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CHANGE IN MEETING:

Please note: May meeting will be SATURDAY May 16th at the Fire Hall 3rd and Glisan Streets, Portland, Oregon 8 P. M. Program will be a 16mm. Film "End of An Era" produced by Rayonier Inc., also film "Southern Short Lines". Anyone wishing to show 16 mm. films may do so, a projector will be available. Because of the Primary Elections Friday this months meeting will be on Saturday night May 16th at the Old Fire Hall...

SUPPORT THE ZOO!

Those of us who are not residents of Portland and Multnomah County do not have a vote in the ballot measure, which if passed, will allow the Portland Zoo to make a much needed addition to the Pachyderm House. However, we do hope Portlanders realize that the third largest industry in Oregon is tourism, and that the two biggest attractions in Portland are the Zoo Elephants and the Zoo Railway. So, we add our voice to the hope that Portlanders will continue to support one of the finest attractions on the Pacific Coast. Our group has long been ardent supporters of the Portland Zoo Railway, and we can only hope that Portlanders will continue to support what we believe is the finest Zoo anywhere...

HOYT HOTEL HONORS NATIONAL RAILROAD HALL OF FAME

Behind the desk in the lobby of the Hoyt Hotel in Portland, Oregon is a Commemorative Picture, which encloses smaller photos, of the four original and only members of the Casey Jones Fellowship, better known as the "Big Four of Railroad Romance". The only member still living is our own Chapter member Charles J. (Jeff) Keenan, who was a brakeman at the age of 13, a fireman at 15, and an engineer at 17. Jeff is Chairman of the Board of the National Railroad Hall of Fame and Museum, Inc. The other three members of the Casey Jones Fellowship were: Simeon T. Webb, Casey Jones' Fireman, who died July 13, 1957 at the age of 83 years. Mrs. Casey Jones, Casey's widow, who died in their home town of Jackson, Tennessee on November 21, 1958 at the age of 92; and Robert Taylor "Bob" McMillan, who retired as an engineer on the Illinois Central streamliner "City of New Orleans" at the age of 84 years. He died June 12, 1961 at the age of 89 at Centralia, Illinois, fellow citizens of that City erected a monument to his memory.

The members of the Casey Jones Fellowship were chosen by seven Railroad Presidents under the auspices of the National Railroad Hall of Fame. Occasion was the 50th anniversary of the death of Casey Jones at Vaughn, Mississippi on April 30th, 1900. Dedicatory ceremonies were held April 30, 1950 at Jackson, Tennessee, Casey's home. Purpose of the Casey Jones Fellowship was to confer appropriate honor on not more than four living persons who have played top roles in the romance of the Railroads. The Fellowship expires with passing of the four members. M. G.

NORTHERN PACIFIC TESTS:

Trains Nos. 407 - 408 Portland - Seattle Pool trains are using a leased Southern Pacific "Automat" (Automatic Buffet Car) for a trial period April 23rd to May 21st replacing a former N. P. Diner. New York Central advertises the installation of "Meal-O-Mat" cars.

GLENWOOD TROLLEYS OPERATE:

Official opening of Glenwood Trolley Park is on Memorial Day 30th. Operations will continue Sunday May 31st and each Sunday afternoon thereafter for the balance of the summer. The June meeting of the Pacific Northwest Chapter N. R. H. S. will be held Saturday June 20th at 8:00 P. M. This will be family night with both daylight and night running. A short business meeting will be held on the car "Bridge River" former car "Champog" of the Oregon Electric Ry. Regular picnic tables are not yet available, energies have gone into track work and car repair; however, those who wish will find plenty of spots for a picnic dinner. Save the date, June 20th for the joint meeting with Willamette Valley Electric Railway Association at Glenwood Park. Further details in the June issue of the Trainmaster.

REMINDER:

N. R. H. S. National Convention dates September 5-6-7 at Newark, New Jersey. We hope some of our members will be in attendance to further publicize the Portland N. R. H. S. in 1965.

EXCURSION:

Saturday May 23rd leaving from Seattle 8:00 A. M. Daylight, Casey Jones Excursions will operate a train to Shelton, Washington. Fares Adults \$5.00 Children under 12 \$2.50. Scheduled stops: Kent 8:25, Auburn 8:35, Tacoma 9:00, Olympia N. P. Station 10:00 A. M., Elma 11:10, arrive Shelton 12:30 P. M. Tickets from 506 Union St., Seattle, Washington 98101, enclose stamped self addressed envelope.

SUNSET STEAM TO OPERATE:

Mr. Chuck Hayden, President of Vernonia, South Park and Sunset Steam Railroad announces that steam excursions will be run from Banks to Vernonia, Oregon starting Sunday May 31st, with operations every Sunday for the summer session.

REQUEST:

Jan Gleysteen of Scottdale, Penn., asks if any of our members have information or pictures of 4-4-0 locomotives in operation in Oregon on O. W. R. & N. or in logging service. Pictures will carry a credit line and will be acknowledged with a copy of the book.

PNERA BULLETIN:

Jack Norton, Editor Northwest Railway Review, publication of Pacific Northwest Electric Railway Association, did a very fine job on the April issue with six pages of excellent pictures and copy. We editors will have to stick together even if Jack failed to note the presence of one P. N. W. Chapter Editor!

ACCURATE:

Mr. W. B. Knight. S. P. Co., Trainmaster, speaking at the April meeting of our Chapter in Salem mentioned that derailments are a constant problem with the Railroads. He called this right, April 19th nine cars of a 90 Car train on the Toledo branch left the rails and one car nosed into the Yaquina River.

EDITOR HONORED:

President Miln Gillespie, despite a painful ankle injury, made the trip to Salem April 17th and appeared in full uniform. We must confess that Conductor Miln should rate the title of "Best Dressed" Conductor on WVERA's roster. Take it from us he is positively stunning in 'Blue serge'. If this were not enough, Conductor Miln presented Motorman Nelson Hickok with a genuine B. C. E. Motorman's Badge. We can only conclude that there is going to be an operating team at the June meeting. The Salem meeting was well attended with 24 on hand. Thanks to Ed Culp and Beth Russell an excellent program and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

KEYSTONE NEWSLETTER:

We note with interest that the Pittsburgh, Penn. Chapter N. R. H. S., is touring the Bessemer Shops at Greenville. This is the home of a former Association of American Railroads District Manager Frank Westmeyer removed from Seattle, Washington and now Superintendent of Transportation for B. & L. E...

PLEASE!

Remember the change in dates for the May and June meetings: Saturday May 16th and Saturday June 20th...

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