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Portland's Union Station, which opened on February 14, 1896 (120 years ago!), has been host to many Meetings, Events and Archives of the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society over the last 60 + years. Railfairs, National Train Days and Other Rail Special Events have also been held at the Station. In 2002, the Chapter adopted the Union Station Clock tower as its official logo. Union Station is one of the oldest continuously-operated railroad stations in the U.S.

Photo by T. Trent Stetz

60 YEARS AGO... ABOUT 1955

1955 - Chapter chartered on March 16th, the first NRHS Chapter west of the Rocky Mountains.

1956 - First issue of The Trainmaster newsletter published March 31st.

1959 - Members help build the Portland (now Oregon) Zoo Railway steam locomotive Oregon designed by Chapter member George Burton to help celebrate Oregon's Centennial. First Portland Zoo Railway trip June 9th.



Chapter Charter

Trainmaster May 1959 Excerpt...

John Labbe reports that permission has been received to lay another 1200 feet of track at the Oaks and they are looking for rail and ties. If anyone knows where some can be had, let John know.....John also reports that one of the last Willamette shays was slated to be scrapped this month by the Medford Corp. at Medford. They have been trying to get it for the museum at the Oaks, but whether they will succeed is not yet known

The First Issue

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CHAPTER NOTES

Harry Bedwell, one of our charter members, passed away on October 4, 1955. Mourned by his widow Lorraine and members of this chapter, he will be missed by millions of readers. Harry Bedwell ranked second to none as a railroad fictioneer. Railroad Magazine, Saturday Evening Post, and other periodicals published his many stories, most of which have become classics. As a small tribute to a great author Railroad Magazine reprinted one of them, "Sun and Silence" in the April issue. His close friend, Bill Knapke, found in his desk an unpublished manuscript, "The Sound of an Avalanche", and sold it to The Saturday Evening Post for a price that ran well into four figures. The next issue of Railroad Magazine will carry another famous Bedwell yarn from long ago, "On the Night Wire".

Honorable Richard L. Neuberger, United States Senator from Oregon, whose by-line is railroads, is a charter member.

Damon Trout, widely known for his interest in railroadiana, has applied for membership. Damon has his own transportation museum at Cedar Mill, which includes a cable car formerly operated in San Francisco.

PASSING PARADE

March was quite a month for Portland. First was the arrival of Lucius Beebe and Charles Clegg in their ornate private railroad car. Finishing a tour of the United States, they're on the way back to home in Virginia City, Nevada. Author Stewart Holbrook, their host here, is a charter member of this chapter. Messrs. Beebe and Clegg say that the private car is the only one in the country owned by those who ride in it.

Next the futuristic aerotrains rolled into Portland over the Union Pacific. The present locomotive, designed for flat country, needed a helper over the Blue Mountains of eastern Oregon.

A few days later part of San Francisco's local color - a cable car passed through Portland to be transplanted in Forest Grove. It will be added to W. W. McCredy's "car barn".

AMERICAN RAILROAD SHRINE

One of the most stirring events in the romance of railroads will take place within a few days when the most celebrated of all lowwheelers, "Old 382", will come down from the Cumberland mountains over the "Dixie Route" to its lasting resting place at the American Railroad Shrine in Jackson, Tennessee. "Old 382" carried Casey Jones to his death the morning of April 30, 1900, at Vaughan, Mississippi. The shrine, to be dedicated on April 30, will enthrone "Old 382" and also Casey's old home.

Trainmaster Editors
Mar. 1956 to Sep. 1958 - C. J. Keenan
Oct. 1958 to Nov. 1962 - Walt Grande

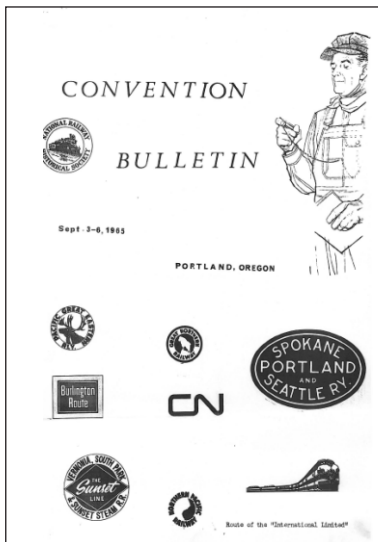
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50 YEARS AGO... ABOUT 1965



THE TRAINMASTER

- 1965 Hosts the first west coast NRHS annual convention that included a field trip to Oaks Pioneer Park to view Portland Park Bureau's transportation exhibit (UP 3203, SP 4449 & SP&S 700) & a rail fan trip to Seaside.
- 1966 First public excursion, Portland to Goldendale, 253 miles, \$6.95 adult, \$3.95 child.
- 1968 Chapter Offices established in Portland's Union Station in Room 1.

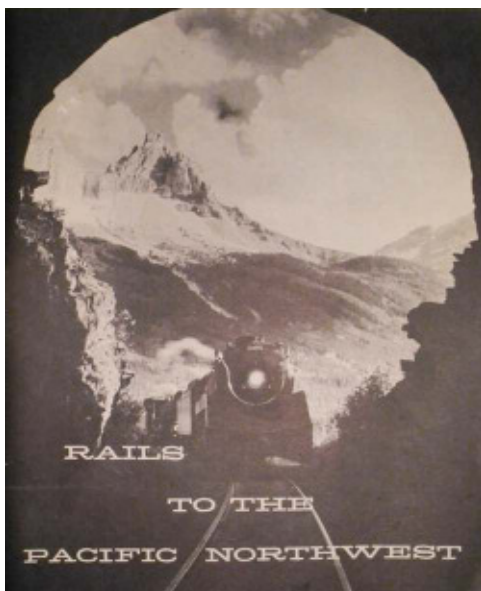


1965 Convention Bulletin

Trainmaster June 1965 Excerpt...

1965 NRHS CONVENTION PRICE SCHEDULE

- TRIP # 1 to Shady Dell Model live STEAM LAYOUT ..\$2.00
- TRIP # 2 to Oaks Park transportation exhibit and Peninsula terminal Railway\$1.75
- TRIP # 3 lunch "River Queen", Str. Portland, P.Z. Rly Steam & barbecued Salmon...\$11.50
- TRIP # 4 Glenwood Trolley Park and charter trip on V.S.P.&S. Steam R.R. Lunch included...\$10.00
- TRIP # 5 Rail excursion to Seaside incl. hot buffet lunch at the Seaside Hotel.....\$11.00
- TRIP # 6 Rail excursion on L.P. & N. Rly. to Chelatchie Prairie, incl. lunch.....\$12.00
- CONVENTION BANQUET Saturday night, Grand Ballroom of The Sheraton Hotel....\$5.00



Companion Publication for the 1965 Convention

Trainmaster November 1965 Excerpt...

NORTHERN PACIFIC TERMINAL COMPANY CHANGES NAME

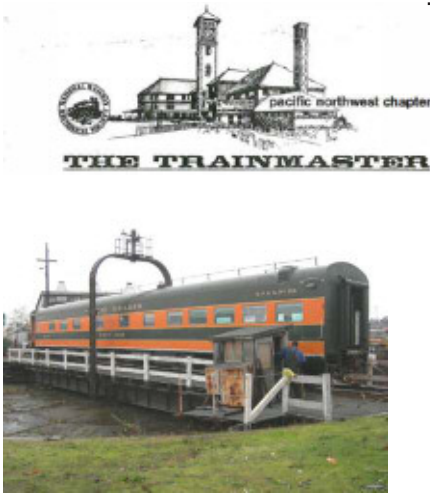
Effective November 1, 1965 the name Northern Pacific Terminal Co. was changed to Portland Terminal Railroad Company. General manager, and PNW member Jack Jones, advised Al Haij that this will avoid confusion with the Northern Pacific Railway. Portland Terminal RR is owned by three carriers, NP, SP, UP.

Interestingly enough Portland, Oregon's namesake city Portland, Maine has a Portland Terminal Co. Which also serves three carriers, B&M, Main Central and Grand Truck (CN)

Trainmaster Editors

- Jan. 1963 to Nov. 1963 - Alfred Haij
- Jan. 1964 to Jun. 1964 - Nelson Hickok
- Oct. 1964 to Nov. 1966 - Ed Immel
- Jan. 1967 to Jun. 1969 - Alexander B. Ceres
- Sep. 1969 to Nov. 1972 - Ed Immel

40 YEARS AGO... ABOUT 1975



Mt Hood No. 600 on the Brooklyn Yard Turntable (Photo by Arlen Sheldrake 2010)

1972 – BN celebrates donation of SP&S Mt. Hood No. 600 & No. 76 baggage/dorm cars, at June 16th Union Station ceremony.

1973 – *Peggy*, former Stimson Lumber Shay locomotive, June 2nd ceremony celebrating permanent display at Western Forestry Center (WFC).

1973 – UP 1887 Albina smokestack designated Portland historical landmark as referred by Landmarks Comm. & Chapter

1974 – Thousands of hours of volunteer labor restoring the ex-SP4449 for the American Freedom Train.

1975 – Baggage-dormitory car No. 76 leased to American Freedom Train Foundation & will be the 4449 crew car.

1975 – Portland's SP4449 restored to operation and with PNWC No. 76 baggage-dormitory car goes to Chicago to join the American Freedom Train.

Trainmaster March 1975 Excerpt....

4449 RESTORATION PROGRESS REPORT

Restoration of the S. P. 4449 is proceeding on schedule according to Project Coordinator Ed Immel. The initial hydrostatic test has been made with pressure run up to 375 PSI with only a few minor leaks detected. The siderods have been replaced. Three new seats have been donated for the cab. The air brake system has been completely overhauled. Upon inspection the bearing brasses in the tender trucks were found to be in new condition. Repairs to the tender trucks have been completed. The bell has been polished and the air horn on the front cleaned and polished to show its material - brass. The tender will be converted to permit filling of both oil and water from ground level.

The paint scheme to be used on the 4449 has been the subject of much speculation. The orange, red and black colors used by the S. P. were judged to be inappropriate because the locomotive will be representing all of America's railroads. Instead the locomotive will be in basic black with the skirting having a red stripe on top, separated by a three inch white stripe and the bottom part of the skirting being blue. What was once red on the boiler jacketing will be white. The colors will continue back across the cab and then drop to hard the end of the lead truck on the tender to blend into the Freedom Train colors on the cars.

Test runs of the 4449 are now estimated to begin early in April.



The SP4449 in Freedom Train Colors with the Chapter's Baggage Car No. 76
Photo from The PNWC Archives, Collection of Sy Aufseher

Trainmaster Editors

Dec. 1972 to Nov. 1977 - Irving G. Ewen
Jan. 1978 to Feb. 1978 - Charles W. Storz
Mar. 1978 to Nov. 1979 - Bryan Leeder
Jan. 1980 to Nov. 1980 - Charles W. Storz
Jan. 1981 to Nov. 1983 - Ed Immel

30 YEARS AGO... ABOUT 1985



Trainmaster Oct. 1985 Excerpt...

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE by Rich Carlson

The biggest weekend at Portland Union Station in many years is now history. We can feel good about all the chapter accomplished, for the successful neon sign project, train shed painting and public viewing of the private railroad cars were all made possible by the hundreds of hours freely given by chapter members. The 'honor roll' that was part of the neon sign dedication program lists those who made it happen; my personal thanks to each one of you.



NRHS-TriMet Special Envelope for first day of MAX Operation



Illuminated Clock Tower of Portland Union Station

- 1981 – SPMW 328 Flanger (wood body) donated by Southern Pacific Transportation Company.
- Z
- 1983 – Organized the 75th anniversary of the SP&S Golden Spike; special train, ceremony & sign at Sheridan's Point.
- 1984 - Chapter joins with Oregon Assn. of Railway Passengers to restore the neon UNION STATION / GO BY TRAIN signs on Union Station clock tower. Signs originally installed 1948, turned off 1971.
- 1985- See the Neon Be On! Union Station clock tower September 20th neon sign restoration dedication.
- 1985 - Special SP train to Toledo with 3300 containing Walt Grande picture display celebrating 100th anniversary of the first passenger train arrival.
- 1985 - American Association of Private Railroad Car Owners hosted at Union Station, passenger sheds restored.
- 1985 - Chapter supports proposal to City of Portland from Pacific Railroad Preservation Association (PRPA) to be designated the official custodian of the SP&S 700 and UP 3203 (OR&N 197).
- 1986 - First Day of Light Rail Operation, 9/5, celebrated with NRHS-TriMet special envelope and USPS cancellation.

Portland "Union Station-Go By Train" Signs Union Station Clock Tower

Buy a lapel pin to support restoration of the famous signs on the historic clock tower. All proceeds will go to restore and maintain the neon.

Pins are \$5.00 Available at Portland stores.

To order by mail, please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: "NEON"; c/o CHAIR P.O. Box 2772, Portland, OR 97208.

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SEE THE NEON BE ON!

Advertising Poster for the Clock Tower Neon Light Restoration

Trainmaster Editors

Jan. 1984 to Jan. 1987 - Alan Viewig
 Feb. 1987 to Jan. 1988 - Bryan Leeder
 Feb. 1988 - Vacant
 Mar. 1988 - Doug Auburg
 Apr. 1988 - Jack Pfeifer
 May 1988 to Dec. 1990 - Russ Schoof

20 YEARS AGO... ABOUT 1995



1993 - RELCO donates two Portland Terminal Company ALCO S-2 (No. 36 & No. 39) locomotives.

1996 - 100th anniversary of the February 14, 1896 opening of Union Station celebrated, NRHS Historic Plaque Commission plaque placed indicating placement on the National Register of Historic Places by U.S. Department of Interior; "one of the oldest continuously-operated railroad stations in the US".

1998 - ex-NP speeder goes on loan to Canby Historical Society for cosmetic restoration and display.



NRHS Historic Plaque installed at Portland Union Station



Portland Terminal No. 36 in 2009



Speeder at Canby Historical Society



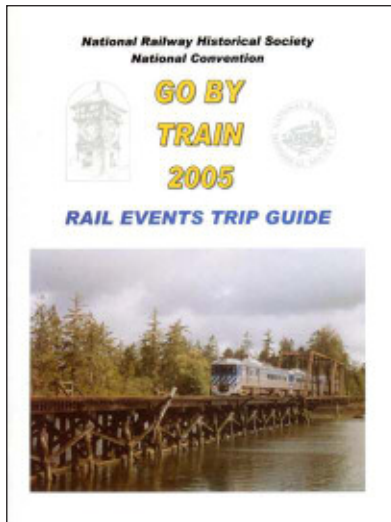
The Scene is Railfair '96 as depicted by Northwest artist J. Craig Thorpe. The event was held May 10-12, 1996 in celebration of the centennial of Portland Union Station which formally opened on February 14th, 1869. The depot is one of the nation's oldest and has continuously served the public since that time.

The artist's composition of the oil painting, displayed within Portland Union Station, includes not only the building with its famous tower, but also 3 locomotives and a passenger car which represent all past and present rail carriers serving the facility. From left to right they are: SP&S 4-8-4 No.700, U.P. Flat End Observation Car, Amtrak AMD 103 Genesis class diesel No. 803 and SP 4-8-4 No. 4449.

Trainmaster Editors

Jan. 1991 to Sep. 1992 - Michael J. Callanan
Oct. 1992 to Jun. 1994 - Kristopher Lundt
Jul. 1994 to Sep. 1994 - James Loomis
Oct. 1994 - Vacant
Nov. 1994 to Mar. 1995 - Stan Woolard
Apr. 1995 to May 1998 - James Loomis

10 YEARS AGO... ABOUT 2005



2005 Convention Program Guide

2001 - Joined Oregon Steam Heritage Foundation (now Oregon Rail Heritage Foundation) to site a permanent home for a museum & Portland's locomotives.

2002 - Chapter adopts Union Station clock tower as official logo.

2003 - Lewis & Clark Explorer RDC (rail diesel car) trip to Astoria with 67 members & guests.

2004 - Jordan Spreader delivered to MOW (Maintenance of Way) exhibit at Antique Powerland Museum on February 14th.

2005 - Hosted the Go By Train 2005 NRHS Convention, July 5-9th, highlight: SP&S 700 & SP 4449 Wishram excursion.

2005 - Flanger SPMW No. 328 delivered to MOW exhibit at Antique Powerland Museum on November 10th.

2005 - 1st Annual ORHF Holiday Express thrills 5,000+ with Chapter providing Mount Hood, 6200, 6800 & Car Hosts.

2006 - Chapter Mission Statement adopted.



Lewis And Clark Explorer in Astoria in 2005



SP&S 700 and SP 4449 Pull the "Western Star" 2005 Convention Train to Wishram



Flanger and Jordan Spreader at Antique Powerland in 2007

Trainmaster Editors

Jun. 1998 to Mar. 2008 - Glenn Laubaugh
Apr. 2008 to Jul. 2012 - Steve Hauff
Aug. 2012 to Present - T. Trent Stetz

TODAY IN 2016

Today the Pacific Northwest Chapter has over 275 members, contributing countless volunteer hours toward Archive and Library activities, Producing the monthly *Trainmaster*, Concessions at regional rail related events, Maintaining and Improving our fleet of rolling stock (some of which is used during the annual *Holiday Express*), Cosmetically restoring the Portland Terminal S2 locomotive, Participating at events at Antique Powerland, and Providing numerous skills to the growing Oregon Rail Heritage Center. I am proud to be part of the long tradition of historical preservation and educating the public on the Pacific Northwest Rail tradition. I thoroughly enjoy working with all of you!



The Oregon Rail Heritage Center in 2015 at the opening of the MAX Orange Line

Your Editor - T. Trent Stetz



PNW RAIL NEWS

by Arlen L. Sheldrake



Work is well underway preparing for the 40th anniversary staff reunion of the **American Freedom Train** that will be held in Portland in September. Led by Laurie McCormack, with Rachel Immel and I assisting, and with a lot of help from others, are planning the three-day gathering.



Global Partners, operator of the Clatskanie oil terminal, is laying off 28 of its 47 employees and converting the oil storage tanks to ethanol. Oil trains began running to this facility in 2012 where it was off loaded to barges for shipment to refineries in Washington State. This conversion is planned to be completed sometime this summer. Dropping oil prices (\$100 to \$30 per barrel) have eliminated the economy of unit oil trains on the Astoria line headed to this facility. **The Oregonian 1/29/2016.**



The Friends of SP4449 group in January elected Pat Tracy as their new president. Mark Kramer, President 2010-2015, is retired from the position. Pat, as many know, is recently retired from the USAF and is a long-time 4449 volunteer and for the last few years has been the locomotive's primary fireman.



Sound Transit has selected Shimmick Construction to design and build a \$13.2 million expansion of the agency's Sounder layover facilities in Lakewood. The improvements, which include adding a third track to the existing yard, will enable Sound Transit to store more Sounder train cars for its popular Lakewood-to-Seattle service as the agency prepares to add three round-trip trains to meet demand. When complete in 2017, the expanded layover facility will have the capacity to store up to seven eight-car train sets. Six seven-car train sets are stored there today. The third track will be finished by December to accommodate storage for new passenger cars being delivered in 2016 and 2017. **Sound Transit Press Release 1/28/2016.**



Alaska Railroad is celebrating the National Park Service's centennial with a new, eight-day tour this summer of four of Alaska's most spectacular parks. Alaska's National Parks by Rail trains will visit Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve, Denali National Park and Preserve, Lake Clark National Park and Preserve and Kenai Fjords National Park. The tour involves travel along the entire length of the railroad's main line. **Travel Weekly 1/27/2016.**



The February issue of *Railfan & Railroad* magazine has a nice article on pages 60-61 describing the restoration of the other PA in Frisco, Texas; there are only two in the USA. **"The 59 is Looking Fine: Restoring an Alco PA"** describes the progress made to date and the plans for restoring the rare locomotive to operation. Doyle McCormack is serving as an advisor to the project and visited it in January. The Museum of the American Railroad, formerly located in Dallas, plans to put the 59 into Santa Fe livery and make it operational. The other PA brought out of Mexico is the NKP 190 PA owned by Doyle that is now getting some attention following the successful three-year effort to get the SP4449 through its 15-year FRA mandated inspection. The 190 is one of the major attractions at the Oregon Rail Heritage Center.



It was a pleasure working with the lighting artists and organizers for the first annual **Portland Winter Light Festival**. On February 2 & 3, Matthew Rosvold, ADAPT Lighting, and his crew of volunteers installed lights both inside and outside the Oregon Rail Heritage Center for the February 3-6



evening show. It will be interesting to see if this show becomes an annual Portland event as the planners hope. The total ORHC gate count for this 4-day evening event was 1,613 attendees; the vast majority were first time ORHC visitors. More information: pdxwlf.com

During our Portland winter snow/ice storm our friend Mark Moore suffered an ice fall and fractured both of his wrists. Mark, as many of you know, is the author of the excellent history web site: www.pdxhistory.com. He is also the President of the Webfooters Post Card Club and publishes their newsletter (www.thewebfooters.com). Mark is also a regular contributor to the *Trainmaster* with his vast collection of information and access to many historic postcards and is one of my favorite “go to” guys when in need of a graphic or piece of history. On February 3rd Mark, somewhat painfully, sent me an email message “7 days until the casts come off!” Best wishes Mark for a full recovery!



During the 2013 Legislative Session the Oregon Legislature passed House Bill 2918 which directed the Oregon Department of Transportation to “oversee operations and marketing of daily passenger rail service in the corridor.”



For this reason the state is actively marketing the **Amtrak Cascades** in order to increase ridership and reduce the subsidy that ODOT pays. Monthly and ten-ride passes are also available for travel within Oregon. Monthly passes are good for unlimited travel within a calendar month. The ten-ride passes are valid for ten rides within a 45-day period. These tickets can be purchased online at www.Amtrak.com or at the station. On the rack at the Oregon Rail Heritage Center are coupons for the current Companion Fare promotion, which is a Buy One, Get One Free coupon valid for travel between Jan. 4, 2016 and April 15, 2016. Kathy Holmes, Passenger Rail Program Coordinator, ODOT. **ODOT package 2/2/2016.**

The proposed FY 2017 Budget released February 9th by President Barack Obama includes the first \$125 million installment of a potential \$1.1 billion federal grant for the Sound Transit Lynnwood Link light rail extension. The Federal Transit Administration also approved moving forward with the final engineering work on the extension and gave the project its second-highest possible rating under its competitive grant process. Sound Transit is seeking up to a \$1.1 billion grant through the FTA New Starts program. **Sound Transit 2/9/2016 press release.**



Did you know? During the negotiations before filming the 1986 movie **Tough Guys**, the film company wanted to crash the actual SP4449 into Mexico. City attorney David Jorling said no, if you want the 4449, it needs to be returned in the as leased condition. Thus, a replica was built and crashed into Mexico. **Related by retired City of Portland attorney David Jorling 1/2016.**

New TriMet chief operating officer Doug Kelsey is promising to improve the MAX on-time performance. One of every five trips is delayed, averaging 75% on time performance. The goal is improve on time performance to 90%. TriMet's MAX operated 22.5 hours a day with a fleet of 145 vehicles. Some physical improvements include more than \$11 million initially to replace track and switches at the Rose Quarter and along First Avenue in downtown Portland. Another focus will be on the Steel Bridge, the 104-year-old span that carries four MAX lines over the Willamette. That, along with the adjoining Rose Quarter area, is the site of frequent switch and signal problems. TriMet is designing an upgrade to the tracks, signals and switches on the bridge, and construction is scheduled to begin in 2017. Given the complexity of the system on the bridge, TriMet has hired outside expertise to help improve the reliability and maximize capacity. **How We Roll 1/19/2016.**



On February 8th the Yaquina Pacific Railroad Historical Society and Georgia-Pacific announced the February 20th public dedication ceremony of the donation of the 1951 45-ton locomotive by GP to the Yaquina group. The value of this donation was estimated at \$40,000 [Dick Samuels helped with this estimate.] The ceremony was held at the Museum in downtown Toledo, Oregon. **Press release forwarded by Martin E. Hansen 2/8/2016.**



Union Pacific Railroad will begin spraying herbicides along its train tracks in Eugene next week as part of the company's 2016 vegetation control spray program. Beginning Monday, the railroad company will spray Accord XRP, Activator 90, Oust XP and Perspective along a 12-foot-wide strip as measured from the center of the tracks. As part of its agreement with the city, Union Pacific notified the city of its intent to spray within the city limits, but the city has no control on the method of weed control or when the spraying occurs. **The Register-Guard 2/12/2016.**



The Government of Canada, the B.C. government and TransLink are celebrating the start of construction for upgrades to the Joyce-Collingwood SkyTrain Station to improve accessibility, capacity, safety and security. The \$26-million Joyce-Collingwood Station upgrade is being funded by the Government of Canada, the B.C. government, and TransLink. Construction began earlier this month, and the upgrades are expected to be complete by fall 2017. This is the fourth busiest Expo Line Station outside downtown Vancouver. **TransLink press release.**



February Membership Meeting Minutes

Pacific Northwest Chapter - National Railway Historical Society

Held on February 19, 2016

The February membership meeting was called to order at 7:33pm by President Keith Fleschner.

The January minutes were called. Bryan Ackler made a motion to approve the minutes and Lila Stephens seconded. The membership voted to approve the minutes.

George Hickok made the monthly Treasurers report and said that all accounts balanced. Bryan Ackler made a motion to accept the report and Lila Stephens seconded. The membership voted to accept the report. Mr. Hickok then announced that the Board of Directors has approved the idea of re-authorizing the budget item from 2015 to 2016 of two thousand dollars for improvements to the Randy Rock communications building at Antique Powerland, because the monies were not used in 2015. Doug Auburg made a motion to re-authorize the budget item and Ron McCoy seconded. The membership voted to approve the motion. Mr. Hickok then reported that the Board of Directors has approved the idea of presenting to the membership the budget request for one thousand dollars to go toward the funding of the American Freedom Train 40th anniversary exhibit at the Oregon Rail Heritage Center. Doug Auburg made a motion to fund a thousand dollars toward the American Freedom Train exhibit and Lila Stephens seconded. The membership voted to approve the motion. Mr. Hickok then reported that the chapter has received many donations from members along with the membership renewals and that renewals are about seventy five percent complete.

Keith Fleschner and George Hickok advised the membership that the move of the Davenport switch engine to ORHC will take place but will take some work. The engine will need many repairs if ORHF decides to make it operational.

Al Baker reported that the Portland Light Festival in the area of ORHC was a success with about 100 visitors on Wednesday night, 275 on Thursday night, 300 on Friday night and 1400 on Saturday. Mr. Baker then advised the membership that the NRHS has a Directors and Advisory Council conference three times a year. The fall conference will be on October 14 thru 16, 2016 in Portland. About fifty to seventy five out-of-town NRHS members are expected to attend.

Ken Vannice reminded the membership that the library at Union Station will be open tomorrow.

Ron McCoy made the presentation of the February Unsung Hero award to Valerie Davidson. She was not in attendance and the certificate will be mailed to her. Mr. McCoy then said he has a sign-up sheet for people to order a chapter name badge. Mr. McCoy also requested nominees for the Unsung Hero award.

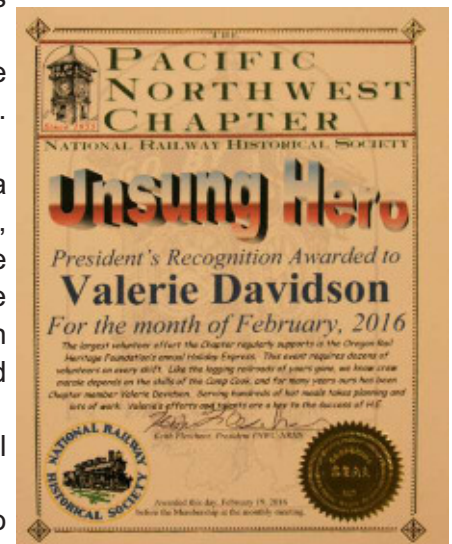
David Cautley reminded the membership about the coastal train ride out of Garibaldi on March 20th on the Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad [See the Flyer in last month's *Trainmaster*].

Doug Auburg reported that the Winterail show will be on March 19, 2016 in Corvallis. It is a photograph showplace and swap meet. Dave Larsen advised we will have a concessions booth there.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Snack time was again provided by Jean Hickok. Thank you Jean. Special cupcakes were provided the honor the birthdays of Al Baker and Bryan Ackler.

The program of the evening was a photo presentation by Dick Raub covering Japan's railroads and the JR Railway Museum in Saitama, Saitama, Japan.



Valerie Davidson in the Holiday Express Kitchen

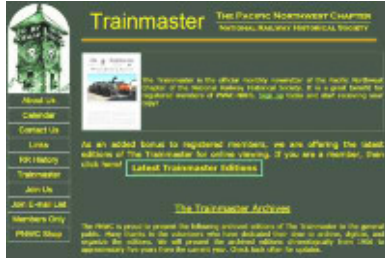


Dick Raub Provided the Program

Respectfully submitted by Jim Hokinson, Secretary.

Photos by Jim Hokinson and T. Trent Stetz

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Do have stories...

of your experiences and memories of the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the National Railway Society? Maybe from a favorite event? Maybe of a good friend? Please let you editor know! We are also looking for more stories for your Trainmaster. -- Trent

LENDING LIBRARY will be open
 Saturday, March 19th afternoon. It is
 open every Monday morning from 10:00
 AM to noon. A wealth of material is
 available for PNWC member check-out.

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAPTER TIMETABLE No. 644

Membership Meetings: St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 5415 SE Powell Blvd. 7:30 pm
Guests Most Welcome! Chapter Meetings held on the 3rd Friday of each month.

March 18: *A Visit to Gyermekvasut Railway (Children's Railway) and Hungarian Railway Museum*, a railfan's reason to visit Budapest; a slideshow by Arlen Sheldrake from a 2015 trip.

April 15: *Cascade Crossing*; This video takes place in Western Oregon covering primarily the 44 scenic miles from Oakridge to Cascade Summit. It was made around the turn of the century when the line was Southern Pacific, and shows all SP rolling stock. This video contains some really great railroad photography with some shots you are likely to recognize.

◀ **October 14-15:** *Fall 2016 NRHS Board of Directors & Advisory Council Conference*, Portland OR, Al Baker coordinator, University Place Hotel and Conference Center. ▶

Forward program ideas to Al Baker, 503.645.9079 or albaker33@comcast.net

Board of Director's Meetings: March 09, Wednesday, 9320 SW Barbur Blvd, Suite 200, 7:30pm
April 07, Thursday, 9320 SW Barbur Blvd, Suite 200, 7:30pm

(Open to all Chapter Members. Note address for Board meetings; Follow instructions posted on the door for entry.)

NOTABLE NON-CHAPTER EVENTS:

Every Saturday *Portland Train Rides*, OPR Saturday train runs from ORHC, www.portlandtrainrides.com
Mar. 5 *Milwaukee Meet*, 10am to 5pm, Pacific NW Railroad Archive, Burien WA, milwelectric.org
Mar. 19 *WINTERAIL 2016*, Corvallis High School, Corvallis OR, winterail.com
Mar. 20 *1st Annual Post Winterail Steam Excursion*, Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad, www.oregoncoastscenic.org
Mar. 26 *Hippity Hop Express*, Lebanon OR, Albany & Eastern RR, santiamexcursiontrains.com
Mar. 26 *Easter Train*, Alaska Railroad, Anchorage, www.alaskarailroad.com
Apr. 9 *PB&J Getaway*, Lebanon OR, Albany & Eastern RR, santiamexcursiontrains.com
May 8 *Mothers Day Brunch*, Lebanon OR, Albany & Eastern RR, santiamexcursiontrains.com
May 8 *Mother's Day Tea Train*, Alburni Pacific Railway, www.alburniheritage.com
May 21 *Joseph Branch RailRiders* season opens, Joseph or Minam OR, www.jbrailriders.com
May 28 *Chehalis-Centralia Railroad & Museum*, season run begins, www.steamtrainride.com
June 18 *Trains in the Garden Summer Tour* of outdoor G-Scale railroads in the Portland area, rcgrs.com
June 19 *Fathers Day*, Lebanon OR, Albany & Eastern RR, santiamexcursiontrains.com
July 4 *Cheadle Lake Fireworks*, Lebanon OR, Albany & Eastern RR, santiamexcursiontrains.com
July 16-17 *Clamshell Railroad Days*, Ilwaco WA, columbiapacificheritagemuseum.com
July 19-24 *NRHS 2016 Convention*, Denver, Colorado, www.nrhs.com
July 24-30 *Union Pacific Historical Society 2016 Convention*, Sacramento CA, www.uphs.org
July 30-31 *Great Oregon Steam-Up*, Brooks OR, antiquepowerland.com
July 31 – Aug. 7 *RailCamp Northwest*, NRHS, Tacoma WA, www.nrhs.com
Aug. 6-7 *Great Oregon Steam-Up*, Brooks OR, antiquepowerland.com
Aug. 6-7 *Nampa Depotfest*, Nampa ID, www.canyoncountyhistory.com
Sept. 8-10 *SP&S Railway Historical Society 2016 Convention*, the Burien/Tukwila WA area, www.spshs.org
Sept. 10 *GN Day*, GNRHS & Skykomish Historical Society, Skykomish WA, www.gnhs.org

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