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Successful PRPA Trip with ex-SP&S 700 becomes Memorial Trip for Don Wheeler

As announced in previous editions of the Trainmaster, the Pacific Railroad Preservation Association has been planning for some time to operate the ex-SP&S #700, one of the steam locomotives operated by the city of Portland, into Montana for excursion service for the Montana Daylight group. Early in the trip, the group found out that its president, Don Wheeler, had passed away. As it is fairly newsworthy every time one of these steam locomotives gets out and runs, and since the PRPA and the Chapter participated in several joint excursions during Don's administration as president of the PRPA, we thought chapter members should see this article:

A Trip – In Memoriam, By Jim Vanderbeck, Acting President of the Pacific Railroad Preservation Association

After all the endless hours of work had finally come together for the SP&S 700 to head to Montana, the PRPA was hit with terrible news that Don Wheeler, the President of PRPA, had passed away at about the exact time the engine was pulling out of Vancouver for its journey east. The 700 was heading down the mainline because of Don Wheeler.

Only a few years ago the 700 was stuck in the Brooklyn roundhouse with nowhere to go and nothing in the future. Don, with the skill and experience of a union mediator, worked with Walt Eisenman to hold the PRPA together. Don started to open some doors to the future. Little things at first. There were talks with the PNWC-NRHS and their president George Hickok. Don and George had visions of what the PRPA could do with the 700. Don set goals of operations but also of community involvement promoting the historical significance of the 700 steam engine and the Brooklyn area. The PRPA, under Don's guidance, participated in fund raising for OPB, Operation Lifesaver-the safety program of the railroads, and encouraged the railroad community to use the 700 as a promotional tool. We had our milestones and our setbacks. Don guided us on. Regretfully, as PRPA got stronger, Don was getting noticeably weaker. He never let on until the last how much pain he was in.

Early this year, Don turned the presidency over to me. Staggering a bit at first, the crew came together as never before. We dedicated this trip to Don.

At 2:00 PM Mountain time on October 14, 2002, the same time as the funeral in Vancouver, the entire crew stopped servicing the locomotive in Columbus Montana and gathered in front of the 700. I led a salute to Don Wheeler followed by a long blast of the whistle.

We knew Don was with us.

As published on the PRPA web site (www.sps700.org/). Reprinted with Jim's permission. Note: The 700 pulled a Montana Rockies Rail Tour excursion in Oct 2002.

Timetable #484

Membership Meetings: Dec 20, Jan 17, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 5415 S.E. Powell Blvd. 7:30 PM **PLEASE ARRIVE AT OR BEFORE 7:30 AT OUR MEETINGS** If you arrive after 7:30 the parking lot door will be locked. You will need use the basement door on the West side of the building.

Program for December: Chapter election and voting

Board of Directors Meetings: Dec 12, Jan 9, Room 208, Union Station, 7:30 PM

Lending Library: 1:30 to 4 pm Dec 21, check-out of materials subject to **new loan agreement.**

Non-Chapter Events:

Port of Tillamook Bay is offering **Santa Train:** Nov. 23, Dec. 21, Dec. 22. More information available from www.potb.org or call 800-685-1719.

Willamette Shore Trolley

Departures from Lake Oswego and Portland River Place. Dec. 8 to Dec. 21 **Special Evening Runs to view the Lighted Christmas Ships** on the Willamette River. For more information: Call the depot: (503) 697-7436 Free parking at the Lake Oswego Depot..

Timeless Toys and Trains at the Pittock Mansion off of W Burnside Road, Portland, OR. Noon to 5 pm every day for 5 weeks, November 25 through December 31. Members of Pacific Northwest Div. Of Train Collectors Association and Toy Train operating Society will help decorate the old mansion.

Christmas Model Railroad Show and Swap Meet, St. Andrews Lutheran Church, Orchards, WA. 10 AM to 4 PM December 7.

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- Preregistration fee is \$35 for the member, their spouse, children, or other household members living at the same address; it is nonrefundable.
- Preregistration fee entitles member household to one registration package.
- Preregistration forms must be postmarked by January 31, 2003. After that date, the member registration is \$45.
- One address only per form please.
- Preregistrants will receive the registration package for ticket ordering in advance of all other registrants. Preregistered members may only purchase tickets for those persons listed with their registration.
- Hotel reservation information for discounted convention rates, will be sent with the registration packages.
- Convention events are not yet finalized and subject to change.
- A \$35 fee will be assessed for checks returned by the bank for insufficient funds.

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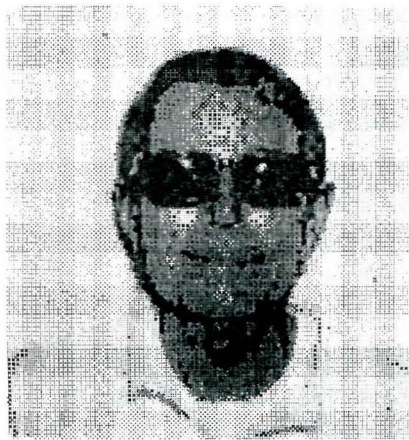
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- registration packages will be sent not less than 15 days after being mailed to preregistrants;
- ticket orders will not be filled until 30 days after preregistrant mailing;
- full member registration fee of \$45 is required with order.

Pacific Northwest Chapter, NRHS Voters Guide and Ballot



Candidate for President: Arlen Sheldrake

These are truly exciting times for our chapter and I am very pleased to be involved. Development is beginning to materialize at Antique Powerland. The Oregon Steam Heritage Foundation continues the excellent dialogue among Portland railroad history groups. We just completed an enjoyable and profitable excursion on the POTB. And we get to celebrate the Chapter's 50th anniversary by hosting the 2005 NRHS Convention.

These and the many other Chapter functions can only happen with involved and committed Chapter members. We certainly could do more with more helping hands (and the rest of the body). I thank all those that are making our chapter a success.

I would appreciate your support for another year as your Chapter president. Thanks!



Candidate for Vice President: David Van Sickle

I urge you to re-elect me as vice-president of the PNWC-NRHS. I'm currently in that position and from that vantage point I'm looking forward to new vistas for the chapter: not the least of which is the national convention to be held here in 2005. I think that will be a force for unity in the chapter and I know that will be good for us.

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Available**

Candidate for Treasurer: Alan Viewig

Maybe ten years ago Alan Viewig was treasurer two different times for the NRHS. It has been a while since he has attended Board Meetings, but

now he is willing and able to devote some of his spare time to keeping the books and attending Board Meetings.

Alan Viewig has been a member of the Pacific Northwest Chapter since about 1981. In the mid-1980's he was the "Trainmaster" editor for about three years.

Luckily he is self employed and has a photocopier, so he should be able to perform the tasks of the role of Treasurer.

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Available**

Candidate for National Director: Gerald Shuler

The nominating committee has selected me to run for another term as

your National Director. I have previously served in this position and on many other chapter committees and Board positions. The National Director is the representative between our Chapter and the National Office. Since being elected as your National Director, I have attended all except one of the National Board meetings and written reports on them for information to the Board and members. My other responsibilities include preparing the Annual Report for the Bulletin, maintaining good relations between the two offices, and carrying out the wishes of the board. If reelected, I will comply with the National requirements for this position and continue to work with the other chapter and Board members to gain the

support of the railroads for our chapter activities. As you know, establishing a home for the Chapter equipment and working to develop a Railroad Museum in the Portland area are both high priority projects. Now we have a major project to plan for hosting the 2005 Convention. I solicit your vote to continue our mission. Thank you, Gerald A. Schuler.

Candidate for Secretary: Judy Hall



Dear Members of the Pacific Northwest Chapter, Thank you for allowing me to serve as your secretary in 2002. My qualifications for this position include an ability to type and a desire to become more involved with the Pacific Northwest Chapter. I feel that there is no better way to learn more about the Chapter and it's history than to serve as an Officer or Director at Large.

The office of Secretary requires keeping the minutes of the board of directors meetings and special meetings that may be called by the president. It also requires providing an electronic copy of the monthly meeting minutes to the Editor of the Trainmaster so that the minutes may be published for all members to see.

The past two years that I have served in the office of Secretary have been very rewarding ones. I have learned so much more about the chapter and met many more of you, or dedicated members. The Chapter is facing new challenges and commitments. I believe the next few years will require that members assume a more active role in Chapter activities. There are several Chairmanships that need to be filled. Please take a moment and think about how you can best serve the Chapter. I ask for your continued support in this election. Please cast your vote for me for secretary. Thank you. Best regards, Judy Hall.

Candidate for Director-At-Large: Al Hall



I have previously served as secretary in 1998, director-at-large in 1999, and as vice-president in 2000 and 2001. In 2002 I have served as co-chairman on the excursions committee and have helped with concession sales and rolling stock when needed. I am also a member of the PRPA (the 700 group) and Antique Powerland Museum Association (APMA).

I have once again decided to run for a Director's position in 2003. Many important decisions lay ahead for the chapter and my #1 focus is to continue contributing my time and effort towards securing a Chapter home at Antique Powerland. Nothing comes easy though and we have much work to do to complete that task.

This year we were able to run only one excursion. Excursions are our main source of revenue and with the skyrocketing cost of liability insurance we are faced with fewer profitable excursion opportunities. It is paramount that we reduce our expenses. Locating our rolling stock at APMA is a big step in achieving that goal.

We have also committed to host the 2005 NRHS National Convention. Your chapter Board will help with the planning process but we need YOUR HELP to make this convention successful. I ask each of you to please contact your convention planning committee to understand what needs to be done. Make us aware of your talents and we'll suggest how you can help.

I appreciate your continued support and your vote of confidence for Al Hall as director-at-large in 2003.

**No Photo
Available**

Candidate for Director-At-Large: Bob Jackson

My name is Bob Jackson and I am running for one of the director at large positions. I have been a member of the chapter since 1984 and twice before had the privilege to serve on the board. In addition I also have been the rolling stock chairman. My prime interest in the chapter is the preservation of historically significant rolling stock for

future generations and to educate the public to the benefits of rail transportation. We have several pieces that are important to Northwest railroading and they need not only be saved from being scrapped but need to be preserved and restored in a responsible manner. To further the educational goal, I am also interested in seeing as many of our cars operate as possible and to maximize any opportunity to run them in excursion service. Having our equipment operate and providing a historic rail experience provides an educational benefit that cannot be duplicated in any other way. I also am a business owner. I operate Northwest Rail Electric and in that capacity have the opportunity to work with many members of the railroad industry. We face several significant issues in both the immediate and distant future that we must address in these ever changing times in the railroad industry.



Candidate for Director-At-Large: Rick Banton

Hello again. I bring to the Chapter three years of experience as our Treasurer, six years of experience serving on the board of another non-profit organization, many years of being a rail fan, amateur photographer, hiker, librarian, history lover, and resident of the Pacific Northwest. I am on the Rolling Stock, Library / Archives, and 2005 Convention Committees.

I ask for your vote, and will give you three more years of dedicated service on your Board.

No statement or photo

Candidate for Director-At-Large: Ralph Johnson.

**Absentee Ballot: 2003 Pacific Northwest Chapter, NRHS
Annual Election to be Held at the December 20 , 2002 Meeting**

How to Make Your Absentee Ballot Count:

Absentee Ballots must be Anonymous, but we must also receive a record of who it was that voted so that people can not vote twice. As with State of Oregon Absentee and Vote-By-Mail Ballots, the best process is to take your absentee ballot, place it in an envelope that has your name on it, place that envelope in a second envelope that is used for mailing it, and send the ballot to:

Elections Committee
Pacific Northwest Chapter, NRHS
Room 1, Union Station
800 N.W. 6th Avenue,
Portland, Oregon 97209-3794

Ballots will be checked against the current membership list of PNWC – NRHS Members when counted.

Candidates for President: Vote for One:

Arlen Sheldrake _____ Write-In Candidate: _____

Candidates for Vice-President: Vote for One:

David Van Sickle _____ Write-In Candidate: _____

Candidates for Treasurer: Vote for One:

Alan Viewig _____ Write-In Candidate: _____

Candidates for Directors-at-Large: Vote for Two:

Rick Banton _____ Robert Jackson _____ Al Hall _____ Ralph Johnson _____
Write-In Candidate: _____

Mailbag

SP Depot In Clackamas?

Hope you or someone else can help me. A few years ago I noticed a depot just west of Camp Wythecombe. I suspected it to be the former SP depot. I did not return to photograph it or measure it until this past Friday; then I discovered it was gone. Do you have

any idea what happened to it? If it was moved do you know where it is? Looking forward to you reply.

Sincerely,

M.D. Yoakum

mkyoakum@teleport.com

PNWC/NRHS General Meeting Minutes November 15, 2002

CTO: 7:36 p.m. by President Arlen Sheldrake

Pledge of Allegiance: Arlen led the Chapter in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Welcome members and guests: Guest John Bergner

Officer's Reports:

Secretary: Judy Hall

There were no additions or corrections to the October minutes as printed in the Trainmaster. Kerrigan Gray moved and Jim Long seconded that the minutes be approved. The motion passed.

Treasurer: Rick Banton reported that due to the POTB excursion and generous recent donations by members, the Chapter . (Any member who would like to view the Treasurer's report may do so at Room 1, Union Station.)

President: Arlen Sheldrake reported on the Board of Directors meeting. The Board has adopted an "Acceptable Use Policy" for the Mt. Hood car. This gives the Chapter leasing agent guidelines for leasing the car. This is the Chapter's most valuable car and in mostly original condition. Copies of the policy have been sent to other railroad groups. The Jack Holst Award committee will consist of Maxine Rodabaugh, George Hickok and Gerald Schuler.

- **"Peggy" Shay locomotive:** The World Forestry Center is cosmetically fixing her up (budget, \$50,000), moving the locomotive out to the front of the building and constructing a shelter over her (budget, \$200,000). Glen Gilbert from the WFC would like anyone who has an interest in "Peggy" to help out with an interpretive display that he is working on and give advice on the restoration.
- **December Meeting Potluck:** There will be a potluck dinner for the December meeting in addition to the election. Darel Mack has volunteered to head up the potluck and requested that members bring their favorite salad, hot dish or dessert. It will start at 6:00 pm.
- **Chapter Banquet:** The banquet will take place in March. Judy Hall volunteered to set a date with

Sayers in Beaverton where the banquet was held last year. The date has not been verified yet.

New NW Regional Vice-president: Arlen congratulated Gerald Schuler for his election to the regional vice-presidency for the remainder of 2002 and for 2003. Gerald said he will try to follow in the footsteps of Rich Carlson (deceased).

National Board of Directors Meeting in Mt. Pleasant, IA: Arlen, Gerald & Olive Schuler rode Amtrak to Mt. Pleasant. They presented the PNWC Chapter's bid for the 2005 NRHS National Convention. The Board accepted the bid. The Williams, AZ chapter offered their congratulations. They hosted this year's convention. Gerald urges all members to mail their pre-registration money in for the 2003 convention in Baltimore hosted by the Washington, D.C. Chapter. Pre-registration is \$35 until Jan. 31 and then it goes up to \$45.

2005 Convention Planning Committee: The planning committee will be meeting Dec. 14 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Double Tree, Lloyd Center. Arlen said he has received excellent assistance from Portland Oregon Visitors Assoc. and from Carl Jensen, National Convention Chairman.

Portland Union Station Annex re-roofing: The station has received the funding it needs to re-roof the annex and tie it to the building to meet seismic requirements. The \$400,000 needed for the project will come from Capital Project Funds and take about 3 years to complete. The roofing tiles are metal and of a unique design. The Chapter's offices, library and archive are located in the annex.

Committees Reporting:

Elections Committee: Darel Mack thanked everyone who is running for office for volunteering to run.

Membership: Maxine Rodabaugh said there were 240 paid-up members and 51 family members for a total of 291 members. Renewals have not been received from National.

Excursions: Al Hall said it may be difficult to host excursions in 2003 due to the tremendous increase of insurance prices. In the past the P&W railroad wanted \$1 million in coverage, then \$5 mil. and most recently \$10 mil. Now they want \$50 mil. in coverage. The cost of insurance has gone from \$1,000-1,500 per million dollars of coverage to \$2,500 - \$3,500 per million. There is some doubt if the Chapter will be able to operate any excursions on the P&W railroad. Al said there will be a Rail Summit at Antique Powerland on Saturday, Nov. 16.

Rolling Stock: Arlen reported that the 6200 will be operating over the POTB railroad tomorrow for a fourth day of lease. Part of this lease arrangement is another cost free pull from the POTB within the next 18 months. George Hickok has been taking care of the 6200 during the four lease days to make sure everything on the car operates properly. Al Hall said George has been doing an outstanding job; out at Tillamook in the early-mornings to heat the car and staying late at night cleaning it up for the next trip.

- The Twin Grove has departed Portland for Avery, ID. Thank you to Mildred Messmer who provided the funds to move the car. The Chapter had been paying the P&W, \$10 per day for storage on their track. The car should arrive in Plummer, ID about Nov. 18 and then it will be trucked to Avery. The Twin Grove will be put on static display in downtown Avery.

Library:

- **Lending Library:** Judy Hall reported that Irv Ewing is out of town and the library meeting for Sat. Nov. 16 is canceled but the library will be open from 1:30 pm until 4:00 pm and Ted & Cora Ahlberg will be the librarians. Ralph Johnson said the library meeting is scheduled for 9:00 am on Sat., Nov. 23. John Willworth has brought books and videos for members to check out.

For the Good of the Order: Arlen reported that the P&W leased the BNSF tracks from Quinaby to Eugene. The Baldwin Steamengine #2507 is going to Wishram, WA. It formerly resided at Maryhill before being moved to Pasco.

- Arlen sent the editor of Trains Magazine a thank you for the great article about Portland in the December issue. It was very timely considering that the Chapter was selected to host the 2005 NRHS Convention about the same time that the magazine hit homes and newsstands.
- Ted Ahlberg said the Chapter will have a table at the SP&S Swap meet on Feb. 1, 2003
- Bob McCoy rode the "Montana By Steam" trip with the SP&S 700 last month. He rode in the Great Northern dome car and said it was a wonderful trip.

- Ron McCoy brought an 8x10 photo of Gerald Schuler that was published in the Annual NRHS Bulletin. In case you didn't notice, it was the largest photo of any chapter. Thanks Ron!
- Leonard Morgan suggested that a by-state directory be added to the Bulletin. Now chapters are listed alphabetically and it is difficult to locate chapters by state.

Tonight's Meeting Program: Bill Thomasson has assembled some old, silent, black & white, 8 mm film and put it on video for the enjoyment of those attending the meeting.

Motion to adjourn: Adjourned at 8:25. Chapter members enjoyed refreshments provided by Cora and Ted Ahlberg.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Hall, Secretary

Chapter Member Jim Edgar Passed

Away on Oct 31st. The Memorial Service was Friday, Nov 15 at Homewoods on the Willamette in Milwaukie.



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