



DISPOSAL OF PORTLAND TRACTION CO. INTERURBAN CARS - AN OBITUARY - By M. Gillespie

No passenger-carrying equipment now remains on the property of the Portland Traction Co. (Portland Railroad and Terminal Division) except former Portland City streetcar #4012, built to 3 ft. 6in. gauge in 1931. One of an original order of 15 cars (the newest streetcars Portland ever had). #4012 and sister car, #4013 (since scrapped), were converted to standard gauges for the interurban lines in 1950 after the demise of city streetcar service. The 4012 and the famous old broom sweeper, #1455, were donated by the PTCO to the City of Portland Transportation Museum. In addition, seven passenger interurbans and two work cars have been saved by fans and fan groups. Cars saved and their disposition is shown below in numerical order:

- 4001 - ex Indiana RR - moved on flatcar April 2d to Northern Calif. Electric Ry museum at Colusa, Calif.
- 4003 - ex Indiana RR - purchased by Mr. McCready of McCready Lbr Co. for display at Forest Grove,  
\* Oreg. Trucked to Forest Grove on Feb. 12.
- 4008 - YVT -Yakima - Purchased by Puget Sound Electric Railway Hist. Soc. for their museum at  
\* Issaquah, Wn. Moved by truck about Apr. 1.
- 4009 -ex YVT-Yakima - Purchased by Andy Hansen of Northwest Trolley Railfan group of Seattle.  
\* Moved March 9th by flat car.
- 4010 -ex YVT-Yakima - Purchased by Mr. McCready at Forest Grove. Trucked to Forest Grove on  
\* Feb. 11th.
- 4011 - ex Oakland street car owned by the Bay Area Electric Railroad Assn. Moved on flat car on April  
\* 2d to Northern California Electric Railway Museum at Colusa, Calif.
- 4022 - ex P.E. - Purchased by Mr. Weaver Clark of Hillsboro, Oreg. Moved on truck dollies  
\* March 19th to Hillsboro where Mr. Clark plans to lay a circular electrified track  
\* around the Washington county Fairgrounds and give people rides in the grand  
\* old tradition.
- 1058 - Line Car - Many years ago a passenger interurban on the Troutdale line of PRL&P Co.  
\* (predecessor of PTCO). Purchased by Puget Sound Electric Railway Historical  
\* Society for their museum at Issaquah, Washington. Moved Mar. 9th on flat car  
\* to Seattle.

Cars burned listed below: (Sold to Frank Davis of Portland Equipment Co. of Portland, Oregon by the  
\* PTCO.)

- 4004 - ex Indiana RR - burned about March 2d.
- 4015 - ex Pac Elec. - burned about March 2d.
- 4016 - ex Pac Elec. - burned on Feb. 28th (first car burned)
- 4017 - ex Pac Elec. )
- 4018 - ex Pac Elec. ) These three cars burned during March.
- 4019 - ex Pac Elec. )
- 4020 - ex Pac Elec. - Burned Saturday, Feb. 28th.
- 4021 - ex Pac Elec. - Burned on April 1, 1959. (Last car burned)

Passenger waiting shelters have all been burned, and only the overhead wires must be removed to make the Nation's very first interurban into a "freight-only" diesel powered line. However, three steeple cab electric locomotives still remain as evidence of former days. They are numbers 1413 (with pusher snow plow attached), 1408, and 1406. No. 1406 was used a little last summer switching in the yards. The two diesels, Nos. 100 and 200 still have their trolley poles to activate the wig-wag signals along the way.