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NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, July 19th in Room 208, Union Station, Portland, at 7:45 P.M. Arrangements have been made for a suitable program of movies. As a result of considerable discussion during our special meeting on June 19th, it was decided to hold our regular meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

SPECIAL MEETING OF JUNE 19TH

This special meeting was called in honor of the visit to Portland of Laurence R. Veysey, President of the Los Angeles Chapter of N.R.H.S. After some interesting remarks from our guest regarding how the Los Angeles Chapter got started, we were treated to a fine showing of his kodachrome slides on railroading in Southern California. After that Alfred Haij showed a number of 8mm movies of Portland trolley cars, and freight and passenger operations of the Portland Traction Company's interurban lines. Gary Zenk ran some of his tape of the famous SP&S 700 locomotive's whistle and exhaust taken on the recent "Farewell to Steam" Wishram trip. It was a most interesting meeting. A number of railroad enthusiasts were in attendance. Two of our members, Eugene Crothers and Frank Serecombe, drove 50 miles from Salem to attend. Five others expressed a desire to join our chapter, paid their 1956 dues, and received membership applications from Secretary Miln Gillespie. They are as follows:

George R. Burton, Service Manager, Sherman Clay & Co., Portland.
Alfred Haij, Public Relations Department, Southern Pacific Lines, Portland.
Bruce T. Huise, Retired Union Pacific Railroad locomotive engineer, Portland.
Kenneth McFarling, Assistant Civil Engineer, Southern Pacific Lines, Portland.
Samuel L. Merrell, United States Army Engineers, Portland.

"INSIDE GATEWAY TRIP"

The Central Coast Railroad Club is sponsoring a railfan trip over Labor Day weekend between San Francisco and Wishram, Washington, via Western Pacific to Bieber, Great Northern to Bend, and Oregon Trunk (SP&S) to Wishram. Jack Gibson wrote our organization offering to schedule their trip so as to leave Wishram on Sunday morning, September 2nd, after arrival of SP&S No. 6 from Portland, so that our members and other railfans in the Pacific Northwest could ride with them from Wishram to Bend or to Klamath Falls. A report on this trip will be made at the next meeting.

"TRAVELTOWN"

There is no time like the present to begin shaking Portland loose from its inertia and arrange for it to take its place among other Pacific coast cities in providing a "Traveltown" for motive power and coaches that have made history. And we couldn't do better than to celebrate its inauguration with a "Railroad Week".

THE GREAT LOCOMOTIVE CHASE

Many of our members recently attended the Liberty theatre as guests of Mr. William Hudson, Manager, to view The Great Locomotive Chase, an all live-action film, the most exciting tale ever told by Walt Disney on film. Ninety-four years ago the Andrews raid shook the nation when it became public knowledge that for a period of eight hours the outcome of the Civil War hung on the spinning drive wheels of two fast locomotives, the "General" and the "Texas". The picture portrays the greatest locomotive chase in all history.