

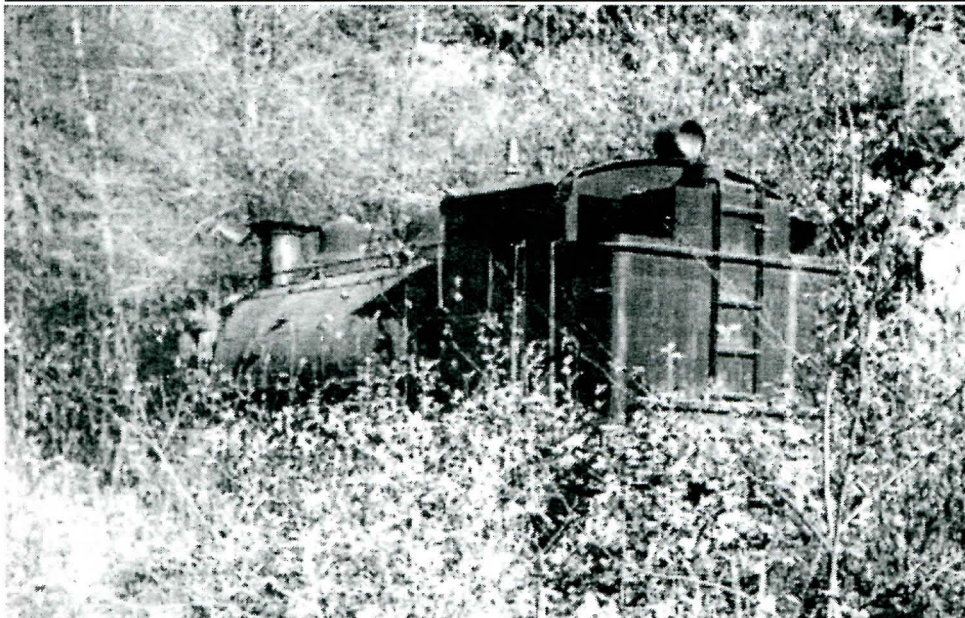
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It is 1958, and a group of railfans (including many early chapter members) is out for an excursion on the Valley & Siletz Railroad. This tank locomotive was discovered on that trip, sitting abandoned in the woods. Perhaps such sights in the 1950's gave inspiration to many of our early members to help preserve what they could of all the railroad history being lost at that time. Ben Maxwell Collection, Salem Public Library

2003 ELECTIONS RESULTS

The results of the few absentee ballots received and the balloting at the December 20th membership meeting are:

- President – Arlen L. Sheldrake
- Vice-President – David Van Sickle
- Secretary – Judy Hall
- Treasurer – Alan Viewig
- National Director – Gerald Schuler
- Board of Directors, 2003-2005 – Al Hall
- Board of Directors, 2003-2005 – Robert Jackson

Thanks to the Election Committee: Kent Hutchens, Kerrigan & Kyrian Gray along with Nominations Committee members Darel Mack and Chuck Bukowsky. Also thanks to all nominees.

2002 Annual Report to the Membership

Pacific Northwest Chapter – National Railway Historical Society

Pursuant to the Chapter By-Laws this report is presented to the membership on January 17, 2003 and included in the February issue of *The Trainmaster*. This report represents the highlights of our year as developed by the President and edited by the Board and Committee Chairs.

Activities: On April 28th the Chapter Banquet was held at Saylor's Old Country

Timetable #486

Membership Meetings: Feb. 21, Mar. 21, 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 February:

Oregon Rail Heritage
Foundation Presenters: Laurel Lyon, President
David Brown, OR&N 197
Gus Kamp, Michael Willis
Architects

Program for March: 4449

Returning from the Grave, a video from a 8mm home movie, from the Chris McLarney collection.

Board of Directors Meetings:

Feb. 13, Mar. 13, Room 208, Union Station, 7:30 PM

Lending Library: 1:30 to 4 pm

Feb 22, check-out of materials subject to **loan agreement**.

Chapter Banquet:

March 8th, Saylor's Old Country Kitchen-Beaverton cocktails begin at 5:00 PM, dinner at 6:00. See enclosed flyer.

Non-Chapter Events:

Port of Tillamook Bay has recently received a Heisler steam locomotive and is planning for some steam excursions later this year. More information available from www.potb.org

Columbia Gorge Model Railroad Club swap meet coming up! Reserve Tables

Kitchen in Beaverton with 68 members and guests in attendance. Highlights included a selection of slides from Al Haij's renowned collection, announcement of Maxine Rodabaugh's selection as our 2001 Jack Holst outstanding member award recipient, and 25-year NRHS pins to C. Douglas Auburg, Gary Waite, and Bruce Fingerhood. On July 4th Chapter members were treated to a special behind the scenes tour in Hillsboro of the *Artistry of Space* Artrain USA exhibit arranged by Bob Jackson and coordinated by Ron McCoy. A chair is needed for this Committee.

Archives: Significant progress has been made in elimination of duplicate copies of magazines, timetables, and *Trainmaster* issues. Magazines and timetables are being sold as concession items. The NRHS Library now has copies of all *Trainmasters*. Bill Hyde, Chuck McGaffey and others continue work to catalog and organize our materials.

Antique Powerland Museum (APM): During the year two Rail Summits were hosted by APM to determine interest in developing a railroad history exhibit. Attendance at both was very encouraging. Progress is being made to acquire the additional land that is necessary for a connection to Portland & Western Railroad as well as the exhibits. Chapter representatives: George Hickok, Al Hall, and Arlen Sheldrake.

Chapter Offices: We continue to lease room 1 and room 1A in the Annex building of Union Station. A bid has been awarded by the building owner the City of Portland to replace the Annex roof and seismically tie the roof to the walls. Work begins the spring of 2003. We look forward to no more roof leaks and the metal roof tiles remaining on the roof during moderately high winds.

Concessions: Concession sales were conducted during both weekends (last weekend of July, first weekend of August) of The Great Steam-up at Antique Powerland in Brooks. Concessions were also sold in July at the swap meet held in conjunction with the SP&S, GN, and NP conventions. The Chapter put up the "observation platform" display and sold concession items at the December 21st Amtrak Holiday Open House at Union Station. Thanks to all the sales staff including: Cora Jackson, Ted Ahlberg, Judy & Al Hall, and Chuck McGaffey. A Chair is needed for this Committee.

Elections: Thanks to our new Elections Committee Kent Hutchens, and Kerrigan & Kyrian Gray. This year the election information was included in the December *Trainmaster* versus a separate mailing. Since this new procedure seemed to work it will be continued next year thus again saving postage. Thanks also to our Nominations Committee Chuck Bukowsky and Darel Mack.

Excursions: On September 14th the Chapter ran a very successful 1-day excursion on the Port of Tillamook Bay Railroad from Banks to the Salmonberry River area. Approximately 200 people enjoyed the trip. We very much appreciated the Friends of 4449 loaning the Chapter the newly painted and named baggage car *Gordon Zimmerman* and the Plum Creek. Many people contributed to the success of this excursion, notably Al Hall, Excursion Chair and Darel Mack, Car Host Manager. The Chapter will run another POTB excursion in 2003 per the fall 6200 lease agreement.

Finances: Again for 2002 our expenditures exceeded our income. While our single 1-day excursion on the POTB was very successful, it was the only excursion that the Chapter was able to run. Our balance sheet was helped by PRPA's payment in November for Chapter services (the Chapter did the passenger functions) during the PRPA Homecoming Excursion in 2001. Also helping our bottom line are strong membership numbers and significant donations but we continue to eat away at our emergency reserve fund.

Inventory: The Chapter continues to struggle to develop an inventory of our many and varied assets. One of the primary problems is that we have many items being graciously stored by members since we don't have a good storage or display facility. George Hickok and James Long have agreed to take on the task of identifying or developing software for our many information needs, from membership to volunteer hours to archive materials to equipment. One software product, PastPerfect, used by many similar organizations is being evaluated. Formal loan contracts signed:

4/23/2002 Wig Wag RR Crossing Signal to Columbia Gorge Model Railroad Club.

5/19/2002 REA Baggage Wagon (round front) to Yaquina Pacific Railroad Historical Society.

6/06/2002 Fairmont M14 series H Section Car (speeder) to Canby Historical Society.

Lending Library: The Lending Library is open most Saturday afternoons following the membership meeting. John Willworth consistently brings books for checkout to membership meetings.

Logo: On May 17th the Membership officially adopted the Union Station clock tower as the Chapter logo.

Membership: In November Maxine Rodabaugh, Membership Chair, reported that our Chapter membership stands at 290 including family members.

Meeting Programs: *January* = SP&S 700 Homecoming Excursion video; *February* = England's Royal Air Force Railroad, Tony Roberts; *March* = Alco Diesel Survivors, Tom Smith; *April* = Colorado Railways (& Hikes), Rocky Regula; *May* = South America Train Rides, Glenn Laubaugh; *June* = Steam on the Columbia, Ed Neuberger, Oregon Maritime Museum; *July* = Alaska Travels, Gerald Schuler; *August* = Port of Tillamook Bay Railroad - Before/After, Darel Mack; *September* = Port of Tillamook Bay Railroad slides, Paul Clock author of Punk, Rotten and Nasty; *October* = Daylight to Vancouver & Union Station Centennial Celebration videos, Wayne Halling; *November* = Historical movies, Bill Thomasson; *December* = Election/potluck. Cora Jackson and Ted Ahlberg provided excellent meeting refreshments during the year.

National Director: Gerald Schuler continues to represent the Chapter at NRHS Board meeting. Gerald represented the Chapter at all three NRHS Board meetings this year: Harrisburg PA, Williams AZ, and Mt. Pleasant IA.

NRHS 2005 Convention: On July 11th the Board of Directors decided to recommend to the membership that the Chapter host the 2005 NRHS convention. On July 19th the membership approved submitting a proposal to the NRHS National Convention

Committee (NCC). This proposal was written and sent on August 9th. The NCC approved the Chapter proposal and on November 3rd at Mt. Pleasant Iowa Arlen Sheldrake presented our proposal that was approved. A Convention Planning Team of 42 members was subsequently put together. On December 13th the four NCC members and Al Hall, Chuck Bukowsky, and Arlen Sheldrake visited the four hotels proposing to host the convention. A hotel decision will be made in mid-January. On December 14th 21 members of the Convention Planning Team met with the NCC members and reviewed the NRHS Convention Policy and other preliminary questions. The 2005 Convention will also be the Chapter's 50th anniversary celebration.

Northwest Regional Vice President: On May 29th we lost long-time member and Northwest RVP Richard Alan Carlson at age 72. His obituary was published in the July *Trainmaster*. Chapter nominee Gerald Schuler, Chapter National Director, was appointed to fill the remaining 2002 term. Gerald was also nominated by the Chapter for the 2003 term and was selected to represent the NRHS Chapters in the Northwest for 2003.

Oregon Rail Heritage Foundation: The Chapter continues to be an active member of this organization along with Friends of 4449, Pacific Railroad Preservation Association, OR&N 197, Northwest Rail Museum, City of Portland, and the Brooklyn Action Corp. The Chapter helped ORHF, formerly known as Oregon Steam Heritage Foundation, staff an information booth during the 4449's visit to Hillsboro in conjunction with the Artrain USA exhibit and during the 4449's visit to the Oregon State Fair as part of the Operation Lifesaver exhibit.

Rail Sensations Events: After many years of inactivity the founding members of this organization PRPA, AORTA and the Chapter determined that it is time to dissolve the organization. RSE was originally formed to host rail events at Union Station, preserve Union Station and develop a museum. In November the Board of RSE met and decided to start the dissolution process. The first step was the transfer of RSE note cards and 100th Anniversary of Union Station cachet envelopes to the Oregon Rail Heritage Foundation. Additional steps will be taken in 2003. Chapter Representatives on the RSE Board are Ralph Johnson and Gerald Schuler.

Rolling Stock: The Twin Grove sold to the Avery Citizens Committee in Avery Idaho arrived at the closest rail point, Plummer Idaho on November 18th. The Twin Grove will be a static display attraction in Avery that has an extensive history with the former Milwaukee Railroad (working to get the Twin Grove "move ready": Pete Rodabaugh, George Mickelson, Randy Rock, George Hickok, and Ed Bernsten).

Multiple car leases occurred during the year including: 6200: February 2nd to Portland & Western Railroad for a Morse Brothers employee push/pull operation out of Linnton (George Mickelson, Pete Rodabaugh, & George Hickok); 6200, 3300, & Mt. Hood leased August 21st to the producers of the movie *Dust Factory* (Pete Rodabaugh, George Hickok); 6200 leased October 14, 26 and November 3, 16 to the Port of Tillamook Bay Railroad (George & Brian Hickok).

To better inform our membership, *Trainmasters* during the year have contained descriptions of ten pieces of our rolling stock inventory. The remaining rolling stock items will be described in 2003 issues.

Colorado Railcar, working with Bob Jackson, has been asked to evaluate the 6200, 6800, 3300 and Mt. Hood rail cars and recommend needed maintenance/repairs to get the cars into good operational condition. This report is expected in early 2003 for Board and membership action.

Trainmaster: our editor Glenn Laubaugh published twelve issues of the *Trainmaster*. Thanks to the many article contributors we did not lack for materials. Hopefully the membership has appreciated the informative *Trainmaster*. The crew getting out the *Trainmaster* includes: Chuck Storz – mailing labels, Darel Mack – folding/taping, and Maxine Rodabaugh – mailing.

President's Update

By Arlen L. Sheldrake

2005 NRHS Convention: A second set of proposals has been received from our four potential hotel sites. A final selection of hotel and convention dates is close. The Chapter Board on January 9th approved the contract with NRHS to host the 2005 convention. A functional interest survey has been distributed to the Chapter Convention Planning Team and teams are being formed. Let me know if you are interested in joining.

Speeder: ex-NP currently on contracted loan to the Canby Depot Historical Society in Canby Oregon. Cosmetically restored by Darel Mack and shed built in 2000. Obtained in 1985 from the Medford Oregon area. Fairmont M14 series H Light Section Car for 2 to 6 men, built 1949. The light section cars are powered by 5 to 8 H.p. engines while the standard and heavy-duty models have 8 to 13 h.p. engines. Fairmont light section and standard section cars have extension lift handles for easy removal or re-railing. All models are equipped with the Fairmont differential axle. Where extra pulling power is required, these cars can be fitted with a simple two-speed transmission that greatly increases drawbar pull. Stencil on speeder: S.T. 10-66 (unknown meaning). Fairmont Railway Motors Inc. was located in Fairmont Minnesota. A 55-page Service Instruction and Parts list is located in our Lending Library. (*Installation #11 of our continuing rolling stock descriptions.*)

On November 24th the **Oregon Rail Heritage Foundation** held a 4-hour planning session facilitated by Jim Kehoe. Among the outcomes of this session was a shared vision: 1) to preserve the operational and soon to be operational City of Portland locomotives, 2) to create a facility to accomplish #1, 3) to provide public education and access, and 4) develop a museum. Fifteen people representing all of ORHF organizations also detailed the specific tasks/assignments

for building a business plan to accomplish the newly established vision. Your Chapter continues to be an active ORHF partner organization along with Friends of 4449, PRPA, Northwest Rail Museum, OR&N 197, the Brooklyn Neighborhood, and the City of Portland. On January 9th the Chapter Board confirmed me to continue to represent the Chapter on the ORHF Board with Al Hall as alternate representative.

Colorado Railcar's beautiful new **DMU** demonstrator unit departed Portland November 24th behind Amtrak's #14 Coast Starlight. The DMU arrived in Portland on November 19th behind Amtrak's #27 Empire Builder. While in Portland the DMU operated under its own power on Portland & Western Railroad tracks doing public and private tours in support of the Wilsonville to Beaverton Commuter Rail project. Did anyone get a picture of the DMU coming in November 19th on the end of the Empire Builder? How about behind the Coast Starlight when it headed north?

"Start planning now...." How do you like the new look/content of the NRHS advertisements that appeared in current issues of at least *Trains* and *Railfan & Railroad* magazines? And how about the full page NRHS advertisement on page 65 of the *Classic Trains* special edition #1, Dream Trains. I'm sure your National Director, Gerald Schuler, would be happy to carry your message to NRHS or send it yourself to James P. Andrisen, VP-Public Relations, pr@nrhs.com.

WOW, thanks to the members of the **Toy Train Collectors Society** and the **Train Collectors Association** for their absolutely outstanding train and toy exhibits at the Pittock Mansion's "*Timeless Toys & Trains*" celebration during the holidays.

Santa comes to Union Station. On December 21st Amtrak hosted Santa and an open house at Union Station with tours of Talgo and other passenger equipment. Your Chapter along with Operation Lifesaver and AORTA had booths. Many thanks to Darel Mack for storing, transporting, erecting and teardown of our good looking "observation platform" booth. Thanks also to Al Hall, Ted Ahlberg, and Cora Jackson for staffing the booth. Thanks also to Scott Hurd, Amtrak Portland Agent, for inviting the Chapter to participate.

Many thanks to **Chuck McGaffey** for donating to the Chapter a hard cover version of Paul Clock's excellent book **Punk Rotten & Nasty, The Saga of the Pacific Railway & Navigation Company**. Published in 2000 this is an excellent book on the history with lots of interesting pictures of our current Port of Tillamook Bay Railroad. Definitely a keeper for anyone interested in railroad and Oregon history.

Oregon's first **Commuter Rail** project continues to move forward between Wilsonville and Beaverton. The West Metro version of the *Oregonian* on December 16th reported that a committee has been formed to design the station in Tigard. Start up is planned for September 2005. It is reported that some Tigard business owners see this as an opportunity to revitalize the downtown.

Tacoma Rail announced that on December 20th the first rail shipment in 23 years left Morton Washington. Good news that this line is now re-opened.

According to the January 2003 issue of CTC Board magazine, the Oregon Department of Transportation has purchased **BC Rail's RDC** numbers BC-10, BC-11, and BC-31. This is another positive step toward passenger service on the now open Astoria line. This issue also has some beautiful pictures of the SP&S 700 during the October MRRT trip.

Thanks to **Robert (Bob) R. Lowry** for his help researching information on *Peggy*. Bob also indicated that he has "70 binders full of steam and small IC listings including many builders lists, and many class 1 rosters" if additional locomotive data is needed. Bob is in Corvallis, 2720 NW Mulkey Avenue, 97330-2437.

Our long-time and very active member (1964) **Chuck Storz** is recovering from problems over the holidays. He is now residing, hopefully temporarily, at the Marquis Care @ Piedmont, 319 NE Russet, Portland 97211-2892 and would appreciate your correspondence and/or visits.

Saturday's at noonish still finds an informal group of Chapter members eating an excellent breakfast or lunch at the **Semaphore Restaurant**, 1639 SE Holgate Blvd. On January 4th the attendees included: Dave Van Sickle, Irv Ewen, Alan Viewig, Bill Thomasson, John (Chuck's brother from Seattle) Storz, and myself. As you might guess the conversation is quite varied, stop in and say hello to your fellow members.

Work continues on developing a railroad museum component at **Antique Powerland Museum** in Brooks. A draft set of bylaws has been developed for the entity, Oregon Railroad Museum, which will be the umbrella group doing the museum development. The plan behind using an umbrella organization is to facilitate other groups and individuals joining as partners in the effort. The Chapter has owned this name since 1991 in anticipation of such a development. The next rail summit is planned for early Fall. On January 9th the Chapter Board confirmed our APMA Development Representatives to be George Hickok, Al Hall, Bob Jackson and myself.

A whole bunch of outstanding railroading pictures including BC Rail's Whistler Northwind and SP&S 700 MRRT October trip can be found on **Steven J. Brown's**, a professional photographer, web site: www.photosbystevenjbrown.com.

Looking for passenger cars, cabooses, and a locomotive for static display. A 15-mile rail to trail segment of the former Milwaukee Railroad, route of the Olympian Hiawatha, is looking for these items to locate as information centers at various trailheads along the hiking trail. Working with the US Forest Service another idea is to locate a static locomotive at one end and a caboose at the other end of a closed tunnel. The St. Paul Pass, Taft Tunnel, is 1.66 miles long and is one of the accessible/usable attractions on the trail. The entire route between Idaho and Montana is 46 miles. If you know of any available items, please contact Phil Edholm (President, Lookout Pass Ski & Recreation Area): 208-744-1301 or phil@skilookout.com. Additional information on the area is available at www.skilookout.com.

Yet another change in the rapidly changing Northwest Portland scene, the last rail car shipment on the **Portland Terminal Railroad's** 13th Avenue spur will be in July as the Wilbur-Ellis fishmeal plant moves to St. John. Tentative re-development plans for the area include a supermarket and retail shops with multiple levels of housing above. *Source: Northwest Examiner, January 2003.*

I did a short visit with Chuck early this afternoon. He was a bit tired but still mentally sharp. I dropped off a copy of Dream Trains and a developing article on Peggy's history. He related that that display track was the last track work he did. The tools coming >from the Vernonia, South Park, etc. Peggy looks good in her new paint job. And speaking of track tools, he said that his brother John would be scheduling a pick up of the track tools at Chuck's place.

Mailbag

In Memorandum of Charles Dayley

It is with sadness that I inform you that our father and husband, Charles F. Dayley, passed away peacefully last night (Dec30, 2002) at about 9:00 p.m.

Upon his request, no services will be held but we can honor him in the wonderful memories we all share of his life and all of those that he has touched, and continues to touch.

Mom is doing fine and the family is staying together during the next few days.

Charles F. Dayley, (80) is survived by his wife, Patricia, two sons, Dennis and Jack, 5 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Born in Oakley ID, the family moved to Clarkston where he graduated high school.

After training in railroad station ability in Spokane, 1941 he was employed by the Great Northern Railway for 40 years. He served as a telegrapher, station agent, and supervisor during this time.

He worked in locations from South Bend WA on the Pacific ocean to Glacier Park MT, but mainly in the Spokane area. He served in WWII in the China, Burma, India and was in China when the war ended.

As the Railroad Station Agent is expected to become a part of the community he was willing to participate in almost everything good about small towns. The number of scattered working locations gave him an opportunity to help in many ways serving as a scoutmaster, officer in the American Legion, Adjutant Veterans of Foreign Wars, He founded little league baseball in Chewelah Wa., joined the various Chambers of Commerce and so forth.

His last station was in Cheney WA where he retired and he and his wife lived there for a number of years. In 1997 they moved to the Spokane Valley where Patricia will continue to make her home. Dennis lives nearby with his wife Collette and Jack currently lives in Wenatchee with his wife Elizabeth and daughter Samantha.

Your prayers are appreciated during this, and all times and the family is very blessed with the knowledge that he has had so many great friends.

Contact with the family can be made via phone - (Jack) 509 668 0898 or e-mail. God bless you and thank you for being a part of Charles' full and blessed life.

Warmest regards, The Dayley Family
Patricia, Dennis and Jack cfdayley@arias.net

PNWC/NRHS General Meeting Minutes Jan 17, 2003

CTO: 7:40 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 Matthew Smith

Officer's Reports:

Secretary: Judy Hall

Due to a computer problem, the December minutes will be published in the January Trainmaster. (Judy would like to

thank Gerald Schuler for taking those minutes for her in her absence.)

Treasurer: Alan Viewig

Alan said that he and Rick are working on the transfer of paperwork and the books. He will have a report next month. (December Treasurer's report filed in Room 1 at Union Station.)

President: Arlen Sheldrake welcomed Alan Viewig as the new Chapter treasurer.

- **Report from Board of Directors' meeting:** Arlen welcomed Bob Jackson, Al Hall and Alan Viewig as new Board members. The **2005 NRHS Convention** contract with National was approved and mailed. The Chapter's representative to the **Oregon Rail Heritage Foundation** will again be Arlen with Al Hall as the alternate. The Chapter's representatives for **Antique Powerland Museum** are George Hickok, Arlen Sheldrake, Bob Jackson and Al Hall. A **Bylaws Committee** was formed with members Alan Viewig, Darel Mack, George Hickok. More members are needed on this committee, so if you are interested, please volunteer your services to one of the committee. There was 100% attendance at the January Board meeting.

Committee Reports:

Excursion: Al Hall reported that due to the tremendous rise in liability insurance required by the railroads, we are assured only of the Port of Tillamook Bay excursion. The Portland & Western Railroad wants a \$50 million policy. Jan Zweerts said that may go to \$200 million. Al said that perhaps an excursion with Amtrak would be possible. Arlen commented that insurance rates are currently costing \$4,000 per \$1 million of liability coverage. Al is planning on doing an excursion on the POTB this spring.

Rolling Stock: Arlen reported that the RDCs might be able to have their wheels turned right on the car in a Eugene facility. Jim Long asked about the Colorado Rail Car inspection of the Chapter's rolling stock. Arlen said the 6200, 6800, 3300 and the Mt. Hood are the cars to be inspected and the report should be coming soon. The Chapter would like to know what it would take to bring these cars up to Amtrak standards.

Library: Tonight's program is courtesy of the Archive Committee. Judy Hall reported that the Chapter received a big box of North Portland Terminal Co. archival materials from the Great Northern Railway Historical Society. In order to reimburse the society for the \$25 postage required to ship the box, a collection was made at the Board meeting and \$25 was raised. The Chapter also received a 24-page reference sheet (#231) of the "Red River" from the GNRHS archives. {This car is now part of the

Chapter's rolling stock and was formerly the GN1147 (originally a diner-observation car but it is now a coach)}.

Programs: February---Oregon Rail Heritage Foundation; March---"Return from the Grave" a video of 8mm film showing the 4449 being removed from Oaks Park; April--- Tentatively coming from TriMet but not confirmed.

Concessions: At the Amtrak Open House at Union Station in December, the Chapter sold \$65 in concessions. Thanks go to Ted & Cora Ahlberg and Al Hall for sales and to Arlen & Darel for setting up the booth. **The Concessions Committee still needs a Chairperson.**

SP&S Swap Meet: Feb. 1 at Holiday Inn on Columbia Blvd. near Portland Airport in the Convention building. The PNWC will have a table and can always use helping hands. Please call Ted Ahlberg for information.

Annual Banquet: Judy Hall reported that the annual banquet would be held at Saylor's in Beaverton on March 8. Everyone who attended last year enjoyed this place and the food was very good. She is hoping to keep the price the same.

Wanted: Railroad related items for the Door Prizes.
Program by Greg Kamholz: Logging Railroad in Vernonia.

2005 Convention Committee: The Hotel Committee, composed of Chuck Bukowsky (Chair), Arlen and Al Hall have visited the four hotels that are being considered. Of the four, only the Hilton was considered unacceptable. Hotels being considered are the Doubletree Lloyd Center, Doubletree Columbia River and the Marriott. Arlen said the convention will probably take place over the week of July 4th. This is a down time for the hotels. Steve Lee of the UP steam program has been contacted and he would like to bring a steam engine to the convention. UP Corporate will make the decision. As of today, UP has not made the decision for the 2003 excursions. The Convention Committee is looking for someone to handle the funds for the convention. The NRHS Convention Committee has suggested that someone other than the Chapter treasurer be appointed to handle this function. Funds from the convention and Chapter funds may not be co-mingled. Jim Long is establishing a 2005 convention website for the Chapter.

Activities: ODOT is beginning service on the Astoria line. It will be called the "Lewis & Clark Explorer" and will use RDCs purchased from BC Rail. Arlen brought the information found on their website. They expect to operate daily seasonal service from May through September and departing from Union Station to Astoria. It has been suggested that the Chapter find out about

purchasing tickets for one whole car on the first Saturday of operation.

Membership: Maxine Rodabaugh said renewals are now past 100, including family members. She reminded members to get their renewals before April 1 in order to be included in the Chapter directory. The PNWC has received over \$1,000 in donations and \$200 for NRHS. Longtime member Bob Gahlsdorf (1964) and Oliver LaFreniere (1984) have passed away.

For the Good of the Order:

- **Chuck Storz is recuperating from a fall. He is in the Marquis Care Facility, 319 NE Russet, Portland 97211 (north of Lombard). Please visit or send a card to cheer him.**
- **Cora Jackson Ahlberg is recuperating at home from cataract surgery. Calls and cards are appreciated.**
- Arlen suggested looking at the **new advertising from NRHS** that can be found in Trains, Railroad & Railfan and Dream Trains.
- **Chuck McGaffey donated a copy of Paul Clock's book "Punk, Rotten & Nasty" to the Chapter library.**
- **Tacoma Rail** had its first shipment from Morton in 23 years, hauling timber and rock.
- The **PNWC Saturday lunch group** is meeting at the Semaphore restaurant on Holgate at 12:00 noon.
- Arlen said the **Portland Terminal Railroad spur** at 13th Ave. is being removed. It is close to the Bridgeport Pub with an old grain car parked nearby.
- Jan Zweerts, who is a **P&W** engineer, said business is up on the P&W. The BNSF was running from Salem to Albany on the former Oregon Electric line but now P&W will operate there. The Albany & Eastern may merge with the P&W. UP will shut down their Brooklyn Yard, Feb. 1, 2003. Trains being classified at Brooklyn will now go to the Albina Yard including the P&W Brooklyn Hauler. Traveling the OE from Salem to Eugene is about a six-hour trip due to the 10 mph speed limit on that track. BNSF plans to upgrade the line with welded rail. Ten to eleven cars of lumber a day are coming out of Seneca. Jan said his new jacket was a gift from the P&W for having an accident free year.
- **Port of Tillamook Bay**—Keith Fleschner reported that a Heisler steam engine from the Mt. Rainier area would begin operating on the POTB. There are plans to set up a shop near the Aviation Museum.
- In the 1970s, five steam locomotives sat in **Oaks Park**. Arlen asked if anyone could tell him where the five engines went. This is a test! Answer: Three went

to the Brooklyn Roundhouse (4449, 700, OR&N 197), the Finnish loco went to Junction City and the Shay "Peggy" went to the World Forestry Center.

- **Chapter Refreshments:** Alan Viewig asked if the donations to the "kitty" were adequate or if Cora & Ted were donating from their own pocket. Judy Hall said that the last time she provided refreshments, she donated \$20 worth of food because the "kitty" did not cover the costs. Judy suggested that the \$1 donation that was customary in the past be increased to \$1.50 or \$2.00 to cover the increasing cost of food.

Tonight's Meeting Program: Chuck McGaffey & Bill Hyde will show examples of books, maps, drawings and other items from the Chapter's extensive archive collection.

Motion to adjourn: Adjourned at 8:45. Chapter members enjoyed refreshments provided by Judy Hall.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Hall, Secretary



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