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## *Proposed Pedestrian Overpass Threatens Portland Union Station's Historic Architecture*

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Portland's Union Station has stood for over 100 years now, and has basically seen little structural change, except for a major remodeling project in the 1930's, and a much-needed facelift in the last nine years. The 1930's work included the lobby, designed by Portland architect Pietro Beluschi. The recent work was requisitioned by the Portland Development Commission, owners of Union Station since 1987. The landscaping was maintained to provide an "oasis" in the ever-increasing concrete jungles of our large cities, and Portland is getting to be no exception to that rule, much to the regret of many long-time citizens.

Recently, after a few years' delay since the removal of a majority of the Union Station yard trackage, development plans are in the works for the yards. 330+ rental units, 50+ townhouse units and a community center are planned for the area between the remaining tracks (Tracks 1-5) and N.W. Naito Parkway (recently renamed from N.W. Front Ave.). Included in this proposal is a pedestrian overpass, with elevators, to straddle three stories above the tracks, from the developed area to



This is the landscaped area, looking northwest, next to Wilf's Restaurant and Union Station that would be affected by the proposed pedestrian overpass.

the landscaped area southeast of the station. It would sit between the southeast end of the station, near Wilf's restaurant, and the separated annex building. This overpass would continue to N.W. Naito Pkwy., to serve the McCormick Pier apartments across the street.

This structure would remove a large area of the landscape, including some of the trees. It would also intrude on the view of the station from the transit mall.

At a Portland Bureau of Planning Design Commission hearing on May 16, Rich Carlson asked if such a bridge is really needed. A proponent of the project stated that the Public Utilities

Commission required it. When Rich contacted the PUC, he was informed that they did not have jurisdiction; that having been transferred to the Oregon Department of Transportation on January 1. Rich contacted ODOT, was referred to the Rail Section (Rail Safety), and was informed that while the bridge might be essential for safe operation, it was not a "must." Follow-up conversations with ODOT revealed that the bridge was not required, and that the design might resemble a "miniature Fremont Bridge." ODOT's position is that even their decisions are appealable.

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## REGULAR RUNS

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING** Thursday, July 11, 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, July 19, 7:30 P.M., at St. David's Episcopal Church, 2800 S.E. Harrison. The business meeting will start promptly at 7:30, with the newsreel and program following a short break. Refreshments will be available; please bring some money to feed the "kitty," so it can continue to feed us!

**WEEKLY NO-HOST LUNCHEON** every Saturday, 12:00 Noon, at the Semaphore Restaurant at S.E. 17th & S.E. Holgate Blvd. Our group is in the back. Come on down!

**ROLLING STOCK WORK SESSIONS** are planned to prepare cars for leases. Contact Richard Gray (657-8250), or Peter Rodabaugh (771-8545) for an update.

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**CHAPTER LIBRARY OPEN HOURS** Every Saturday, 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. at Room 1, Union Station. Call Jim Loomis (253-3926) for appointments, if this is a difficult day and/or time for you.

## EXTRA BOARD

**GREAT OREGON STEAMUP:** Saturday & Sunday, July 27 & 28, 1996 and Saturday & Sunday, August 3 & 4, 1996 at Antique Powerland, Brooks, OR. Contact Darel Mack at (503) 654-5017 for details, or to assist in the event.

**PNWC-NRHS ANNUAL PICNIC:** Saturday, August 17, 1996 at Antique Powerland, Brooks, OR. Contact Darel Mack at (503) 654-5017 for more details.

**MOTIVE POWER FESTIVAL:** September 7 & 8, 1996, in Willits, CA. Call Jack Wade (707) 459-9036 or Bobbie Yokum (707) 459-2736 for sign-up or additional information

**GREAT NORTHWEST RAIL ADVENTURE:** Saturday & Sunday, October 19 & 20, 1996. Brochure and order form will be available soon.

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## **JULY 19 MEETING PROGRAM** *Program begins after business meeting* **Westside Lumber Company**

To be presented by:  
**Ed Ackerman**

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## **AUGUST 16 MEETING PROGRAM** **Operation Lifesaver**

To be presented by:  
**Everett Cutter**

**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

## PNWC, NRHS BOARD MEETING

May 9, 1996

### SUMMARY of MINUTES

**Call to Order:** President Bob Terkelsen called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM. Attending were Terkelsen, Ackerman, Hickok, Rodabaugh, Schuler, Mack, Larson, Ordway, Weiler, White, and Johnson.

**Reading of Minutes:** The minutes of the 4/11/1996 board meeting and 4/19/1996 membership meeting were mailed to the board members in advance of the meeting for review. **MSC Ackerman/Ordway** to approve the minutes as submitted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Maxine Rodabaugh reported the account balances.

**National Director's Report:** Gerald Schuler reported that he has submitted a written report regarding the national convention to Jim Loomis for publication in *The Trainmaster*. Items from the national newsletter included the acceptance of 3 new and 1 returning chapters. Membership in the organization as a whole for 1996 was 13,035 individual and 2,962 family members.

**VP Report:** Ed Ackerman reported on his intention to purchase 4 new locks from Best Lock Company. The locks will be keyed to the Rolling Stock key, and will be used to replace some of the non-standard locks that are in use. The secretary passed out copies of a letter authorizing Ed Ackerman and Darel Mack to receive material for the chapter from Best Lock Company.

**President's Report:** President Terkelsen reported on the letter that has been prepared as a response to the attorney representing the owner of the Glenwood Trolley Park site regarding removal of the chapter-owned equipment. The secretary passed out copies of the letter and explained the reasoning behind the wording used in the letter. **MSC Ackerman/Larson** to approve the letter as submitted. (Secretary notes that a copy of the letter was sent via FAX to the attorney, receipt of the FAX was verified in person, and a hard copy of the letter was also hand-delivered to the attorney's office in Hillsboro on 5/15/96.)

#### Standing Committee Reports

**Finance Committee:** Ed Ackerman reports no meeting this month, but intends to meet next month and that there have not been any unusual expenses to deal with.

**Excursion:** Irv Ewen reported that OSU is working with Amtrak to run an excursion in October from Union Station to Corvallis and return in association with the homecoming football game. Amtrak has inspected the W&P track segment to Corvallis, and found the track acceptable for passenger service, pending the right-of-way owner's permission. The chapter has offered to provide whatever services may be of interest. The committee is still working on a possible Vancouver, BC trip in May of 1997. A number of other trips are also being investigated.

**Rolling Stock:** Ed Ackerman reported that the 6800 (*Red River*) has returned, and is with the *Mt. Hood*. John Perry has submitted a letter dated 5/5, detailing the original proposal for leasing cars in August. It appears that corporate funding for the repairs on the Twin Grove will not be available. The remainder of the proposal submitted by the chapter appears to be acceptable. There is considerable concern about staffing this activity. It is also not clear if the equipment can be prepared in time to meet the dates. There is also a question regarding power for the trip. The *Mt. Hood* and the caboose are ready for move to Union Station for Rail Fair this weekend.

**Activities:** Darel Mack reported that the booth is complete and ready to be set up tomorrow morning for Rail Fair. The location of the booth has been set on the north wall of the waiting room of the station. Construction costs for the booth were slightly higher than expected. **MSC Schuler/Ackerman** to authorize payment of the additional amount. The spaghetti feed has been postponed. Mark your calendars for the following event: Picnic at Brooks on 8/17/96. Darel Mack will be sending formal invitations to the other organizations that have been invited: OERHS, WVMRRC, Toledo group, CGMRRC, and the PRPA..

**Museum:** Glenn Laubaugh reported that a number of problems have been encountered with preparing material for display in the *Mt. Hood*. Several maps that Glenn has prepared were passed around. The maps show railway trackage in Oregon at various dates.

**Public Relations:** Gerald Schuler suggested that the video promoting NRHS membership be shown in the booth.

**Library:** Jim Loomis reported that the air conditioner has been repaired, and is working. Ralph Johnson reported that surplus magazines have been sold at various swap meets and other functions.

**Membership:** Maxine Rodabaugh reported that membership renewals are still coming in a few at a time. Gerald Schuler reported that an ad promoting NRHS membership will be running in *Trains* magazine next month. Ralph Johnson reported that work on the new member packet is continuing. Ralph has also asked for more information on committees.

**The Trainmaster:** Jim Loomis reported that the html (Internet) address for the chapter home page is now being included in *The Trainmaster*. (See page 2-editor.)

**Concessions:** Marilyn Edgar reported that it was not clear where the concessions would operate at Rail Fair, and that the booth will be used if the caboose doesn't get delivered.

**Union Station Centennial/Rail Sensations:** Gerald Schuler reported that the communications problems that have been noted with the event management are real. Other groups also have had problems. The plaque has been received, and is ready for the unveiling, which will be held at noon on Friday. Rich Carlson and Bob Terkelsen will be representing national and the chapter.

**Programs:** See the list in *The Trainmaster* for details.

**Old Business:** There has been no response to the letter sent to Franklin Rail Corporation, despite repeated attempts to follow-up. No progress on the money owed the chapter by a past lessee for car leases. Bob Terkelsen reminded everyone of the need for board representatives on each committee, and that it is very important for all committees to be represented at meetings.

**New Business:** Bob Terkelsen displayed a chapter membership card similar to the national membership card that is used by the Central Coast chapter. The need for business cards for board members was also discussed.

**Good Of The Order:** Bob Terkelsen presented a piece entitled 'Why 99.99% Isn't Good Enough'.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:44 PM.

**Call Board:** Rail Fair May 10 - 12, Membership meeting May 17, Board Meeting June 13.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
George Hickok, secretary

# CHAPTER BUSINESS

## PNWC, NRHS MEMBERSHIP MEETING

May 17, 1996

### SUMMARY of MINUTES

**Call to Order:** President Bob Terkelsen called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM. Members and guests were welcomed and reminded to sign in.

**Reading of Minutes:** The minutes of the 4/11/1996 board meeting and 4/19/1996 membership meeting are posted. Please direct any additions or corrections to the secretary.

**National Director's Report:** Gerald Schuler reported on the spring national board meeting. About 100 persons attended the meeting, representing about 1/2 of the chapters. There are now 117 chapters in the organization.

**Treasurer's Report:** Maxine Rodabaugh reported the account balances. A donation jar in the *Mt. Hood* at Rail Fair received a generous amount of donations.

### Standing Committee Reports

**Rolling Stock:** Ed Ackerman reported: The *Mt. Hood* was washed and waxed in preparation for the trip to Rail Fair. Although the caboos was not present at Rail Fair, a lot of effort was put into repairing and testing the brakes and cleaning the car. Air tests were completed on several cars, including the caboos, RDC's and the *Mt. Hood*. Special thanks to the folks who helped with these activities. A brief report was given on the letter from the board to the attorney representing the owner of the Glenwood Trolley Park property.

**Excursion:** Irv Ewen reported that Amtrak has some equipment available for a Portland/Spokane/Seattle turn on October 12 & 13. Amtrak is also working with OSU in Corvallis on a homecoming football game trip from Union Station to Corvallis and return. The chapter has offered to assist with this trip. Marilyn Edgar reported that the 700 group will not be able to provide motive power for the John Perry car lease activity proposed for this fall. The *Mt. Hood* Railroad has been approached about a trip, but it is not clear if it will happen this year.

**Activities:** Bob Terkelsen reported on the success of Rail Fair. Our booth was a popular attraction. The *Mt. Hood* looked very impressive, and had a long line of people waiting to go through the car most of the weekend. Special thanks were offered to

all of the people that helped staff the car and the booth, as well as all the "behind the scenes" work that is needed to set up and clean up afterwards. Mark your calendars for the following event: Picnic at Brooks on 8/17/96.

**Public Relations:** Gerry Schuler reported that the video tape promoting membership in the NRHS attracted many viewers to the booth at Rail Fair.

**Library:** Jim Loomis reported that the air conditioner repairs have been completed. The library remains open every Saturday. Next library committee meeting will be July 20th at 1:00 PM in room 208 of Union Station. Interested persons are encouraged to attend. A donation of materials has been received by the library.

**Membership:** Ralph Johnson reported that 44 members, 2 new members, and 2 guests have signed in.

**The Trainmaster:** Jim Loomis reported that there are several issues ready to go, except for the meeting minutes. Jim has once again asked for assistance with the production of *The Trainmaster*.

**Concessions:** Marilyn Edgar reported good sales at Rail Fair. We sold out on a number of items. The booth worked very well as a sales location. Marilyn presented a special card of thanks to Darel Mack and Dick Ordway for their work in building the booth.

**Museum:** Glenn Laubaugh reported that the 76 may be moved to a new location where it will be easier to work on. The chapter home page has been fitted with a counter that monitors hits - a standard measure of activity on the world wide web. Our home page averages about 37 hits per day, with accesses from all over the world. There are plans to add a membership application to the home page that interested persons could download. Thanks were offered to Glenn for his efforts in creating several maps that were displayed in the *Mt. Hood* at Rail Fair. The maps will be included in the material on the chapter's home page.

**Union Station Centennial/Rail Sensations:** Rich Carlson reported on the presentation of the plaque at Rail Fair, which was overall a big success. The plaque will be placed on the building next to the waiting room entrance doors. It has been suggested that the plaque which was stolen from the west end of the Steel Bridge should be replaced as a chapter project. Gerald Schuler reported that a large number of the cachet envelopes were sold. The chapter

sold 148 of 160 that were available. The envelopes remain available at the cigar stand in the station.

**Programs:** Refer to the list in *The Trainmaster*. Additional programs are needed: contact Bob Terkelsen if interested.

**Old Business:** Gerald Schuler reported that the Spring '97 board meeting committee will meet on 5/22 in room 1.

**Good Of The Order:** The Grand Canyon chapter is running an excursion featuring the return of the CB&Q 4960. A short piece titled 'Why 99.9% Isn't Good Enough' was read, which details in a humorous fashion why 99.9% isn't good enough, and 100% accident free is a worthwhile goal. Saturday 5/18 the North Santiam Historical Society will be having a pancake breakfast and dedication in Mill City. The group at Toledo attempted to move a caboos, but due to soft ground conditions they were not entirely successful. A positive report regarding State review of the POTB rebuilding was published in the Portland Oregonian and Hillsboro Argus newspapers. The PDC development near Union Station will include a pedestrian overpass that will pass over the station platform and terminate in the garden in front of the station. There is concern that this will destroy the view of the station from the south. Another hearing on the design will be held on 6/24. NRHS News reports that BNSF has fenced, lighted, and guarded the area around Cajon Pass and that this popular railfan photo spot is now totally off-limits. The railfrod expressed concern for public safety following a runaway train incident. Rail fans are reminded to respect private property, and practice safety first at all times. RailVolution will be held at Benson High. Registration is 8:30 AM Saturday 5/18. Persons who have attended in the past recommend this as a worthwhile conference. It was suggested that the money collected in the *Mt. Hood* during Rail Fair be dedicated to repairs on the *Mt. Hood*. The board will take the suggestion under advisement. A card of thanks will be sent to the owners of the *Abraham Lincoln*, which was the car behind the *Mt. Hood* at Rail Fair. (Visitors entered through the *Mt. Hood* and exited through the *Abraham Lincoln*.) The car may be at the Oregon State Fair later this year. Meeting Adjourned at 8:42 PM.

**Call Board:** Board meeting 6/13, membership meeting 6/21.

Respectfully submitted,  
George Hickok, secretary

**PNWC, NRHS**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**June 13, 1996**  
**SUMMARY of MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** President Bob Terkelsen called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. Attending were Terkelsen, Hickok, Rodabaugh, White, Johnson, Ordway, Schuler & Weiler.

**Reading of Minutes:** The minutes of the 5/9/1996 board meeting and 5/17/1996 membership meeting were approved as read. The minutes for these meetings were not available in time to meet the publication deadline for *The Trainmaster*.

**VP Report:** Ed Ackerman was not present. Gerald Schuler returned two damaged Best locks that were removed from equipment a long time ago. The locks will be returned to Ed Ackerman, who can make arrangements to have them repaired.

**Treasurer's Report:** Maxine Rodabaugh reported the account balances. There have been no unusual expenses.

**National Director's Report:** Gerald Schuler reported that the Spring '97 committee has met. There have been discussions with Gray Line about the trip to Hood River for a trip on the Mt. Hood Railroad for an activity.

**President's Report:** President Terkelsen reviewed the response to the Glenwood property owner regarding the equipment at Glenwood. There has been no response received. The OERHS is working towards removing all property from the site as soon as possible. We may need to move our equipment in the near future.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Finance Committee:** Johnson & Rodabaugh reported that the committee met on 6/11/96. There were a number of bills associated with preparations for Rail Fair - nothing outstanding. A request has been submitted from the Rolling Stock Committee for funds to repair the air conditioning on the 6200.

**MSC Johnson/Schuler** that the request for funds to repair the air conditioning on the 6200 be approved.

**Excursion:** Johnson reported that the committee met, but there was not a quorum present. The October trip will have to move one week later to the weekend of October 19/20. This is the same weekend as the Corvallis homecoming trip. A preliminary cost for the train has been received, and is considered to be a good price.

**Rolling Stock:** Hickok reported on a number of activities that the Rolling Stock committee has been working on. The railroad's objections to moving the RDC's and caboose have been dealt with, and Richard Gray is working on the required paperwork to get the equipment moved to Beaverton. It is not known when the equipment will move, but it is expected to be soon. Work parties continue every Saturday at the *Mt. Hood* at about 9:30 AM.

**Activities:** Terkelsen reported on the Picnic at Brooks scheduled for 8/17/96. Informal contact has been made with all of the groups that will be attending. Formal letters of invitation are being prepared and will be sent out soon. The picnic will be advertised in *The Trainmaster* next month. The booth will be used at the Steamup at Brooks, and then stored until the Picnic. Antique Powerland has granted permission to store the booth at their site between the Steamup and the Picnic. Thanks again to all the people who helped make Rail Fair such a big success.

**Museum:** Work is still needed on the 76. Although the roof leak has been stopped, and the smell from the mildew has lessened, there is still a lot of repair work that needs to be done.

**Public Relations:** Gerald Schuler reported that there has still not been any response to the report of problems with the video. Rail Fair was a great success, and the booth was a big hit, and worked very well. The video tapes that were shown attracted a lot of attention, and seemed to work well.

**Library:** Johnson reported that there was not much to report. The committee will meet on 7/20/96.

**Membership:** Johnson reported that packets will be presented to some new members at the next membership meeting. There have been 3 membership applications received since Rail Fair.

**The Trainmaster:** Has been mailed. Little else to report.

**Concessions:** Rodabaugh reported that help will be needed to man the booth during the Steamup at Brooks.

**Programs:** Terkelsen reported that the following programs have been lined up: June: Richard Parks - **Portland Traction Under Wire**; July: Ed Ackerman - **Westside Lumber Company** video; August: working on getting Edward Cutter - **Operation Life-saver**. There was discussion about the condition of the screen at the church. Ralph Johnson agreed to follow-up regarding the possibility of repairing or replacing the screen.

**Old Business:** A question was asked regarding the grant program from National - Terkelsen reported that we missed the deadline for application. Dick Ordway reported on a meeting with a former lessee regarding the money owed the chapter for car leases. The situation is somewhat complicated. There has been some follow-up activity with John Perry regarding lease of equipment. We cannot provide all of the equipment that he is interested in, and there are a number of problems with the equipment that we can provide. There is also concern about the long distance from Portland, and the extended period of time that the equipment will be on the road.

**MSC Ordway/Weiler** that John Perry be advised that the chapter is unable to provide any equipment at this time. There has been no response from Rich Franklin regarding the crane, in spite of a number of different attempts by several people to get a response. A personal visit has been suggested.

**New Business:** Maxine Rodabaugh reported that she has been contacted by Linda Smith, who is interested in cars for a trip from Wheeler to Enright on the POTB this fall. After a brief discussion, it was recommended that the request be passed to Bob Jackson, who is our car leasing agent. George Hickok asked for consideration of a request from the membership that the funds collected in the jar on the *Mt. Hood* at Rail Fair be dedicated to repairs on the *Mt. Hood*. There were no objections. Frank Weiler asked if there had been any activity regarding a local site. Bob Terkelsen reported that nothing had been done. Frank also presented information on sponsorship of activities by local businesses, and offered an example of a working business relationship. George Hickok and Bob Terkelsen reported on an informal meeting with W&P GM Bob Melbo. A summary of a number of topics that were discussed was presented, including a possible site for a car repair and storage site. Work is ongoing.

**Good Of The Order:** Bob Terkelsen reported on a warning that has been issued regarding access to the Cajon Pass area. BNSF has closed this site, and is aggressively patrolling the area. Persons are reminded that railway right of way is private property, and that we as a group need to respect the rights of the railroads that own the property. It may not be much fun, but it is the way things are.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:33 PM.

**Call Board:** Membership meeting 6/21.  
*Respectfully submitted,*  
George Hickok, secretary

**PNWC, NRHS**  
**MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**June 21, 1996**  
**SUMMARY of MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** President Bob Terkelsen called the meeting to order at 7:43 PM. Members and guests were welcomed.

**Reading of Minutes:** The secretary apologized to the board and membership for not having the minutes available for posting. The minutes (*summary-editor*) will be published in *The Trainmaster*.

**National Director's Report:** Gerald Schuler is out of town. Bob Terkelsen reported from the National Newsletter that Rich Carlson has been appointed to the NRHS Historical Plaque Commission. The 1997 NRHS convention will be held in Salt Lake City.

**Standing Committee Reports**

**Finance Committee:** Ed Ackerman reported that the committee has met and approved payment of expense associated with preparations for Rail Fair, and a request for repairs to the air conditioning on the 6200.

**Rolling Stock:** Ed Ackerman reported on a number of activities, including: Work Parties will continue to be held in Beaverton every Saturday at 9:30 in the morning. Interested persons are encouraged to attend, we have a lot of things to get done while the weather is good. John Perry has been advised that we are unable to provide any equipment for lease at this time. There has been some vandalism at one of the car storage sites. Three windows on the *Red River* have been broken, and one window on the *Mt. Hood* has been broken out and the car entered. There was some material scattered around, but little other damage. The committee has made temporary repairs, and has been watching the site to prevent further damage. The glass has also been removed from the doors of the 6200 and 4461, which were also entered. No other damage was done to these cars. The committee has also boarded up these windows. Richard Gray may have found a contractor to repair the frame on the 3300. There are a number of details yet to be worked out. A letter has been received from the Port of Portland regarding removal of the locomotives stored at Terminal 4. Richard Gray is recommending we move the equipment to Beaverton under a hospital move, since the equipment is friction bearing. It may not be possible to interchange the equipment a second time. The deadline for removing the equipment is the end of August, and a number of repairs will need to be completed before the equipment can be moved. We are still wait-

ing on the railroad for movement of the caboose and RDC's from NW Portland to Beaverton. A second letter has been sent to the attorney for the owner of the Glenwood property. The committee is working with the OERHS to see if we can share crane costs if possible. Richard Parks reminded the membership that we are to keep the lowest and highest numbered locomotives.

**Excursion:** Irv Ewen reported that the committee met, and is working on the details for the October trip to Spokane and Seattle. The date has been moved to October 19 & 20. We are waiting for details on the hotel. We may be getting Superliner equipment for this trip.

**Activities:** Bob Terkelsen reported that the booth will be operated at Antique Powerland in Brooks during the **Great Oregon Steamup**, which is the weekends of July 27 & 28, and August 3 & 4. People will be needed to staff the booth on these days. The picnic at Brooks will be held on 8/17/96. A number of groups will be attending, including the Willamette Valley Model Railroad Club, Yaquina Bay chapter, Willow Creek live steam railway, Columbia Gorge Model Railway Club, and the 700 group (PRPA).

**Library:** Jim Loomis reported that the library continues to be open every Saturday, but will be closed on July 6th because of the holiday weekend. The library committee will meet on **July 20th at 1:00 PM in Room 208 of Union Station**. Interested persons are invited to attend.

**Membership:** Ralph Johnson and Sara Ackerman reported that there were 29 people attending, of which 26 had signed in. There were no guests signed in.

**Programs:** Tonight will be Richard Parks presenting **Portland Traction Under Wire**; July will be Ed Ackerman with a video on **Westside Lumber Company**; August will be Everett Cutter on **Operation Lifesaver**. Programs are needed, contact Bob Terkelsen if you are interested.

**Treasurer's Report:** Maxine Rodabaugh reported the account balances. A number of bills have been paid, including expense associated with Rail Fair, trip to spring board meeting, and insurance. Nothing unusual or unexpected.

**Public Relations:** Rich Carlson reported that the plaque has been installed at Union Station, to the left of the main entrance.

**Old Business:** There is a request outstanding that Patty Hoffman be allowed to sell some books at a future meeting to benefit the Hoffman estate. The request has been taken under advisement, and will be considered at the next board meeting. George

Hickok reported that the request from the last membership meeting to dedicate the funds collected in the donation jar on the *Mt. Hood* at Rail Fair to repairs on the *Mt. Hood* has been approved by the board.

**New Business:** The finance committee and the board have recommended approval of a request from the rolling stock committee to spend funds to repair the air conditioning on the 6200. Bob Jackson has agreed to sell the equipment needed to make the repairs to the chapter at cost. There was considerable discussion regarding the repair, addressing a number of technical concerns regarding the impact of the proposed repair on the overall situation with power on the 6200, and available power for the 4461. It was generally agreed that the repair is the best available solution, and is considered to be very cost effective.

**MSC Ackerman/Johnson** to approve the request. Maxine Rodabaugh offered an amendment to the motion, adding a stipulation that the funds come from the savings portion of the chapter accounts.

**MSC Rodabaugh/Ackerman** for the amendment to the motion, which then passed as amended.

**Good Of The Order:** A new chapter is forming in Montana. President Clinton is considering a whistle stop campaign trip from Washington, DC to Chicago. Rich Carlson reported further developments regarding the proposed pedestrian bridge over the south end of Union Station. It was previously reported that the PUC required the bridge, further investigation has determined that this is not the case, and that ODOT which now has jurisdiction does not require the bridge. A meeting will be held on **July 22 at 3:00 PM in the Portland Building** to review this proposal. There may be an existing design for a walkway through the high shed which would provide the necessary access without the visual impact. A trip is being offered on the Grand Canyon railway October 4, 5 & 6, with the 4960 as motive power. The Grand Canyon railway is no longer running steam in the winter months. The first of the low-floor cars for use on the west side light rail will be released for transport from Sacramento to Portland on July 1st. The car will be delivered to Elmonica. Work continues on the 3203 restoration. The locomotive is in outstanding condition, and the boiler will be ready for hydro test soon.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:58 PM.

**Call Board:** Board meeting on 7/11, Membership meeting on 7/19. Picnic on 8/17. *Respectfully submitted,*

George Hickok, secretary

## Ped Overpass

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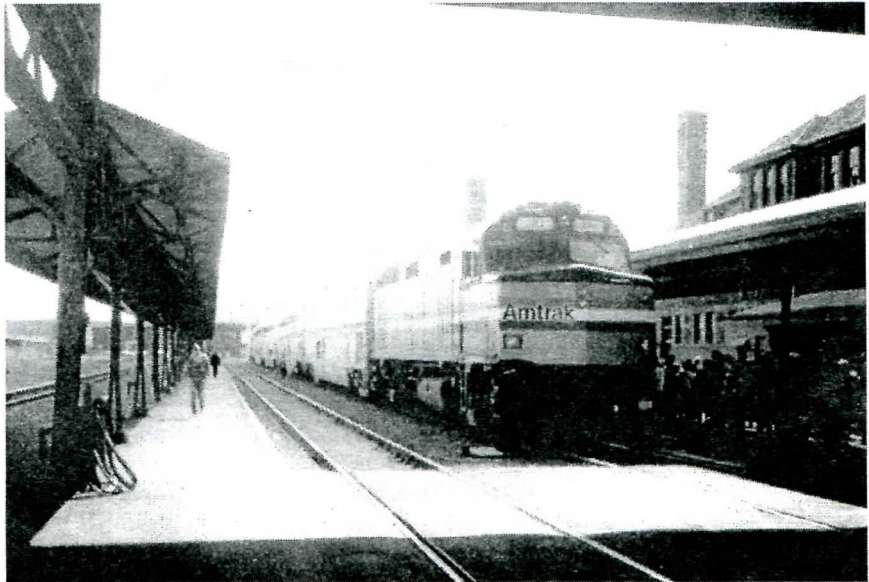
Similar examples of pedestrian overpasses over the rails exist in our own city. At the north end of Southern Pacific's Brooklyn Yard, a overpass was built decades ago, and still stands today. If anyone utilizes it, it is very rarely done so. Nearby, a massive concrete overpass was built over S.E. Powell Blvd. for the Southern Pacific, with a section of S.E. 17th St. alongside, as well as a pedestrian walkway. Again, its use is hardly ever noticed. The Broadway Bridge has a stairway from the station area up to the bridge. Probably due to the height involved, use of this stairway is rare, indeed.

The other major concern for this overpass is the health and safety issues involved. Structures of this type tend to be "magnets" for transients and people bent on using public facilities for anything other than their intended purpose (i.e., the elevators along the MAX rail line have been known to become moving human waste receptacles), along with the ever-present graffiti and litter issues.

A simpler, and much-less costly solution would be to provide a grade-level crossing, controlled by automatic gates. Such a system has been observed by Rich Carlson in Ventura, California. In that example, trains come through at a much higher speed than they do at Union Station, where the speed limit is a mandated 5 mph

If a bridge is ultimately decided upon, and this would be after a more thorough study is done, it could be incorporated into the high shed spanning the tracks at the main area of the station.

The estimated cost of this project begs reconsideration, and further study is warranted. Rich is asking anyone wishing to testify on the proposal to be at the Portland Building on July 22. The Historic Landmarks Commission will take up the matter at 3:00 P.M. that day. Call Rich for further information at (503) 292-0975.



View from the station platform, looking south. The proposed overpass would cross from the future complex, to the left, over the track area, to the landscaped area just beyond the right smokestack at the end of the station.



This is a view of the same track area, from the station side of the tracks. The open area above the umbrella shed would be occupied by the proposed pedestrian overpass.

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## REMINDER:

The annual chapter picnic will be Saturday, August 17, at Antique Powerland, in Brooks, OR. More information will be published, when available, and presented at the July and August chapter meetings. Additional information: call Darel Mack at (503) 654-5017.

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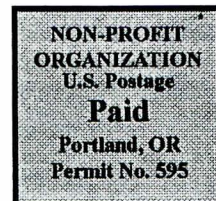
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