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## *Getting ready for Steam-up!*

On July 17<sup>th</sup> a team of PNWC volunteers spruced-up the Jordan Spreader in preparation for The Great Oregon Steam-Up to be held the weekends of July 31<sup>st</sup>-August 1<sup>st</sup> & August 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is the first PNWC rolling stock to be placed on APMA grounds. Here, Pete Rodabaugh checks the color of a paint sample against the maintenance-of-way orange sported by the Spreader, while Karl Wescott and son work on the interior. *See the story on page 2.*

## **Pacific Northwest Chapter Timetable #504**

### **Membership Meetings: Aug 20, Sept 17, 7:30 PM, St. Mark's Lutheran Church – 5415 S.E. Powell Blvd.**

**August Program:** Interested in presenting a program? Contact Ralph Johnson at 503-654-1930

**Board of Directors Meetings:** Aug 12, Room 208, Union Station, 7:30 PM

**Lending Library:** 1:30 to 4 pm, Aug 21 & 28, check-out subject to loan agreement.

**Annual Chapter Picnic:** Washington Park Railway station. Saturday, Aug 14<sup>th</sup>, 5PM to 8:30PM.

2005 Convention Committee: Room 208 Union Station

### **PRIVATE ZOO TRAIN CHARTER, SHOP TOUR AND DINNER AT WASHINGTON PARK STATION MAKE THIS YEAR'S PICNIC AN EVENT YOU CAN'T MISS!**

**Saturday, August 14, 5:00PM~8:30PM,**

Working with Zoo Railway and PNWC Chapter member Jeff Honeyman, your President has put together a truly memorable evening Chapter picnic. Starting at 5PM, the potluck-style picnic will also include members of the PRPA. A big thanks goes to Jeff, and also to Zoo Guest Services Manager, Carmen Hannold for giving the Chapter a great charter rate for the steam engine "Oregon". This allows us to set the fee at the very affordable price of \$7 per person. Sign-up with Ron at [r.mccoy@comcast.net](mailto:r.mccoy@comcast.net) OR 503-244-4315.

**2005 Pre-Registration Begins** by Arlen L. Sheldrake

The June 29 – July 4, 2004 *Rails to the Northstar* NRHS Convention kicked off the beginning of pre-registration for our *2005 Go By Train* NRHS Convention in Portland. Ten Chapter members (Kerrigan Gray, Kent Hutchens, Ralph Johnson, Jim Long, Darel Mack, Chuck McGaffey, Gerald & Olive Schuler, Arlen Sheldrake, and Dave Van Sickle) worked the 2004 Convention wearing our distinctive blue 2005 Convention worker vests.

Our information booth was set up in the *Rails to the Northstar* registration area and received a lot of foot traffic. The Portland Oregon Visitors Association provided four different brochures touting the attractions in the greater Portland area. Jenny Baird, Sales Manager for our Lloyd Center DoubleTree Hotel convention hotel had 200 of the famous DoubleTree chocolate chip cookies shipped in as an additional booth giveaway.

A total of **fifty** 2005 pre-registrations were received with many more indicating a strong interest in coming to our Convention. The *Rails to the Northstar* Convention team went out of their way to help generate interest in our 2005 Convention. For instance this is the first time the next years pre-registration form had been inserted into the attendee packets. On many occasions the *Rails to the Northstar* folk pointed out the people in the blue vests and encouraged attending next years convention. Many thanks to all the Northstar Chapter members for a great convention and excellent hospitality.

The 2005 Convention pre-registration form is available from our web site: [www.nrhs2005.com](http://www.nrhs2005.com)

**Spreader Gets Facelift** by Arlen L. Sheldrake

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On July 17<sup>th</sup> the monthly Rolling Stock work party focused on improving the looks of the Chapter's Jordan Spreader located at the Antique Powerland Museum in Brooks.

Carl Wescott, son Benjamin with 9 week old puppy Muffen, Pete Rodabaugh, Keith Fleschner, Ron McCoy, Al Hall, Ken Peters, and Arlen Sheldrake worked about 7 hours scrapping painted windows, scrapping painted head and side lights, repairing sliding windows, power washing and cleaning out the Jordan Spreader. Thanks to Darel Mack for the loan of his power washer. Earlier Charlie Philpot had given the weeds a shot of Roundup and Arlen did some weed whacking. Our Jordan Spreader display now looks good for the Steam-Up July 31-August 1 and August 7-8.

Future Spreader projects include replacing broken window glass, painting rusted areas and painting the roof.

Rolling Stock work parties are scheduled for the Saturday following the Chapter membership meetings (third Saturday of each month). The May party focused on finishing the 6800 window project, the June party cleaned up the Oregon Business Park rail spur and Mt. Hood clean-up. Include these work parties in your calendar planning. All levels of talent can and will be used. Call Keith Fleschner at 503.632.0267 or [keithfleschner@msn.com](mailto:keithfleschner@msn.com) for information on the August 21<sup>st</sup> work party.



## ***Missing part of "Peggy" returned after 40 years***

About 6 months ago, Fred Harvey, Lead Security Officer at Union Station mentioned that a lady had come by the station indicating that she had a part for a steam locomotive that used to be located at the Forestry Center that burned to the ground. Fred gave the lady my telephone number with the hope that I could help her out. Fast forward to June 26, 2004 when the lady called.

Seems she had been cleaning out her basement in preparation for what all us seniors eventually do which is downsizing. One of the things she came across was totally foreign to her so she asked her 55-year old son if he knew what it was. Sure enough, he said it was a part from an old steam locomotive that was damaged in a fire at the Old Forestry Center in 1964.

On July 2, 2004 a very conscientious Mary Schmidt delivered to Mark Reed of the World Forestry Center the original lid to Peggy's sand dome. Thanks to Mary and Fred for giving this story a happy ending.

- Arlen L. Sheldrake

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# **Zoo steamer “Oregon” chartered for Chapter Picnic, evening of August 14<sup>th</sup>! (see page 1)**

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