



NATIONAL RAILROAD HALL OF FAME (NARHFAM)

Our member, Charles J. (Jeff) Keenan, is presently on a trip east to personally present certificates in connection with NARHFAM. On June 8<sup>th</sup> Jeff presented a certificate to Canadian National Railway officials honoring the famous Canadian railway civil engineer, Sir Casimir Gzowski. The late Sir Casimir was the builder of the famous international railway bridge between For Erie, Ontario and the American side at Black Rock, N.Y. He is the latest railroader to be elected to the National Railroad Hall of Fame. The Canadian National provided a special train for this event, and our own C. J. Keenan made the presentation in the middle of the span.

On June 10<sup>th</sup> "Jeff" presented a certificate to the Governor of Ohio commemorating the election of James J. Andrews to the NARHFAM "Hall of Railroad Romance". James J. Andrews the leader of the famous "Andrews Raid" during the Civil War, was a long-time resident of Ohio prior to his death. After visits in Phoenix and Los Angeles, Jeff Keenan plans to arrive back in Portland on S. P. "CASCADE" 6/20.

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THIS AND THAT

PRINEVILLE, OREGON-No city tax in Prineville again this coming year thanks to the city railroad. City set a budget of almost \$1,000,000 but earnings of the Prineville Railway will cover most of this. The railroad has been the city's principal income for years. It runs 18 miles to Redmond junction, carrying lumber and crops to the main line

MC CLOUD RIVER R. R. OF NO. CALIF. - Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup> Pacific Locomotive Assn. and the Bay Area Electric R.R. Assn. and the Bay Area Electric R.R. Assn. are going to enjoy a ride behind steam power, through wondrous scenery with Mt. Shasta in the background. Cost - \$12.00 from McCloud to Barney and returning a full 112 miles. Train will consist of the 2-6-2 # 25, some empty log flats, 2 gondolas and a caboose, and will leave McCloud at 10 o'clock a.m. and return around 6:00 p.m. Numerous photostops.

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ATTN: AMATEUR MUSICIANS - A German "type" band is being formed by Ed Ellis Ross, who wishes all interested railroad enthusiasts from all local organizations to contact him at Lock Box 8811, Portland 8. Information he desires is whether you have an instrument, the time you would be available for practice and whether you would wish an instrument to be provided. Those already interested are Bob Hughes, Base Drum & Cym., Trumpet, Gordon Weiler and Snare Drum - Ed himself. Those positions open are Leader, Clarinet (E flat), Flute & Piccolo, Trombone, and Tuba. No age limit - children of members welcome.

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INDEX, WA. - Great Northern Railway is transforming the peaceful valley between Index and Goldbar into one of the biggest railroad projects in two decades -relocation of 3.75 miles of track at a cost of \$2,465,000. This will eliminate nearly a mile of troublesome right-of-way and reduce danger of rock slides. This involves construction of four bridges, one at the west end across the Skykomish another at the east end across the river. It will double the speed limit for freight trains—from 25 to 50 miles and hour—because it will get rid of 370 degrees of curves.

MAY MEETING

Thanks goes to Art Hamilton for interesting slides with particular emphasis on U. P. and Rio Grande Narrow-gauge steam, to Jack Holst for West Side Lumber logging lines in Tuolumne Co. Calif and to Wayne Bilderback on Australian steam and traction.