent rail slides. Snacks, raffle, movie, good time. |

EACH & EVERY SATURDAY INFORMAL LUNCH AT YAW'S IN HOLLYWOOD IN BACK ROOM

"Daylight" Locomotive Honored on Postage Stamps!

This past summer Chapter President Rich Carlson's son came back from the Orient with a set of four stamps he had purchased for \$23.00 (Hong Kong), or \$1.80 (U.S.) They featured four different "Leaders of the World" steam locomotives: an 1892 4-2-2 Achilles (British), a 1943 4-6-2 New South Wales Class C38 (Australia), a 1952 4-8-4 + 4-8-4 New South Wales Class AD60, and, get this, a 1941 4-8-4 Southern Pacific Class GS-4 (U.S.A.)!

In his "President's Page" this month Rich tells how the chapter came to be owner of the remaining stock of the latter stamp, which was removed from sale on May 28, 1984. (Too bad we didn't learn of its existence sooner; it would have been a best seller on the "Louisiana World's Fair Daylight" excursion.)

The stamps are actually a "se-tenant" pair (two different but complementary designs.) Oddly, under a magnifying glass, the side view of the locomotive appears to be a GS-2, but considering that none of the islands of the former British colony of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands, located near the equator northeast of Australia, never have and likely never will see railroad service, this is an understandable error.

In any event, the stamps offer full-color, extremely well-produced illustrations, both in terms of design and printing. The three-quarter view of the engine does not make it possible to see the number of the locomotive, but let's prefer to think it is 4449!

Secretary Chuck Storz was the one who discovered the location of Tuvalu. Carlson thought Tuvalu was in the West Indies, but following the December board meeting, Chuck got out his atlas and learned it is on the other side of the globe. Not surprising is that the country derives some of its revenue from the sale of postage stamps to collectors. One of the chain of islands is Tarawa, familiar to all those acquainted with World War II and U.S. Marine Corps history.

While you may be able to find the entire set of four different stamps in some dealers stamp shops, the chapter is offering the "Daylight" GS-4 pair of stamps without your having to purchase the others. The price is one dollar a pair.

They will be available at the regular meeting on Friday, January 18. If you wish to purchase by mail, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your order. Send your remittance addressed to: "Daylight" Stamps, PNWC-NRHS, Room 1, Union Station, Portland, Oregon 97209.

The President's Page by Rich Carlson

Good news! A letter from Mr. Ron Scolaro of Amtrak arrived in late December advising that that corporation will pay up to \$100 per month toward the utility bill for operation of the neon signs atop Union Station, contingent on their restoration. I have formally requested Portland Terminal Railroad Co. to grant us permission to launch the drive to raise the necessary funds for the mechanical and electrical work required.

In cooperation with the Oregon Association of Railway Passengers, a design for the cloisonne lapel pin has been selected, samples ordered, and preliminary materials needed to publicize the project are in preparation. Hopefully all will be ready by early February, with the supply of pins in hand. Sales will then begin, and if all goes as hoped, the work could be completed and the canary yellow and blue signs could flash to life about Easter. It should be possible to operate the signs for six hours a day.

Volunteers will be needed to help sell the pins, and I know from the enthusiasm already evident that we'll be able to get the cooperation needed to make this venture a total success. I know we will get the support of the railfan community, but we also need the participation of the general public to see the project to fruition. The pins will be five dollars each.

Our "first ride" on Portland's light rail has now been scheduled. Tri-Met has invited all chapter members for a free ride on Saturday, Feb. 2, from 1 to 3 p.m. Meet at the Ruby Jct. maintenance facility. We are scheduled to ride with another group, but that's no problem as Tri-Met will simply run the train as often as needed to let everyone experience the thrill of rolling on the smooth new rails out to Gresham and back. Hope everyone can make it!

While on his midshipman cruise last summer, my son, Eric, was strolling the streets of Hong Kong and spotted a set of postage stamps in a dealer's window. One of them depicted a Southern Pacific GS-4 steam engine! He brought a set to me when he returned in late August. I hadn't known of their existence, but through some philatelic friends tracked down the agency which handles the stamps for Tuvalu, the issuing country. It turns out Tuvalu is a country in the South Pacific, that was formerly the British colony of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands. After considerable international correspondence, the chapter board authorized purchase of the agency's remaining stock of the stamp, and we now have possession of them.

The stamps consist of a se-tenant pair, with a three-quarter view of the locomotive and tender on one stamp, and a side and head-on view of the engine on the other stamp. The printing is very high quality and they make an attractive moment of this world-famous locomotive. I would think all collectors of "4449" memorabilia would want to have them.

The chapter will be selling the stamps at one dollar the pair. Multiples or full sheets will be pro rata. On future runs of 4449 we will be able to use them in conjunction with U.S. postage on cacheted or other covers to help raise funds. In all likelihood we have a 'corner' on the world's supply of this stamp, and once these are gone, there ain't no more!

Finally, don't miss our annual banquet scheduled for Sat., Jan. 26 at the Imperial Hotel. The prestigious Jack Holst award will be presented, and Jim Whaley, organizer of the event, promises a fine program. Order your tickets now (\$10 per person), as the banquet room can only accommodate 130 persons. If unsold tickets remain at banquet time, the price will be \$13.00.

ANNUAL BANQUET UPDATE FOR LAST TIME

The annual Pacific Northwest Chapter Membership Banquet will be held at the Imperial Hotel, 400 SW Broadway, in downtown Portland, on SATURDAY night, January 26th, 1985. No-host cocktails will be 6pm to 7pm, with dinner seating at 7pm.

The MENU consists of The King's Famous London Broil, au jus, salad, roll, vegetable, baked potato, Berrie cobbler, and beverage.

The deadline for making reservations is Saturday, 18 January for the TEN DOLLAR DINNER. If you want to gamble on a higher price, the meal will cost \$13 after Saturday the 18th, if space is available.

Make your check payable to the PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAPTER and send the check to JIM WHALEY, 3106 SW Beaverton Highway, Portland OREGON 97201.

Try to use the reservation form below if possible.

The hotel can be reached by Tri Met buses or if you drive, ample parking is available at the City Center Parking two blocks north of the hotel.

The program for the dinner will be the Introduction of the New Officers for the coming year, the awarding of the JACK HOLST MEMORIAL AWARD, and a spectacular film program.

MAIL TO: JIM WHALEY
3106 SW Beaverton Highway
Portland OR 97201

RESERVATIONS FOR 1985 ANNUAL BANQUET

Please enter my reservation for ___ persons for the banquet at
TEN DOLLARS (after 18 January THIRTEEN DOLLARS) each.

My payment of \$_____ is enclosed.

name

address

city/state/zip

phone

JACK HOLST MEMORIAL AWARD

It is the time of the year to pick a member to receive the Jack Holst Memorial Award. The person selected must in your view be a worker for the Chapter and have given his time to make the Pacific Northwest Chapter a better Chapter. Below is a form for the name of the person you wish to nominate and your reasons for the nomination.

I wish to nominate _____ for the Jack Holst Memorial award.

The nominee has promoted the National Railway Historical Society on the local level in the following ways:

The nominee is actively involved in the Pacific Northwest Chapter in the following ways:

The nominee reflects an outstanding ability to excel in the promotion of the technical and historical objectives of the Chapter in the following ways:

Other factors which I feel qualify the nominee to receive the Jack Holst Memorial Award.

Please bring this form to the business meeting on 17 JAN 85 or return by mail to: Jim Whaley, 3106 S. W. Beaverton Highway, Portland, OR 97201.

Nominator Information:

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____