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### SALEM DINNER MEETING IN MAY

The annual Salem meeting will be held on Friday, May 16, at 7:00 p. m. at the Kopper Kitchen North, 3400 Portland Road, N. E., Salem, Oregon. There will be a charge of \$1.85 per person for dinner. Wives and friends of Chapter members are invited.

The program will feature old time silent railroad movies as gathered and prepared by Chapter member Jay Blair. Bring your surplus railroadiana for an auction.

To reach the restaurant turn off the freeway at the first Salem exit just beyond the State Farm Insurance Building. Proceed south on Portland Road about three quarters of a mile to the Kopper Kitchen North.

Chapter members from Portland planning to attend the Salem meeting should notify Chuck Storz (telephone 289-4529, evenings).

### CHAPTER CALENDAR

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| May 16        | Annual Salem meeting. Dinner meeting at the Kopper Kitchen North, 3400 Portland Road, N. E., Salem, Oregon. 7:00 p. m. |
| June 6, 7 & 8 | Third Annual Bend-Oregon Trunk Mixed Trip. (Note change in dates. Trip was scheduled July 13-15.)                      |
| June 20       | Regular Monthly Meeting. Room 208, Union Station. 8:00 p. m.   |
| June 21 & 22  | Railcon '69. Portland, Oregon.   |
| August 10     | Scandia Limited Excursion to Junction City, Oregon.  |

RAILCON '69

The third annual Pacific Northwest Railfan Conference will be held in Portland, Oregon, on June 21 & 22, 1969. Host clubs are the Pacific Northwest Chapter, NRHS and the Pacific Northwest Live Steamers.

Saturday, June 21, will begin with live steam model operation by the Pacific Northwest Live Steamers at Shady Dell. Saturday afternoon will feature a visit to the Trolley Park at Glenwood, Oregon. This will be followed by an evening banquet and entertainment at the Thunderbird Motel in Portland.

On Sunday, June 22, activity will begin at the Vernonia, South Park and Sunset yards in Banks, Oregon. Ex-Pickering Shay #8 will operate in the VSP&S yards for about an hour. The final event will be a 42-mile round trip on the Vernonia, South Park and Sunset Steam Railroad.

The registration fee for Railcon '69 is \$16.95. This includes admission to all events, bus transportation, lunch on Saturday, and the Saturday evening banquet. Late registrations, received after June 13, will be \$18.95.

All railfans are welcome to attend. Club affiliation is not required.

For further details write to: Railcon '69, Room 1, Portland Union Station, Portland, Oregon 97209.

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Chapter member Gil Hulin of Eugene is currently nearing the end of a 9,200-mile rail trip through the Southeastern states which began in late April. He hoped to add 5,616 new route-miles to his previous total of 22,032, and has promised to supply a detailed report of his travels upon returning, or perhaps even to produce a slide show for some future meeting.

Gil's itinerary included several trains which may not be running much longer, and started with an SP trip to New Orleans via the Cascade, Coast Daylight and Sunset. From New Orleans he took the L&N-SCL Gulf Wind to Jacksonville, thence the SCL Silver Meteor to Miami.

Following a brief stay in Miami which included a bus trip to Key West, the northbound return trip included SCL's Silver Meteor to Jacksonville again, and after an overnight stay, SCL's Gulf Coast Special through the Carolinas to Fayetteville. Gil then retraced his SCL route back to Savannah, before riding Central of Georgia's domed Nancy Hanks II to Atlanta.

From Atlanta he planned to head home via the Southern's Royal Palm to Cincinnati, B&O's George Washington to St. Louis, N&W's City of St. Louis to Kansas City, and UP's Cities of Kansas City and Portland.

When completed, the trip should give Gil some rail travel in a total of 43 states, all compiled during the past four years while attending the U. of O. The only states which Gil has missed on the train (as well as on any other form of transportation) are Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Alaska and Hawaii.