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June 20, 1964 JUNE MEETING June 20, 1964

SATURDAY evening, June 20th, will be N. R. H. S. family meeting night at the TROLLEY PARK just west of Glenwood, Oregon. Our hosts will be the Willamette Valley Electric Railway Association (WVERA) with the very much appreciated help of the Oregon Electric Historical Society (OEHS). O. E. H. S. is the owner of TROLLEY PARK. Together they operate the Glenwood Electric Railway which now has over 1000 of track under wire! Official meeting time is 8:00 P. M.; however, there is nothing to prevent anyone coming out earlier and having a picnic "al fresco". Picnic tables have not yet been installed. "The Bonanza" Restaurant, just beyond junction of Highway #6 and road from Forest Grove serves good meals. Ray Shumway of OEHS will have the generator working and power on, and our chartered train will be the famous British Columbia Electric Railway coach #1304 coupled to the equally famous observation car "Bridge River", formerly the Oregon Electric Railway parlor car "Champoeg". It is fondly hoped that your TRAINMASTER editor, "Motorman" Nelson Hickok, will be out of the hospital in time to be with us. This issue is being edited by "Conductor Miln" Gillespie. Bring film and flash attachments, as we will have both daylight and night-time running of the cars. Other traction equipment at Glenwood includes a (Bay Area) Key System articulated unit, a double-truck open "breezer" from Sydney, Australia, Los Angeles Transit Lines narrow-gauge streetcar #1318, Council Crest streetcar #503, Portland Traction Co. interurban car #4022 (ex-Pacific Electric).

Operating the power generator costs money, and we want to pay our way in full, plus providing some profit (working capital) for our hosts. WVERA will be selling tickets at a cost of \$1.00 per family, 50 cents for a single adult, and 25 cents per child not covered by family ticket. These tickets cover entire evening's rides. WVERA will also provide "coffee and—" refreshments in the "Bridge River" car where we will also have a short business meeting some time during the evening. Please come prepared to be generous with their refreshment "kitty" to help their car maintenance fund. If you have (or can scrounge) used BOYD COFFEE can lids, bring them to this meeting, please, as WVERA turns them in to Boyd Coffee Company for needed "pin money" cash. Frank Weiler, President of WVERA, says they appreciate this very much. To reach TROLLEY PARK, drive out Sunset Highway to junction of Highway #6 which goes to Tillamook via Glenwood. About a mile beyond "downtown Glenwood", on right side of road is a large wooden sign labelled "TROLLEY PARK". A few hundred yards beyond, turn right on (next) gravelled road which crosses Gales Creek and takes you to parking area of Trolley Park, and home of owner-operator Paul Class.

(8:00 P. M.) SPECIAL N. R. H. S. MEETING (June 23, 1964)

E. Lewis (Lew) Pardee, President of the National Railway Historical Society, will be in Portland Monday and Tuesday, June 22nd-23rd, to go over 1965 Convention plans with us and see for himself some of the items of rail interest we have to offer delegates. Miln Gillespie, Walt Grande, Jack Holst, Jeff Keenan, and John Labbe will show Lew around during the day. Anyone else who can get time off is most welcome. Al Hajj will try to be there also. In order that as many of our Chapter members as possible may have an opportunity to meet President Lew Pardee, there will be a special meeting at Miln Gillespie's house, 3549 S. W. Grover St., Portland, at 8:00 P. M. Tuesday evening, June 23rd. We will have a "buss session" on plans and ideas for the 1965 convention. The ideas and enthusiasm of everyone of our members and railfan friends are important, for it is the cooperative effort of all and the division of work and responsibility which will be necessary to make the 1965 N. R. H. S. National Convention in Portland an outstanding success. To reach Miln's house, go up S. W. Patton Road to top of hill where St. Thomas More Catholic Church is on right and Shell station on left. Dosch Road (connection from Baldock Freeway and Salem area) joins Patton Road at this point. Opposite Shell gas station is a large parking lot, and around the perimeter is S. W. Hillside Drive. Turn left off Patton Road on S. W. Hillside and go downhill two blocks to S. W. Grover St. on right (opposite brick house). Miln's yellow shingled house is second on right. There is ample parking on either side of Grover St. If you get lost, phone 222-6020.

GO TO New York's World's Fair THIS SUMMER so as to ATTEND 1964 NRHS NATIONAL CONVENTION over Labor Day weekend. STEAM trip on Reading R. R. and traction. Read NRHS magazine "THE BULLETIN" for details. Our chapter should be represented!

This issue is being mailed first class mail to every N. R. H. S. Chapter Director and National Officer not now on our mailing list, as well as to all our present "oschanges" and those Chapter Directors OR editors who have exchanged with us. We want you to know about Pacific Northwest Chapter activities, and want to cooperate with all other chapters for the general good of N. R. H. S. Also enclosed with each copy of "THE TRAINMASTER" (except for some Portland fans who already have them) is a folder of the "SUNSET LINE" announcing the Vernonia , South Park & Sunset Steam Railroad excursions each Sunday this summer between Banks and Vernonia (21 miles each way) on the Vernonia freight branch of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway. A trip on this scenic line will be one of the highlights of the 1965 Portland Convention. Engine #105, a 2-6-2 "Prairie" was built by Baldwin in 1925 for the Oregon-American Lumber Co. which operated in mainline log train service out of Vernonia to the woods until closure of operations in 1958. Rolling stock is all originally Oregon Electric but was purchased from the Pacific Great Eastern Railway where it had been used for many years after end of Oregon Electric passenger service in 1933.

Inaugural press run of the "Sunset Line" was Sunday, May 24th, for the press and invited guests. Our chapter member, C. J. Keenan, was one of those making dedicatory remarks. Excursion trains are run by regular S. P. & S. Rly. Train and engine crews.

FUTURE SUMMER EXCURSIONS:

July 4th the Pacific Northwest Electric Railway Association (PNERA) is sponsoring an all-day excursion to the famous Albany Timber Carnival via OREGON ELECTRIC tracks. Special will leave Portland UNION STATION at 6:30 A. M. DAYLIGHT time, arriving Albany at 11:00 A. M. in time for a special fried chicken dinner included in the fare. All afternoon at the Timber Carnival events, plus fireworks in the evening! Special train will leave Albany at 10:00 P. M. Daylight Time July 4th and return to UNION STATION in Portland. Fares of \$10.95 for adults and \$7.95 for ALL children include chicken dinner and admission to the Timber Carnival grounds. Write Mrs. Cora Jackson, 5825 S. E. Lambert St., Portland, Ore. (Phone AR-4-3802) for particulars.

The Portland Chapter of the National Association of Railway Business Women is sponsoring two excursions this summer on the S. P. & S. Portland-Astoria-Seaside line. July 19th trip will go from Portland to Seaside. August 30th trip will go to Astoria only account Astoria Regetta. Fares in past have been \$5.00 for adults. For advance information, write to Mrs. Mae Spellman, 5615 N. E. Couch, Portland 15, Oregon.

MC CLOUD RIVER R. R. STEAM trips

Some California railfans have formed an organization named Mt. Shasta-Alpine Scenic Railway to operate McCloud River R. R. steam locomotive #25, an 2-6-2, between Mt. Shasta (on S. P. main line) and Summit Water Tower. Early morning schedule leaves McCloud, Calif. at 7:30 A. M. arriving Mt. Shasta (S. P. Depot) at 8:45 A. M. Three round-trips are operated between Mt. Shasta and Pierce station (Summit) before train leaves Mt. Shasta at 3:30 P. M. and returns to McCloud headquarters and roundhouse at 5:00 P. M. Trains will consist of an open-platform Western Pacific observation car, a Southern Pacific coach, and a passenger-carrying flat car of the McCloud River Railroad. Dates of operation are these days only (unless future trips scheduled at last minute. Dates are: July 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6th, August 22nd-23rd, and September 4-5-6-7th. Fares are \$2.80 for adults and \$1.90 for children under 12 years. Both McCloud River R. R. and Yreka Western Railroad will supply steam power. For additional information, contact Miln Gillespie, Jack Holst, or write Mt. Shasta-Alpine Scenic Railway, P. O. Box 1424, Mt. Shasta, California.

JUNE 1964 "SUNSET" Magazine has 18 pages devoted to attractions of Portland, Oregon, and front cover is picture of famous 2 ft, 6 in. gauge Portland Zoo Railway Steam Train. Locomotive "Oregon" was built by Portland railfans including some members of Pacific Northwest Chapter. This will be another feature of 1965 National Convention.

"Action Page of June 1, 1964 "RAILWAY PAGE" has editorial (page 38) on help of railfans towards national railroad policies and problems.

This will be last TRAINMASTER until September issue. Watch for announcement of our annual summer picnic to be mailed out by Govt. postcard.