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October/November Meetings:

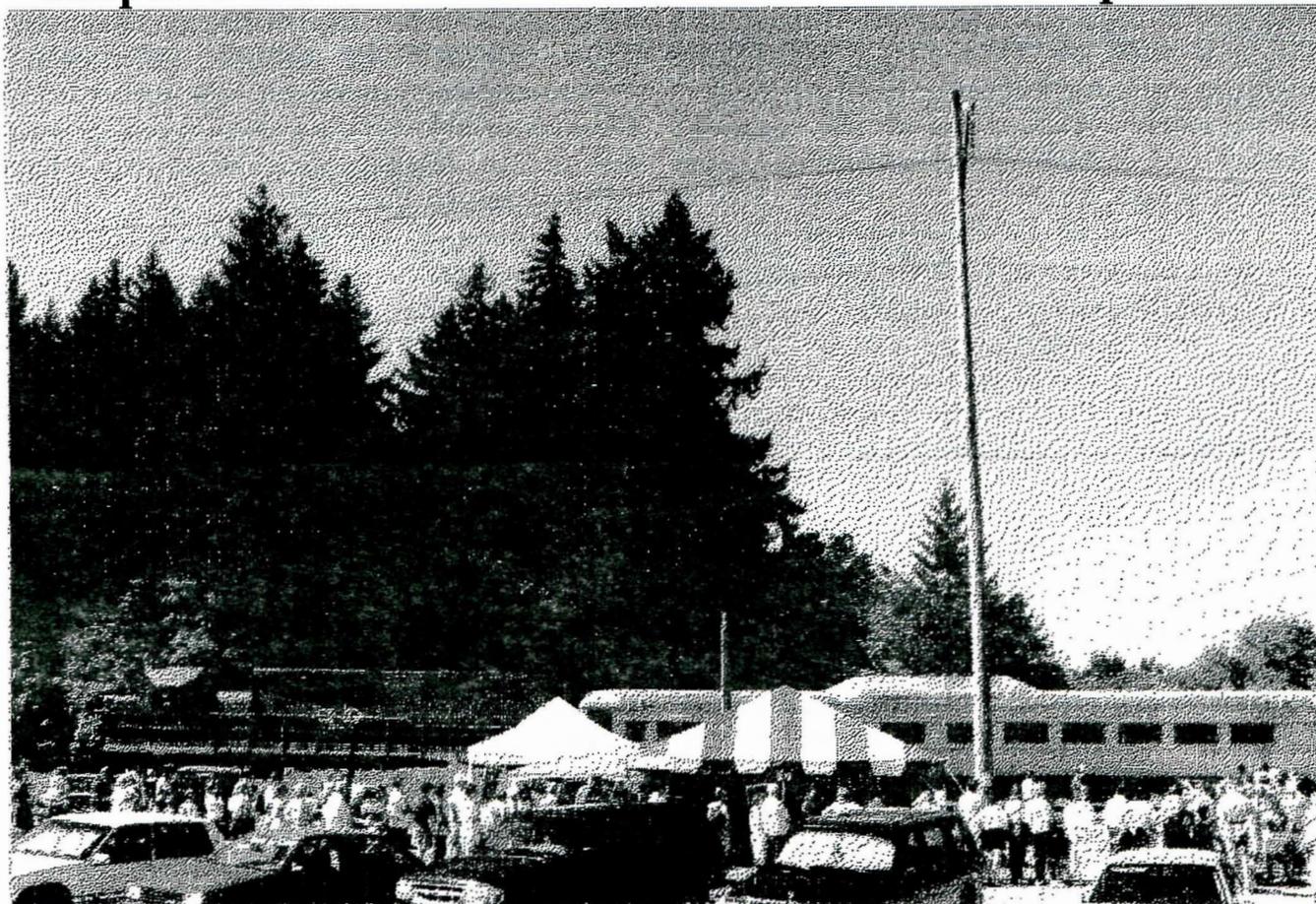
Board of Directors Meetings:

October 8 and November 12, Room 208, Portland Union Station, 7:30 PM

General Membership Meetings:

October 16 and November 20, St. Marks's Lutheran Church, 5415 S.E. Powell Blvd., 7:30 PM

Chapter's Cars Move Thousands for Commuter Experiment



A train-length line of people wait at Wilsonville during the September 12, 13 commuter service operated using passenger cars owned by the Pacific Northwest Chapter, NRHS. The service was operated as part of the Westside MAX light rail line opening celebration. Trains made five Wilsonville-Beaverton trips each day. Some trips operated with more than 400 passengers. Photo by Glenn Laubaugh

Mailbag



Railroad Items in Tillamook and Garibaldi

Dear Members of PNWC,

I got your E-mail address from your web page and hope you can help. I'm detailing

some photographs for a friend of mine and have come across a few which I can find no information for.

1. Port of Tillamook Bay. I found a page on this which basically just stated the current motive power and its history and have

consulted the August 1989 issue of Trains which has a good article on POTB and the blimp hangar etc. At that time, ex. SP 4406 was not on the roster and it is not on the subpage of the Pacific Northwest Railroading main webpage. Do you have any history of this unit?

2. There are a series of photographs at Garibaldi with steam engine #90, Pacific Northwest Lumberman's Railway passenger car and cabooses #89. I believe this is a static display, rather than an operating museum railway. I thought it might be the Tillamook Fun Run Express but I am pretty sure it isn't. Can you shed any light on the title of this museum train, and history of the three items of rolling stock? Also, is the station building's 'history' that of the BC Rail station at Garibaldi, near Squamish, B.C.?

I look forward to whatever you or your members can give me on this, and appreciate your help. Thank you in advance.

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The Destination of the Mt. St. Helens

[*In last month's Trainmaster, a letter was printed about the Mt. St. Helens passing through Idaho. This response was received:*]

The ex SP&S Mt. St. Helens (still painted GN orange and green) was purchased by Mike Gelhaus, NP railfan and BNSF employee from Spokane, who is restoring several former North Coast Limited domes and other cars. It was delivered to a spur track on the north side of Yardley, Wash., in August. Other passenger

equipment at that location is owned by....the Inland Empire Chapter, NRHS.

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Mars Light Information Wanted

I have a web site on oscillating lights:
<http://trainweb.com/gyra>

I want to get information on the Mars product line to put on the site.

I contacted Mars (TRI LITE MARS). They no longer have any information on locomotive lights. The only sources for catalogs, brochures, illustrations, etc. is with railroad libraries or collectors. Union Pacific referred me to the Golden Gate Museum. They referred me to the Calif. State RR Museum. This summer I visited the Calif. State RR Museum library - who had nothing on the Mars Locomotive products.

A newsgroup article suggested that the 1966 or 1970 ed. of the Locomotive Cyclopedia might have illustrations on the Mars Light (Mars Signal Light Company).

Would your library have these books? Do you have any information on these lights?

Could you tell me if the Gyalite in the upper headlight opening of the 4449 (Portland) is a 20585 Gyalite or a 20595 Gyalite?

Thank you for any information.

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From The Wire

Portland & Western, Willamette & Pacific

On August 3, 1998, Portland & Western employee Ken Fleming died of a heart attack at home. The recently completed new bridge on Portland & Western's Cornelius Pass line has been dedicated to him. The bridge will have a special plaque affixed to it in his honor.

Construction has started on a new 8,000 foot spur from P&W's Oregon Electric District

at Hopmere to serve Morse Brothers' Reed Quarry located due west of the community.

A request spend \$571,000 in capital to install 10,000 more ties during 1998 has been approved by GWI's Oregon Region. 7,000 more new ties will be installed between Cook and Sherwood. 3,000 will be installed between Newberg and St. Joseph. Additional ballast and surfacing is included.

- Provided by Bob Melbo, P&W / W&P

Chapter Timetable #432 - October, 1998

Monthly Board of Directors Meetings:

Thursday, October 8, November 12, 7:30 pm.
Room 208, Union Station. These meetings are
scheduled on the Thursday evening prior to
the monthly membership meeting.

Monthly Membership Meetings:

Friday, October 16, November 20, St. Mark's
Lutheran Church, 5415 S.E. Powell Blvd., 7:30
pm. (third Friday evening of every month).

Quarterly Chapter Potluck:

Every March, June, September, and December
there will be a potluck the evening of the
membership meeting. Activities will start at
6:30 pm. For more information, contact
activities chair Marilyn Edgar, (503) 236-7271.

Chapter Library Open Hours:

The Chapter's Railroad Research Library is
usually staffed two Saturdays a month.
Library committee meeting on October 17th.

Upcoming Membership Meeting Programs :

October: Henry Ford: Genius at Work,
program by Norton L. Norris

November: Don Hunter from Eugene will
show his "Early Steam" pictures.

December: Potluck, Chapter Elections, and
following the meeting video program "Choo
Choo Christmas".

January: Newsreel style program featuring
chapter members favorite slides. If you are
interested in contributing, contact Ralph
Johnson at (503) 654-1930.

If you have any programs or program suggestions that
you feel would be of interest to the Chapter, Please
contact Ralph Johnson at (503) 654-1930.

Other Groups' Events:

Columbia Gorge Open House

The 51st Annual Show of the Columbia
Gorge Model Railroad Club will be November
7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 28-29, 1998 at 2505 N.
Vancouver Avenue, 10 AM to 5 PM. Adults
\$3.50, kids 3 to 11 \$1 (kids FREE w/ can of food
for Portland Police Dept. Sunshine Division).
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The *Trainmaster* would like to thank chapter member William Einzig for his donation of funds that will allow for first class mailing of the *Trainmaster* for the remainder of 1998.

Doug Auburg, of Vintage Ads North America, in Vancouver, Washington has donated to the chapter museum committee seven poster-size reproductions of railroad advertisements dating from World War II to the 1950's. The advertisements will be on display in car #6905 during the September 26 and 27 excursions.

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