

# The



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## PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAPTER TIMETABLE #575

Board of Director's meetings: June 10 and July 8, Thursdays, 9320 SW Barbur Blvd Suite 200, 7:30 pm (Note address for Board meetings; follow instructions posted on the door for entry.)

Lending Library is open two Saturday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00 pm: the Saturday following the membership meeting (June 19) and also the following Saturday (June 26). It is also open every Monday morning from 10 am to noon. A wealth of material is available for PNWC member check-out. Archives work parties on Mondays from 10 am until at least noon.

Membership Meetings: St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 5415 SE Powell Blvd:

**June 18 – 7:30 pm – Program:** *Oregon Operation Lifesaver*, Terry Kimzey

**July 16 – 7:30 PM – Program:** Videos: *America & the Passenger Train and So You Want a Model Railroad*

**August 20 – 7:30 PM – Program:** *Oregon Electric Railway*, Mark Moore

**July 28 – August 1 – Excursion:** *Glacier Park Centennial*, [www.pnwc-nrhs.org](http://www.pnwc-nrhs.org).

**August 4 – 8 – Excursion:** *Glacier Park Centennial (#2)*, [www.pnwc-nrhs.org](http://www.pnwc-nrhs.org) / 503.236.7826

Forward program ideas to Al Baker, 503.645.9079 or [albaker33@comcast.net](mailto:albaker33@comcast.net).

## NOTABLE NON-CHAPTER EVENTS:

April-Sept *Logging Train Rides*, weekends, Noon-4 pm, Point Defiance Park, Tacoma, Washington, [www.camp-6-museum.org](http://www.camp-6-museum.org)

May 29-September 26 *Chehalis-Centralia Railroad*, weekend 2-8-2 steam runs, [www.steamtrainride.com](http://www.steamtrainride.com)

May 31-October *Mt. Rainier Scenic Railroad*, Thursday = diesel, Friday-Saturday-Sunday = steam, [www.mrsr.com](http://www.mrsr.com)

June 5-6 & 12-13 *Day Out With Thomas*, West Coast Railway Museum, Squamish, British Columbia, [www.trainmuseum.org](http://www.trainmuseum.org)

June 11-13 *Dunsmuir Railroad Days*, Dunsmuir, California, [www.dunsmuir.com](http://www.dunsmuir.com)

June 19-20 Steam locomotive *Oregon* in operation, 4-mile roundtrip, Oregon Zoo, [www.oregonzoo.org](http://www.oregonzoo.org)

June 19, July 17, August 14, October 2 *Train to Trek*, Tacoma Freighthouse Square to Northwest Trek, [www.nwtrek.org](http://www.nwtrek.org)

June 22-26 *Endless Mountain Rails*, NRHS 2010 Convention, Scranton, Pennsylvania, [www.endlessmountainrails.com](http://www.endlessmountainrails.com)

July 4 *Fireworks Spectacular*, Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad, Tillamook, Oregon, [www.ocsr.net](http://www.ocsr.net)

July 9-11 & 16-18 *Day Out With Thomas*, Northwest Railway Museum, Snoqualmie, Washington, [www.wcra.org](http://www.wcra.org)

July 10 *Rails to Ales Brewfest*, Cascade Rail Foundation, South Cle Elum, Washington, [www.railstoalesbrewfest.com](http://www.railstoalesbrewfest.com)

July 13-17 *Northern Pacific Railway Historical Association Convention*, Spokane, Washington, [www.nprha.org](http://www.nprha.org)

July 14 *SP&S Railway Historical Society Convention*, Spokane, Washington, [www.spsr.org](http://www.spsr.org)

July 24-25 & July 31-August 1 *Great Oregon Steam-Up*, Antique Powerland Museum, [www.antiquepowerland.com](http://www.antiquepowerland.com)

July 28-31 *Union Pacific Historical Society convention*, Boise, Idaho, [www.uphs.org](http://www.uphs.org)

August 14 *Great Northern Day in Skykomish*, Skykomish Masonic Hall, begins 9:30 a.m., [mvmvm@comcast.net](mailto:mvmvm@comcast.net)

August 21-22 *70<sup>th</sup> Annual Snoqualmie Railroad Days*, Northwest Railway Museum, [www.trainmuseum.org](http://www.trainmuseum.org)

September 4-6 Steam locomotive *Oregon* in operation, 4-mile roundtrip, Oregon Zoo, [www.oregonzoo.org](http://www.oregonzoo.org)

September 8-24 *Portland Rose*, Pendleton Roundup Centennial Special, UP Steam, [www.uprr.com](http://www.uprr.com)

September 11-12 *Steamfest & Classic Car Show*, West Coast Railway Association, Squamish, British Columbia

September 30-October 2 *SP Historical & Technical Society Convention*, Sacramento, California, [www.sphts.org](http://www.sphts.org)

October 16-17 *Fall Foliage & Photographers Weekend*, Sumpter Valley Railroad, [www.svry.com](http://www.svry.com)

October 19-21 *Rail-Volution 2010*, Portland, Oregon, [www.railvolution.com](http://www.railvolution.com)

January 2011 Brooklyn Roundhouse, yard vacated

June 9-13, 2011 *White Pass Railfan Week*, White Pass & Yukon Railroad, Skagway, Alaska, [www.extra2200south.com](http://www.extra2200south.com)

June 20-26, 2011 *Cascade Rails 2011*, NRHS Convention, Tacoma, Washington

January 2012 Brooklyn Roundhouse, vacated and steam locomotives moved

## WILLIAM MILLS THOMASSON

*Rest In Peace*

November 13, 1915 – May 10, 2010  
PNWC-NRHS Member 1981 – 2010

A memorial service for Bill Thomasson was held May 15 at the University Park United Methodist Church in north Portland. Bill spent many years in Alaska and was the founder and primary sparkplug for the Alaska-Yukon Chapter of NRHS that was chartered April 1, 1967.

Bill was very proud of the newsletter that he started and published monthly until he retired to Portland. The newsletter title, *The Moose Gooser*, came from the action regularly required of trains in Alaska. The Chapter dissolved after Bill moved to Portland. Many of the railroad artifacts at the Museum of Alaska Transportation and Industry, now located in Wasilla, were originally organized by Bill and the other members of the Alaska-Yukon Chapter.

Bill was also noted for his support of the Antique Powerland Museum in Brooks and regularly participated in the annual Steam-Up grand parade with his 1912, three-wheeled, gasoline engine-powered Samson tractor, delighting spectators with his “wheelies”.

During WWII, Bill served in the Navy as a gunnery instructor.



Note: Bill provided special funding for printing an issue of *Trainmaster* in color. We hope that he approves.

### PNWC – NRHS MISSION

To preserve and interpret Pacific Northwest railroad history and historical artifacts for the education and enjoyment of current and future generations.

# PNW SHORT LINES

by Arlen L. Sheldrake

On April 17, the Coast Starlight Communities Network released an 18-page report titled “Improving America’s Premier Long-Distance Train” that is worth a read. The report is available from: [www.coaststarlight.net](http://www.coaststarlight.net). This is a coalition of various interests with the goal of protecting and improving rail service between Washington, Oregon and California.

Some interesting interurban history is available from the City of Edgewood, Washington in a 60-page report titled: “A Community History of Edgewood, The Interurban Railway 1902-1928”. The October 2005 report can be found at [www.cityofedgewood.org](http://www.cityofedgewood.org). Click on Community Information, then scroll down to Interurban Trail and click on Interurban Trail Historic Report. Edgewood is a few miles east of Tacoma.

Amtrak Systems Operations Transportation Notice 040-10-W: National Train Day – Portland, OR; Consist: Steam Loco DLMX 4449 (formerly SP 4449), Lounge PNWC 600 (formerly SP&S 600), Caboose RPCX 25198\* (formerly UP 25198). Schedule: Friday, May 7, Train 963(7) Depart Brooklyn Yard 3:00 PM, Arrive Portland 3:15 PM; Saturday, May 8, Train 964(8) Depart Portland 3:30 PM, Arrive Brooklyn Yard 3:45 PM. Notes: This is for a National Train Day equipment display in Portland on Saturday, May 8, 2010. On Friday, May 7, equipment will operate from Brooklyn Yard to the Amtrak Portland Station. Amtrak engineer pilot is required. Equipment will be on display in the PDX Station on Saturday, May 8. At the conclusion of the event, equipment will return to the Brooklyn Yard, an Amtrak engineer pilot is required for an estimated 3:30 PM departure from the Portland Station. From Donna Myers, Manager-Charter Operations, Amtrak. \*This caboose is owned by Chris McLarney, founder of PRPA. Added to the consist later was OPR SW1200RS #1202.

The Fife Free Press reports that the City of Fife is moving the cosmetically restored *Chehalis Western* #684, a C-415, from CEECO in Tacoma to Dacca Park in Fife, Washington. The City is planning a dedication for October 2 during the annual Harvest Festival.

The *Snohomish Times* reported May 6 that the *GNP Railway* states that they were too optimistic in their original excursion planning and they now are planning world-wide marketing and operations in 2011. Trainsets are expected sometime between May 2010 and June 2011. The *GNP Railway* website, [www.gnprail.com](http://www.gnprail.com), states that freight service between Woodinville and Snohomish began in January 2010. Tom Payne is the Chief Operating Officer for *GNP Railway*.

On April 16, KCBY reported that the *Port of Coos Bay* is nearing agreement with *Union Pacific* to acquire the line between the North Bend Rail Bridge and Coquille, thus giving the Port ownership of the full 111-mile Coos Bay line. The deal includes the Port relieving *Union Pacific* of any liability for the Coos Bay Railroad Bridge or any obligation to ever remove the bridge. Other sources report that the Port is hoping to have the line reopened from Eugene to North Spit by the end of winter 2011.

Congratulations to *Mount Rainier Scenic Railway* for receiving the Valerie Sivinski Award for Outstanding Rehabilitation from the Washington State Department of Archeology & Historic Preservation for their restoration of the *Rayonier* No. 2 Willamette steam locomotive. This award program is in its 20<sup>th</sup> year and recognizes persons, organizations, and projects that have achieved distinction in the field of historic preservation. This and other awards were presented May 4.

On April 30, *Central Oregon & Pacific* assembled a test train consisting of nine bulkhead flats of veneer and seven log cars powered by four recently acquired EMD GP20D locomotives that ran from the Roseburg Mill in Weed, California to Medford, Oregon. The test is intended to determine if the GP20D is more cost-effective than the GP40 on the run over the Siskiyou Line.

After a 6-month closure to encapsulate the lead paint and install security cameras, the Union Street Railroad Bridge in Salem reopened to pedestrian and bicycle traffic on May 16.

*Amtrak Cascades* ridership continues to grow from 2009 totals; January was up 26%, February 34%,

and March 11%. Much of the growth is attributed to the 2010 Olympic Games held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Installation of the new on-board Wi-Fi system will begin in June and will be completed on all *Cascades* trainsets by the end of October 2010.

Washington State DOT has completed the purchase of 29 additional grain cars for service on the State-owned Palouse Coulee City line. After a refit, the cars will go into service this Fall.

Kurt Laird has been appointed to the new position of general superintendent of the Pacific Northwest Division of *Amtrak*. Kurt joined *Amtrak* in 1977 and had been District Superintendent of the Pacific Northwest District since 2002. "This newly created position will strengthen our relationship with Washington and Oregon, states that have been ardent supporters of passenger rail where there are tremendous opportunities for growth," said President and CEO Joe Boardman. Note: Kurt was instrumental in helping to make Portland's 2010 National Train Day a reality.

## MEETING SNACK SIGN-UPS

All months are available. This is one area where the Chapter really needs your help. To volunteer, please contact Keith at 503.516.9272 or email to: keithfleschner@msn.com.

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Hundreds of railroad-related books and hundreds of railroad-related videos await your checkout as a member of the Pacific Northwest Chapter. Yes, this is one of the many benefits of your membership.

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Your PNWC Library is open each of the two Saturdays following the membership meetings from 1 to 4 p.m. It is also open each Monday morning from 10 a.m. to noon.

Come on down and browse our collection.

## PROGRESS IN ALBANY



Albany, Oregon on May 4 as viewed through a Parlour car window from the on-time Coast Starlight Train 14. The building is the old Railway Express Agency office, last used by UP as a tie-up and locker room for operating employees assuming duty at Albany for the two locals. The building is owned by the City of Albany and is being restored (rebuilt to modern code but will have its original look) and it will be used as the headquarters for the local public bus transit district (Albany Transit) when completed. (Photo by Arlen Sheldrake, text by Bob Melbo.)

# 2009 JACK HOLST AWARD

by Al Hall

After many years of dedicated service to our Chapter, Ron McCoy received the 2009 *Jack Holst Memorial Award*. The annual Holst Award recognizes an outstanding Pacific Northwest Chapter member. Considerations for nomination might be what an individual did in the past year that was far and beyond the call of duty, but more often it is recognition of what an individual has done for the Chapter over many years.

Ron joined our Chapter in 1998 soon after becoming *hooked* as he rode on one of our many excursions that year. He began attending the monthly meetings and sharing his knowledge of local railroads and railroad history. Next Ron filled the vacant position of Activities Chair and put together wonderful activities, one of which was an all-day bus and train ride to Mt. Rainier Scenic and Chehalis-Centralia railroads which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

Ron served two years as Chapter President. During his term, he initiated the Unsung Hero Award to recognize an individual's volunteer efforts that might otherwise have gone unnoticed by the general membership. Doing this helped motivate many members to volunteer for our 2005 *Go By Train* NRHS National Convention. Prior to the Convention, Ron formed a committee to update our website and led that effort. For the Convention, he organized and managed the Mount Rainier Scenic Excursion which was sold-out and generated substantial profit.

This man of many talents created the professional interpretive signs for our flanger and Jordan Spreader located at Antique Powerland, redesigned our observation platform for outreach at Union Station, and helped design a drumhead for the Holiday Express train. Somehow Ron still found time to organize our participation in the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Washington Park Zoo Railroad, the 50th Anniversary of the Zoo's steam locomotive, organize our annual picnics and a number of other Chapter activities. Ron currently serves on the Chapter's Board, website committee, excursion committee and new home committee.

Congratulations Ron McCoy and well deserved!

## Jack Holst Memorial Award winners:

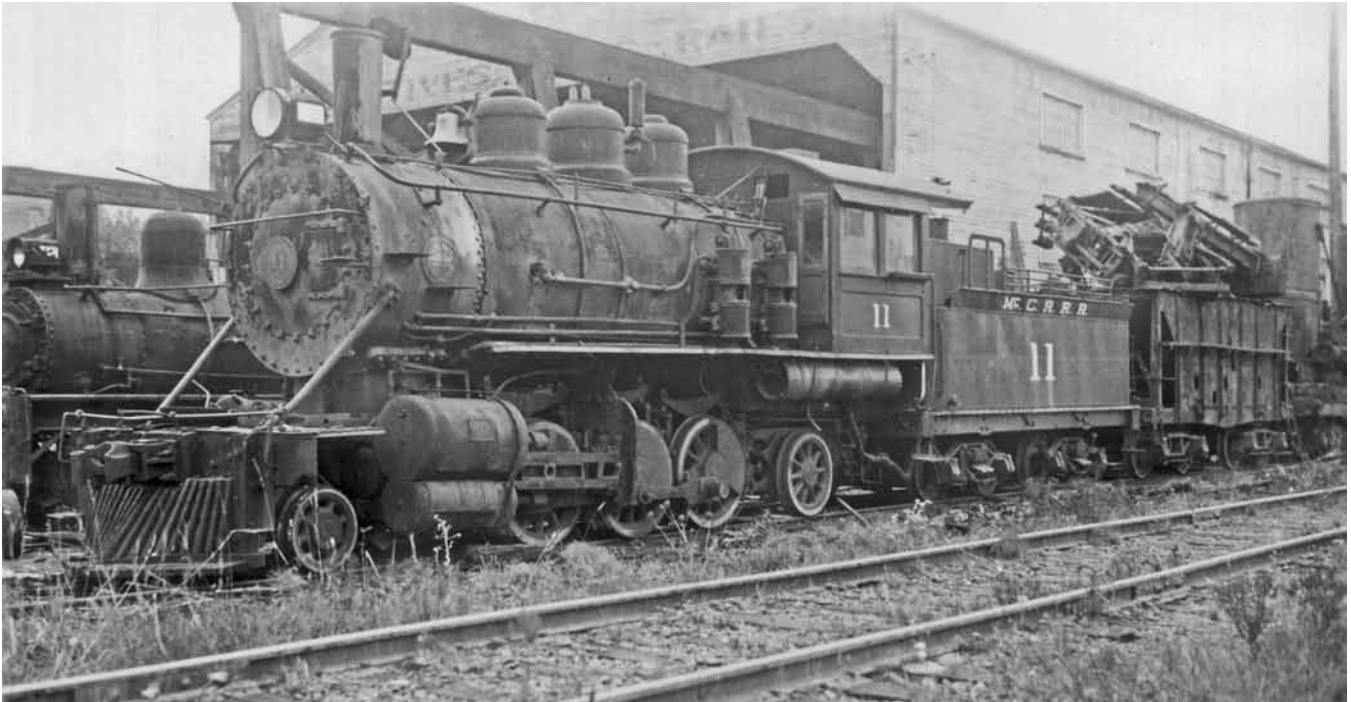
1981 Charles W. Storz, Jr.  
1982 Irving G. Ewen  
1983 Edward E. Immel  
1984 Walter R. Grande  
1985 John D. Holloway  
1986 Mary Lou Weaver  
1987 Bob Slover  
1988 Marilyn L. Edgar  
1989 Peter M. Rodabaugh  
1990 Bob Hoffman  
1991 Roger A. White  
1992 Bob Weaver  
1993 Gerald K. Webb. Sr.  
1994 *No award*



1995 James A. Loomis  
1996 Frank J. Weiler  
1997 Darel H. Mack  
1998 George N. Hickok  
1999 Gerald A. Schuler  
2000 Richard A. Carlson  
2001 Maxine Rodabaugh  
2002 Cora Jackson  
2003 George N. Hickok  
2004 Glenn E. Laubaugh  
2005 Arlen L. Sheldrake  
2006 Keith L. Fleschner  
2007 Allan B. "Al" Hall  
2008 Charles W. Stevens

**2009 Ronald J. McCoy**

## FROM THE PNWC ARCHIVES



Above: The 2-6-2 was a popular wheel arrangement among loggers and shortline railroads. The #11 of McCloud River Railroad was a 1904 Baldwin product carrying construction number 23875. The locomotive operated on McCloud until 1926, when it was sold to W.S. Zimmerman of Portland. It sat in Zimmerman's yard until 1939, when it was scrapped. It retained its Vauclean compound cylinders through its entire life.

Below: Recorded on film at Fort Bragg, California in 1946, California Western Railroad's #21 is a fine example of a shortline Prairie. The #21 rolled off the floor at Baldwin in 1920 as construction number 53277 and spent the next 30 years operating on Cal-Western's rails between Willits and Fort Bragg. The number boards and Vanderbilt tender give the locomotive a decidedly Southern Pacific appearance. *Photos, Jack Holst collection, PNWC-NRHS*



# NATIONAL TRAIN DAY - PORTLAND

by Arlen L. Sheldrake

Mix beautiful Pacific Northwest weather with historic Union Station, an operating steam locomotive (SP4449), clowns of all shapes and sizes, great door prizes, add an entry fee of free (yes free), then stir and end up with 4,000 to 5,000 (official estimate) attendees at a highly successful May 8 Amtrak National Train Day in Portland, Oregon.

This is the third year that Amtrak has sponsored National Train Day (NTD) to celebrate railroading's past and future. Portland started slowly the first year with a volunteer effort, the second year was a resounding success, and this year the success was repeated. Based on this track record, Amtrak has determined that Portland will continue to be an Amtrak-supported NTD site for at least the next few years.

Initially the planning for NTD in Portland this year was a bit rocky but the event finally got a green signal in late April to make it happen. With this approval, Rose Blackson, the local Amtrak Market Manager and marketing whiz, went to work and the event came together.

The historic equipment display included: SP 4449, PNWC-NRHS Mount Hood sleeper lounge, Chris McClarney's restored UP CA-4 caboose 25198, Oregon Pacific Railroad's SW-1200RSu 1202, and two track speeders. Visitors were invited to view the SP4449 cab by a viewing platform built and delivered by Ed Bohm; this year Ed built a second set of stairs to ease traffic flow. Visitors also toured the caboose and Mount Hood using the caboose as the entry point and the freshly-rebuilt Mount Hood vestibule for exiting.

Other items on display outside included an Amtrak Cascades Talgo train set, a sparkling clean 4400-hp BNSF 7400 model ES44DC diesel-electric road freight locomotive built by GE May 2008 (serial number 59290), and a new North West Point Amtrak thruway bus. This new bus is being used for service between Union Station and Astoria. It has ample leg room, Wi-Fi, and 110-volt electrical outlets at every seat.

Performers included the Amtrak Cascades Rose Festival Character Clown Corps, Cha Cha and Gadget clowns, balloon tying, and face painting. Lots of clowning around for this family event!

The PNWC had two booths: inside, Al Hall managed the extensive concessions booth; and outside, Ron McCoy managed the public outreach booth. *The Trainmaster* Editor Steve Hauff developed a special 8-page *Trainmaster* describing local rail attractions that was distributed at both booths and will be distributed at other upcoming public events and to PNWC membership.

Other NTD booths included: Friends of SP4449, Oregon Rail Heritage Foundation, Oregon Operation Lifesaver, Pacific Railroad Preservation Association, AORTA, Northwest Rail Museum, Washington Park & Zoo Railway, Mt. Hood Railroad, ODOT – Rail Division, Talgo of America, Union Pacific Railroad, Travel Portland, Rose City Garden Railway and the Pioneer train restoration organization.

One of the very important Portland NTD attendees was Alan J. Orchison, Amtrak Senior Director for Field Marketing & Industry Alliances from Washington, D.C. Alan could be found almost the entire day at the Amtrak booth putting together Amtrak kiddy hats and talking to the attendees. PNWC National Director Ed Berntsen arranged for Alan to get a most appreciated cab ride in the 4449.

Two major factors caused Portland's NTD to finally get the green signal: the PNWC Board (April 8) and membership (April 16), approved funding the 3,000 gallons of fuel required to display the 4449 and AORTA (Association of Oregon Rail and Transit Advocates) Vice-President Donald Leap made some strategic national contacts. Also instrumental from AORTA were Jim Long, President, and Dan McFarling, Director (both are also PNWC members). Portland's NTD went from being officially DOA on April 13 to a full-blown event in less than one month's time, thanks to these two actions and a lot of scrambling. Amazing just doesn't fully describe this successful effort.

A lot of PNWC members contributed to this successful event. From the rolling stock crew working to get the Mount Hood vestibule operational to car cleaning, to developing the special *Trainmaster*, to stuffing the NTD inserts into the May *Trainmaster* to staffing many, many positions during the event. The list is extensive and the participants are appreciated.





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## MEANWHILE...AT OLYMPIA



The National Train Day celebration at Olympia, Washington was much smaller than that of Portland but no less enthusiastic. Visitors to the station greeted the Amtrak Cascades Talgo as well as the southbound Starlight. During the station stop for the Starlight, a band of pipers treated onlookers and passengers to the unique sounds of a herd (covey, mob, gaggle, agglomeration?) of bagpipes. Attendees also were able to enjoy several non-rail activities in the beautiful weather.

## UNION PACIFIC SUPPORTING BOY SCOUTING



Celebrating a century of Boy Scouting, Union Pacific locomotive #2010 was one of a three-some seen in Portland hauling a stack train on May 15.  
*Arlen Sheldrake Photos*

# SUMPTER VALLEY FOLIAGE & PHOTOGRAPHERS WEEKEND

By Tom Smith

The folks who have devoted untold hours resurrecting the narrow gauge Sumpter Valley Railway (SVRy) over in eastern Oregon have started with little and accomplished a lot: relaying five-and-a-half miles of track, finding and restoring original SV rolling stock, building new depots at McEwen and Sumpter, and providing a quality tourist train ride.

For the past few years, the SVRy has been running a weekend photo special in the Fall after the regular tourist season has ended. It gives the volunteers an opportunity to run trains for fun without the pressures of keeping a schedule, as well as giving railfans an opportunity to photograph trains at run-bys tailored for photographers with the engines pointed the right way for the best sun angles. Unfortunately, I had never learned of the weekend until after it was over. This year, however, I learned about it ahead of time (it is usually the second weekend of



October), and loaded up a selection of favorite CDs and tapes to listen to during the long drive to Baker City for a night in a motel before driving over to Sumpter in the morning.

Events began at McEwen Station at the crack of dawn as the sun began to melt the frost that covered the rails and ties. Both the wood-burning Heisler #3 and ALCO Mikado 2-8-2 #19 were fired up, with No. 3 powering a chase train of open car, coach and caboose, while #19 headed up a freight train of vintage freight cars. The SVRy has acquired a number of freight cars from other narrow gauge railroads like the East Broad Top, Denver & Rio Grande Western, and White Pass & Yukon which has made it possible to put together a vintage freight train.

After #3 took on a load of firewood, passengers boarded former SVRy Coach #20 and we shoved back to Hawley Siding, where both engines performed several run-bys. We returned to McEwen for a pit stop, and then began a run to Sumpter with several more run-bys. These moves were made as shoves so that the engines were always facing



east for optimum lighting. Rails have now been extended into the Sumpter Depot re-recreation, so there was a bit of new mileage.

Following a lunch stop, the trains returned to McEwen where they turned on the wye so the locomotives would be facing west for afternoon lighting. Since many of the passengers left to get an early start home Sunday afternoon, just a handful of photographers remained for the afternoon sessions. We were all able to ride in the freight train's caboose, so #3 stayed behind. Number 19 took the freight train out for more run-bys in brilliant sunshine, crystal clear skies, and glorious Fall foliage. It just doesn't get much better than this!

The SVRy restoration is a volunteer effort depending on the support of folks who believe in the cause. Even if you have ridden the line before, the Fall foliage weekend should not be missed. The dates are found on their website, [www.svry.com](http://www.svry.com), and in their brochure. It is a long way over there, and it's not close to anything else, but it is well worth the effort if you like steam, narrow gauge, or both. You will find more photo opportunities in one day than you would in a month during the regular season.





The Sumpter Valley Railroad runs weekends and major holidays, Memorial Day through the end of September. The Railroad is pet friendly; well-behaved pets are allowed on the grounds and on the train with a leash or on a lap. The 2010 Fall Foliage & Photographers Weekend is October 16-17. More information: 866.894.2268 or [www.svry.com](http://www.svry.com). While in Sumpter, be sure to visit the Sumpter Valley Dredge State Heritage Area and the gold dredge in Sumpter.



# MAY MINUTES

## Pacific Northwest Chapter – National Railway Historical Society Membership Meeting – May 21, 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:32pm.

Membership meeting minutes from February, March & April 2010. Daryl Mack moved to approve February, March and April 2010 membership meeting minutes published in April 2010 Trainmaster. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Hall. Approved by all members present.

Treasurer's Report – The checking account balanced against the bank's checking account last month. We have a new account for the line of credit extended to the Tacoma Chapter which was approved by the membership last month and overseen by the executive committee. The National Train Day (NTD) budget item was set up with a not to exceed amount of \$4000. The Chapter spent \$3688.61. Amtrak sent a representative from Washington DC to the National Train Day event and they were very impressed with what they saw. Amtrak said this event was well worth the investment and they wish to continue this next year. Motion by Dave VanSickle to approved the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Vannice. Approved by all members present.

NTD – There were ads, posters and commercials advertising and promoting NTD. Thank you to everyone helping to put PNWC #600 a.k.a. Mt Hood back together and helping during the NTD event. Amtrak rented portable stanchions to help with traffic flow and this worked well. Thank you to Lila Stephens for setting up lunch for volunteers. Pete Rodabaugh found the missing piece for the Mt Hood's staircase in Room 1.

Jim Long – The Glacier Park Centennial Excursion, second trip for August 4-8, 2010 has only four seats left. Contact Jim if you are interested.

S2 Restoration update by Ron McCoy – The donation level to date has risen to \$18,288. We're getting closer to our goal of \$40,000. Your help is still needed for this tremendous endeavor to reach our goal.

Concessions update by Al Hall – We earned \$900 at NTD. Thanks to those that helped at NTD in the Concessions booth, Outreach booth and tour through the Mt Hood. The next Concessions event will be at Multnomah Falls June 26-27, 2010. Contact Al Hall if you wish to help. The Great Oregon Steam-up is July 24-25, 2010 and July 31-August 1, 2010 at Antique Powerland Museum in Brooks, OR. Contact Al if you wish to help with the Passport Program and concessions.

Jerry Tanquist is presenting the program tonight "Union Pacific in the Columbia Gorge".

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jean Hickok, Secretary.

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## NOTES FROM A MEETING

Keith Fleschner, President

I must admit I never planned to be a columnist. The time lag between when I write an article and when the issue is in the mail tends to trip me up. And I'll let your frazzled Editor tell you about how I am with deadlines. But this is an easy one to write as we've had a very good run lately.

We had another great banquet, thanks to Al and Judy (we all know who does the work) Hall, and Steve Hauff who provided an excellent program. And, thanks to all the attendees for making the work worthwhile. Ron McCoy was a very deserving recipient of the Jack Holst Award. Ron has done a HUGE amount of work for the Chapter and was a deserving choice for the Award. My thanks to Ron for all of the work he does.

National Train Day had a rough start in Portland and for a while it looked as if it might not make a stop in Portland this year. But at the last minute, it came together. Once again, we had great weather. I'd like to thank our friends at Amtrak Portland, AORTA, ORHF, and the Friends of the 4449 for all the work. Many, many Chapter members put in hours before, during, and after to make the event a success. Thanks to you all.

The rolling stock committee has been working on the Mount Hood (that's code for I take it apart and get others to fix it just before we need it). The vestibule area has seen years of water, steam (from the heat) and salt (used to keep the steps ice free in the winter). This has lead to some significant rust problems. We recently made significant progress replacing a key section of steel that supported the steps and the outer corner. Thanks to Pete Rodabaugh, George Hickok, Randy Rock, and Mark Reynolds for their work on the project. Also, thanks to Doyle for providing advice and loaning tools, most of which I've returned. I'll work on an article or a program covering this repair in more detail - it needs pictures.

# S2 #36 Restoration Fund

**DONORS** **GOAL \$40,000**  
**Golden Spike level: \$1000 and up**

John & Lois Sheldrake♥, Rita & Arlen Sheldrake,  
 Jim & Valinda Hokinson, Gordon Zimmerman,  
 Tom Steeves, George & Jean Hickok, Anonymous,  
 Autzen Foundation, Jim Hockinson

**Rail level: \$500 to \$999**

Darel & Diana Mack, Al & Judy Hall,  
 Steve & Mimi Cogswell,  
 Mark & Carolyn Reynolds

**Cross-Tie level: \$100 to \$499**

Roberta Ballard\*, Al Baker, Todd Landwehr,  
 Chuck McGaffey, Friends of SP 4449\*,  
 Kent Hutchens, Bill & Teresa Hyde  
 Misc. Public Donations

**Tie Plate level: \$50 to \$99**

Phil Barney, Robert Wenzel, Thomas Barrett, Mark Whitson  
 Ron McCoy & Christopher Bowers, Doug & Tammy Auburg

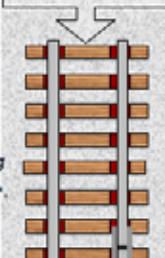
**Steel spike: \$1 to \$49** Ted Ahlberg♥, Thomas Vandegrift\*

Jim Long, Gerald & Olive Schuler, Monica Windley\*

(♥= In Memoriam \* = non-member)

**\$18,288  
 raised!**

as of 5-20-2010



If you'd like to help restore the Chapter's S-2,  
 make a donation to the restoration fund.

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