

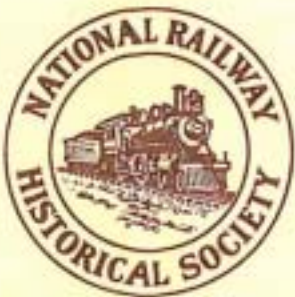
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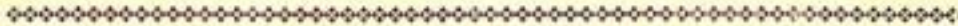
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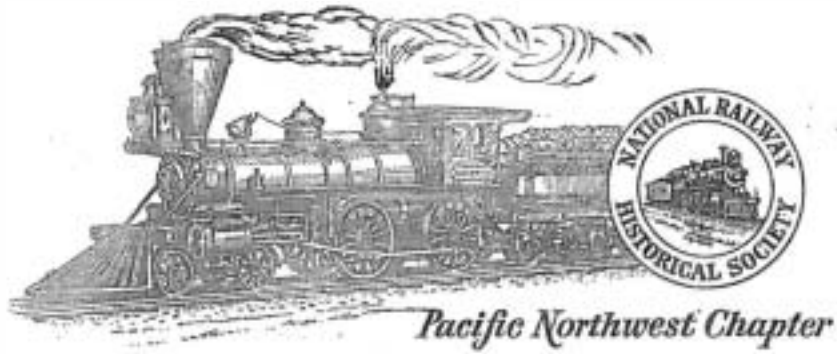
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JOHN MONTEREY HOLST

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JACK M. HOLST

John Monterey ("Jack") Holst, Western News Editor of the NRHS Bulletin passed away suddenly on August 26, 1972 in Portland, Oregon following surgery. He was 38.

Jack was born in Dallas, Oregon, but grew up in the logging town of Bend where he developed an active interest in steam railroading. After graduating from Oregon State University in 1956 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Natural Resources, he began a career in planning with the Multnomah County Planning Commission. In 1968 Jack moved on to a private consulting firm, Barnard & Burke of Oregon, Inc. In 1971 he became planning manager for Robert E. Meyer Engineers, Inc.

He was active in planning studies for various communities throughout the Pacific Northwest, including Chehalis-Centralia, Aberdeen-Hoquiam, and Klickitat County in Washington. In Oregon, areas included Sandy, Warrenton, and several others.

Joining NRHS in 1963, Jack played a major role in the success of the 1965 National NRHS Convention held in Portland. Jack later served as president and national director for the Pacific Northwest Chapter. In 1969 he was appointed Western News Editor for The Bulletin, the NRHS national publication.

At the time of his passing Jack was Chapter Mechanical Superintendant in charge of the restoration of "Peggy", a two truck 40 ton Shay geared locomotive from the Stimson Lumber Company which is soon to be put on display at the Western Forestry Center in Portland.

As an historian, Jack was nationally known for his expertise in methodical research about logging railroads and little-known locomotives, often pioneering discoveries in these fields with Heisler locomotives his specialty.

Jack was a primary organizer of the Pacific Northwest Railfan Conference, (Railcon), an annual gathering of Northwest rail enthusiast organizations.

In addition to NRHS activities, Jack was also a member of the Alfa Romeo Owners of Oregon, Puget Sound Railway Historical Association, National Model Railroad Association, Pacific Locomotive Association, and the Delta Sigma Phi National Fraternity (Beta Epsilon Chapter).

The Pacific Northwest Chapter extends deepest sympathy to Jack's wife Shari, daughter Suzi, and mother Almeda J Holst, all of Portland; and father Monterey Holst of Rhode Island.

Included in this issue of The Trainmaster (see page 3) is a copy of a letter received from Mr. Harry J. Surles, Regional Vice President of Burlington Northern, which expresses well the deep feeling of this Chapter's members and of all those who knew Jack.

John D. Holloway

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August 29, 1972

Dear Mr. Hollaway:

The passing of Jack Holst is noted with great sorrow by all of us on the Burlington Northern who were fortunate to have shared in his life.

As we reflect on significant moments in the brief history of our company and that of its predecessors, we cannot help but observe that they were truly enriched by Jack's presence.

Many men in the course of answering needs of their day fail to grasp the historical consequence of their deeds and the time, thus losing to all who follow important threads in the fabric of life.

Such was not the case with Jack. He knew railroading. He grasped the significance of each development and change as new replaced the old. His untiring effort and personal dedication were matched by engaging warmth and spirit to win for all men preservation of railroading's past and present.

With hope that others whose lives were influenced by Jack's perceptiveness and enthusiasm will continue to be inspired by his goals and ambitions, we enclose a small memoriam for use as you and members of the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society find appropriate.

Sincerely yours,

Harry Surls

TRAINMASTER EDITOR OFF TO GERMANY

Our globe-trotting Editor, Ed Immel, who visited Vietnam, Japan, Australia, Hawaii, and Okinawa while manning his "killer typewriter" for the U S Army (he blitzed the foe with paperwork), has spent the last three years with his wife Rachel spreading the NRHS gospel to Central Oregon while teaching high school in Beautiful Downtown Madras.

Now they are off to Wiesbaden, Germany, again courtesy of Uncle Sam, but this time as civilians teaching U S Dependents. Rachel says Wiesbaden is about 20 miles from Frankfurt, and the climate is like Portland - - rain! Ed reports that he arranged for the Augustiner Brewery Band to play "I've Been Working on the Railroad" at the Oktoberfest in honor of NRHS "uber alles".

Their new address starting September 15 for the next year (possibly two years) is: MR & MRS EDWARD E IMMEL, Dep. Schools, Box 64, APO New York, NY 09633.

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APPOINTMENTS

At the NRHS Board Meeting held on 7 September 1972 PNW Chapter President John Holloway announced appointments to fill two vacancies:

James J Gilmore will be Mechanical Superintendent to carry on the work of Jack Holst, and

Irving G Ewen will replace Ed Immel as editor of "The Trainmaster" (Ed is being promoted to the position of "European Bureau Chief").

SEPTEMBER MEETING NOTICE

The next regular meeting of the Pacific Northwest Chapter will be held on Friday, 15 September 1972 at 8 P M in the Safety Room of Burlington Northern which is at N W 11th Avenue, north of Hoyt Street. The business meeting will be followed by "Logging Railroads of the West", a slide show on loan to us from the NRHS National Film Library. This presentation will have special significance to PNW Chapter members since it was prepared by Jack Holst and Art Hamilton prior to the 1965 National Convention of NRHS held in Portland that year.

"PEGGY" PROGRESS REPORT

Work is progressing on restoration of "Peggy" with the final fitting and welding of the smoke box bottom now completed. Also, installed recently were window frames for the cab and the fireman's seat. Installation of the exhaust nozzle, petticoat and mudrings is next with the final cleaning up and painting scheduled for late September. Movement to the Western Forestry Center is scheduled for early October.

J J G

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