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## Pacific Northwest Chapter Timetable #526

**Membership Meetings:** May 19, June 9 (see below), June 16, 7:30 PM, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 5415 SE Powell Blvd.

**Programs at Upcoming Meetings:**

- May 19 – Video “I love Big Trains” a very good video geared to children but also provides a lot of good information about railroads and chapter members will probably enjoy it.
- **June 9: See Below. Special presentation of the Chapter vision document.**
- June 16 – Ed Immel will once again present a very good program.
- Future Date: Steve Amen, Director of Oregon Field Guide at Oregon Public Broadcasting

**Board of Directors Meetings:** May 11, June 8, Room 208, Union Station, 7:30 PM

**Lending Library:** May 20 & 27, June 17 & 24, 1:30 to 4 pm, check-out subject to loan agreement.

**Notable Non-Chapter Events:**

Saturday, May 6, Dan Rehwalt will be speaking about his days working in the Oakridge roundhouse 1947-1952 and Larry Castle is speaking about the building of the Natron Cutoff... <http://www.espeeinoregon.com/>

May 19 - 21, GorgeRail 2006, Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, The Dalles. More info: [www.gorgerail.com](http://www.gorgerail.com)

June 10th - SP4449 joins the 15th Annual Cruisin' in Historic old town Sherwood

July 20 - 22, SP&S Historical Society Convention, Eugene more info: [www.spshs.org](http://www.spshs.org)

July 29-30 & August 5-6, Great Oregon Steam-Up, Antique Powerland Museum, Brooks Oregon. Gates open @ 7 AM, parade @ 1:30 PM, \$8 12 and older.

Sept 16, West Side Train Show & Swapmeet, 10 AM - 4 PM, Forest Grove National Guard Armory.

### **TOWN HALL MEETING NOTICE June 9th**

All members are invited to attend a special Friday June 9th membership meeting to review the draft Chapter Vision document as developed by our consultant Alice Parman, Ph.D. with input from the Chapter Board and many of our Committee Chairs.

This special meeting facilitated by Dr. Parman will be held at our regular membership meeting location, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 5415 SE Powell Blvd. The not more than two hour meeting will begin at 7:30 PM with entry from the parking lot from 7 PM to 7:30 PM, after than please enter via the basement entrance on the west side of the building.

*Mark your calendars now: June 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM, St. Mark's Lutheran Church!*

Please attend this meeting and help the Chapter develop our Vision for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

### **Red River Wheel Work Begins** (see photo on next page)

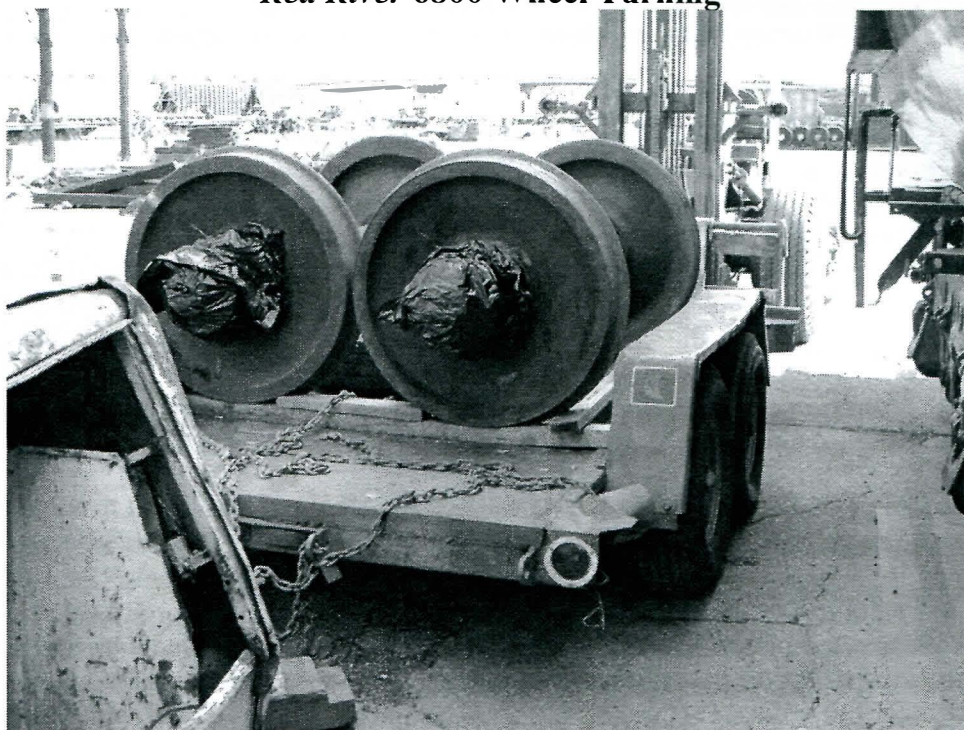
On a very rainy March 25<sup>th</sup> the crew of Pete Rodabaugh, Keith Fleschner, Charles Stevens, George Hickok, Al Hall and Randy Rock began the process of turning the 6800 *Red River's* wheels. Step 1 shown here is to jack the car up and pull the wheelset out. The wheelsets will be trucked by George Mickelson to Tacoma for turning. This work is being performed on a garden track at the Brooklyn Roundhouse; we appreciate Doyle McCormack's and the Friends of SP4449 assistance in positioning the 6800 on heavy duty former roundhouse concrete and tracks for this work. This project needs be completed before June 6<sup>th</sup> which along with the 6200

is the first Port of Tillamook Bay 6800 car lease use day. If you would like to help, please contact Keith Fleschner, 503.516.9272 or keithfleschner@msn.com.



Photo by Arlen L. Shel Drake, 3.25.2006

### ***Red River 6800 Wheel Turning***



Loaded and ready to go to Gunderson Wheel Services in Tacoma for wheel turning. George Mickelson, Charles Stevens & Pete Rodabaugh transported the wheels to Tacoma on April 5<sup>th</sup> with George's truck pulling this trailer. Photo 4.1.2006



Bright and shiny, wheel turning is complete for the first two wheelsets. If you would like to help, contact Keith Fleschner, 503.516.9272 or [keithfleschner@msn.com](mailto:keithfleschner@msn.com). Photo 4.6.2006

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### VISIONING PROCESS UNDERWAY



Alice Parman, Ph.D. kicking off the session.

On April 8<sup>th</sup> all 12 members of the Chapter Board of Directors and 10 Committee Chairs met with facilitator Alice Parman, Ph.D. to begin the process of developing a Chapter Vision. Attending this all day

session held at the Holiday Inn Downtown in NE Portland were: Eileen Brazil, Keith Fleschner, Al Hall, George Hickok, Jim Hokinson, Bill Hyde, Bob Jackson, Ralph Johnson, Jim Long, Jim Loomis, Darel & Diana Mack, Bob McCoy, Chuck McGaffey, Ron McCoy, Ken Peters, Mark Reynolds, Maxine Rodabaugh, Pete Rodabaugh, Gerald Schuler, Charles Stevens and Arlen Sheldrake. At the beginning of the meeting it was noted that the attendees represented a total of 249 collective years of Chapter membership.

The information gathered during this all day session will be developed further by Dr. Parman and then reviewed at another shorter meeting of this group. Following revisions from this meeting, a special meeting of the Chapter Membership will be held to review the draft document. The objective of this process is to provide a framework to determine the future direction of the Chapter.

Ms. Parman was selected for this project based on her work for Antique Powerland Museum and the excellent recommendation from APM's President Charlie Philpot.

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### CHAPTER BANQUET



Photo & article by Arlen L. Sheldrake



Photo by Gerald Schuler; Left to right Ron McCoy and Arlen Sheldrake

The annual banquet was held on April 1<sup>st</sup> at Saylor's Old Country Kitchen on SE Stark in Portland. The evening was planned by Diana and Darel Mack. Fifty three Chapter members and their guests attended enjoying a selection of

Saylor's excellent main course dishes of top sirloin, half chicken, baked northwest salmon or a vegetarian selection. A relish plate, onion rings, bread and baked potato were included along with sherbet ice cream dessert. A special Chapter 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary place mat with SoundTransit pen, and souvenir Northern Pacific Railway Tally Card envelope containing 1977 Amtrak Transcontinental Steam Excursion tickets was located at each place setting.

Our featured guest and speaker was Bill Bain, President of the Yaquina Pacific Chapter (Toledo, Oregon) and Mayor of the City of Newport, Oregon. Bill presented the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Chapter slide show that he developed and presented at the *Go By Train 2005* NRHS Convention banquet. The slide show included many, many photographs provided by Chapter members covering the 50 years of Chapter people and activities. Bill also showed some slides of the Yaquina Pacific activities and projects including the nice cover over their "One Spot" steam locomotive and the on-loan from the PNWC Chapter REA baggage wagon. Bill invited all to visit Toledo and the Yaquina Pacific Chapter. They are easy to find next to the Toledo post office and rail tracks.

Darel Mack prepared a framed photo collection of 1920 era views of the structures and tunnels on the Toledo Branch taken by his father which Darel presented to Bill in appreciation for his presentation.

During the evening many, many door prizes were given away; almost every attendee received one. Thanks to all the door prize donors! During the evening the Jack Holst Award Committee (Glenn Laubaugh, George Hickok, and Cora Jackson; the previous three award winners) announced and presented via presenter Ron McCoy the 2005 Jack Holst Memorial outstanding Chapter member to Arlen L. Sheldrake for his efforts as *Go By Train 2005* NRHS Convention Chair during 2003-2005.

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## Tacoma Rail

With three divisions consisting of 204 miles of track with over 120,000 line hauls per year, 90+ employees, and 18 diesel locomotives, Tacoma Rail based in the City of Tacoma, Washington is a very active shortline operator.

Tacoma Rail is a 100 percent self supported railroad. It is one of three operating divisions of Tacoma Public Utilities (the other two are Tacoma Power and Tacoma Water). Tacoma Rail is municipally owned but is different from other City departments in two significant ways. First, it is governed by the Public Utility Board, a non-salaried five member board that is appointed by the City Council. Second, Tacoma Rail is a taxpayer, paying 8 percent of its gross earnings to the City's General Fund and 1.5 percent to the State of Washington.

Tacoma Rail began life in the early part of the last century as the Municipal Street Railway, which provided trolley passenger service to the industrial tidelands. It became a common carrier in 1914 and within four years, doubled its lines. In 1918, voters approved creation of the Port of Tacoma and rail lines were extended to the new shipyard, which was booming.

In the 1920s and '30s, the railroad carried passengers around town in electric street cars. Soon after, the name was changed to the Tacoma Municipal Belt Line Railway. It then became a utility in the 1950s. After World War II, Tacoma Rail's bus and passenger operations were transferred to the Tacoma Transit Company and Tacoma Rail retained only the freight switching operations.

### **Tidelands Division:**

Tacoma Rail switches freight between Tacoma industries and BNSF Railway and Union Pacific Railroad. The Port of Tacoma is one of the largest container ports in North America handling over 2 million 20 foot equivalent containers a year. Major shippers include Evergreen, K Line and Hyundai. This division includes 38 miles of track.

### **Capital Division:**

Service on this division began on November 16, 2004 under agreement with BNSF Railway. The Belmore/East Olympia Line runs from the Capital Division interchange point in East Olympia 16 miles to Belmore. Products on this line include lumber, bricks and cullet aluminum.

The Quadlok Line is 3 miles in length and runs from St. Claire northwest to Quadlok and services one pulp board customer.

The Lakeview Line is 15 miles in length running from Nisqually north through South Tacoma. Fifteen customers ship products consisting of animal feed, plastic pellets, polyethylene and sand.

### **Mountain Division:**

This division was created in November 1998 to provide freight rail service along the 132 miles of track connecting Tacoma with Frederickson in South Pierce County, Morton and Chehalis. The City of Tacoma owns the line and has contracted with Tacoma Rail to operate it. This division gets its name because the rail grade from Freighthouse Square in Tacoma up the gulch past Brown & Haley's candy factory and South through the McKinley District is considered mountain grade. The 3.3 percent grade means the rail gains three and a third feet in altitude for every 100 feet in distance. This is the grade that the Reading #2100 4-8-4 steam locomotive has recently had trouble pulling. Current customers include Boeing, Hardie Building Products, Belco Forest Products Medallion Foods and FarWest Construction. The Mountain Division provides storage services for Union Pacific Railroad, BNSF Railway, and Coast

Engine & Equipment Leasing Company. Coast Engine also uses switching services to leased maintenance facilities at Western Junction. The 92-acre Western Junction facility is at milepost 42 between Rainier and Maytown.

Recent rehabilitation projects include right-of-way repair and trestle replacement along Lake Kapowsin and between Mineral and Morton. Service to Morton is now available after many years of absence. Interchange service with BNSF Railway and Union Pacific Railroad is available at the north end at Tacoma and the south end at Centralia/Chehalis. Interchange service is also available with the Puget Sound and Pacific Railroad that serves west to Elma, Bangor, Bremerton, Shelton, Aberdeen and Hoquiam.

Tacoma Rail maintains their fleet of 18 diesels in a very distinctive red and white color scheme. In the author's experience, these locomotives appear in the public as crisp and clean advertisements for Tacoma Rail's owners, the residents of the City of Tacoma, Washington.

*With permission, most of this information was extracted April 2006 by Arlen L. Sheldrake from the Tacoma Rail Web site, [www.tacomarail.com](http://www.tacomarail.com).*

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### GOOD NEWS from MHRR!



Photo by Arlen L. Sheldrake, 3.29.2006

Lumber from the Mt. Hood Lumber Company waits on the Mt. Hood Railroad – Union Pacific Railroad interchange track for UP pickup in Hood River, Oregon. MHRR Engineer Leonard Morgan reports that this lumber originates from the mill near the community of Mt. Hood, just north of Parkdale. In recent years it has been usual to see this interchange track empty as the vast majority of their business is passenger runs both dinner/brunch and excursion trains in two different consists. MHRR is celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of operation, 1906 – 2006. Among other items, a neat lapel pin is available from their gift shop in the historic Hood River depot. This photograph was taken on what was the former fruit and ice loading track next to the former fruit packing buildings.

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### President's Update, May 2006 – by Arlen L. Sheldrake

On March 24<sup>th</sup> Ralph Johnson, Gerald Schuler and I gave our **Visioning Project** facilitator, Alice Parman, Ph.D., a tour of Chapter offices and equipment stored in the metro area. As Dr. Parman launches into helping the Chapter establish a vision for the future it was felt that it would be a day well spent for her to see some of our rail equipment, our office in room 1 and our archives in room 1A. On April 8<sup>th</sup> 22 Board Members and Committee Chairs met with Dr. Parman in an all day session to begin the process of developing a Chapter Vision. Mark your calendars now for the

**June 9<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM special membership** meeting at the St. Mark's Lutheran Church to review the draft Chapter Vision document. One of the actions taken by the Chapter Board at this April 8<sup>th</sup> session was the establishment of a **New Home Task Group**. Members of this Task Group are: Keith Fleschner, Jim Long, Al Hall, George Hickok, Pete Rodabaugh, Eileen Brazil, Mark Young, Bob Jackson, and Arlen Sheldrake.

Many thanks to Diana & Darel Mack for organizing the excellent **Chapter Banquet** at Saylor's Old Country Kitchen held April 1<sup>st</sup>. Thanks also to Bill Bain for developing and presenting the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Slideshow. I was very honored to be selected to receive the Jack Holst Memorial Award as Member of the Year for 2005 which was awarded at the Banquet.

In the category of "**seems like it will never end**", *Go By Train 2005* Finance Chair George Hickok continues to work on getting the Convention books closed. Bounced checks, an outstanding debt and the audit by Chapter member Bob McCoy are among the items still to be completed. On March 19<sup>th</sup> I submitted a 2,663 word article reviewing the Convention for the NRHS 2005 Yearbook (formerly called Society Activities Annual). It sure was nice to receive the excellent NRHS 2004 Yearbook on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Steve Barry, Charles Williams, and Jeff Smith deserve to receive our compliments.

The two Chapter operational coaches, **6800 Red River** and **6200**, and the Chapter primary mechanical support person Keith Fleschner will be busy this summer with 14 total contracted trips so far using one or both of the cars. Eleven of the trips are Port of Tillamook Bay sponsored public trips, 7 departing from Banks and 4 departing from the coast. Three additional trips are a charter for Southern Appalachia Railway Museum and two trips for RailsNW. These contracts gain the Chapter some much needed revenue and credit toward the cost of Chapter excursions on the Port of Tillamook Bay Railroad. Watch for details soon on the Chapter's excursion in September. The Chapter enjoys a very good working relationship with the POTB due to the outstanding support provided over the years by Chapter member George Hickok and others.

Many thanks to the **Port of Tillamook Bay** for agreeing to temporarily store the Chapter's two RDC-9 units. The RDC units went over the hill early the week of March 20<sup>th</sup> along with the Northwest Rail Museum's 1939 Daylight #2202 coach (now lounge). You will see the distinctive units when visiting the Tillamook Air Museum housed in the *world's largest wooden structure*.

The dismantling of **The Crossing/7<sup>th</sup> Street Station** restaurant in Vancouver has begun. On March 28<sup>th</sup> the site was noted to have a portable chain link fence installed and work was underway to remove roof top air conditioning units.

More information on the **Artrain 2006 National Tour's** second Pacific Northwest stop featuring Native Views: *Influences of Modern Culture: Medford Oregon*, sponsor is Rogue Gallery & Art Center, public tours May 13-14, located at East Clark & Cedar Streets. More information: [www.artrainusa.org](http://www.artrainusa.org).

Effective with the April **Trainmaster** issue, paper copies are no longer being sent to 80+ other NRHS Chapters. Instead these Chapters wishing to exchange newsletters have been given the opportunity to receive *The Trainmaster* electronically. As of April 20<sup>th</sup> five Chapters have requested this service. The lead article in the March issue announced the change and George Hickok, Chapter National Director, sent out a postcard to the 80+ Chapters announcing the change. In addition to the printing savings, we are saving folding, taping, labeling and bulk mail preparation volunteer time and postage savings. We are still sending paper copies to the other Chapters in our NRHS Northwest Region.

The **BNSF Railway** Public Projects Newsletter, volume 3, number 2, March 2006 announced the March 27<sup>th</sup> closure of the 3000<sup>th</sup> at-grade crossing since the inception in late 1999 of a project to remove redundant and unused at-grade crossings. **BNSF Railway** has about 33,000 crossings on their system with public crossings being more than 2/3's and private crossings being 1/3. Over 400 crossings are closed annually while about 30 new crossings are added.

In last month's *Trainmaster* you read about the **SP&S 700** being added to the National Register of Historic Places. You may now receive a copy of the 40-page report that nominated the SP&S 700 to the National Register by contacting PRPA by mail at: PRPA, PO Box 2851, Portland OR 97208. Single copies are free to PRPA members. Non-members of the PRPA, send \$5 to cover printing and shipping costs. I found the document a very interesting read.

**DUES ARE PAST DUE:** If you haven't already paid your 2006 Chapter and NRHS membership dues, effective May 1<sup>st</sup> you are delinquent. Please get your dues in to Diana Mack so that you can continue to receive Chapter and NRHS benefits. We have extended the deadline due to the delay by NRHS in getting the notices distributed to the Chapter but you will be dropped from the Chapter roster if your dues aren't received by June 1st.

Our national NRHS organization is looking for some much needed volunteer support. Not all jobs require being in Philadelphia or visiting there. Check out the opportunities at: [www.nrhs.com/jobs](http://www.nrhs.com/jobs). NRHS has *just one, yes, just one* paid staff member to provide services to 18,000 members and 170+ Chapters.

Short shot: The **American Orient Express** is now owned by Colorado Rail Car. Tacoma Rail is no longer being used for storage of this train during down periods.

Thanks to the efforts of Jim Hokinson, the Chapter has now implemented a **Volunteer Time Recording System** to track and recognize the hours you spend in support of the Chapter. We are asking that you start your time recording with January 1, 2006. Contact Jim, [jhokinson@msn.com](mailto:jhokinson@msn.com), for the category definitions and the time recording forms. As we move into additional grant applications it is very important to document the number of hours each of you are devoting to the Pacific Northwest Chapter.

Membership Chair Diana Mack received a nice but disappointing letter April 8<sup>th</sup> from long time member (1993) **Wayne Halling** indicating that due to declining health he is no longer able to maintain his Chapter membership. I'm sure Wayne would love to hear from his many Chapter friends; 13014 SW 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Portland OR 97219.

The State of Utah **commemorative quarter selection** is now underway with the winning design to be selected by the Governor in mid-May. Here is one of the three finalists. Keep your fingers crossed, we may be getting a *train* quarter.



A movie shot on the Oregon coast, **The Tillamook Treasure**, premieres April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Newport Beach Film Festival. A lonely, 14-year old girl moves with her estranged family to an Oregon coast town where she discovers a local treasure legend. If you have chance to see the movie, watch for the Chapter's RDC units that stood in for the Port of Tillamook Bay's which were unavailable for a re-shoot.

The **Albany and Eastern Railroad Company (AERC)** of Lebanon, Oregon is expanding into Utah. The Palladon Ventures Ltd. announced the selection of AERC to operate Palladon's 14.4 mile shortline railroad serving the Iron Mountain project near Cedar City, Utah. Mike Root, President and owner of A&E, will delegate the management of his 67-mile Oregon railroad to experienced AERC personnel, and will relocate to personally manage the administrative functions for both the Palladon and AERC Railroads. This 14.4 mile shortline runs between the Comstock/Mountain Lion iron mine to Iron Springs where interchange tracks are currently being built to interchange unit trains with Union Pacific. This information extracted from the April 18<sup>th</sup> Altamont Press Railroad Newslines, [www.railroadnews.net](http://www.railroadnews.net), an excellent source of railroad news.

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### 2006 Meeting Snack Sign-Ups

The following members have graciously volunteered to prepare the monthly membership meeting snacks funded by attendee contributions:

January = Dick & Judy Ordway  
February = Keith Fleschner  
March = Keith Fleschner  
April = Judy Ordway  
May = Jim Loomis  
June = Jim Hokinson

July = available  
August = available  
September = Diana & Daryl Mack  
October = Rosemary Scheel & Sara Ackerman  
November = available  
December = Potluck

To volunteer for *available* months, contact Arlen at 503.223.7006 or [rita\\_sheldrake@msn.com](mailto:rita_sheldrake@msn.com).

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## Volunteer Time Recordkeeping Form

**Starting this year, the chapter is planning to keep track of volunteer hours. This will be helpful for obtaining grant money and otherwise helping the chapter reach its goals. The form and instructions are on the following page.**



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VOLUNTEER TIME RECORD

Month of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_

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Return to: Jim Hokinson, at monthly meeting or, e-mail [jhokinson@msn.com](mailto:jhokinson@msn.com)  
or, snail mail, P.O. Box 24, Lake Oswego OR 97034

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PNWC-NRHS  
Membership meeting minutes  
January 20, 2006

Chapter President Arlen Sheldrake called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. He introduced the new officers and board members for 2006, and guests Sheila and Brian Strahan, and John Barney. New member Rob Arsenault of Vancouver was welcomed as well.

Arlen also took time to recognize and thank all the committee chairs and project leaders:

Chuck McGaffey, Archives; Bob McCoy, Auditor; Keith Fleschner, Safety Officer and 76 baggage car; Darel Mack, Car Hosts; Al Hall, Concessions and Excursions; Eileen Brazil, inventory and flanger restoration; Irv Ewen, Lending Library; Ralph Johnson, Meeting Programs; Diana Mack, Membership; Glenn Laubaugh, Trainmaster Editor and Museum Committee Chair; Arlen Sheldrake, ORHF Representative; Pete Rodabaugh, Chief Mechanical Officer; Bob Jackson, Car Leasing Agent; George Hickok, Darel Mack, Maxine Rodabaugh, Trainmaster publication and distribution; Mark Whitson, webmaster.

Some of those positions will be coming vacant as members retire or move on to focus on other Chapter projects. Contact Arlen about emerging volunteer opportunities.

Treasurer Ken Peters reported that all financial issues were generally sound, with the minor exception that membership dues were lagging behind schedule due to problems with National's mailing.

Eileen Brazil talked about the flanger restoration project, saying that the Chapter's agreement with APMA requires that the equipment be kept in satisfactory display condition. Currently the flanger needs siding and paint urgently, and the goal is to finish refurbishing the siding before the 2006 Steam-Up. Arlen added that the board had recommended a budget of \$5000 to be approved by the membership. Rick Banton and Carolyn McCoy made a motion to approve the budget, and the motion passed. Eileen said that it was unfortunate that the time until Steam-Up does not permit the Chapter to have the Steam Fiends mill and dry siding on their steam-powered sawmill.

Arlen thanked Dick and Judy Ordway for preparing refreshments for the meeting. Without volunteers to sign up for snack service, there will not be any refreshments at membership meetings.

ORHF volunteer Dave Brown spoke about December's Holiday Express runs, saying that the event "went very, very well" in spite of all that happened. George Hickok, Pete Rodabaugh, and Keith Fleschner played a huge role in keeping the rolling stock rolling, and Chapter car hosts made sure that approximately 5200 passengers enjoyed a comfortable and safe ride. Dave said that photos of the event would be appearing soon on the web sites of the Friends of the 4449 and the PRPA. Arlen thanked Dave for lots of hours of extensive involvement with the Holiday Express, and thanked George Mickleson, George Hickok, Pete Rodabaugh and Keith Fleschner for the cozy steam heat passengers enjoyed.

Retired ODOT Rail Division Lewis & Clark Explorer coordinator Ed Immel presented a plaque to Pete Rodabaugh for filling in on very short notice to serve as Chief Mechanical Officer for the Lewis and Clark Explorer. Pete stepped up to serve the very next day when the previous CMO left on short notice.

Arlen said that Chapter sweatshirts are a great way to promote the Chapter at rail events. See Al Hall to purchase yours. Al was scheduled to be at the SP&S swap meet on January 21, along with concessions booths from the ORHF, PRPA, and others.

Arlen also said that board is looking at reducing Trainmaster costs by no longer printing and mailing exchange copies of the Trainmaster to chapters outside the Pacific Northwest region. He encouraged members who have input on the issue to contact any board member.

Darel and Diana Mack are arranging the Chapter's annual banquet, which will be at Saylor's Country Kitchen, 10529 SE Stark in Portland on Saturday, April 1. A no-host cocktail hour at 6:00 will be followed by the banquet at 7:00. Anyone who has door prize items to donate should contact the Macks at 503-723-3345.

Please also contact Diana Mack if you have not received your dues renewal form for 2006. Diana also has copies of the 2005 membership directory available.

Joe Mayer has a video of Mark Reynold's mag-lev presentation from November. Contact Joe at 503-620-9710 to learn more.

Carolyn McCoy said that cake and ice cream were on hand to celebrate outgoing Ron McCoy's upcoming 40th birthday.

Ralph Johnson said that the evening's program would be Ed Immel's slideshow on steam railroading in China.

After enjoying the refreshments provided by Dick and Judy Ordway, Northwest Rail Museum President and Columbia River Chapter member Ed Immel gave members and guests an exclusive look at steam operations over Jingpeng Pass on the Ji Tong railway of China. Ed must have some amazing diplomacy skills to be able to convince his wife to take vacation time to go railfanning in China in the winter. But he came back with wonderful slides and memories of the railway and the people who run it. Ed purchased a railfan tour package directly from

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the railroad, and arranged his own air fare to make it a surprisingly affordable trip. From the impressive engineering of huge curved concrete bridges to anecdotes of shop workers ready to sell just about anything as a souvenir, Ed gave members a very unique look at the beginning of the end for steam in Chinese railroading.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Long  
Secretary, PNWC-NRHS



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