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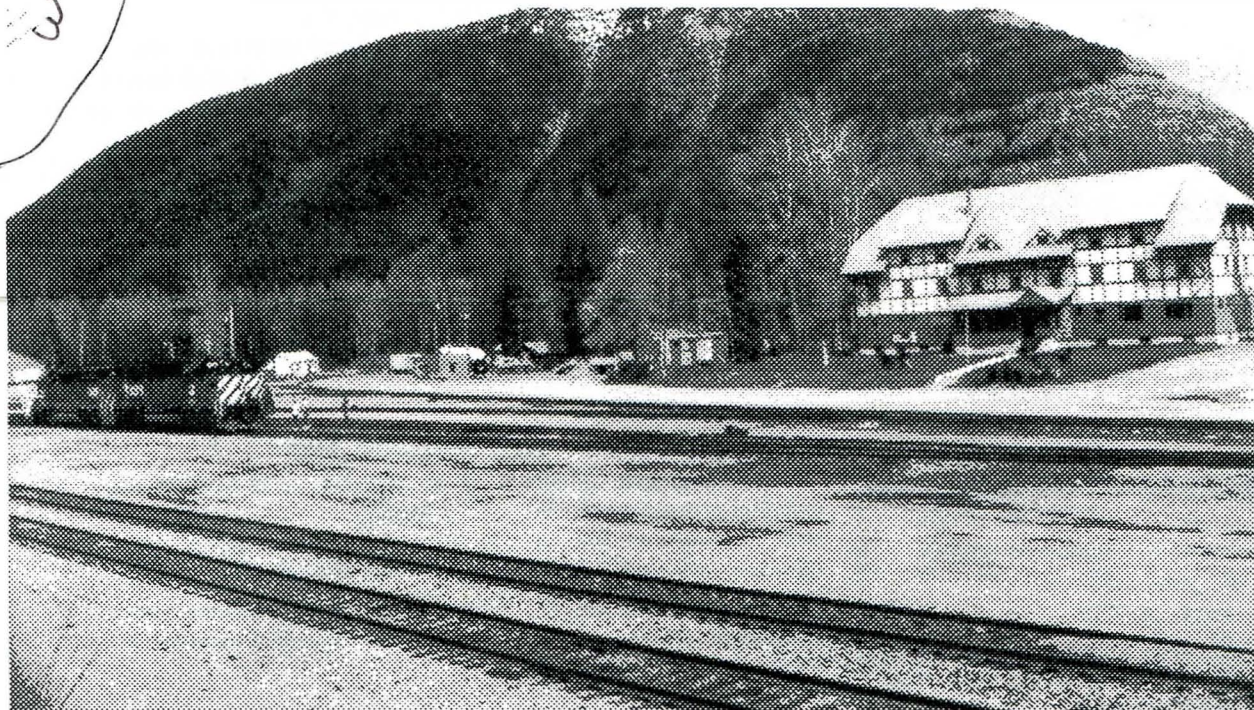


JANUARY 1994

Izaak Walton Inn: A Montana Getaway

by Kristopher Lundt

Feb. 26
wedding



The Izaak Walton Inn is a great place for railfans to stay. The Burlington Northern main line (two tracks in foreground) are right outside the back door. Helpers are always stationed here to push trains over the Continental Divide. Many good photo locations are within walking distance from the Inn. -Warren R. McGee photo

On the west side of the Continental Divide in Montana there is a place to go if you love to see mountain railroading or to cross-country ski. The Izaak Walton Inn in the small hamlet of Essex, Montana, is a great place to go to get back to nature. A place where there is no TV, phone, or computer. It's a place to see some of the most beautiful scenery in the Rocky Mountains.

Located along the southern boundary of Glacier National Park, the Izaak Walton Inn is right off Highway 2. It's easy to find if you drive to Montana or if you take Amtrak. The eastbound Empire Builder stops in the morning and the westbound Empire Builder makes its stop in the evening. The Amtrak platform is about 100 yards from the Inn. If you want to fly to Essex you will have to fly into Kalispell and rent a car. Car rentals are available at the Inn also.

There are plenty of things to do during a stay in Essex. There is over 30 kilometers of groomed trails for cross country

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The deadline for each issue of *The Trainmaster* is the 20th of the previous month. Submissions may be made on floppy disk, in Wordperfect, MS Word, or ASCII formats. *The Editor reserves the right to edit or hold material at his discretion*

-Kristopher

CHAPTER TIME TABLE No. 376

REGULAR RUNS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Thursday, January 13, 7:00pm, at Room 208, Union Station. Down there where all the Amtrak trains come in. All Chapter members are welcome.

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING Friday, January 21, 7:30pm, at St. David's Episcopal Church at 2800 SE 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. The program is listed below.

WEEKLY NO-HOST LUNCHEON every Saturday, 12:00 noon, at the Semaphore Restaurant at SE 17th Avenue and Holgate Blvd. Our group sits in the back. Come on down!

ROLLING STOCK WORK SESSIONS every Wednesday and Saturday, at the Chapter's tracks in Brooklyn Yard. Working hours are 9am to 3-4pm on Tuesday, 10am to late afternoon on Saturday. There's a lot of work of all kinds to be done. Contact Richard Gray (656-0260) or Bob Hoffman (236-7710) to see what you can do.

LIBRARY/ARCHIVES WORK SESSION Thursday, January 13, 1:00pm to 4:00pm & Saturday, 22, 9:30am to 12:00 noon at Room 1, Union Station. Help is needed to get things organized and catalogued. Contact James Loomis (253-3926) or Bob Weaver (654-4274) for more information—or just show up! There's lots of work to do.

CHAPTER LIBRARY OPEN HOURS Saturday, January 22 & 29, 1:30 to 4pm at Room 1, Union Station

EXTRA BOARD

March 13 *Help Feb Mar 11*
16th Annual Railroadiana & Model Railroad Swap Meet sponsored by the PNWC-NRHS and the Columbia Gorge Model RR Club. **Date:** Saturday, March 12, 1994, 10:00am to 4:00pm. **Cost:** \$2.50 for adult, children under 12 free with an adult. **Location:** Jackson Armory, 6255 NE Comfoot Road, Portland, Oregon.

May Excursion-May 14 & 15 trip to Seattle and back. Saturday night will be a trip on the Spirit of Washington Dinner Train and Sunday will be a cruise on the steam boat Virginia V.

JANUARY MEETING PROGRAM

Program begins after business meeting

To Be Announced

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

LIBRARY COMMITTEE REPORT

James Loomis, Chair

The library has received some great items of late, and there is more to come! First of all we have received the Guide to Railroad Historical Resources—United States and Canada by Thomas T. Taber, of Muncy, Pennsylvania. This guide lists the resources for research into railroad-related material. The resource locations are listed by abbreviation of the institution and by state. There is information on railroads of major companies, steam & industrial railroads, electric railways, non-railroad (but related) companies, and railroads and historical technical material societies. Our chapter is listed as a resource of some research material.

Along with this guide, we have a guide for historical materials concerning the states of Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Canada. We also have a guide for the following railroads:

Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific RR
Great Northern RR
Northern Pacific RY
Southern Pacific RR
Spokane, Portland & Seattle RY
Union Pacific RR

and their predecessor companies.

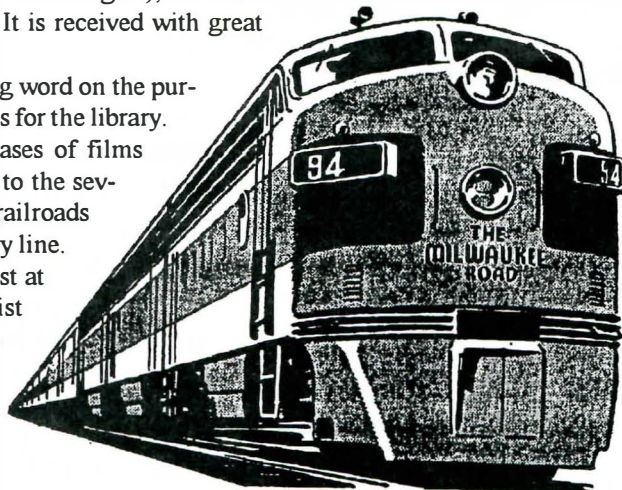
This guide will be helpful to anyone doing research. Please keep in mind it is important to know specifically what you are researching for. The guide strongly points out that there is too much material, too widely scattered for "generalized" research. This guide will not be available for check-out, as it is an archival tool best used while researching in our archives.

Bob Weaver has received the items he requested to preserve more of our prints and papers from acid paper and moisture damage. It is a big job to keep abreast of all the material we are receiving from various sources, but Bob has been doing well, along with any volunteers helping him in the effort.

We have received a "new" book for the library. It is The Lore of the Train, by C. Hamilton Ellis. This book was published in England/Sweden in 1971. It covers the history of railroads, in many parts of the world. It is a very generalized history, to be sure, but it does have some fantastic drawings of various locomotives and it goes into the possible future of trains. The book has 240 pages, with many of the drawings in color. The book was donated by a Mr. Gould (I hope that is right!), via Jim & Marilyn Edgar. It is received with great appreciation!

We are awaiting word on the purchase of 16 videos for the library. They are re-releases of films from the thirties to the seventies, all using railroads in their main story line. I do not have a list at present, but will list them, if all is OK'd.

- James
Loomis



1994 BoD Election

With the election of Bob Terkelsen as President for 1994, his position on the Board of Directors needs to be filled. The following Chapter members have been nominated for the election:

Brent Larson
Terry Parker
Richard Parks

The election will take place at the January meeting.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Tammy Auburg, Chair

Please welcome the latest addition to the PNCW.

D. H. (Buzz) & Judy Yost

10705 NE Tillamook
Portland, OR 97220

Wallace E. Burton

43400 Carol Dr.
Nehalem, OR 97131

David J. & Ann Thomason

16229 15th Dr. SE
Mill Creek, WA 98012

(transfers from Central Coast Chapter)

-Maxine Rodabaugh

ANNUAL CHAPTER BANQUET

The Banquet will be on Saturday, January 29 at the Mallory Hotel, 729 SW 15th Ave., Portland. Guest speaker will be Robert Melbo, W & P RR. Dinner of Swiss Steak or Baked Chicken, \$16.00. Make reservations by January 21, 1994 with **Bob Terkelsen, 327 Mize Road SE, Salem, OR 97302-5017.**

CHAPTER BUSINESS

SUMMARY OF MINUTES - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - DECEMBER 9, 1993

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Hoffman at 7:10 PM.

Treasurer Alan Viewig reminded the board that the Chapter has continuing expenses of \$3,000 a month. \$5800 is still owed to the Chapter by Dave Duncan from the Montana leases.

The Chapter board of directors passed the following motions at its December meeting:

1) Approved the purchase for resale of two sets of railroad videos by the concessions committee at a maximum cost of \$327 per set.

2) Approved a budget of \$62,525 for the May, 1994 Seattle Rail Adventure.

3) Approved spending \$3000 to repair damage of cars Mt. Hood and 76.

4) Approved changing all Chapter locks for a maximum cost of \$500.

5) Adopted the 1994 budget as proposed by the finance committee.

President's Report: 1) Bob Hoffman advised problems with the proposed Garibaldi car lease due to the fact that a state DOT official has said that the S.P. has condemned the locomotive that the Garibaldi Lions want to use. 2) Reference the money owed the Chapter for the Montana lease, Dave Duncan is having problems with insurance costs resulting in the delay in paying the \$5800 to the Chapter.

Activities: Bob Terkelsen reported that the annual Chapter banquet will be on Sat., Jan. 29 at the Mallory Hotel. Cost is \$16.00 a person. The board discussed the length of business sessions at regular meetings and the importance of having good programs at those meetings.

Changing Locks: The board discussed the need to change all Chapter locks and authorized the change (see motion above). The motion included requirements for signing for keys and

a deposit of \$10.00 for each key. A new key distribution policy will be taken up at the January meeting.

Investment Information: Dick Ordway reported that he has gathered and turned over to Maxine Rodabaugh information on possible investments for the Chapter's savings. The finance committee will discuss investments at its next meeting.

1994 Chapter Budget: Pending receipt of a printout from the bookkeeper the finance committee recommended adopting the 1993 budget for 1994 (see motion above).

Board Vacancy: As required by the by laws the board nominated members to fill the board seat for the two years left on President Elect Bob Terkelsen's term. Richard Parks, Terry Parker and Brent Larson were nominated.

Respectfully submitted, Chuck Storz

SUMMARY OF MINUTES - REGULAR CHAPTER MEETING - DECEMBER 17, 1993

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Hoffman at 7:42 PM.

The membership passed the following motions at the December meeting;

1) Approved the 1994 budget as proposed by the finance committee and board.

2) Approved a budget of \$52,525 for the Seattle trip scheduled for next May.

Treasurer Alan Viewig reported that the S.P. has made an advance on the money required to repair the Chapter's cars damaged in the switching accident. The Chapter made \$59.00 on last month's slide auction. The Chapter has received \$931 from Vintage Trolley pay donated by several members.

President Bob Hoffman Reported: 1) The Chapter is still working on possible use by the Garibaldi Lions of Chapter cars for the coast excursion train. 2) \$3000 is owed to the Chapter for the ex-SP tender by Doyle McCormack. 3) Payment of the \$5800

owed to the Chapter by Dave Duncan is expected in late February. 4) Resource material in room 1A is available to both members and the public for research on arrangement with the library committee.

Rolling Stock: Peter Rodabaugh reported that the S.P. will be asked for a second advance to complete repairs on cars Mt. Hood and 76 with approval expected. This will be done after an estimate if prepared to cover the needed repairs. The Chapter will be making the wear and tear repairs on car 76 at Brooklyn after the accident repairs are completed at RGR. The Chapter's two RDC's are on lease to the Lewis & Clark RR for its Christmas train.

Work Party Schedule Change: Bob Hoffman advised that rolling stock work parties will now take place on Wednesday and Saturday instead of Tuesday and Saturday.

Excursions: Dick Ordway reported that next May's excursion to Seattle has been approved by Amtrak. The trip includes the dinner train on Saturday evening and the Virginia V steamboat on Sun. morning. Capacity of the trip is 350. All arrangements have been confirmed. Selling price will be \$310 single and \$275 double.

Activities: Bob Terkelsen announced that the annual Chapter banquet will be on Saturday evening, Jan. 29 at the Mallory Hotel. Cost will be \$15 a person.

Jack Holst Award: Bob Hoffman announced that Bob Weaver, Roger White and Peter Rodabaugh will be the committee to select the member to receive the 1993 Jack Holst Award.

Board Member At Large Vacancy: The board, as required by the by laws, has nominated Richard Parks, Terry Parker and Brent Larson to run for the two years remaining on President Elect Bob Terkelsen's board seat. There were no nominations from the floor.

*Respectfully submitted, Chuck Storz,
Secretary*

Chapter Newsletter Editors - Please pass this information to your Members.

Highlights From The Fall, 1993 Board of Directors Meeting

The Society's Board of Directors met in Wilmington, Delaware, on November 14, 1993. A preliminary count shows (111) Members attended the meeting, with (70) chapters officially represented. Here are notes on some of what happened.

Election of Officers took place as scheduled, with no contested elections for Officer or Regional Vice President positions. All current Officers were re-elected. There is one new Regional Vice President: Ed Graham of Pacific Region. The new chairman of the Nominating Committee is Dr. Wes Ross (Kentucky Central Chapter). All other Committee Chairs and Service Directors were reappointed.

There was considerable discussion of the Society's financial reporting. The discussion was too involved to cover here, but the bottom line is: The Society is financially sound, receipts have been deposited and the bills are being paid. There has been an unacceptable lag in financial reporting. Bob Heavenrich (Bluewater Michigan Chapter) is appointed to the new position of Comptroller to receive raw financial data and produce reports. This will relieve Treasurer Dick Billings of the financial reporting burden and allow him to concentrate on the duties specified in the Bylaws.

Our insurance agent informs us that we cannot obtain additional insurance coverage on the Libraries without an inventory. Work on the inventory continues, and segments of the collection will be insured as they are cataloged. The film and video collection should be covered by the end of the year. In the meantime, the new Library Advisory Board has been appointed and has visited the Libraries in Philadelphia.

The 1994 budget was approved as presented except that the rental account was reduced \$2500 based on new information. The National Society is budgeted to lose money on Operations (less than \$1.00 per Member) and show a negative in Capital as well, despite substantial trimming of original requests by the Finance Committee. The budget sets the upper spending limit, and President Wood promised to urge restraint in actual spending. How we should address this situation in future years will be a discussion topic for the Spring meeting.

The final report of the 1991 Convention (Huntington) was approved. An interim report for the 1993 Convention (Chicago) projects a modest surplus, probably under \$5000. Plans for the 1994 Convention in Atlanta are on track, with operations planned primarily on Norfolk Southern. Recent problems with CSX insurance requirements will have minimal impact. Three or four steam locomotives are expected.

A charter application was approved for the Bluebonnet Chapter of New Braunfels, Texas, as the Society's expansion in the West continues.

In other developments: A new Media Services catalog is being distributed. Negotiations have started for renewal of the lease for the National Office, and early indications are positive. The Board approved a new (and simpler) set of recognition levels for contributions. The Heritage Film Collection of Cincinnati, Newport, & Covington negatives has been cleaned, cataloged, printed, and delivered to the National Office.

Complete minutes for the Fall, 1993 Board meeting will be distributed this winter. In the meantime, if you need additional information, please contact the Secretary, Gregory P. Molloy, 634 Flagstaff Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45215-2525.

NOTICES

All Chapters interested in hosting Spring or Fall Board of Directors Meetings in 1996 should contact the Secretary by January 15. Siting the 1996 meetings will be on the agenda for Spring of 1994.

The deadline for inclusions for the Spring 1994 Notice of Meeting package will be Saturday, March 5, 1994.

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skiing. There are guided tours into Glacier National Park.

For the railfan there are hundreds of places to photograph train activity. It is possible to get off the eastbound Empire Builder, check in, get your rental car and beat the train to the summit, and photograph it on Two Medicine Bridge. There are many locations on the east side of Summit to get the Rocky Mountains in the background. Many eastbound trains pick up helpers at Essex for the climb to Summit. The helpers may travel cab-

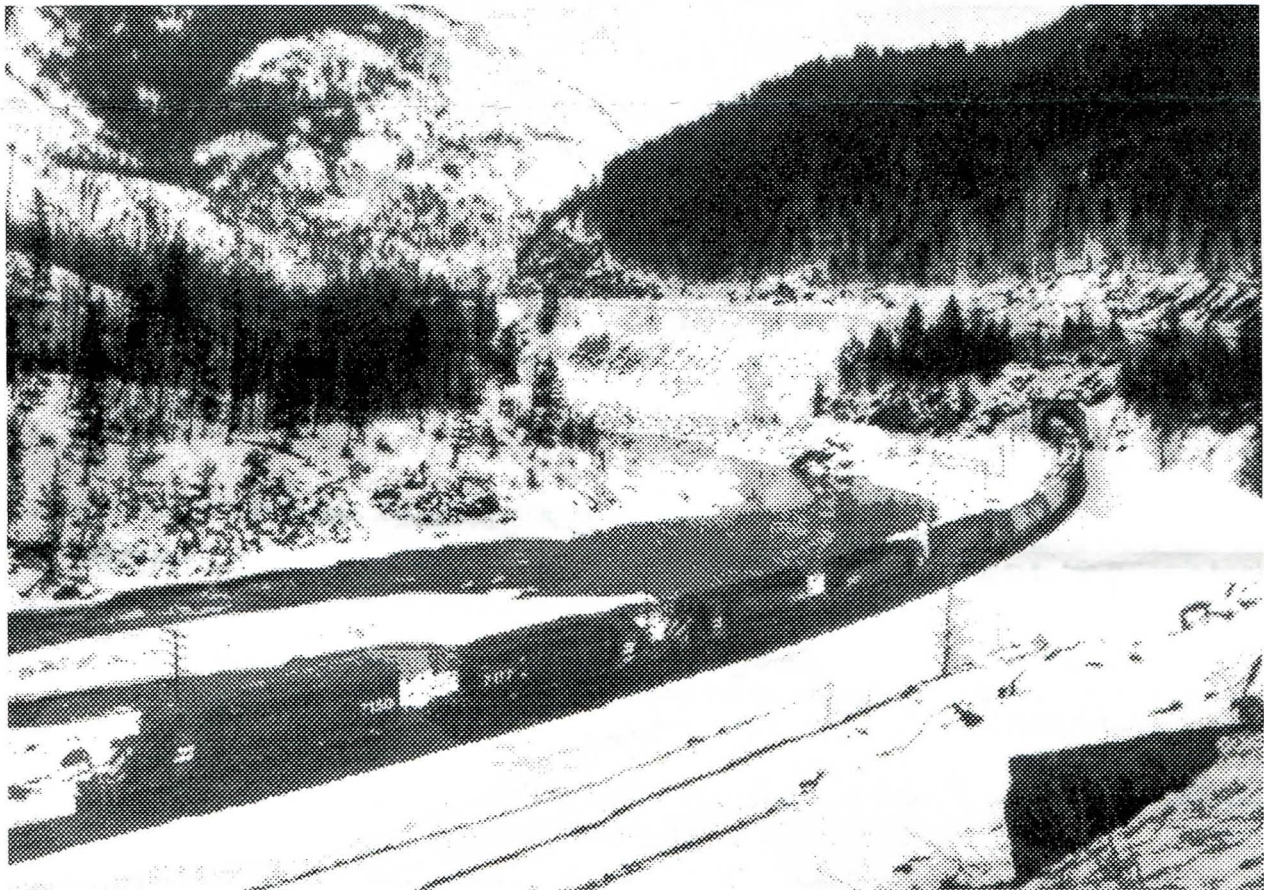
hop back to Essex or go to Browing to assist a westbound. The helpers are stationed at Essex unless they go to Whitefish to be refueled or to Havre for light repairs. The continuous flow of trains will give you a chance to capture many different backdrops.

The latest addition at the Inn is a pair of cabooses located atop a small hill across the tracks from the Inn. Each caboose has been refurbished and are both well insulated and heated. Each waycar has cooking and bathing facilities and can accommodate up to four people. The ski trails start from outside the door and there is a large deck to watch the sunrise.

Each year the Inn holds its annual railfan retreat called Essexpress Weekend. This year the railfan retreat will be April 30 through May 2, 1994. Friday night there will be a slide show in the Signal Room by railfan Richard Mitchell. On Saturday morning the group will travel to Havre on the Empire Builder and return that evening on the westbound Builder. Package includes accommodations, continental breakfast and lunch on Saturday, round trip Amtrak ride from Essex to Havre, continental breakfast and train chase on Sunday morning. Reservations must be made by April 15 accompanied by a \$50.00 deposit. Prices start at \$223 per person.

If you would like to stay at the Inn or make reservations for the Essexpress Weekend you can call or write:

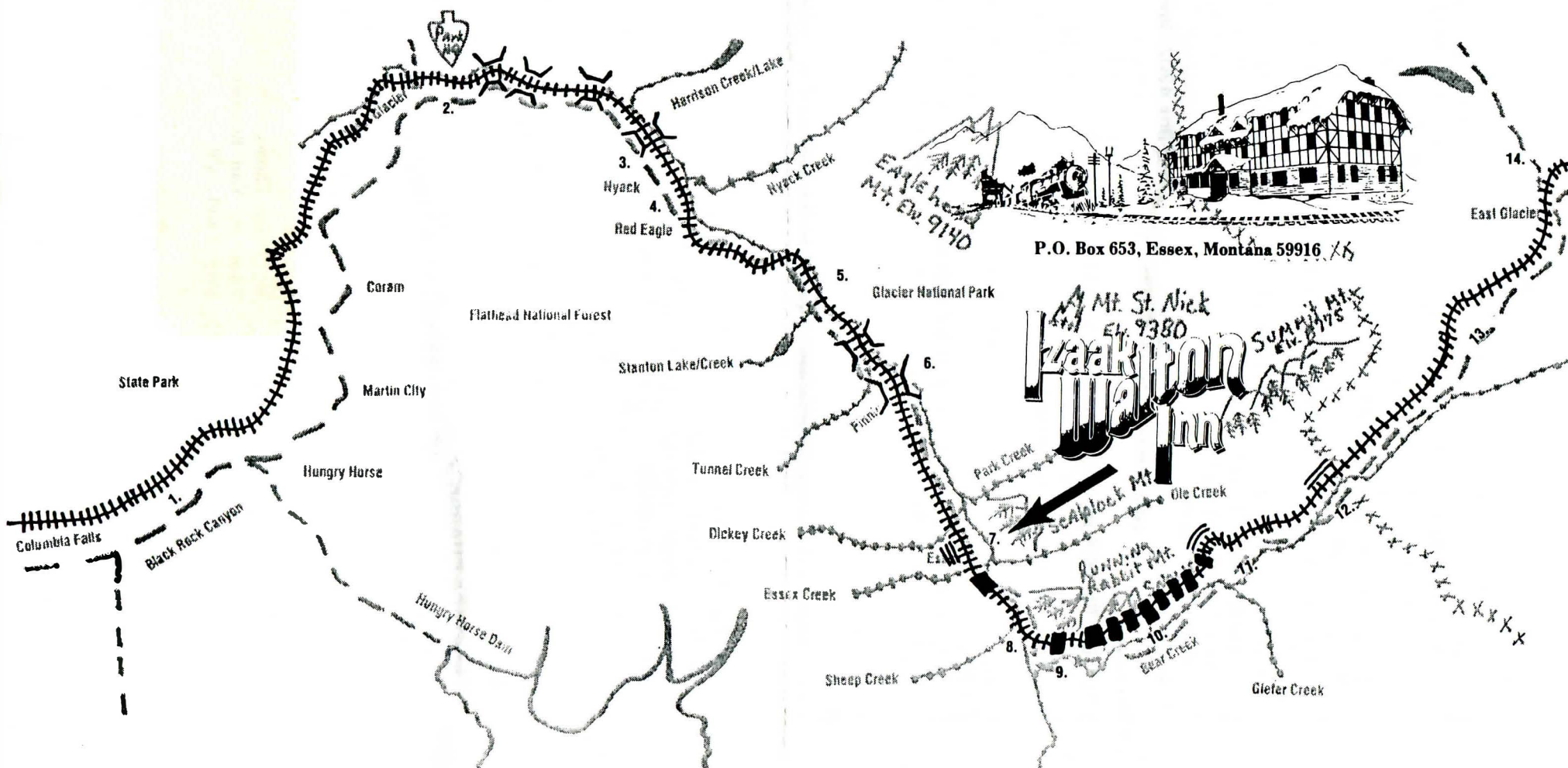
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Five SD40-2s pull a 100+ car loaded grain train down Stevens Canyon on the west slope of Marias Pass. There are endless photo locations from Highway 2 through the canyon. This photo was taken on March 20, 1989 and even with snow on the ground, Highway 2 is easy to travel on. -Kristopher Lundt photo

1. **Bad Rock Canyon** — Located 2 miles east of Columbia Falls. Noted for its ability to cause derailments. It is beginning of single track; one tunnel, sheer rock faces.
2. **Belton (West Glacier)** — AMTRAK stop, access to Glacier National Park. Between Belton and highway milepost 160; four tunnels, track hugging narrow Middle Fork River Canyon. Many excellent photo stops!
3. **Nyack (Moccasin Creek, river access)** — Beginning of double track; long straight stretch of track; two sets of bridge-type signals. Watch for elk and deer.
4. **Red Eagle (M.P. 164)** — Highway crosses over tracks. Three to four miles east railroad enters Blue Canyon (Twin Bridges); two bridges, excellent mountain scenery featuring Mount Saint Nicholas.
5. **Stanton Creek Bridge (M.P. 170)** — Access to Great Bear Wilderness Area. Tracks narrow to single track one mile east at Paola (Hidden Lake).
6. **Tunnel Creek (M.P. 172)** — Two tunnels and bridge in less than a half mile! Hike in to see abandoned tunnel.
7. **ESSEX - Izaak Walton Inn** — AMTRAK stop (limited stop). Helper engines stationed at Essex. Small yard and engine servicing facilities. Two miles west is large gravel pit/rock crusher for track maintenance ballast. One quarter mile east is Snowshed #12, the first of many going over the pass.

8. **Sheep Creek Bridge (M.P. 182)** — Across from Goat Lick in Glacier National Park. See picture in LINES WEST, page 187. Come and get your own and watch Mountain Goats at the same time.
9. **Java East (M.P. 184)** — Formerly Nimrod. Beginning of double track. Don't miss getting a picture at the Java (Nimrod) Bridge just west of the highway underpass.
10. **Singleshot (M.P. 189)** — Snowshed #7. A total of eight snowsheds within a five mile section along Highway 2. Excellent! Get a picture at each one!
11. **Blacktail (M.P. 192)** — Not visible from highway. Short hike from Forest Service Road #1066.
12. **Summit (M.P. 197)** — Continental Divide. Elevation 5,213 feet. Passing tracks, balloon track (a round circle of track for turning snowplow trains around). Statue of John F. Stevens. Former Summit Station now private residence near Highway 2.
13. **Bison (M.P. 203)** — Equipment director. Many places for shots of trains dwarfed by eastside mountains.
14. **East Glacier** — AMTRAK stop (summer season only). Access to Glacier National Park. See the famous East Glacier Hotel built by the Great Northern. Two Medicine Bridge is one mile east.



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