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Monthly Membership Meetings: January 18, February 15

St Mark's Lutheran Church, 5415 S.E. Powell Blvd. 7:30 pm

Monthly Board of Directors Meetings: January 10, February 7---7:30 pm Room 208, Union Station

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# **January Meeting Program**

Member Bob McCoy will talk about the Ilwaco Railroad.

# <u>President's Update</u> From Arlen L. Sheldrake, Chapter President

Here we go into 2002. Hopefully each of you had some <u>wonderful</u> holidays with family and friends.

During the business portion of our January 18<sup>th</sup> membership meeting I will present the Chapter Board's 2001 Annual Report to the Membership. Come hear a good program and also get updated on what your Chapter has been doing this past year.

Many, many thanks to our two "*retiring*" Board of Directors members **Bob Jackson** and **Ralph Johnson**. Their many hours over the last three years helping chart the course of the Chapter are most appreciated! If you just calculate Board meeting time the number exceeds 108 hours. Thanks also to "*retiring*" Vice President **Al Hall** for his two years in this very extensive job. Anyone familiar with the Chapter By-Laws knows that the Vice President has many, many responsibilities. Thanks Al for your contributions and promise to stay an active Chapter member!

A **new feature** of this column will be information each month about one of our pieces of rolling stock. This descriptive information has been gathered from Rolling Stock Committee members, first hand observation, and file materials and is intended to give you a better understanding of our inventory. If you have additional information please get it to me, it would be <u>very</u> much appreciated. (continued on next page)

**Boxcar 5335**: Originally a Southern Pacific car built in 1925, friction bearing, originally wooden walls with outside metal braces. Current Chapter use is for non-rolling storage. The 5335 currently has very bad door tracks and stores mostly 1220 seats, spare generator sleds, blacksmith forge from Brooklyn Yard, and electrical parts. May have interest as a museum piece if metal walls replaced with wood. Chapter acquisition date unknown. Age 71!

Coming to Portland July 10-14, 2002 is the SP&S Historical Society annual convention. Also coming to Portland in July are the Northern Pacific Railway Historical Association (<u>www.nprr.org</u>) and Great Northern Railway Historical Society (<u>www.gnrhs.org</u>). More information in future *Trainmasters*.

The **Oregon Steam Heritage Foundation** (OSHF) continues to meet monthly to develop the needs and location possibilities for the three City of Portland steam locomotives. At the November meeting the By-Laws were revised to incorporate 9 Board positions. Except for the Community at Large positions, the people filling the positions are appointed by the respective organizations. The OSHF Board appoints the Community at Large representatives. The current Board and assigned members are: *Community at Large*, 2 positions: Laurel Lyon (President) and Judith Hinamon (Secretary); *Brooklyn (Neighborhood) Action Committee*: Don Stephens; *Friends of SP4449*: Doyle McCormack; *PRPA*: Matt Baccitich; *Northwest Rail Museum*: Ed Immel; *OR&N197*: Dave Brown (Treasurer); *PNWC-NRHS*: Arlen Sheldrake (VP); *City of Portland Parks & Recreation*: to be assigned. Officers elected at the November meeting are noted in parentheses. Application for tax-exempt 501 C 3 status is in process.

Thanks to Rich Carlson for getting the *Chapter 2002 Voters Guide* out to the members and organizing the December 21<sup>st</sup> election. Mailings from Rich <u>always</u> have neat stamps! Thanks also to **Chuck Storz** for his continued work maintaining and printing our mailing labels. Congratulations to our new Vice President **David Van Sickle**, MD and returning Secretary **Judy Hall**, Treasurer **Rick Banton**, National Director **Gerald Schuler**. I also congratulate and welcome back to "active duty" new Directors At Large **Chuck Bukowsky** and **Darel Mack**. And yes, you're stuck with another year of these President's Updates.

January 2<sup>nd</sup> marks the **42<sup>nd</sup>** anniversary of the first revenue run for the steam locomotive "**Oregon**" at the Portland (Oregon) Zoo on the Washington Park & Zoo Railway. Many Chapter members helped build the Oregon.

The re-roofing project for the Portland Union Station Annex which houses our offices and library is on hold pending funding for the consultant's estimated cost of \$500,000. The project includes much <u>needed</u> building seismic upgrades. The "Caution Close Clearance" signs on the end of the passenger canopies have been replaced. The Union Station GO BY TRAIN neon sign now has a companion GO BY STREETCAR sign installed 12/3/2001 on the Pearl District Street Car Lofts building. And speaking of the Annex, <u>long-time</u> next-door neighbor Dennis Clemmens, Architect has moved and his offices are now vacant.

Thanks to Chapter member Joe Harper (Choo Choo Joe) for his <u>excellent</u> article in the December Trainmaster about the Puget Sound & Pacific Excursion run by the Northwest Rail Museum.

I usually leave hyping commercial enterprises to the paid media but **The Crossing** restaurant in Vancouver Washington (900 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street) <u>needs</u> your patronage. In addition to some good food you will find a treasure trove of railroad memorabilia to view as well as an occasional mainline BNSF freight or the Amtrak Empire Builder passing just outside your window.

Did you happen to read the Oregonian's lead editorial on November 25<sup>th</sup> "Train wreck ahead" regarding Amtrak? If you missed it or didn't get a copy at our December 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, let me know and I will mail you a copy.

The Chapter is saddened to learn of the passing of member **Bettie Mickelson** (2000) and sends heartfelt condolences to her son member George Mickelson (1982).

Have you checked out the National Railway Bulletin, *Society Activities Annual* (received mine 12/11)? Many thanks to our long-time National Director **Gerald A. Schuler** for representing the Chapter Membership at the Directors meetings and providing the excellent write-up covering the highlights of our 2000 year.

#### CTO: 8:00 p.m. by President Arlen Sheldrake

**<u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>**: Arlen led the Chapter in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**Welcome members and guests**: Please sign in on the register. Welcome to Ron McCoy's mother and friend Scott. Welcome Irv's friends Dennis and Byron and our other visitors Del and Jerry.

#### **Officer's Reports:**

**Secretary:** There were no additions or corrections to the minutes as published in the Trainmaster. Kerrigan Gray moved and Ed Akerman seconded that the minutes be approved. The motion passed.

Treasurer: No treasurer's report because the treasurer was absent.

**President:** Arlen thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and bringing lots of good food for the potluck Christmas dinner. Our condolences to George Mickelson whose mother and Chapter member, Bettie, has passed away. Maxine Rodabaugh said that members Lloyd Green and Jason Shipley also passed away this year. Our condolences to their families. Arlen placed copies of the 2002 Chapter Budget on the tables for Chapter members to review. He asked if there were any questions about the budget? Doug Auburg asked if the Excursion budget of \$23,000 was realistic? Vice-president Al Hall answered that the Chapter has a one-day excursion planned for Sept. on the Port of Tillamook Bay RR and since the Chapter will not be paying for the use of the railroad or locomotive, the money from this excursion will be mostly revenue. The Chapter was approached by two other groups to run excursions. Since these are still in the planning stages, Al could not talk about the details yet. Doug Auburg asked about the storage of Chapter items in the Kapnick basement for \$100 per month for two months? Arlen said that this is the former Larson basement and items stored there include oil- based paint (rolling stock paint) and window glass for the 1220 and a 20 foot-long bench. The Chapter is looking for another storage area but this paint cannot be subjected to freezing temperatures. Kerrigan Gray asked if the Chapter had considered a heated storage facility? This is a possibility to explore. Dick Ordway asked about the money for the Twin Grove shipment to Plummer, ID. The Chapter agreed in the sale to get the car to Plummer on or before Jan. 22, 2002 and as freight-allowed which means the Chapter will pay for the freight to get it there. Alan Viewig as if the Chapter has insurance to cover accident to members? Yes, we have insurance. The State Charitable Fee of \$50 is paid to the state for the 501b-3, not-for-profit license. Kerrigan Gray moved and Doug Auburg seconded that the membership, accept the 2002 budget. The motion carried. Arlen asked the membership to give a round of applause to retiring Board members, Ralph Johnson, Bob Jackson and Al Hall. Arlen said the 2001 Annual Report of the Chapter will be presented at the January Chapter meeting and will also be printed in the February Trainmaster. All Committee chairs are encouraged to get their report to Arlen as soon as possible. The Oregon Steam Heritage Foundation has installed a 9 position Board of Directors; one person from each member organization; NW Rail Museum, ORN 197, Friends of the 4449, Portland Parks and Recreation, Brooklyn Neighborhood Assoc., the PNWC, PRPA and two from the interested public. The primary purpose of the OSHF is to find a home for the steam locomotives. A member asked if the Portland Parks and Recreation was the driving force behind the OSHF? No, the Brooklyn Neighborhood Assoc. is the force and they are very interested in saving the roundhouse.

**National Director:** Arlen asked for a round of applause for Gerald Schuler, National Director for his excellent annual report that was published in the NRHS Bulletin. Our Chapter really looked good! Gerald's report from the NRHS Board of Director's meeting will be published in the Jan. Trainmaster. **Committees Reporting:** 

Elections: Rich Carlson announced the election results. Congratulations to Arlen Sheldrake, reelected as President; David Van Sickle, elected as Vice-president, Rick Banton, reelected as Treasurer; Judy Hall, reelected as Secretary; Chuck Bukowski and Darel Mack, elected to the Board of Directors. (Forty ballots were cast, including 7 absentee)

**Concessions:** We are still looking for someone to chair the Concessions Committee.

**Membership: Please get your dues in promptly. Thank you.** Maxine Rodabaugh reported that 79 members and 20 family members have renewed their memberships. Also, \$1246 in additional donations to the Chapter was received. She has received dues from about one-third of the membership. Maxine said she will send out a letter to "Chapter only members" who are members who belong to another chapter.

**Rolling Stock:** Pete Rodabaugh said he could use some help moving stuff from the storage basement and will need help getting the Twin Grove ready to move. The flanger will move to WAPI as soon as the weather permits. Arlen sent a letter to the P&W about developing a lease for the Jordan spreader. The P&W said that it no longer needs the spreader and they would like it moved off their property. Arlen wrote again asking the P&W to fix the spreader so it could be moved to WAPI.

**Excursions:** Arlen reported that the PRPA was invoiced on Oct. 1, for the four days of the Homecoming Excursion. The Chapter was to receive \$10 per day per seat sold. The PRPA responded and asked for relief from paying the amount of \$3,270 for the fourth day. They did not realize a profit from the excursion. Because of the derailment in Pasco, all tickets were eligible for a refund for the fourth day. The Board of Directors voted to relieve the PRPA from paying the amount due for the fourth day. The PRPA has every intention of paying the remaining invoice and they have good potential to make money in 2002. The PRPA expects to pay the amount due, in full, by January 2003. Al Hall said that many people were turned away on the fourth day because of the derailment and that many more than 327 passengers would have ridden on that day. Al reported that he would begin working on the Port of Tillamook Bay excursion, which is expected to take place the weekend after Labor Day. The POTB offered the Chapter a one-day excursion as part of the lease agreement when they leased the Chapter's rolling stock. Al said he wants to make this a unique and different trip and lots of fun. If you have any ideas or suggestions about how to make this trip the best, please contact Al.

Activities: Suggestions from members, for Chapter activities, would be appreciated. Give them to Ron McCoy.

**Library:** Ralph Johnson said the Library Committee would be meeting on Dec. 29 at 9 am. John Willworth has brought videos for members to check out.

For the Good of the Order: Dick Ordway said he received a Christmas card from long-time member Al Haij who joined the Chapter in 1956. Al is not able to attend meetings and would enjoy hearing from Chapter members. Arlen said that Al is practically a charter member since the PNWC was chartered in 1955. Another long-time member, Chuck Storz, was recognized for his contributions to the Chapter. Mildred Messmer thanked the Akerman's for giving her a ride so she could attend Chapter meetings. Gerald Schuler reminded everyone that Wayne Halling is still recuperating and would enjoy hearing from the membership.

**Programs:** Tonight's program from Ron McCoy is digital slides and video from the Chapter excursion to Washington in September to ride the Mt. Rainier Scenic Railroad and the Chehalis-Centralia Railroad plus the several other interesting stops along the way. The program for January is from member, Bob McCoy, about the Ilwaco Railroad. In February, Tony Roberts will talk about the RAF (Royal Air Force) Railroad. The March program will be from member, Tom Smith about "Alco Diesel Survivors." <u>Motion to adjourn</u>: We adjourned at 9:45. *Respectfully submitted by Judy Hall, Secretary* 

#### Criminal Trespass By Arlen L. Sheldrake

In 1999 the Oregon Revised Statute 164.255 was modified to include the following as a Class A misdemeanor criminal trespass:

#### "Enters or remains unlawfully upon railroad yards, tracks, bridges or rights of way."

Everett E. Cutter, Manager, Oregon Railroad Association reports that the 2001 Legislature further modified ORS 164.255 with Senate Bill 655 but nothing was changed regarding the new 1999 provision listed above.

The penalty for a Class A misdemeanor can be up to 1 year in jail and a maximum fine of \$5,000. In other words if you trespass on railroads in Oregon be prepared to accept a <u>stiff</u> penalty.

#### NRHS Board of Directors Meeting---Chambersburg, PA----October 21, 2001

The meeting was opened by President Greg Molloy, followed by an invocation given by Rev. Howard Walker. He mentioned one Director, who has a terminal illness and a delegate who had been taken to the hospital the evening before with an unspecified illness. Secretary Bruce Hodges explained the Roll Call procedure and asked everyone to sign the Roster. The minutes of the last meeting in St. Louis, MO, June 22, which had been mailed to the Board members, were approved with two corrections.

Bruce read the names of two new Delegates to the Board who had been elected by their Chapters. The Board passed a motion to accept them. Bruce asked that any Chapters that elect new delegates to notify the National Office immediately afterwards. Greg asked the new Board members present to stand and be recognized. Next Bruce read the names of the incumbent positions that are being re-nominated for office. A motion was passed to elect them. Then Bruce read names of the candidates for Regional Vice President, which included Northwest Region, Richard Carlson. A motion was also made to elect them. Next on the agenda Greg made several presidential appointments, some of whom were new due to resignation. Names will appear in the official minutes.

In his presidential report, Greg thanked the Officers and members of the Cumberland Valley Chapter for all of their work and arrangements in hosting this meeting. He continued by saying a lot has happened since mid summer. We have been working on many projects and making progress. There have been some staffing changes with key people taking over. We have also been reviewing some committee work, like Financial and external audit. There will be a fund raising appeal article in the next NRHS News. He wanted to remind members that the end of the year is approaching and the Society has some real needs, as does the entire railway preservation movement. He appreciates the growing support from the members. He has had some preliminary contacts with the Rails to Trails Conservancy. It appears that our respective groups have some common ground. Administratively, they have placed three Chapters on an inactive status because their membership has dropped below the minimum. They are Queen and Crescent, Pearl River Valley, and Pocahontas Chapters. The Society has submitted an application for Directors and Officers Liability insurance. Due to the volume of paper work some things get overlooked. Greg urged anyone who did not get an answer to a question to be understanding and send a second request. Greg thanked for the members' confidence in the Society's leadership.

Greg introduced some of the new Committee Chairs. First was Hank Morris, Bulletin Editor, and Jeff Smith, Production Editor. Frank Tatnall will be Associate Editor. Hank Morris will be calling on a network of experts to continue publishing in a true fashion. He is hoping to have articles on preservation techniques so that information will not be lost forever. He is sending out a call for submission of articles. The best sources of articles are our members, officers, and anyone else interested. Hank had recently been contacted by a company, which is doing work on the Panama Canal Railway. They were so impressed with a recent article in the Bulletin about it that they ordered 2000 reprints. Jeff Smith will focus on getting things from Hank to the printer. He will copy some of the newer production techniques of other magazines. As required by the By Laws the Board approve the appointment of Frank Morris and Jeff Smith.

A new appointed Director of Membership Development, Jim Andrisen, was introduced. He said he has observed from previous meetings a real need for a different way of thinking. The position is about all members, and how you approach them, not about one person. We should be more outgoing, get acquainted with the members, introduce the new ones, and explain what your Chapter does. There should always be membership applications at meetings and excursions. He will be working with some of the other committees to promote the program and insure continued success of the organization. Ed Thornton, Director Chapter Development thanked President Molloy for appointing him to this position to replace Dr. Bill Cude. He thanked Dr. Cude for his contributions to NRHS. Since the last meeting in St. Louis he had received requests for Chapter Development from Attalla, AL, Bowling Green, KY, Corinth, MS, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, Hephzibah Georgia, and McAllen, TX. Next, LeRoy Dietrich reported that there were about 20 Chapters that had not responded to last years notification about members of their respective Chapters that are eligible for special year awards, 25, 50 etc. He is no longer going to wait for a response and will automatically send out these award pins to the individuals. Then he will start in strength to administer the 2001 award pins. Bob Heavenrich, Comptroller, gave a brief explanation of activities to date, referring to the material he had previously handed out. The Library Committee had received a collection of negatives and prints, some from UP and most of the rest from New England. Jim Lilly, Director of Internet Services, announced that in addition to <nrhs.coni>, we now have another address: <railcamp.coni>. Some Chapters in the past have offered Scholarships. He would like for Chapters that are offering Scholarships to notify him so it can be included in the website.

The focus of his website continues to be reflecting the activities of the Society. Next Martin Swan, Director of Emblem Sales, explained he had a few items to sell. He has reduced the price on some present stock, hoping to reduce his inventory (continued on next page)

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so he can reorder. John Fiorilla, General Counsel, explained the criteria regarding the trademarks on the NRHS and Rail Camp logo. He also explained indicators of suspicious activities around railroad yards and property, based on the recent terrorist activities. They are 25-35 yr. old males with an interest in specific railroads, people soliciting detailed railroad information in casual situations, people showing up at a depot immediately before a trains arrival or departure time, people in an inappropriate area and dressed inappropriately, and suspicious vehicles parked near crossings or viewpoints. Railfans should be alert to the increasing restrictions posed by railroad security personnel. The legal issue in potential terrorist activity is intent.

John Sweigart gave a report on the Regional Vice Presidents meeting. They have several projects in various stages of progress, including a Chapter Operations Manual, which is being revised. Corporate Memberships is another issue being studied. The Rails & Trafls Conservancy program in cooperation with the National Park Service was described. It is still in operation on portions of the Adirondack and Vermonter train routes in the Northeast. In the recent Timetable this program is featured as a part of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial program which begins next year. He urged Chapters in the appropriate areas to contact the National Park Service to see how they can participate. Lynn Burshtin gave a brief report on her office activities and stated that Bulletin #3 will be completed soon. The Public Relations report from Terry Holdeman is that they are starting to advertise in Rail Pace Magazine, as well as other publications, and work is being started to update the Membership brochure.

Larry Eastwood gave a report on the RailCamp program. Both sections of 2001 Camps were very successful. There were 22 people in the first section in July, and 12 people in the second because of dormitory limitations. In 2002 they expect to have two basic Camps, July 14-20, and July 21-27. Tuition will remain at \$550. An Advanced Camp is tentatively planned in 2003. That schedule would be a more prudent use of funds. They have received a few very generous donations. He commended the Park Service for their support. He urged Chapters to include Scholarship funding in their budget.

Under old business, John Fiorilla discussed recent developments in the ongoing Alco Historic photo problem. Under new business, Joe Heffron, Finance Committee, explained the budget and hand out material. The Budget was passed. Joe commended the officers for their expense requests, as they were less than before. Mike Trzeciak explained that this year there was an external audit, which was approved.

Greg Molloy introduced Carl Jensen, recently appointed Chair of the Convention Committee. He thanked Judy Calvert who had been Chairman over 10 years. He asked Joe Williams and Dr. Al Howe to give reports on the past Stamford and St. Louis Conventions. This was followed by Bill Baughman who told us about the progress thus far in arranging the 2002 Convention in Williams, AZ during Aug.19-26. Pre-registration forms were passed out. They will also be in the NRHS News. Excursions will include a trip on the Grand Canyon RR. Carl explained that due to the economy it is impossible to get far-advanced prices from the railroads on excursions. Next information on the 2003 Convention in Baltimore, MD, July 1-6 was updated. That will be the 175thAnniversary of the B&O.

Announcements at the end of the meeting were that the 1218 has been donated to the City of Roanoke for their Museum. It is to be placed next to 611 in an area being covered. The Virginia DMV is studying to have car license plates with the 611 locomotive available. The meeting was closed with the Benediction given by Rev. Howard Walker.

The Banquet Speaker was R. Cummins McNitt, Executive Director of the Altoona Railroaders Memorial Museum. He spoke about the sociological aspects of the Pennsylvania Altoona shops on the employees and their families. The Friday excursion was a bus tour to the Horseshoe Curve. It was completed in 1854 and is now a National Historic Landmark. We rode a funicular from the Visitors Center up to the curve area to watch for trains. We also saw the Allegheny Portage Railroad, which is a National Historic Site. It was built in the early 1830's over the Allegheny Mountains to connect the eastern and western divisions of the Pennsylvania Mainline Canal. It carried passengers, freight and sectional canal boats until it was abandoned in 1857 upon completion of the Pennsylvania Railroad. The Historic Site preserves traces of this and has a museum and showed a video. We also saw the Altoona R.R. Museum. It had an assortment of equipment outside and very interesting exhibits inside telling about life and times in this railroad town.

Gerald A. Schuler, National Director.

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## 1887 Depot Restored

Chapter Vice President, David Van Sickle

The Willamette Valley and Coast Railroad's 1887 newly restored Corvallis Depot is now open at 700 SW Washington Avenue. Downstairs in the passenger room is a large meeting room that will accommodate seating for 36 with original 1887 high ceilings and restored wood floors. Information for overnight accommodations in the depot can be found by calling: 877.754.6506, email: jackie@endex.com, website:www.endex.com/depot/meeting. The Depot is within walking distance to OSU and downtown. The Depot is believed to be the last remaining two-story combination passenger/freight depot in Oregon and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The 1887 Corvallis Depot was a milestone in the railroad's optimistic effort to become the transcontinental link that would bypass Portland and connect Boise through Eastern Oregon, Albany and Corvallis to the proposed "San Francisco of the North", at Yaquina Bay near Newport.

But the railroad went bankrupt and was sold to the Southern Pacific system in 1907. Portland eventually won the title of the Oregon's railroad center.

This information extracted from the Corvallis Gazette-Times, March 26, 2001 and from Depot advertising materials by Arlen Sheldrake. Material supplied by his mother Lois Sheldrake, a Corvallis resident.

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#### LONG-TIME MEMBER HONORED

By Arlen L. Sheldrake

At our December 21<sup>st</sup> membership meeting our Membership chair Maxine Rodabaugh pointed out that one of our renewing members Alfred L. Haij joined the Chapter in 1956. WOW, that is 45 years as a faithful member and for sure Alfred knew all our founding members! Our Chapter was founded in 1955 and we are <u>blessed</u> with many long-time members.

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