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PNWC ELECTS OFFICERS for 1997

by Jim Loomis

The elections are over, and the Chapter awaits action by the new officers to improve our outlook for the future.

George Hickok was elected president, and has promised to work hard to help to preserve railroad history for future generations. He faces a difficult task, as times are becoming increasingly tough, both financially and politically, for many non-profit organizations. George especially needs the help of all members in every aspect of the Chapter.

Bob Terkelsen was elected vice-president, and this will allow the Chapter to continue to receive the experience and friendly influence of his. Bob completed the three-year limit as president as required in the by-laws. Bob is also active in the Oregon Electric Historical Society, and his association with it provides the Chapter with valuable options for researching a future home for the Chapter.

Doug Auburg was elected secretary. Doug has experience in many other positions with the Chapter, and agreed to run for secretary as there were no other candidates for this extremely important position. However, from what this writer has seen thus far, Doug is very capable in carrying out the duties of the office.

Janet Larson was elected treasurer. Janet is the daughter of Maxine Rodabaugh, who was treasurer many times for the Chapter. Again, the by-laws prevented Maxine from running again. Janet has experience in many financial aspects of business, and will be a valuable member of the slate of officers.

Gerald Schuler was re-elected national director. Jerry has been a great representative of the Chapter at NRHS national meetings. He was instrumental in getting the 1997 National Spring Board Meeting scheduled here in Portland. Jerry's duties keep the strong link between the Chapter and the National, as the Chapter needs its support in many ways.

Bob Jackson was elected the first of two directors-at-large positions open. Bob is well-known in the Chapter for his rail car electrical services business. He has served mainly on the rolling stock committee, and will represent that committee strongly on the board. Rail car restoration, preservation and operation are indeed one of the major duties of the Chapter.

John Willworth was elected the second director-at-large. John has been a Chapter member for many years, and will bring a unique member view to the board. John is also a member of two model railroad. John has also served on various committees in the Chapter.

Regardless of the nature of this introduction to the new officers, nothing stated should be construed as a criticism of the previous officers. The Chapter has always been served well by its officers, and will continue to be so served. The Chapter gives a big, hearty **THANKS!** to those officers of the previous administrations.

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CHAPTER TIME TABLE No. 412

REGULAR RUNS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Thursday, January 9 & Thursday, February 13, 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, January 17 & Friday, February 21, 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.

LIBRARY/ARCHIVES WORK SESSION: Thursday, January 9 & Thursday, February 13, 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. at Room 1 & 1A, Union Station. Help is needed to get things organized and cataloged. Contact Bob Weaver (654-4274) for more information.

CHAPTER LIBRARY OPEN HOURS Saturday, January 18 & 25, & Saturday, February 15 & 22, 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

SWAP MEET: Saturday, March 8, 1997, 10 A.M. to 4 P.M., 8900 N. Vancouver Ave., Portland, OR. For more information, contact the Swap Meet Chairman, c/o CGMRC, 2505 N. Vancouver Ave., Portland, OR 97227-1949, or call (360) 694-7769 evenings.

ANNUAL CHAPTER BANQUET: Saturday, March 15, 1997, at The Crossing, 900 W. 7th St., Vancouver, WA. See page 7 for order form-send page or a copy to Darel Mack, activities chair. *Be sure your name and address is included!*

NRHS SPRING 1997 BOARD MEETING: April 4, 5 & 6, 1997, in Portland, OR. See National Director's Report on page 6 for more information, or contact Gerald Schuler, National Director at (503) 285-7941.

NRHS 1997 NATIONAL CONVENTION; hosted by the Promontory Chapter, June 24 through June 28, 1997 in Salt Lake City, UT. See the latest NRHS Bulletin or page 4 of this issue for schedule of events and pre-registration form (due January 31st!!!).

JANUARY 17 MEETING PROGRAM

Program begins after business meeting

4449's Trip on the W&P/P&W

To be presented by:

Jim Loomis

FEBRUARY 21 MEETING PROGRAM

TO BE ANNOUNCED

To be presented by:

as-yet unknown speaker/presenter

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.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Please welcome the following
new members for 1996:

Gary Feuerstein
Corvallis, OR

Lance E. Petersen
H. Thomas Gillespie
Portland, OR

Dennis E. & Nancy Anderson
Lea J. Simpson
Vancouver, WA

Douglas B. & Taunya Fluegel
North Bonneville, WA

Gary Watson
Parkdale, OR

Donald F. Peer
Salem, OR

Jack R. & Andrea Blum
Bend, OR

Hans E. Hansen
Roseburg, OR (So OR Chpt)

Edward "Buster" LeRoy &
Rosalind Jordan
Duncan, BC Canada

Russell L Morrow
Oregon City, OR

Duncan "Duke" Castle
Allan B. & Judy Hall
Stephen W. Miller
Lake Oswego, OR

Joanne R. Rauch
Warren, OR

Bob Churchill
Gresham, OR

Dennis J. & Sharon Ediger
Camas, WA

Bruce Fingerhood
Newfield, NY (Cornell Chpt)

Darrel N. & Jan Mattoon
Hillsboro, OR

Daniel L. McFarling
Aloha, OR

David W. & Rosario Thomas
Lacey, WA

1997 NATIONAL NRHS CONVENTION

June 24-28

Promontory Chapter, NRHS
Salt Lake City, Utah

If you are planning to go to the convention, and would like to travel via AMTRAK with a group from PNWC, please call **Marilyn Edgar** soon to discuss options. (503) 236-7271

HELP!

Fire destroyed the home of Ralph and Helen Jack, members from Wilsonville, on January 11. If you would like to help them get re-settled, please call **Nita White**, (503) 678-2604 for information.

EDITOR'S COLUMN

Well, here we are! Another year has gone by, and a new one is just beginning. Most of the time, things seem to go on just as they always have. In the case of the Chapter, however, we can not take that view. Excursions are becoming difficult to come by as the mega-mergers continue, and the results restrict where a trip can go. Amtrak is having its difficulties as well, with cutbacks still looming in the future. More than ever, the Chapter needs the support of its members, as well as donors, in establishing a new, more permanent home. Our options at this time are getting pretty limited. If you know anyone with an interest in preserving railroad history and educating the public as well, encourage them to join, or at least help out financially, if not mentally or physically. Have them contact the membership chairman, **Ralph Johnson**, c/o Room 1 for more details.

On a different subject, the Board has expressed a desire not to include the minutes in *The TRAINMASTER*, as it appears some information is being misinterpreted, and causes some misunderstandings among some people. Also, *The TRAINMASTER* may, from this point on, contain fewer pages, depending on the material or information available. One reason was that your editor was attempting to pursue a college degree, requiring a lot of work. However, after a few days of classes, your editor just did not have the energy to work full time, and be a full-time night student as well. Other options are being explored. In the meantime, your editor will do as much as possible for *The TRAINMASTER*.

Please Note: The events and schedules listed below are currently planned, but are still tentative. Neither the Promontory Chapter nor the NRHS guarantees these schedules or that the events will, in fact, operate.

Monday, June 23, 1997

Registration from about 5:00 p.m. until about 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 24, 1997

Registration all day.

Morning or afternoon charter trip on the steam-powered Heber Valley Railroad (formerly Heber Creeper Railroad). Train capacity for each run is 350 passengers, minimum 150. Motor coach to Heber City.

Wednesday, June 25, 1997

Exciting trip on the steam-powered Nevada Northern RR, including a double-header, lots of photo opportunities. Motor coach to Ely, Nevada, about 160 miles one way. This trip is limited to 200 riders.

For those who are not able to ride on the Nevada Northern RR:

Short, but rare-mileage trips on the freight-only Salt Lake, Garfield & Western Railway in Salt Lake City.

Slide presentations on western and Utah railroading, including video viewing opportunities. Participants can bring a few of their own slides to present.

Thursday, June 26, 1997

Motor coach tour to the Golden Spike National Historic Site, Promontory Summit, site of the completion of the first Transcontinental Railroad. Enjoy the re-enactment of the driving of the Golden Spike. A tour of the Utah State Railroad Museum in the Union Depot at Ogden, Utah, is also included. (Box lunch will be provided.)

Meet the NRHS officers in the evening.

Friday, June 27, 1997

Educational seminars in the morning.

Board of Directors meeting and general members' meeting in the afternoon.

Railroadiana show to include the Utah Live Steamers.

More trips on the Salt Lake, Garfield & Western Ry. for those who went on the Nevada Northern Railroad.

Evening banquet.

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FALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING-HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA NOVEMBER 8-10, 1996

Prior to the official meeting, several rail related events were held. The first of these was a seminar on "Possibilities of Running Amtrak Excursions", given by Don Maxwell, Trip Director. He stated the current Amtrak attitude is to turn down off line trips. A new marketing office has been opened to handle nation wide excursion requests. They hope to eventually have a separate train set dedicated to excursions. They are even interested in running steam excursions, even though they are expensive to operate. He urged getting an early start in making plans for any excursion. Do not wait for a completed contract before marketing a trip. It is preferable to negotiate terms of an excursion lease on a face to face basis, rather than by mail or phone. Make sure that food caterers and suppliers are approved by FDA.

First stop on our Saturday tour was the ACF plant. This plant covers 34 acres, contains 3 miles of track, and employees 450 workers. Their main product now is a center flow covered hopper car. They complete a new 35 ton car every 76 minutes. Second tour stop was the Ohio River Co. coal terminal. Here they empty loaded gondola cars by turning them upside down and dump the coal onto a conveyor belt where it is carried to barges in the river. They dump each car in less than two minutes, compared to six minutes if they used the bottom hoppers. A heated shed is nearby to thaw frozen coal from the sides of the cars in winter. This terminal has a capacity of 5.5 million tons of coal per year. Third stop was to the C & O Business Unit office and museum. The last Saturday event was the banquet where we were entertained by a string quartet. The program was a monologue by a local citizen playing the part of Collis P. Huntington, RR magnate who bought the C & O, played a part in developing the western railroads, and founded the city of Huntington.

An informal Saturday work session was held to discuss some of the issues before the Board, but no action could be taken until the official meeting. First item was a report from the General Counsel that because of an oversight, the Society's Maryland Corporation license has been inactive since 1974. Steps are being taken to pay the back fees and renew this license. The membership records system is now back on line in the Philadelphia office. Renewal notices are to be sent to each Chapter very soon. Monthly statistical updates are to be sent out. The new procedures will save \$1,000 on postage. A request was made for feedback on the Bulletin, since that is the biggest single budget expense.

The official business meeting was called to order by President Greg Molloy on Sunday, Nov. 10, 1996, and opened with invocation given by Harold Walker. Three new National Directors were approved and introduced. Several Presidential appointments were made and announced. In his report, the President thanked the Collis P. Huntington Chapter for hosting this Board meeting and making all the arrangements. The President mentioned two recent deaths to Board members. Membership records are now completely transferred to Philadelphia so the Society can move forward.

LeRoy Dietrich recognized the Central New York and Midwest Chapters for having celebrated their 50th anniversaries, and the New Orleans and Tampa Bay Chapters for 25 years. Robert Eastwood reported the arrangements with Circular Advertising for mailing Bulletins has been changed to Commonwealth Mailing Service at a considerable cost savings. The new Bulletin envelopes are white, and it was hoped members would not mistake them for junk mail and toss. The Library in the Philadelphia office has been reorganized making handling easier. Robert Pinsky reported on improved Membership Development procedures. There are now over 16,000 primary members, and 3,300 family members. 2,600 failed to renew in 1995. The 1997 renewal notices were to be sent out the next week. A grace period was going to be granted for those who did not renew last year in order to maintain their continuity of membership. He urged the Chapter Presidents to send a letter to delinquent members inviting them to renew. Dick Davis, VP PR, sent a note in lieu of a report explaining that he was unable to attend due to recent surgery to remove two moles that were diagnosed as melanoma. He explained the degrees of seriousness, and hoped his had been discovered soon enough. He urged everyone else who had any suspicious looking moles to have them examined. This was followed by a report from Secretary Dave Ackerman on the work session held earlier.

Frank Tatnall, Editor, stated the combined issue 5 & 6 Bulletin to be mailed in December will contain a preregistration form for the 1997 Salt Lake City Convention. Bob Vittitow, Director, Operation Life-Saver had distributed his written report. The number of grade crossing incidents for the first six months this year is down slightly compared to 1995. Trespassing incidents have increased at an alarming rate, and could become a bigger problem than grade crossings.

President Molloy gave a brief report on the RVP meeting. It is hoped to improve communications between the Chapters and National. The RVP's are working with the Boy Scouts in the Railroad Merit Badge qualifications, and also the Heritage Grants Program. Terms and conditions for the grant applications will be sent out in January.

Dr. Cude, Associate Director of Chapter Development presented a Charter request from the Perryville, MD Chapter which was approved by the Board. Joe Heffron, Finance Committee gave a report and asked for budget approval.

Richard Shulby gave a preliminary report on the 1996 Convention at Charlotte. He presented a \$4,000 check to President Molloy as a share of the proceeds. Preregistration forms for the 1997 Convention in Salt Lake City were distributed. Several changes have been made in tours due to the policy change of the UP. Tuesday, June 24 will be a steam trip on the Heber Valley RR. Wednesday, June 25 will be a bus trip to Ely, NV., then a steam trip on the Nevada Northern RR. Thursday, June 26 will be a trip to the Golden Spike National Monument at Promontory Summit, followed by a visit to the Ogden Museum. Friday, June 27 will be reserved for Educational Seminars. A Saturday trip is still being considered. There will be no UP or Amtrak excursions. Several spouse and family activities are being planned. The 1998 Convention will be July 8-12 in Syracuse, New York.

The Pacific Northwest Chapter will host the next Board meeting April 4-6, 1997 in Portland. Printed invitations and Portland brochures were distributed to each place at the delegate tables. Tours will tentatively be Friday afternoon on the Willamette Shore Trolley, Saturday on the Mt. Hood Railroad, and Sunday afternoon on the westside MAX construction project into the tunnel. A Board meeting work session may be Saturday afternoon, and the official Board Meeting will be Sunday morning.

*Gerald A. Schuler,
National Director*

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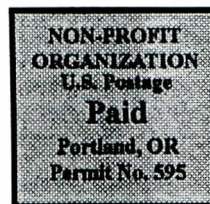
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