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SEASONS GREETINGS !

BROOKLYN YARD RAIL COMMUNITY IS HISTORY

It was truly a sad day today, Friday, December 2, 1994 - our departure from the yard the Pacific Northwest Chapter / N.R.H.S. has called home, along with some other rail groups for many years, has come to an end at Southern Pacific's request. As our many cars head for new temporary locations, we continue our search for a permanent home, not only for the equipment, but hopefully also a place for some type of Transportation Museum. Our leases are still being completed, so we will not publish the sites at this time. Also, there are many individuals who deserve our profound thanks for the many hours of cold and wet weather work that was needed to even try to prepare the cars for this move.

JOB WELL DONE, EVERY ONE OF YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

NEW YEAR WILL BRING NEW DIRECTIONS

With a change of homes for our cars, will also bring some different fund raising efforts, because of the notification we received that AMTRAK will be unable to provide equipment for any sizable excursion. We have plans in the works for a Spaghetti Feed as a first event of it's kind for us on the evening of the Feb. 17, 1995 meeting. Remember, we will not be having our usual membership Annual Banquet in January, instead holding off to celebrate our 40th Anniversary in March or April. We're looking at many other means of raising the funds we need to keep our cars running, and our bills paid.

Christmas Shop at the Chapter's own store.

We have Chessie calendars, possibly mugs, stocking stuffer locomotives, t-shirts and sweat shirts with our new 3 locomotive design, locally authored railroad books, and SPECIAL FOR THE HOLIDAY Colored posters \$4.00 each. All available at the Chapter meeting in December, Friday, Dec. 16th at St. David's Church at S.E. 28th & Harrison. Starts at 7:30 P.M. BE THERE !!!!!

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The Editor reserves the right to edit or hold material at his discretion.

CHAPTER TIME TABLE No. 387

REGULAR RUNS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Thursday, December 8, 7:00 P.M., at Room 208, Union Station. Enter through the main entrance, turn right two times, past the magazine stand, first door on left at hallway to Wilfs.

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING Friday, December 16, 7:30 P.M. at St. David's Episcopal Church at 2800 S.E. Harrison. The business meeting will start promptly at 7:30, with the newsreel and program following after a short break. Refreshments will be available; please bring some money to feed the "kitty" so the kitty can continue to feed you.

WEEKLY NO-HOST LUNCHEON cancelled due to the move.

ROLLING STOCK WORK SESSIONS will resume after the move is completed.

LIBRARY/ ARCHIVES WORK SESSION: Thursday, December 10, 1:00 to 4:00 P.M., at Room 1 & 1A, Union Station. Help is needed to get things organized and catalogued. Contact Bob Weaver (654-4274) for more information, or just show up! There's a lot of work to do.

CHAPTER LIBRARY OPEN HOURS Saturday, December 17, 1:30 to 4:00 P.M. at Room 1, Union Station.

EXTRA BOARD

1994 Election of Officers, December Meeting.

Future Excursions to be announced.

DECEMBER MEETING PROGRAM

Program begins after the business meeting

Presented by Bob Terkelsen

Railroad Station Slides

Notice: Programs are needed for future meetings. Anyone who is willing to present a program (slides, film, etc.) at a chapter meeting, please contact the President.

CHAPTER BUSINESS

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAPTER - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING NOVEMBER 10, 1994

The meeting was called to order by President Terkelsen at 7:09 pm.

Present : Board: Ackerman, Edgar, Larson, Mack, Miller, Ordway, Reese, Rodabaugh, Terkelsen. Guests: John Bartles, Richard Parks, Pete Rodabaugh, Ralph Johnson, Richard Gray.

Minutes: No October minutes. The secretary had not completed them yet.

Treasurer's Report: Maxine Rodabaugh reported for our accounts - including Doyles tender plus a Waukesha generator as part of the deal. Maxine also reported on the Tillamook trip.

Vice - President's Report: Marilyn Edgar said a key to the 4461 has been sent to Pat Patterson. The new keys that were planned are no longer on the agenda until we are moved.

National Directors Report: There was no report because Gerald Schuler was at the National Board Meeting.

President's Report: Bob Terkelsen provided copies of Orin Knee's " Discussion Paper: Pacific Northwest Railroad Heritage." Orin desires it to be in the "Trainmaster". The paper was discussed as to what needs editing and how it best can be used. Bob asked the Board members to read the paper and decide what to do with the material by the November membership meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance: No meeting was held in November. Bob Terkelsen said we need to consider fund raising projects.

Rolling Stock: Work on our property move continues. Move from the Brooklyn Yards is still waiting from one place to move. Bob Terkelsen reported about 700 and 4449 movements. We discussed possible storage places. Two faxes have been sent to SP. Received a letter from WP of acceptance of storing four cars and the cost charged for this. Letters to be written include a letter of intent and one to Roger White about what is stored at his place from our supply. Pete Rodabaugh told us what the possibilities are for the 6800 returning from California. The Treasurer told us of outstanding bills for repair parts and shipping costs in the neighborhood of \$2,500, which require Board action. A motion was made, seconded and carried to pay the parts and shipping bills. The Rolling Stock Committee proposes donating the lathe (which we are not moving and cannot sell) to the Vernonia Restoration and Preservation Assn. They are working on Oregon - American Shay 102 and have asked for the lathe in their work. A motion was made and carried to donate the lathe to the Vernonia Restoration and Preservation Assn. They will be expected to come and get it. They will be free to use it, sell it, or whatever. It will be theirs. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept Doyle McCormack's payment of \$2,500 and the Waukesha generator in payment for PNWC #4764 tender. (Note: The Waukesha is being repaired by our member Tom Babbage.) We need to discuss what to do with our forklift. We discussed where other equipment items should go. Marilyn Edgar will make arrangements about these things. Richard Parks reported that lots of other stuff is leaving and a list of what and where it goes will be provided to the Vice-President and the Board when complete.

Library: Jim Loomis has returned to the hospital because a little more surgery was needed for a slipped bone. He should be home for the weekend. He is able to take care of himself with some outside help.

Activities: Darel Mack reported that the date set for the anniversary event on April 22, 1995, will not change unless a speaker is not available then. The train trip will probably be separated from the banquet. Perhaps the train trip can become a money raiser later. The Annual Swap Meet between the Columbia River RR club and PNWC is coming on March 11, 1995.

Museum: Bob Terkelsen reported that the Property Acquisition Task Force is on hold. Dave Stimac is waiting on his letter. The Real Estate group is also on hold. Brent Larson said he had heard a rail museum is being considered in Salem. Bob Terkelsen had not heard of that though he is on some committees that would be dealing with this.

Excursions: The Tillamook trip was a success. The bar profit in first class was twice the cost of the provisions. For future trips we'll work on small ones, since AMTRAK, etc. are out, such as more Tillamook, Ranier dinner train, Hood River train, maybe try AMTRAK again (we can buy up to 100 seats), or perhaps a trip to Seattle with a night steam boat ride and the day on the train. Richard Gray suggested several events. He told us about the Turkeyrama in McMinneville at the end of July, which we could help by providing a railroad history program in some of our rail cars, a good public relations project. Another one would be working with Willamette Pacific on Operation Lifesaver. Burlington Northern might move our cars since they would include an Operation Lifesaver display. Richard is ready to pursue it if the board agrees. He has looked into the Tacoma Eastern trip before or after the regular season.

AD HOC COMMITTEES

Concessions: Marilyn Edgar reported for Jim that the gross receipts for the Tillamook trip were \$515. The winner of the Crayola Train was Bette Carey, who runs a day school. The Chesapeake and Ohio calendars have arrived with the mugs, but the mugs had to be returned because two were broken.

"Trainmaster": Bob Terkelsen reported giving materials and information to the Woolards for the November Trainmaster ". It may get out late so there will be no ad for this month's program. There was a question about whether to do a "Trainmaster ". Bob felt we should. Maxine suggested sending it to just members this time and not organizations and other outside addresses. An article about moving action will be done by Marilyn Edgar and Richard Parks to be passed on by Bob Terkelsen to Stan Woolard.

Programs: Bob Terkelsen reported that in November Rocky Regula has acquired very few slides to auction, so will prepare a program too. Not too long was suggested. Bob will do his program on railroad stations in December. For January, a spaghetti feed was suggested at our meeting to see how that draws members. A spaghetti feed could be held in January in conjunction with a memorabiliorama with an auction maybe. We discussed how the Jack Holst Award works. We considered when to do it, since we were not having a regular banquet this year, and the information to be sent out. Ed Ackerman offered a February program of logging railroads in California, Westside Lumber Co., logging with shays. Dick Ordway reminded us about our access to the national NRHS film and slide library for program material.

OLD BUSINESS

Election Committee: Bob Terkelsen announced appointment of Clytus Beloit, chair, and members Janet Larson, Chuck Storz, John Bartles and Louise Ives.

NEW BUSINESS

Santa Fe Stock: Maxine Rodabaugh told us about the four shares of Santa Fe stock we own. Burlington Northern and Union Pacific are both trying to buy Santa Fe and both have sent us proxies. On which one do we want to vote "yes"? We also own quite a few other railroad stocks. We discussed this matter, but the Board didn't care which proxy was voted "yes". It was suggested to Maxine that she accept the one that will get us the most stock.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm. to an executive session.

Respectfully Submitted
Joyce E. Reese, Secretary

Angry Customers in Northwest

According to internal company communications, Southern Pacific managers in the Pacific Northwest fear that the railroad may soon face large-scale customer defections. Several major SP customers are already taking or threatening action. Stimson Lumber is transloading lumber to UP and BN to avoid inconsistent travel times on the SP. Weyerhaeuser is giving SP 60-90 days to improve its service or it will take its business elsewhere. Roseburg Forest Products is rerouting 20 loads per month to BN via a reload at Eugene; they've vowed to divert an additional 10 loads per month until SP provides reliable service. Hampton Lumber is contemplating barge service to Southern California in lieu of the inconsistent service it gets on SP's I-5 corridor. In the short term, SP's service in the Pacific Northwest will prevent it from reaching its modest sales goals; for the long term, it may mark the end of SP's role as a reliable transportation provider in the region.

Reprinted from an article appearing in Pacific Rail News.

On Our Get Well Wish List

Our very own former Mayor, Connie McCready suffered two strokes prior to Thanksgiving. She is recovering at home now, but asks that no flowers should be sent as she presently has a house full of them. Cards, however, would be welcomed with open arms. Here's to a speedy recovery, Connie.

NRHS FALL BOARD MEETING, LONG ISLAND, NY

The fall NRHS Board Meeting was hosted by the Long Island- Sunset Trail Chapter at Ronkonkoma, NY. It was attended by 87 delegates and 35 guests.

After approval of minutes of the June 24 meeting held in Atlanta, the first order of business was election of officers. The new directors and unopposed officers were elected first. Then the contested positions were voted on separately by secret ballot. No campaigning was allowed, since statements had been previously mailed to all voting delegates. Chairman V.Allan Vaughn was re-elected by 90 to 21 over a motion to declare his office vacant. The Presidential election for Gregory Molloy was 100 to 17 for the incumbent Dr. Ray Wood. (The new Secretary, David Ackerman, had previously been elected in the unopposed ballot.)

The President, Greg Molloy immediately assumed the new position by making some opening comments. He is concerned about the attitude of the new Congress towards Amtrak, and also the effect of a recent CSX decision regarding excursion insurance. He is interested in soliciting additional Chapter interest in the National organization, since less than 50% of the Chapters are generally represented at Board meetings. Along with this, he is hopeful for support at the Regional level. The Chapter Delegates are all members for a common purpose. He closed by stating that NRHS has brought respect to the various Railfan groups. Then President Molloy continued by naming appointments to some committee assignments. Other appointments would be made and announced later.

Dick Davis, VP Public Relations requested the Chapters to send in their PR inquiries soon. He is working on a slide program and several short videos which he hopes to complete next year. He requested that any negative press about NRHS for the Chapters to send a copy to him so he can arrange for damage control.

The Appalachian Region VP Carl Jensen announced that after 1.3 million persons have ridden on the Norfolk Southern RR fan trips in the last 30 years, the program is being discontinued at the end of this year. The engines involved will be returned to their respective railroads. The 611 will be returned to Roanoke where it will be stored in a Museum, he hoped securely.

The Editor of the National Railway Bulletin, Frank Tatnall, is proposing a cash award for the best Bulletin article. He distributed advance copies of the Bulletin #5, which contains a list of Chapters which own or operate museums.

A Chapter Charter request was approved from the Paducah, KY group, to become Chapter #186. This Chapter is located in the Ohio Valley Region. Under Old Business, a Committee Report on Term Limits was given. The Committee is not ready for a motion, but hoped to bring it to a vote at the Spring meeting. Under New Business, the Board voted to change the Society Fiscal Year to a calendar year basis. The Society Budget was approved, subject to revision at the Spring meeting.

Judy Calvert, Convention Committee Chairman distributed copies of the 1994 Atlanta Convention report. She stated they are working to get good Host Chapters for future conventions. The National will work with a Host Chapter to help with the arrangements. The 1995 Convention will be hosted by the Lancaster, PA Chapter. Dates are June 29- July 2. They are planning some gala events. 361 members have already pre-registered. The 1996 Convention will be in Charlotte, NC, June 18 - 23. The next Spring Board Meeting will be March 24 - 26 in Baltimore. Any Chapter which intends to invite the National for the 1997 Board meeting should state their intentions by Jan. 15, 1995.

The Banquet Speaker was Thomas F. Prendergast, President, Long Island RR. He mentioned the 160 year history of the LIRR, as being a record for any railroad under one name.

He also commended the Long Island - Sunset Trail Chapter NRHS for its teamwork in working with the Long Island RR. He mentioned the Long Island RR is one of the busiest commuter railroads in the country, carrying over 250,000 commuters daily on 170 scheduled trains. Some lines are entirely electrified, others are still using diesel power in a push - pull operation. Besides passengers, the railroad hauls much freight to many industries on the island. They are presently working to increase the amount of freight business.

Submitted by Gerald Schuler, National Director PNWC- NRHS

Member Awarded 25 Year Pin

A PNWC member has recently been awarded a Sterling Silver 25 year membership pin by the National NRHS office. The honored member is Clarence Bells, Jr. who resides in Bend, Or. The Officers and Board of PNWC also share in extending our Congratulations to Mr. Bells in reaching this milestone. We appreciate his long and faithful service, which has helped make NRHS the most outstanding organization of its kind in the world.

My appologies for the small " Trainmaster " that was published in November. We have attempted to remedy that situation with the current December issue with more news and articles. We hope you will enjoy it.

Railroad resolves flatbed shortage

EUREKA ---- A flatcar shortage that threatened the North Coast Railroad's freight goals has been resolved, at least for now. David Hebert, general manager of the railroad, said negotiations with Southern Pacific Railroad have apparently resolved a car shortage. The shortage drove lumber shipments down sharply in September after a record high the previous month.

"We've had very fruitful discussions with the Southern Pacific management, and we think we're going to have all the cars we need from now on," Hebert said. "We're going to five-day-a-week-service, which will also speed things up for our customers."

In September, Hebert said, Southern Pacific stopped providing the 73-foot center-beam cars that are best for transporting lumber. As a result of the flatcar shortage, he said, shipments from the North Coast dropped from the record 505 cars in August to 336 cars in September, including 16 carloads of gravel. In October, the railroad shipped 341 cars.

The line needs to carry at least 400 cars a month to make a profit, Hebert said. His goal is an annual average of 600 cars a month.

Hebert said the car shortage was caused by an upturn in business from Southern Pacific's own shippers.

Even with more cars available, Hebert said, some customers have been unhappy with long transit delays caused by congestion on the Southern Pacific line. A letter to the railroad from Sierra Pacific, a big shipper from it's Arcata mill, complained of transit time as long as 31 days to Los Angeles.

He said about 400 loads a month of lumber, which could have been moved by rail, now go out by truck over U.S. highway 101.

Southern Pacific spokesman Mike Furtney said a task force is working to break the bottleneck at the line's Roseville yard and solve other problems that slow transit time. He said they hope to see improvements by December.

Reprinted from an article that appeared Nov. 26, 1994 in the Eureka Times-Standard.

Final Schedule

Pacific Northwest Corridor Service

Vancouver, BC • Seattle • Tacoma • Portland • Salem • Eugene

8011	8508	Schedule Number			8907	8014
Thruway Bus Daily	Thruway Bus Daily	Effective 10/30/94	Thruway Bus Daily	Thruway Bus Daily	Thruway Bus Daily	Thruway Bus Daily
5:30 AM	12:30 PM	Lv Vancouver, B.C.	Ar	4:45 PM		12:15 AM
8:30 AM	4:35 PM	Ar Seattle, WA	Lv	1:00 PM		9:15 PM

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Pioneer 26 1 3 6	Coast Starlight 11 Daily	Mount Hood 753 Daily	Mt. Rainier 751 Daily	Train Name Train Number Frequency	Mt. Rainier 750 Daily	Pioneer 25 2 4 7	Coast Starlight 14 Daily	Mount Hood 752 Daily	
7:30 AM	9:10 AM	11:30 AM	5:10 PM	Lv Seattle Ar	12:45 PM	6:35 PM	8:45 PM	9:55 PM	
8:28 AM	10:07 AM	12:20 PM	6:05 PM	Tacoma	11:39 AM	5:33 PM	7:37 PM	8:47 PM	
9:08 AM	10:54 AM	1:02 PM	6:47 PM	Olympia/Lacey	10:53 AM	4:44 PM	6:48 PM	8:03 PM	
9:30 AM	11:18 AM	1:23 PM	7:08 PM	Centralia	10:33 AM	4:24 PM	6:25 PM	7:43 PM	
10:19 AM	12:05 PM	2:07 PM	7:52 PM	Kelso/Longview	9:50 AM	3:41 PM	5:37 PM	7:00 PM	
10:58 AM	12:49 PM	2:45 PM	8:30 PM	Vancouver, WA	9:11 AM	3:02 PM	4:54 PM	6:21 PM	
11:25 AM	1:20 PM	3:25 PM	9:05 PM	Ar Portland Lv	8:50 AM	2:40 PM	4:30 PM	6:00 PM	
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12:40 PM	3:00 PM	5:15 PM	10:21 PM	Salem	7:27 AM		2:00 PM	4:20 PM	8:20 PM
1:10 PM	3:32 PM	5:45 PM	10:53 PM	Albany	6:55 AM		1:25 PM	3:40 PM	7:40 PM
2:05 PM	4:22 PM	6:40 PM	11:45 PM	Ar Eugene Lv	6:10 AM		12:40 PM	2:55 PM	6:55 PM

Amtrak tickets are valid on all trains and buses shown in this schedule.

Buses operate between Amtrak Stations in the corridor.

In Vancouver, BC the bus stop is at the Sandman Inn on Georgia Street.

In Woodburn, Oregon buses stop at the marked bus stop on Hwy 214 just east of the I-5 freeway.

Food and beverage service available on all trains.

Smoking not permitted on trains and buses.

Reservations are required on all trains shown above.

For Corvallis & Newport connections see Table 4625.

Seattle - Eugene wheelchair accessible service by reservation only.

Train No. 750 *Mount Rainier* will NOT operate from Eugene to Portland on Sunday, October 30, 1994. The first run of Train 750 from Eugene will be October 31.

Bus service will be substituted for Train No. 750 between Eugene and Portland on Sunday, October 30.

See your Travel Agent for Tickets and Reservations
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