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May / June Meetings:

Board of Directors Meetings:

May 13, June 10, Room 208, Portland Union Station, 7:30 PM

General Membership Meetings:

May 21, June 18, St. Marks's Lutheran Church, 5415 S.E. Powell Blvd., 7:30 PM

## 1998 JACK HOLST AWARD

Contributed by Darel Mack, member of the 1998 Jack Holst Award Committee

This award is given annually to an outstanding chapter member. Candidates are chosen by the three previous winners. This year's nominees were George Hickok, Ralph Johnson, and Judy Hall, with the award going to George Hickok. Congratulations, George!

## LIBRARY COMMITTEE NEEDS HELP!!

Contributed by Judy Hall, Safety Committee Chair

We are looking for some good people who are interested in helping us preserve our fine collection of drawings. You need only give about 20 minutes about once a month! Our next work party is scheduled for May 1 from 4:00-7:00 PM. Could you spare us some of your valuable time for this worthwhile effort? Contact Ralph Johnson (503) 654-1930 or Bob Weaver (503)298-8163 for details.

## 25 Year Membership Award Presented

Contributed by Gerald Schuler, National Director

A twenty five year Membership Award letter and pin were presented to Jeffrey C. Honeyman at the Chapter's Annual Banquet on March 20th. Mr. Honeyman was honored for having achieved 25 years of uninterrupted service by the chapter and a grateful society. Mr. Honeyman reported at the time of the presentation that he had joined the PNWC at age 18! We salute him for this achievement.

## Books Nobody Reads: *Canadian Railway Scenes*

Contributed by Wayne Halling

[ This is book review #3 in a series by Wayne Halling, who has decided to be adventurous and examine uncharted territory: the books our library committee has that show no activity on their check-out cards. ]

This is a coffee table book of great pictures written aboard a caboose. It is full of great photos taken aboard the Canadian Pacific main line through the Rockies and the Selkirks. It includes narrow gauge and logging railroads, lots of steam locos. They are in alphabetical order by province, town, last operating owner, wheel arrangement, and number. There are over 140 steamers to be seen, including 25 in British Columbia and 5 logging engines on Vancouver Island. Ottawa almost has us topped. Their museum of Science and Technology has three 4-8-4's - but ours run! I highly recommend this book.

Beginning in 1982 the Pacific Northwest Chapter, National Railroad Historical Society, has annually honored a member who has made outstanding contributions to the Chapter. There is no written record of these members. Here are winners as reported in the TRAINMASTER, the Chapter's monthly newsletter.

However, there is a difference of opinion as to who was the first Chapter member to be honored. The pages of the TRAINMASTER answer this question.

In the April 17, 1981 Chapter meeting minutes, in the May 1981 TRAINMASTER: "The Chapter officers presented Cora Jackson with a railroad apron in recognition of her many years of efforts on behalf of the Chapter. Cora and Lee Jackson were also presented with complimentary tickets for the Klamath Falls-Portland portion of the 4449 return trip". Cora is still a VERY active member.

Five months later, the September 13, 1981 Chapter meeting minutes in the October 1981 TRAINMASTER: "Jim Whaley announced the initiation of a yearly chapter outstanding member award. He asked the membership to (1. Suggest a name for the award before November 1, 1981 and (2. Suggest candidates for the award", the winner to be named at the December, 1981 banquet.

Later that fall a... "lack of response caused the chapter officers...to cancel the banquet in December and instead hold a spaghetti feed at the January 1982 meeting".

In the February 1982 TRAINMASTER under the heading "Pacific Northwest Chapter Holds First Annual Banquet" the 4th paragraph; "President Ben Fredericks next announced the winner of the contest to name the yearly award to an outstanding chapter member. Mary Lou Weaver won with the name Jack M Holst Memorial Award. Jim Whaley, Al Haij and Ken Armstrong were the committee to select the first winner. Chuck Storz was selected by the committee as the first winner of the award and was presented an engraved plaque." This was for the year 1981.

In 1983 there was no mention of a Jack Holst Memorial award winner for the year 1982 in any TRAINMASTER.

The March, 1984 TRAINMASTER says Ed Immel was named for 1983, with "Irv Ewing making the surprise presentation". As the previous winner made the presentation to the next year's winner this indicates Irv Ewing was the second winner for the year 1982.

The February 1985 TRAINMASTER page 3 the "President's Page" reports the 1984 winner is Walt Grande who "joins previous winners Chuck Storz, Irv Ewing and Ed Immel".

The February 1986 TRAINMASTER's President's Page "...John D Holloway became the fifth member to receive the chapter's prestigious Jack M Holst Award..." for 1985.

No 1987 TRAINMASTER reported a winner for 1986. In his "State Of Chapter Report--1987", February, 1988 TRAINMASTER, President Doug Auburg wrote: "The annual banquet was held later than usual,, March 28, (1987). The Chapter honored Mary Lou Weaver with its 1986 Jack Holst Award".

In the March 1988 TRAINMASTER's Activities Committee report, Jim Edgar, Chair, said "Chuck Storz announced the Jack Holst Award winner but neither the presenter or the recipient were present. The award will be made at a future chapter meeting". Mr Edgar did not name the winner. Almost a year later the February 1989 TRAINMASTER "Board Of Director's report---1988" said Bob Slover was the winner for 1987.

The April 1989 TRAINMASTER reported Marilyn Edger the winner for 1988.

The TRAINMASTER 1990 named Peter Rodabaugh the 1989 winner.

The TRAINMASTERS of 1991 did not report any news of a 1990 winner. (Bob Hoffman, winner. See next paragraph)

The July, 1991 TRAINMASTER reported Bob Hoffman, Marilyn Edger and Peter Rodabaugh were named a committee to select the winner for 1991. The practice had been for the three previous winners to name the next winner so it must be assumed that Bob Hoffman was the winner for 1990.

No mention in any 1992 TRAINMASTER of a 1991 winner.

The April, 1993 TRAINMASTER said two winners were named at the 1993 banquet. They were:

For 1991: Roger White.

For 1992: Bob Weaver.

No 1994 TRAINMASTER reported a winner for 1993. A plaque hangs on the wall in the writer's home naming Gerald K Webb, Sr. the chapter winner of the year, Jack M Holst Award, 1993.

1995 was the Chapter's 25th anniversary and celebration banquet. No mention of a Jack M Holst Award winner for 1974 at this banquet.

The winner for 1995 was Jim Loomis.

The winner for 1996 was Frank Weiler.

The TRAINMASTERS of 1998 did not mention a winner for 1997 so the identity is unknown to this writer.

As of this writing (February 1999) voting for the 1999 winner was done by chapter members at the January 1999 meeting. The winner will be announced at the March banquet.

Now a personal observation by this writer:

I wonder why some of the dedicated TRAINMASTER editors failed to include a story about the winner of the Jack Holst Award. Perhaps the editor felt it was not newsworthy since everyone in the chapter at the time knew the winner, either by attending the banquets or by word of mouth. Future editors might remember the second word in our national organization...National HISTORICAL railroad Society. At the very least a note of "Congratulations" should be printed. Also how about a board on the wall in Room 1 listing all the winners?

Now that I am off my soapbox, let's review the winners, as we know them.

1981	Chuck Storz
1982	Irv Ewing
1983	Ed Inmel
1984	Walt Grande
1985	John D Holloway
1986	Mary Lou Weaver
1987	Bob Slover
1988	Marilyn Edgar
1989	Peter Rodabaugh
1990	Bob Hoffman
1991	Roger White
1992	Bob Weaver
1993	Gerald K Webb, Sr.
1994	None..Banquet in 1995 was Chapter's 25th Anniversary.
1995	Jim Loomis
1996	Frank Weiler
1997	Unknown, not reported in TRAINMASTER.
1998	Announcement will be in March.

Gerald Webb, Sr, Chapter Member, writer.

The chapter museum committee chair would like to point out that 1) there currently isn't an editor for the *Trainmaster* to report anything, 2) those cases where the Jack Holst Award was reported, as recorded in the preceding article, were submitted by someone other than the editor. Even when there is an editor for the *Trainmaster*, the editor can't edit that which doesn't get submitted.

## Mailbag



### Woodburn Group Meeting to Discuss Various Rail Options and Opportunities

We have a number of ideas and Wednesday, May 5 at 3 p.m. in the afternoon in the Woodburn City Hall Chambers, we hope to sort out the possibilities and get rolling. We have a local train the currently hauls freight from Woodburn through Mt. Angel, Silverton and turns around in Stayton. With the new flower gardens opening in Silverton and the Oktoberfest in Mt. Angel we hope to explore the possibilities of an excursion train over that route. Union Pacific owns the track and it is being leased by Dave Root right now. He seems interested in the excursion train if we can secure permission from Union Pacific.

Chemeketa Community College has a very large building being planned along side the railroad tracks in downtown Woodburn. They have just acquired a large area along the tracks for additional parking which could be used by the public. There is the possibility of a Community Center being located in that complex and maybe some classes dealing with railroad history, etc.

Woodburn has in the past been a place where trains were serviced on the Southern Pacific route which goes through the middle of town. There is a possibility of a local passenger train stopping here again. One is currently being proposed between Eugene and Portland by Union Pacific. In the past, school children have boarded the train and learned more about train travel from here to Portland. Also we have our own Engine which needs restoration in order to function. There are assorted railroad cars for sale at reasonable prices that could be restored for use on the excursion train.

I would personally like to see a railroad store where souvenirs and railroad books could be purchased and a children's museum where young people could see and feel and touch how engines work and how travel on trains has evolved. It could be in conjunction with a miniature indoor railroad scene. Every year dozens of children enjoy the trains that local enthusiasts set up in the basement of the local historical society. The space is much too small and the viewing much too short. They could use a permanent site for display and enjoyment. There are buildings on Front Street that would be appropriate for such activities.

At the meeting on May 5, I hope to establish a priority and discover who is interested in pursuing any of the activities above. They will all take

money and we will have to explore grants through our Woodburn Downtown Association and the City of Woodburn. The mayor seems quite enthusiastic about the excursion train and there are those who would be interested in restoring the steam engine we currently have on display alongside the tracks.

As you can see, this is a big project and we can use all the help we can get to accomplish any part of it. Your input would be very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Beverlee Koutny

Woodburn Downtown Association chair

The *Trainmaster* is always interested in hearing from chapter members and others who follow trains. Please address correspondence to the address on page 7.

## From The Wire



### Oregon Zoo has Zoo Train Positions Open

The Oregon Zoo, located in Portland's Washington Park, has announced the opening of staffing positions on its Zoo Railroad. The positions are on-call, to work as needed. The pay rate is \$15.76 per hour.

Duties include operation of Zoo railroad equipment, maintenance work, safe operation of a locomotive, taking train tickets, loading and unloading passengers, inspecting passenger cars, answering questions from visitors, handling money from ticket sales, tending to lost children, and assist in making mechanical repairs to railroad equipment, and performing preventative maintenance on railroad equipment.

Qualifications include ability to: read and follow oral and written instructions, deal courteously and effectively with the public, operate locomotive safely, handle and make change quickly and accurately, and to work on-call on short notice.

Previous experience operating a locomotive and working with the public is desirable.

People who are interested in this position should obtain an application form at the Zoo Facilities Management Division, through Gate A at the Zoo, or phone (503) 220-2794. Applicants should submit a written response to the following: **1.** Describe your experience in operating a train or other gas, diesel, or steam equipment **2.** Describe your experience in working with the public. Specifically indicate if you have experience working with children, families, or the elderly **3** Describe your experience in the maintenance and repair of gas, diesel or steam equipment. Responses will be part of the selection process.

Membership meeting PNWC-NRHS March 19, 1999

Called to order by President Hickok at 7:45 pm.

There were 2 guests.

Treasurers report

We are still getting 1999 renewals in. So far, there has been \$2,232 in donations with the renewals. \$106 from concessions at the swap meet. We have ████████ in the general fund and ████████ in the emergency fund. Membership is 196 full members, 60 spouse members and 3 chapter only members. 50 full members since the excursions last year.

National Director

Sacramento convention committee is sending out information for the convention. The newsletter from national is going better. It had a computer crash and they lost names.

Library committee

We have a meeting March 20, 1999 at 9:00 am in room 1. The membership chairman would like to resign.

Banquet

There are 60 people signed up for the banquet at the Red Lion Coliseum. London Catering will be catering the banquet. We have door prizes.

Presidents report

Presentation to Antique Powerland at Brooks. They were interested in checking it out. They have agreed in principle to this. W&P has volunteered to engineer it. We have a few problems to get it done. Because of train days with Beaverton and Tigard, Beaverton Mayor is very positive about St. Marys. Sent a letter to W&P gm Bob Melbo. Had a meeting with Mayor Drake about the property. Mayor Drake and W&P surveyor will look into this. What we are proposing is a regional rail center for the preservation of historical rail pieces. PNWC thinks that we and all the rail groups should come together and do it. We would like to make a backshop out of the property. There are no known environmental problems there. The library is going to be for the general public along with the archives. We will need a building with controlled atmosphere for the library. We feel it will be about a 4 acre lot at St. Marys. The Brooklyn roundhouse has at most 3 years left. SP&S 700, UP 3203 and maybe SP 4449 will move to St. Marys.

Excursions

Love train is going from Milwaukie to McMinnville, back to Rex Hill, the President of the G&W will get married at the Rex Hill Winery and then it will go back to Milwaukie. To do this, the railroad will get the Newberg branch out of ~~exempt~~ status. Astoria branch slide is being taken care of. Port of Tillamook Bay RR branch is being fixed for the W&P from Banks to Shefflin. Longview Transportation Club is going from Linnton to Cornelius Pass to Linnton on June 12, 1999. Western states shortline operators will go on an excursion June 13, 1999. Same plan as above. NEWBERG station rebuilding will maybe have an excursion in July. SP&S 700 and our cars? CORP is planning an excursion to Roseburg.

Rolling Stock

RDC wheels are going to be turned. B unit needs to be cleaned out. We are investigating roofing stock for our rail cars. Mt. Hood carpet maybe cleaned. We will put it into storage and put 18" squares of carpet into the Mt. Hood. Mt. Hood propane system is moving along. The vandals still were not back to graffiti the cars at Hoodys. The railcar batteries at the Oregon Business Park are recharged. Name tags are being produced for \$5.00 each.

## Chapter Timetable #439 - May 1999

### Monthly Board of Directors Meetings:

May 13, June 10, 7:30 pm. Room 208, Union Station. These meetings are scheduled on the Thursday evening prior to the membership meeting.

### Monthly Membership Meetings:

May 21, June 18, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 5415 S.E. Powell Blvd., 7:30 pm. (third Friday evening of every month).

### Quarterly Chapter Potluck:

There will be a quarterly chapter potluck at the June, September, and December meetings. For more information, contact activities chair Marilyn Edgar, (503) 236-7271.

### Chapter Library:

The Library will be open on May 22, from 1:30 to 4 pm. Library work parties are scheduled for the first Thursday of the month on all months except October, when it will be moved to the second Thursday of the month.

### Upcoming Membership Meeting Programs :

**May:** Slide by Rocky Regula, subjects include locomotive "700", Mt. Rainier RR, Prineville RR, and Donner Pass.

**June:** Video from collection of Naomi Gray, Willamette & Pacific RR from Corvallis to Hull Oakes Lumber Co in Dawson, OR.

If you have any programs or program suggestions that you feel would be of interest to the Chapter, please contact the Chapter Vice President

**The Columbia Gorge Model Railroad Spring Swap Meet** will be Saturday, May 22, 1999 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Pay-N-Pak Antique & Collectors Market, 8900 N. Vancouver Avenue, Portland. For More information, contact Doug Auburg, c/o CGMRC, 2505 N. Vancouver Avenue, Portland, OR 97227 or call (503) 288-7246 any time (leave a message) or (360) 694-7769, or [dauburg@worldaccessnet.com](mailto:dauburg@worldaccessnet.com)

**The Chapter is going to start work on an updated membership roster. If you have a very recent address change, please send it to our Room 1, Union Station address, Attn. Memberships. Also, the chapter has decided to add electronic mail addresses to the list. If you have an e-mail address you would like added, please submit it as well.**



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Membership prices include National Membership as well as membership in the local chapter. For more information, please contact the membership chair at the above address or phone number.

### Trainmaster Contributions:

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