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PNW CHAPTER TIMETABLE

Friday REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING (3rd Friday of each month)

17 May The May meeting of PNW Chapter will be held at Burlington Northern's Safety Assembly Room which is located about two blocks north of the intersection of N W Hoyt Street with 11th Avenue. If you pass under the Lovejoy ramp to the Broadway Bridge, you've gone too far! (If lost at meeting time, telephone 221-1300, extension 325 for rescue instructions.)

The refreshment break between the business session and the program is arranged for by Cora Jackson. The "kitty" will be present to receive contributions to help offset expenses of this popular intermission feature.

As previously announced, the program theme for this month is "The Southern Pacific in Oregon". James Feldman, a former PNW Chapter member, will show slides of SP's "days of steam" which were taken while attending the University of Oregon at Eugene. Other members are also invited to show slides, movies, etc to round out the program. Contact Walt Grande, program chairman, ('phone 246-3254) so that he can coordinate an interesting program.

Saturday FIELD TRIP

18 May Plans have not yet been finalized for the possible field trip to the Saddle Mountain area near Astoria to explore an old railroad grade. The uncertainty of weather conditions may be a consideration for postponement until later in the summer. Details to be announced.

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"PNW Chapter Timetable", contd

Every Saturday 12:01 PM	<p>INFORMAL LUNCHEON</p> <p>The weekly gathering of the "railroad bunch for lunch" takes place at Yaw's Top Notch Restaurant at 2001 N E 40th Avenue between Hancock and Tillamook Streets) in the Hollywood District. A large table is reserved for the group in the seating area on the west side of the building.</p> <p>Although not an official function of PNW Chapter, NRHS, the luncheon is regularly attended by members, guests, and friends. No reservations required. Join us any and all Saturdays.</p>
Saturday & Sunday 1 & 2 June	<p>RAILCON '74 - EIGHTH ANNUAL PACIFIC NORTHWEST RAILFAN CONFERENCE</p> <p>This year's gathering will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia with headquarters at the Century Plaza Hotel. Unfortunately, more information is not available at this time. Details, if obtainable, will be announced at the May meeting of PNW Chapt.</p>
Friday 21 June	<p>REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING</p> <p>The June meeting of PNW Chapter will, unless otherwise noted, be held in the BN Safety Assembly Room. Due to a change in plans, the "European Bureau Chief" (Ed Immel) will not be back in Portland in time to present the program on "Steam in Germany". In lieu of this there will be a slide showing on "The Trans-Siberian Railroad" arranged for by Alfred Haij.</p>
Thursday 29 August thru Monday 2 September	<p>NATIONAL CONVENTION, NRHS</p> <p>The 1974 NRHS National Convention will be held in San Francisco, California. Reserve the dates now. Plans are being made for the possible movement of the Chapter-owned sleeper-lounge car Mount Hood to Oakland for the Convention. Details to be announced.</p>

For Convention information write:

Central Coast Chapter, NRHS
Post Office Box 554
Millbrae
California - - 94030

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PNW CHAPTER NRHS

Summary of Minutes, Regular Meeting, 17 April 1974

The meeting was called to order by PNW Chapter President Roger W Sackett at 8:10 PM in the Burlington Northern Safety Assembly Room.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Friday, 15 March 1974 were read and approved.

Roger Sackett reported that Amtrak is not interested in leasing the Chapter's sleeper-lounge car Mt Hood at the present time because of its interior configuration. Amtrak wants coaches and pullmans now, but will keep the Mt Hood on their availability list for possible future use.

Roger Sackett reported on the possible joint acquisition with the Vernonia, South Park, and Sunset Railroad of the Union Pacific commissary building on N W 9th Avenue for a museum and meeting rooms. The Union Pacific indicated that the building was not available for such a purpose and that they had plans to establish a salvage depot there in the near future.

Roger Phillips reported on trip plans for the 1974 National Convention of NRHS to be held in San Francisco, California over the Labor Day weekend. He said that it would be possible to take the Mt Hood to Oakland at the same cost as twelve first class and eight coach fares. A request has been made to Amtrak for regular space southbound on the Coast Starlight, but no reply has been received as yet. Dick Kaufman suggested the possible charter of the Mt Hood for OSU and U of O football booster trips to California.

Walter Grande announced that the subject of the May program will be the Southern Pacific in Oregon. Walt asked those who have material on the SP to sign a list which he circulated. The June program will be movies and slides on the Trans Siberian Railroad to be arranged for by Alfred Haij.

Chuck Storz reported for Chapter Librarian Al Zimmerman that a discount has been arranged for Chapter members on the purchase of railroad books. Orders must be placed through Al.

Roger Sackett announced that Union Pacific steam locomotive 8444 will be in Portland on April 22 and 23 as part of the ceremonial trip to Expo '74 at Spokane, Washington.

John Holloway announced that Railcon '74 will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia on June 1 and 2. Registration fee is \$19.00. Program includes tours of the Roberts Bank coal loading facility and the Canadian Pacific Roundhouse in Vancouver.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Chuck Storz, Chapter Secretary

EXTRA BOARD

The Union Pacific has really gone all out for the opening of Expo '74 at Spokane, Washington. In addition to the flag gathering special with 8444, the UP ran a directors' special from Portland, Oregon to the fair. The special departed Portland at 7:30 AM on Friday, May 3 with the following consist: E9 A units 960 and 954, sleeper #202 "Pacific Domain", business car #103, sleeper "Omaha", dome lounge #9004, business car "Arden", and business car #100.

On April 25 the private cars #06 "Golden Moon" and #33 "Imperial Leaf" were in the Portland Union Station. These cars are owned by the Charter Wire Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and are on an extended sales tour for the owning company.

There will be a display of equipment at the Portland Union Station on Wednesday, May 15 in connection with National Transportation Week. The UP, SP, BN, and Milwaukee will participate with cars and locomotives. Details not available at this writing.

Effective May 6, new Amtrak SDP40F's went into through service between Seattle, Washington and Los Angeles, California on trains 11 and 14, the Coast Starlight. This ends the power exchange between SP SDP45's and Amtrak and BN "E" and "F" units at Portland which has been in effect for some time. New Amtrak units spotted so far are in the 550 number series, with builder's date of April 1974. Amtrak expects to have trains 5 & 6, 7 & 8, 9 & 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 all operating with new SDP40F's by July 1, 1974.

Long time Portland hobby shop operators Vic and Connie Stuhr have sold their business to Dave Frezza.

An article on the Northwest Live Steamers operation at Shady Dell (Oregon) appears in the May 1974 issue of Sunset magazine.

The Union Pacific and Burlington Northern, in a joint project, are building a new connection to serve the new Terminal #6 container dock in the Port of Portland's Rivergate area. The track branches off the BN (SP&S) main line at North Portland Junction. A bridge is under construction over North Portland Road and an entirely new grade is being prepared to the dock site. This seems to effectively bypass any use of the Peninsula Terminal Railroad to reach the developing Rivergate industrial area.

The General Electric service shop in northwest Portland seems to be doing a continuing business in rebuilding smaller motive power for shortline and industrial railroads. Recently spotted on the service shop lead: Weyerhaeuser Company FM switcher #481.

According to a news release, the Kalmbach Publishing Company will be one of the sponsors on Chicago FM station WOJO of a program for, by, and about railfans and railroaders. Program content will include news of railfan events plus reviews of several of Kalmbach's books.

Chuck Storz

PERIODICALS FOR SALE

Members who have collections of "Trains" or "Model Railroader" magazines and are missing back issues will have a chance to complete their sets. Numerous duplicates of both publications are being offered for sale by the Chapter Library Committee. Chairman Alan C Zimmerman indicates that the magazines listed below will be available at the next regular meeting (Friday 17 May 1974) just before the business session, during the intermission, and after the program.

MODEL RAILROADER	TRAINS
1955 - Jan, Feb, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct	1956 - Jul, Oct
1956 - Jun, Aug	1958 - Mar, Jul, Aug
1957 - Dec	1960 - May, Aug, Sep, Dec
1958 - May, Aug, Dec	1961 - Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Sep
1959 - Mar, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec	1962 - Jul, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec
1960 - Feb, Mar, May, Jun	1963 - Jan, May, Oct, Dec
1961 - Mar, Apr, Dec	1964 - Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Dec
1962 - May, Jul, Nov, Dec	1965 - Jan, Feb, Mar, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep
1963 - Feb, May, Jun, Sep, Oct	1966 - Jan, Feb, Mar, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec
1964 - Apr, May	1967 - Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Sep, Oct
1965 - Mar	1968 - Jan, Feb, Apr, May, Jul
1966 - Jan, Apr, May, Jul, Nov	
1967 - Jan, Mar, Jun, Jul	

Issues prior to 1961 will sell for \$0.75 each. All others will be \$0.50 each. Current NRHS members will receive a discount of ten percent when purchases total over \$3.00.

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1974 RAILFAN DIRECTORY

The 1974 Railfan Directory of the United States and Canada is finally ready. The 26 page booklet contains the names and addresses of rail organizations, publications, museums, et cetera. It also includes railfan information on Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico. In addition to being listed by state, information is cross-indexed by alphabetical listing.

It is considered to be a truly worthwhile investment, selling at a bargain price of \$0.85 per copy. Copies will be available for sale at regular monthly meetings of PNW Chapter or may be ordered by mail direct from:

Overland Chapter, NRHS
320 Wisconsin Ave, Apt 511
Oak Park, Illinois - 60302

John D Holloway

NEW RAIL YARD NAMED

Burlington Northern recently announced plans for an industrial development south of Bend, Oregon. The site is to be known as "CASCAN".

During the search for a suitable name, Pacific Northwest Chapter members of NRHS were among those consulted for suggestions. Many names were considered, but eliminated because of possible duplications (Stevens with Stevenson, South Bend, et cetera). Pumice, Obsidian, Paulina, and Bannock were among others suggested.

"Cascan" was the name finally chosen. It is a geologic term coined from the words Cascade Andesite which is an igneous extrusive rock formation abundant in the Cascade Mountains to the west of Bend. The term "Andesite" is derived from the Andes Mountains of South America where this type of volcanic rock was first discovered.

Irv Ewen

RR BOOKS AT A DISCOUNT

A discount of ten percent off of the suggested retail price on books pertaining to railroads is now available to all PNW Chapter members. This was arranged for by Chapter Librarian Alan C Zimmerman with a local book store and applies to all books currently available.

For more information contact Al at the regular monthly meetings, informal luncheons, or telephone him at home (774-0377).