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## PNW CHAPTER TIMETABLE

Friday           REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING (3rd Friday of each month)

15 March        The March meeting of PNW Chapter, NRHS is scheduled to take place in Burlington Northern's Safety Assembly Room. This is located in the long building on the right side of what would be N W 11th Avenue extended northward from its intersection with N W Hoyt Street. (If more detailed instructions are needed at meeting time, telephone 221-1300, extension 325.)

8 PM

Business session, which begins at 8 PM, will be followed by a "refreshment break" arranged for by Cora Jackson. Cora's cakes, cookies, and et ceteras have become a favorite feature at PNW Chapter meetings. To help defray expenses, a "kitty" will be present to receive contributions.

This month's program theme will be the Great Northern Railroad. Walt Grande, program co-ordinator, encourages members who have slides or movies of the GN to bring them for showing. Please contact Walt prior to the meeting (telephone 246-3254) so that he can arrange an interesting program.

Saturday        FIELD TRIP - - canceled

30 March        The field trip to tour FMC (Gunderson Brothers) has been postponed. The plant has been shut down due to a lack of parts (truck bolsters and side panels) used in the assembly of freight cars. The factory supplying these items is on strike and is not expected to be back in operation before the end of March.

PNW Chapter President Roger Sackett indicates that this trip will be rescheduled later this Spring when conditions warrant. Details to be announced in "The Trainmaster".

## "PNW Chapter Timetable", contd

- Every Saturday  
12:01 PM
- INFORMAL LUNCHEON
- This weekly event is held at Yaw's Top Notch Restaurant at 2001 N E 40th Avenue (between Hancock and Tillamook Streets). A large table is reserved in the seating area on the west side of the building for the group to partake of the mid-day repast.
- Pool your transportation with other members (and/or guests) to attend this non-official function of PNW Chapter, NRHS. No reservations are required.
- Friday  
19 April  
8 PM
- REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
- The April meeting of PNW Chapter will, unless circumstances dictate otherwise, also be held in the BN Safety Assembly Room. The usual refreshment break is planned for the intermission between the business session and the program. Program theme for April will be "Narrow gauge in the Northwest". Start searching now for those slides, movies, or what have you.
- Friday  
17 May  
8 PM
- REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
- Unless otherwise noted, the May meeting of PNW Chapter will also be held at the Safety Assembly Room of BN. The May program theme will be "The Southern Pacific in Oregon". Reserve the date now.
- Saturday & Sunday  
1 & 2 June
- RAILCON '74 - EIGHTH ANNUAL PACIFIC NORTHWEST RAILFAN CONFERENCE
- The location of this year's gathering will be in Vancouver, British Columbia at the Century Plaza Hotel. Possible events include a trip on the British Columbia Railway (formerly the Pacific Great Eastern Rwy) via railway diesel car (Budd cars).
- Friday  
21 June  
8 PM
- REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
- All going well, the June meeting of PNW Chapter will also be held in BN's Safety Assembly Room. Program will be presented by our "European Bureau Chief" Ed Immel who is scheduled to be back in the Pacific Northwest by then

## PNW CHAPTER NRHS

## Summary of Minutes, Regular Meeting, 15 February 1974

The meeting was called to order by PNW Chapter President Roger Sackett at 8:05 PM in the Burlington Northern Safety Assembly Room.

Minutes of the January meeting were approved as read.

President Sackett reported receipt of approval from the Burlington Northern to rent the Chapter-owned sleeper-lounge car "Mount Hood" to Amtrak. He said also that he had been contacted by a representative of Amtrak about the possible rental. Before finalizing any arrangements with Amtrak the Mount Hood will have to be moved to BN's King Street yards at Seattle, Washington for inspection. Also, the car will have to be painted in Amtrak colors.

John Holloway announced the field trip for Saturday the 16th of February. Itinerary will include tracking the Oregon Electric and Southern Pacific Red Electric rights-of-way in the west Portland and Beaverton area. The group will meet at Yaws West Restaurant for lunch and leave from there about 1 PM. Maps and an information sheet will be distributed at the start of the trip.

Program Chairman Walt Grande announced the program schedule for the balance of the meetings through June:

- March - Great Northern in the Northwest
- April - Narrow Gauge in the Pacific Northwest
- May - - Southern Pacific in Oregon
- June - Program by Ed Immel

Also, as Chapter Historian, Walt requested pictures for a Chapter scrapbook that he has started.

President Sackett announced tentative field trips for the next few months:

- March - Tour of FMC-Gunderson car building plant
- April - Seattle trolley bus excursion
- May - - Exploration of railroad grade in Saddle Mountain area near Astoria

Chapter Librarian Al Zimmerman announced that he will review a new rail book at each meeting and that reviews will be published in "The Trainmaster" following each meeting. Al presented a favorable review of the book "Silver San Juan". This review will appear in the March 1974 issue of "The Trainmaster".

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM for a refreshment break prior to the program.

Program: Movies and slides of Portland interurbans and streetcars.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chuck Storz, Chapt Secy

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IN SEARCH OF THE WEST PORTLAND INTERURBANS

PNW Chapter Field Trip, 16 February 1974

The first of what we hope will be many PNW Chapter, NRHS sponsored field trips took place on Saturday the 16th of February, 1974. The event began with an informal luncheon at Yaws West restaurant in the Raleighwood Shopping Center. John D Holloway, Field Trip Leader, gave a briefing on the proposed itinerary. Among those present were: John T Labbe, Roger W Sackett, Walter R Grande, Gordon Krantz, Alan Carl Zimmerman, Lloyd M Palmer, and Alfred L Haij.

At the start of the tour, each participant was given a map as an aid to follow the days outing. The purpose was to cover the former lines of the Oregon Electric and Southern Pacific's Red Electrics. The tour included many back yards and side streets.

It was felt that enough interest had been generated to warrant a repeat performance during the summer months. Watch the "PNW Chapter Timetable" for the rescheduling of this trip as well as other events of interest.

NRHS BULLETIN DELAYED

Issue number 6 of the "Bulletin" for 1973, published by the National Office, has been delayed by unforeseen problems encountered by the printer. The latest report is that "number 6" will be in the mail during the early part of March.

"SILVER SAN JUAN"

A book review by Al Zimmerman