

# The

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# Trainmaster

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National Railway Historical Society  
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## Chapter Timetable:

**Monthly Membership Meetings:** September 15, October 20  
St Mark's Lutheran Church, 5415 S.E. Powell Blvd. 7:30 pm

*If you arrive after 7:30 you will need to  
enter the building using the basement  
door on the West side of the building.*

**Monthly Board of Directors Meetings:** September 7, October 12, 7:30 pm Room 208, Union Station

**Chapter Library:** Open September 16 & 23 from 1 to 4 pm. Please call first to be sure that someone is there. (503) 226-6747 Important Committee Meeting on Sept. 16, 10am-12pm. Room 1 Union Sta.

**Rolling Stock Committee:** September 5, October 3, 7:00pm Room 208 Union Station

## September Meeting Program

Mr. Ted Kaye, Director of Lewis & Clark Programs at the Oregon Historical Society will speak to us about the plans for celebrating the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial during 2004 to 2006. Discussion of how the Chapter can participate in this great event!

## In Memorium....Ralph E. Jack

Mr. Jack died July 24, 2000 at age 92. A military service was held at the Willamette National Cemetery and a memorial service at the Four Square Church in Portland. Ralph was born Feb. 17, 1908 in Gresham, OR. His mother died shortly after his birth and he was reared by relatives. He served in the U.S. Army for 25 years, including WWII and Korea. He was awarded the Purple Heart.

He was a purchasing agent for the Dept. of Defense and the Bureau of Land Management until his retirement in 1960. He owned Wilsonville Recycling until 1998. He loved trains and was always at the railyard every week restoring the coaches owned by the Chapter. He also enjoyed owning and riding horses.

He married Helen Barber in 1969. Surviving him are his wife, stepdaughter Tonie Lagasca, stepson Mike Barber, 7 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Ralph was a hard working member of our Chapter since 1987 and we will miss him.

*Submitted by Roger White*

PNWC – NRHS  
August 18, 2000 - **Membership** Meeting Summary

President George Hickok called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Don Wheeler and John Cox, PRPA members were introduced as guests. Long time member Jim Abney was also introduced, as he was able to attend a meeting since he was on vacation from his Amtrak engineer duties.

**Treasurers Report:** Rick Banton reported on our fund balances. Special income included funds from the Santa Ynez sale and the two weekends of concessions sales at the Steam-Up at the Western Antique Powerland. Gross sales at WAPI were \$1,086.

**Library/Archive Committee:** Ralph Johnson reported that the Chapter library will be open the next two Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. John Willworth again brought an interesting selection of books and videos for member checkout. The next meeting of the Library/Archive Committee will be September 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to noon in room 208 of Union Station. Multiple Task Groups are now working on specific portions of our materials. More volunteers are needed, just show up at the next meeting and sign up.

**National Director:** Gerald Schuler briefly reported on the last NRHS meeting. Gerald's full report will be in *The Trainmaster*.

**Rolling Stock Committee:** Arlen Sheldrake reported for Chair Scott Bruce that the newly constituted Committee had a very good meeting on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Three recommendations came out of this meeting:

- 1) Proceed with the removal of steam heat equipment from our rail cars and inventory and pursue a policy of uniform electrical heat in our cars. Make a reasonable effort to sell the surplus parts and equipment, then scrap what remains.
- 2) Make the necessary mechanical and electrical improvements and upgrades to the rail cars while maintaining as best possible the historical character of the cars.
- 3) Convert our rail cars to Head End Power.

These recommendations went to the Chapter Board of Directors on August 10<sup>th</sup> and were approved for Membership consideration.

The next meeting of the Rolling Stock Committee will be September 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. in room 208 in Union Station. Contact Scott for further information.

**PRPA:** The Pacific Railroad Preservation Association has asked to use our rail car Mt. Hood as part of their late August SP&S 700 trip to Vancouver WA for Operation Lifesaver and a BNSF employee picnic. The Chapter Board has approved this request asking that PRPA cover only the Chapter "out of pocket" and any rail movement costs. No objections were voiced by the membership.

**Program Committee:** Chair Al Hall reported that the following programs have now been planned:

Tonight: Pacific Railroad Preservation Association (PRPA).

September: Lewis & Clark Bi-Centennial Celebration.

October: The Santa Ynez Restoration: Jim Davis & Ron Peterson.

**International Brotherhood of Live Steamers:** George reminded members that this group is coming to town to ride the Oregon Zoo steam locomotive *Oregon* and tour the Brooklyn Roundhouse on August 21<sup>st</sup>. His special August 5<sup>th</sup> letter to the membership didn't trigger much member interest in attending this special event. George noted again that the locomotive *Oregon* was built in part by Chapter Members for the Oregon Centennial celebration in 1959.

**President's Report:**

- The Willamette & Pacific and the Portland & Western are suffering from soft lumber and paper markets. Car loadings are down, staff is being furloughed. The Chapter is trying to get a fall membership trip planned.
- The Bendemeer railroad property just north of the Sunset Highway at Cornelius Pass Road was considered a prime spot for a Chapter rail car storage and work site until a meeting was held with the City of Hillsboro Planning Director. The City prefers that the railroad go away at this location, as it doesn't fit in with the new high school and Intel, which will be next-door neighbors. Other sites are now being explored.(continued next page)

**Concessions Committee:** Chair Jean Hickok was thanked for her outstanding looking booth and efforts at the two weekends of the Steam-Up at Western Antique Powerland (WAPI). Roger White was also thanked for his loan of a tent to shade the booth. Tonight the Concessions Committee provided to each attendee a packet of four SP4449 postcards that were developed in 1984 as souvenirs for the Louisiana World's Fair Daylight trip. For sale tonight was a framed Howard Fogg print *SP4449 on the northbound Daylight*. These outstanding \$35 framed posters will be available to those seven members who ordered them at the next membership meeting.

**Activities Committee:** Chair Marilyn Edgar reminded attendees that the Chapter picnic is tomorrow and that she has had just a few reservation calls. Marilyn also asked if we should continue the gift exchange or do door prizes at the December Holiday potluck; the majority wanted door prizes. Marilyn asked if we want to do the Chapter Banquet at the same location and the same format; the majority wanted to repeat last year's arrangements.

**Departed Member:** Ralph Jack, member since 1987, passed away recently at the age of 92. Many members attended the service at the Four Square Church. Ralph is remembered as a dedicated worker on our rail cars. George led the group in a moment of silence in Ralph's honor.

**25 Year Member Honored:** Jim Abney, member since 1975, was honored for his 25-year membership and service to NRHS with a letter of commendation and a 25-year NRHS pin. Besides being a member of the PNWC, Jim is one of two certified engineers for the SP&S 700 as well as being a regular Amtrak engineer. If you spot an Oregon vanity license plate with the word *Amtrak* on it, give Jim a wave.

**Other:**

- The US Gypsum plant in Rainier OR opening this fall will generate some needed traffic on the P&W.
- Freda Webb is recovering well from her August back surgery.
- The Willow Creek Railroad group at WAPI has spent a significant amount of money to improve their installation and could use some financial support. It was suggested that the Chapter donate some funds.
- August is the month that the Chapter begins the process for 2001 elections. Al Hall agreed to Chair the Nominations Committee. Nominations will be announced at the September membership meeting, printed in the October *Trainmaster*, and voted on at the December membership meeting. Two Board positions and all officer positions are up for election.
- Bob Terkelsen reported that the Oregon Electric Railway Historical Society is continuing to develop their WAPI site with additional track going out to the entrance gate. The Oregon Fire Apparatus group is putting up a building. Every year now you will see major changes at WAPI. Attendance on the first Saturday of the Steam Up celebration was between 26,000 and 27,000 again breaking the attendance record. WAPI is open every weekend; the regular entrance fee is \$2. The Willamette Shore Trolley, operated by the Oregon Electric Railway Historical Society, is in jeopardy because of costs and the affect the constant use is having on their antique trolleys.
- Judy Hall was thanked for publishing *The Trainmaster* during Glenn Laubaugh's extended absence serving on a mission in South America.

Following another excellent snack break. Don Wheeler, President PRPA and John Cox, Vice President, PRPA presented a program on how the Pacific Railroad Preservation Association has developed the last few years, their major work on the SP&S 700, and the newly developed partnership with the PNWC. Within four weeks the PRPA will be announcing an exciting April 2001 excursion!

**Respectfully submitted by Arlen L. Sheldrake, Secretary**

**Central Pacific Coast Rail Excursion/Snake River Trip October 6-8, 2000—Amtrak Special Train!**

Travel along the Columbia and Snake Rivers from Portland, OR to Lewiston ID! Ride through the 2,000 foot deep Snake River Canyon on the **Camas Prairie Railroad**. For the Portland to Lewiston train (and return) the price is **\$269 Coach and \$399 Dome**. **More information** about the trip, hotel bookings and optional Saturday events: **web address: <http://www.goldenstaterails.com/snakeriver.htm>**

**Phone: 408-278-5051 Fax: 425-977-9493**. This excursion is sponsored by the Central Coast Chapter of the NRHS and the Pacific Coast Chapter of the R&LHS. When making your reservations, **please mention that you are a member of the PNWC/NRHS. ....Rare Mileage & Beautiful Scenery.....**

## Board Of Directors Meeting...Stamford, Connecticut...July 14, 2000

The meeting was opened by President Greg Molloy, followed by the Invocation given by Dr. Al Howe. Then President Molloy mentioned two items that were omitted from the agenda which will be acted upon at the proper time. Next Bruce Hodges mentioned the passing of Northeast RVP Geoff Gurstung, and what he had done for his Chapter, Region and Society. There was a moment of silence in memory of him. Then Bruce Hodges, Secretary, named the persons who were serving as alternate delegates to this meeting. Minutes of the Spring meeting in Duluth, Georgia, April 16th had been mailed to all officers and delegates. Bruce asked for approval of these minutes as amended. Motion was passed. Next the names of two new National directors who had been elected by their Chapters were given. Connecticut Eastern Chapter Arthur W. Samul, and ?? Chapter, Joseph Richardson. These were approved by the Board. At the last meeting Greg had announced vacancies of two Regional Vice Presidents. The Metropolitan Region has named a person, Walter Zoleck. His nomination was elected by the Board. The Coastal Plains region has not yet elected a person to fill their vacancy. Geoff Gurstung's death occurred so recently that his vacancy will be handled by the Nominating Committee.

Greg started his report by thanking the Western Connecticut Chapter for their excellent work on this Convention. He was very impressed with the facilities in the Hotel, and the attitudes and helpfulness of the Committee. Then Greg continued on by reporting that things are going well at the National level, we are in sound shape financially, and are making progress in several areas, had a successful Rail Camp program, and are still working on the Alcoa Historic Photo problem. These will be reported on later in committee reports. In the handouts we had been given the NRHS National Program list. This list had been referred to in the last meeting, and afterwards was asked for by several delegates. These are not numbered, but totals 94. When we are looking at the National Operations, we have to consider all of these. Greg explained the column headings, some of the listings, and managers of the various projects, which he will strive to keep current.

Greg honored Jack Salt and the members of the Review Board of the Railway Heritage Grants program for their work. 95 applications were received. \$27,000 was the budgeted amount to be awarded. He mentioned the award received previously by PNWC, which was returned with interest because of our inability to complete the project as scheduled. That refund was included in the above amount available for awards. Jack Salt listed some statistics since the beginning of the program. There have been 56 Grant awards made totaling \$132,000. Total number of NRHS Chapters receiving awards is 40, and 16 other organizations have received grants. Then the twelve organizations receiving awards this year was read, including \$1300 to the Western Steam Friends Assoc. in Brooks for restoration of a 1927 Bucyrus-Erie steam powered crane, formerly SP 7020. Jack Salt closed by mentioning the need for additional funds to continue the Grants program. One example of the results of the Grant program will be shown on the Ambassador tour Saturday, when the "Dover Harbor" a beautifully restored car owned by the Washington DC Chapter will be included in the consist.

Next Greg asked for reports of Officers. First Larry Eastwood mentioned the Trails and Rails program that Amtrak is sponsoring in cooperation with the National Park Service and the Saratoga National Historical Society. So far some members from two Chapters, Mohawk and Hudson, and the Champlain Valley are working on this program. We have about 20 volunteers, some from the Chapters that are working on this on weekends through October 12. Bob Heavenrich, Comptroller, gave the Financial Report, referring to the printed report which had been distributed. He also thanked other members of the Committee for their work. Mitch Dakelman Director, Media Services, reported that the Society has acquired several new movies for their film library. There have been some Chapter donations and a few recent purchases which he listed. Martin Swan, Director Emblem sales thanked the host Chapter for assisting with sales prior to his arrival. He also mentioned an offer to waive p&h charges on sale of items which he is out of stock on at the convention. He is now accepting credit cards for sales. Greg urged delegates to purchase stock now during the Convention to avoid shipping it back home. Lynn Burshtin gave the Membership Records report in the absence of Bob Pinsky that we are now in the summer slow season. There are still a few late renewals trickling in. Compared to last year at this time we have a net gain of 313 members. Due to the addition of two new Chapters, we now have 175. Jim Lillie, Webmaster, was unable to attend, so his report was given by Lynn also. He urged everyone to check the website, [www.nrhs.com](http://www.nrhs.com). He is always updating this as needed. Chapters should take advantage of the events calendar, trips, train shows, etc. National Directors should make sure that their Chapter (con't)

Information report is kept current. Lynn continued by switching to her report. The National office is available to assist with research requests, send movie or videos for programs, ship quantities of back issues of the bulletins for train shows, etc. There are several volunteers who come in regularly to help.

Larry Eastwood gave his report on Rail Camp. The first Rail Camp this year had 20 campers from June 18-24. They were a very good group. Larry congratulated the Chapters that went through a selection process to sponsor some very interested Campers. The Park Service at Steamtown went all out to support the program and give the campers a good experience. There were some logistical problems prior to the Camp. They will work to avoid such problems and get the dates out earlier next year. Larry acknowledged the participation this year of the CP Delaware & Hudson unit who hosted the campers at Binghamton NY for a day, gave them a very positive experience, and an Operation Lifesaver presentation. There is an intermediate Rail Camp which will start soon. It is an experimental one to take some previous campers to a higher lever of expertise. Twenty four have signed up for that. Next year it is anticipated there will be two basic Rail Camps. The dates for that are not yet set. Larry mentioned a letter to the editor in a recent issue of Trains Magazine that questioned the need for training future railroad employees. Larry wrote a detailed letter of response that was published.

Greg wanted to briefly review the Insurance program, and introduced Mike Deeble to explain. A display was set up in the registration area showing the various plans available. They have a program which covers specialty coverage in several areas. The program presently insures 24 Chapters, or 14% of the total Chapters. Greg was encouraging other Chapters to take advantage of this service.

In Chapter Charter requests, Greg mentioned there were three. He had Bill Cude present the request from the Longhorn Chapter in San Antonio, TX, which will co-exist with the Texas Transportation Museum. It will start with 18 regular and 6 spouse members. Peter H. Shawnlee is the National Director. Motion to accept was passed. Then Bill presented the request from the Southwest Florida Chapter, Cape Coral, FL. Bill introduced Ed Thornton who explained their work. There are 28 new members, including 19 regular, 5 spouse, and 4 Chapter only. They are already active in RR History. National Director designate is Jean Hickam. The motion was passed. Next a request for a Charter from the Willow Springs, MO group was presented. Membership count is 16. The National Director designate is Jack Richardson. Motion was passed.

The Alcoa Historic Photo project was explained. It has been a long term program. Most of the people and organizations are in agreement about the disposition. However, some who claim to be in charge of the local Chapter are not in agreement. There has been no cooperation from this group, and the problems have continued, with some new concerns. Greg explained two motions concerning preservation of the collection, and giving NRHS authority to act as necessary, including bringing suit, to assure proper handling of the collection. Printed copies of these motions had been distributed. Each motion was seconded and passed by the Board.

Under new business, Greg mentioned the Bazos Valley Chapter in Texas. Only one member renewed his dues, and the Chapter is inactive. Motion was made, second, and passed to withdraw this Charter. Nominations for elected office were read by the Committee Chairman Mark Blazer. Each has agreed to serve if elected at the Board meeting in October. Nominations for additional candidates will remain open until Sept. 15. They should be sent directly to the Secretary. The Audit report had been distributed with the meeting notice. Motion to accept the report was passed. The Convention Reports were called for by Judy Calvert. It is anticipated they will be ready by the fall meeting. Joe Williams, Chairman of this Stamford Convention explained they had met with many last minute problems. The routing of the Ambassador trip Saturday was changed. The Hotel had been changed. He thanked for help and support from other Chapter members. The pre-registration forms for the summer 2001 Convention in St. Louis are available. Plans for activities are progressing. The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be in Dallas, TX, October 27-29. The meeting was closed with Benediction by Al Howe.

Gerald Schuler, National Director, PNWC-NRHS

#### **Library/Archive Update**

The July 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of all members interested in helping our Library/Archive was a resounding success! Thirteen members attended and are willing to help with our vast collection. Thanks to members Jim Day, Ralph Johnson, James Loomis, Chuck McGaffey, Judy Hall, Chuck Storz, John Willworth, Marilyn Anderson, Cora Jackson, Ted Ahlberg, George Hickok, Ron McCoy and Arlen Sheldrake.

The following Task Group are now beginning work: Lending Library, Maps/Drawings, Photos/Negatives, Periodicals, Railroad Administrative Documents and Computer Systems. If you would like to help out, contact any of the above listed members.

From the Wire-----

## **Willamette & Pacific, Portland & Western Railroads July 27, 2000**

Unfortunately, federal efforts to lightly brake the national economy seem to be over succeeding in the Oregon sectors served by our railroads. Through July 24th our estimated revenue for this month is down 20 percent and August is expected to bring only marginal improvement. In order to keep operating in the black for the third quarter we need to reduce expenses proportional to revenue. General Manager Bruce Carswell has issued a ban on all non-essential business travel. All departments are being asked to develop plans for cutting costs and some force reductions may be considered hi due course. Force reductions on P&W and W&P have been few and far between over the years and in some cases we've actually had employees volunteer to take some time off even though they were not personally in jeopardy of being furloughed.

-Concern over minimizing costs extended to clean up of the July 8<sup>th</sup> derailment between Milwaukie and Menefee on P&W Rather than heavily engage the services of an outside contractor we decided to use mainly in-house forces in retrieving cars that had spilled down a steep embankment. Our Region's two cranes, the 1914-era 150-ton capacity Industrial Works derrick ("Dino") and the 50-ton capacity American crane and pile driver ( "Bam Bam ") worked together to gingerly bring each car up the 30-foot high embankment for retailing. This careful patience was crucial to minimizing the damage to the two most expensive cars involved. These were a relatively new boxcar, valued at \$58,000, and a SP-marked gondola worth about \$28,000, both of which belong to Union Pacific. As an aside, the "Flintstones" name theme for machines arose grass roots from employees. "Wilma" is the name given to the Jordan spreader/ditcher kept at Albany.

- The fuel tank of WPRR 2310 was punctured July 20<sup>th</sup> in a bizarre incident in Tigard that resulted in a small diesel fuel spill at Cook. A van belonging to a closet organizer company veered off course while westbound on Main Street in Tigard and collided with a rail driven into the ground to protect the crossing gate standard. The impact broke the rail post off at ground level and a two-foot long section landed between the rails of the Tillamook District in the paved sidewalk section of the crossing. Although the driver left information on how to contact his company with the nearby Chamber of Commerce office he evidently did not notice the piece of broken rail. Not long afterward Engine 2310, running light from St. Marys to Willburg Jct. to pick up the pile driver/crane, struck the rail at speed and shattered it into at least three pieces. One piece damaged an auto parked on Main Street. Two other pieces evidently were rolled and tumbled beneath the locomotive and were deposited east of the crossing along the track, puncturing the tank. When the engine stopped at Cook to align a switch the fuel leak was discovered. The engineer and crane operator took immediate action to minimize the loss by poking sticks and other objects in the hole. They contacted a nearby Les Schwab Tire Center and borrowed containers to catch the fuel. Les Schwab employees delivered two 55-gallon drums by pickup truck for relieving the containers. Our environmental contractor, Accord Construction and Environmental of Portland, was very complimentary of the crews efforts, noting that he had never seen such concern, caring or cooperation on the part of railroad employees when he responded to similar Class I railroad incidents.

## **August 10, 2000**

- Continuing softness in carloadings has led to the abolishment of three local assignments in the Transportation Department. In the past two weeks the St. Marys Roustabout, the Valley Roustabout and the Night Linnton Switcher have been cancelled. Other jobs have had days off changed to fill gaps in weekend coverage caused by the abolishments. Two transportation employees have opted for voluntary furlough and a round of seniority displacements is cascading down from the changes described above. Unfortunately, in the short term, we do not see much improvement in traffic. Stimson Lumber Co. at the end of the Seghers District planned a five-day production curtailment at its sawmill this week although cars were to be loaded from existing inventory except for wood chips. We are in the midst of a three-week shutdown of Georgia-Pacific's Philomath sawmill although existing inventory was expected to generate two cars daily four days per week. Meanwhile, G-P is planning one-week maintenance cycles for each of its three Toledo paper machines during September that will cost Willamette & Pacific a total of 140 carloads for the month. For transportation employees who are detrimentally affected by these developments there may be opportunities for work on sister railroads owned by Genesee & Wyoming. The Louisiana & Delta is looking for temporary enginemen and trainmen during the sugar cane season, which begins in September. And the Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad needs additional transportation workers in New York and Pennsylvania.

-Burlington Northern & Santa Fe has announced significant reductions in lumber rates out of Oregon, amounting in some cases to \$400 per car. Obviously, this development does not bode well for our shippers who are captive to Union Pacific. UP is studying the BNSF rates, which take effect August 28th, for possible countermeasures. In April UP raised its rates approximately four percent for most lumber shippers but, in the meantime, lumber prices have dropped due to soft market conditions resulting in more customer concern about shipping rates.

-On the plus side, Cascade Steel Rolling Mill expects to have a strong August following a strong July and is one customer whose business does not seem to be adversely affected by existing conditions. SP Newsprint at Newberg also seems to be holding up well. (to be continued in Oct. Trainmaster)

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Contributions for the Trainmaster are most welcome. Deadline for each issue is the 20th of the previous month. , , Typed or word-processed material is preferred for legibility.

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

## Railroad Books Nobody Reads: *The Great Book Of Trains*

{This is another installment in a series by Wayne Halling, who has decided to be adventurous and examine uncharted territory: the books our library has that show no activity on their check-out cards}

The Great Book of Trains by Brian Hollingsworth. It was easy to guess why this book has been avoided. It is big, heavy and so colorful it looks like it was written for children. Wrong! It is an encyclopedic history of locomotives. Along with each picture is a short history of each and what was improved on its predecessor. Example: Tractive effort, size of cylinders, size of driving wheels, steam pressure, weight and length. Suppose you want to compare the 4449 with the Union Pacific 844 (which visits Portland occasionally) or the 700's younger half-sister, Northern Pacific #2670? Here are the facts along with known speeds, number of cars they can pull, etc. The second half does the same for a great many diesels and straight electrics. It also includes the best locos from Europe, Asia, Britain, Canada, Australia and even the USSR and China. You can pick and choose. It is monumental. Published in 1987 and includes all but the very latest models.

## Railroad Related Events:

Mt. Hood Model Engineers---Saturdays and Sundays during November this HO club will sponsor a show. 5500 S.E. Belmont St. from noon to 5:00pm. More information can be obtained from John Willworth, (503) 284-8628

October 21---Portland---Rail/model Swap Meet, Pay N Pak Collectibles. Contact Doug Auburg (503) 288-7246

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Thank You to the Anonymous Donor....who donated copies of the *Preservation of Library and Archival Materials: A Manual* to all the members of the library committee. This document to the Chapter as a general reference for was recommended preserving our vast collection.

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A speedy recovery is wished for member Freda Webb who is recovering from surgery.

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Has the Trainmaster been any easier for anyone to read these past few months? This is because the kind people over at Northwest Rail Electric (a local company that manufactures electrical equipment for the railroad industry) have donated access to a laser printer for the printing of the original copy before the process of making the printing press plates is done. Since our printing press plates are made using a photographic process, the better the original looks, the better the results look when you receive them.

This months TRAINMASTER was prepared by Judy Hall. Please direct any questions or comments to Judy. (503)699-5042

**Important Information--Please Read for September Meeting**

The Rolling Stock Committee had a meeting in early August. Three recommendations were made to the Board of Directors regarding the heating, cooling and electrical systems of the rolling stock, which were considered and approved. The Board has referred them to the membership for approval. The recommendations will be considered and voted on at the September membership meeting. All interested members are encouraged to attend. *Submitted by Scott Bruce, Rolling Stock Chairman*

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