## THE TRAINMASTER

## PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAPTER

## NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## JUNE MEETING

The June meeting will be on Friday, June 17th at 8 pm at the Grande residence at 4243 S. W. Admiral St., Portland (in the Glencullen District). We will have an informal meeting and everyone is urged to bring along photographs, books, etc., for everyone to browse through. The material in the club's collection will be available for inspection. We were unable to secure the use of the steam locomotive for a trip over the extension because of inadequate brakes on the cars. However, the Zooliner will operate over the extension on a regular "Moonlight Excursion" at 7:15 pm that night and if any of our members would like to ride this train they should be through in time to make it to the meeting. Admission is 75 cents for adults and 45 cents for children. There is no admission charge to the zoo inasmuch as it closes at 6:30 pm. To get to the Grande residence from the zoo continue up Canyon Road to Sylvan, turn south on Scholls Ferry Road, turn west on Hamilton St, turn south on 39th Drive to Lee, west one block to 42d St, and north one block to Admiral St. From town drive out Beaverton Hillsdale Highway (Route 10) to S. W. 39th Drive (just east of Union Oil Station) and follow above instructions from S. W. 39th Drive and Lee St. There will be no regular meeting in July or August and no editions of the Trainmaster. However, we are planning a picnic in July at Harry Harvey's and we would like to set the date at this meeting.

Our thanks go to Jack Norton and others of WVERA for being our hosts on the Bridge River in Guilds Lake Yard in May. It was very interesting listening to Mr. Dennis reminisce about his many years railroading. The refreshments were very nice.

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President Lewis Pardee of the National Railway Historical Society advises that he will be in Portland from June 22d to June 24th and would like to meet with some of our members. Plans will be made for a little get-together at the meeting on Friday. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

PNERA is planning a trip over the SPS to Vernonia on Sunday, July 24th. The train will leave from NW 12th and Hoyt at 8:30 am and is due back at 8:00 pm. Fare will be \$4.95 for adults and will also include a luncheon at Vernonia, admission to annual jamboree, and strawberries and ice cream at Banks on return trip.

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The ICC in Finance Docket 20673 has authorized the purchase by the LP&N of a portion of the Yacolt branch of the NP effective July 1st from a point approximately .5 miles northeast of Ampere, Wash. to and including Yacolt, Wash., which includes the following existing stations in Washington: Barberton, Battle Ground, Brush Prairie, Heiser, Homan, Lucia & Yacolt. A new station to be designated Rye (Clark County) Wash. will be established on the NP and the LP&N at a point approximately .5 miles northeast of Ampere, Wash. Rye (Clark County) will be the junction between the NP and the LP&N.

The Saturday Evening Post for May 28th has a two-page color photograph of a J. Neils Lbr Co. log train unloading logs at the mill at Klickitat, Wash.

Your president recently appeared at a meeting of the Retired Railway Employees Assn to present our plans for preserving historical material pertaining to the railroads of this area. This group is composed of retired railroaders and their wives and they hold meetings twice a month in the Neighbors of Woodcraft Building. They have a membership of over 700 and there usually are over 200 at each meeting. They have formed a committee, headed by Harley Hallgren, to help collect historical material.

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Pacific Railway Journal has two new books off the press. One is a reprint of a 1911 Lima Locomotive catalog at \$3.00 and the other is a reprint of a Rooky Mountain Official Railway Guide for February 1906 at \$3.50. You can secure both for \$5.95. Copies can be secured from Al Haij or direct from the publisher at Post Office Box 91, San Marino, Calif. Both books maintain the usual high standards that have come to be expected from PRJ....The Western Railroader announces that a special book on the Milwaukee Railroad Electrification will be available shortly at \$1.50. The booklet was prepared for the recent Bay Area Electric Ry Assn trip over the Milwaukee....Superior Publishing Co. will publish George Abdill's latest Book RAILS WEST about October 15th at \$12.50. This latest book will cover lines west of the Mississippi River.

Latest reports indicate that there are still no diesels on the Rayonier Railroad. The Prairie River trestle has now been abandoned and replaced by a new steel bridge and the wye and water tank there have also been abandoned. They are rebuilding the bridge over the Quinalt River and are using 6 leased NP battleship gons to haul gravel from Cook Creek gravel pit to the bridge. The signs indicating RR Camp and Camp 14 have been taken down. Since the article in a recent Trains magazine on this line they will probably be swamped with visitors this summer. Rayonier has always been very strict about visitors unless they had permission of the Hoquiam office, and we wonder what there policy will be now.

One phase of railroad history that has appealed to me is maps of the Pacific Northwest showing just where the various railroads operated. A number of maps are available. The Northern Pacific has issued a set of maps on Washington, Idaho and Montana that show the railroads up to about 1950. The UP issued a railroad map of the Pacific Northwest in the 1920's. The State of Washington put out a map of the railroads of that state in 1928 which has been reprinted by the Puget Sound Railway Historical Society and is for sale by them. The Oregon Public Utilities Commission published a map of the railroads of the state of Oregon in 1939 but it does not show logging lines. Probably some of the best maps for locating railroads are the various government maps. The USGS issues the well known "Quad Maps" which are on either a 7 1/2, 15 or 30 minute scale. In addition the Army Map Service is issuing a series of maps on the scale of 1:250,000. I prefer this series to the others. These government maps can be secured through the USGS at Denver, Colo. at quite a savings over what you pay in the stores here. They have an

Corvallis, Oregon who issue hunting and fishing guides that show some of the railroads. It is quite interesting as to some of the lines that you find on these maps. I have quad map of the Astoria area that shows a logging line of Crown Zellerbach Corp. running from a point east of Seaside which empties into the bay south of Astoria. I also have a map that shows a logging line operating southeast from Chinchalo in Klamath County. Both of these lines are ones that I have never seen anything on previously.

index to the maps of the Pacific Northwest that are available at the present time. Several commercial firms issue maps on the Pacific Northwest including Metzger Maps in Tacoma who issue county maps and county atlases, Edw. Pulver and Sons, Seattle and Chandler Maps in

Remember to be on the lookout for material for our historical collection.