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APRIL MEETING

The April meeting will be held on Friday, April 20th at 8 pm at the Western Paper Converting Co., 2800 Pringle Road, SE, Salem, Oregon. Ed Culp will bring a 30-minute tape recording that was presented over the radio in Salem recently, wherein he conducted an interview with several old time railroaders on the history of railroading in Marion County. Ed will also bring along some of his pictures and tell some of the history of the narrow gauge Oregonian Railway

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Steam locomotives are no longer running on the mainline of the Rayonier Railroad out of Hoquiam, WA. At ceremonies near Railroad Camp on Saturday, March 31st, before a thousand or so railfans and other interested spectators, Raynonier steam locomotives turned their log trains over to the two newly acquired diesels for the movement to the log dump over the new line that bypasses Railroad Camp. After the ceremonies, Rayonier held open house with all of their steam locomotives on display. Number 45, 2-6-2, is now on display on a special track in Hoquiam.

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GN 2507, 4-8-2, has been at the Vancouver, WA SP&S roundhouse since last summer where it is scheduled to be reconditioned for movement to Maryhill Museum near Wishram, WA where it will be placed on permanent display. The Maryhill house was built by the Hill family and sits on a high bluff overlooking the Columbia River. Moving the locomotive from Wishram to the museum site is going to be quite an engineering feat.

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Weyerhaeuser has retired their last steam locomotive and will place the locomotive on display in front of their headquarters building in Klamath Falls. The locomotive identified as a mallet (presumably #6) has been held in standby duty on their line out of Klamath Falls.

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THIS AND THAT: Beth Russell, our newly elected Vice-President, is taking a leave of absence from the SP at Salem to join the Peace Corps, where she will wind up in Peru. We will look forward to seeing more slides on railroading in South America when she returns. Also in Salem, R.C. McCormick was married Friday evening. Congratulations, Mr. And Mrs. R.C. McCormick.

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