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Membership Meetings: Nov 19, Dec 17, 7:30 PM, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 5415 SE Powell Blvd.

November Meeting Program: Steve Hauff, B.Sc. (physics) University of Washington
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Clallam County Historical Society, local history series

Peninsula College, Clallam County history series

Northwest Logging Modelers Convention, keynote speaker 2002, speaker 2003

Boeing Employees Railroad Club, keynote speaker 2003

Light Railway Research Society of Australia, Olympic Park Institute, Peninsula College, Studium Generale

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Board of Directors Meetings: November 11 & December 9, Room 208, Union Station, 7:30 PM

Lending Library: 1:30 to 4 pm, November 20 & 27, check-out subject to **loan agreement**.

2005 Convention Committee: November 17, 2004, Room 208 Union Station

Notable Non-Chapter Events:

Open Houses at area model railroad clubs will be happening in November. Watch the various model railroad publications for more information.

UP Donates Willamette River Bridge

Union Pacific Railroad announced October 15th it is donating the former Southern Pacific branch line bridge over the Willamette River to the City of Salem, Oregon. The railroad also has agreed to establish a fund for maintenance of the bridge over the next four years.

In addition, Union Pacific will donate land for a park and trail to access the bridge on the west side of Wallace Road.

Union Pacific's predecessor in Salem, Southern Pacific, stopped using the bridge in the early 1970s. The bridge has been the focus of attention for recreational uses for many years.

In 2002, Union Pacific retrofitted an excursion boat – the "*Willamette Queen*" – so that it could pass under the bridge when the river was running high.

From October 15, 2004 UP News Release

Washington County Commuter Rail Update by

Arlen L. Sheldrake

This 14.7-mile project will share tracks with the Portland & Western Railroad in eastern Washington County running between Beaverton and Wilsonville. Train frequency during the weekday will be every 30 minutes during morning and evening rush hours with the trip between Beaverton and Wilsonville taking 27 minutes at a projected average speed of 37 mph.

A total of five stations are being planned. The Beaverton Transit Center connects with 11 bus lines and MAX light rail Blue and Red lines. The Scholls Ferry/Washington Square station located across Highway 217 from Washington Square will have about 200 parking spaces and connect to bus lines serving residential and employment areas. The Tigard Transit Center station will have about 120 parking spaces and connect with five bus lines. The Tualatin station will have about 120 parking spaces and connect to local bus service. The Wilsonville station will have about 400 parking spaces and connect with Wilsonville bus services.

Average daily ridership is estimated between 3,000 and 4,000 trips by 2020, with half of the riders new to transit.

Tri-Met, the owner and operator of this service, is working with U.S. and international rail car builders to design and build a self-propelled diesel vehicle (Diesel Multiple Unit (DMU) Railcars) that meets all Federal safety standards. Responses to the Tri-Met published RFP were due in from rail car builders September 8th.

PNWC-NRHS

Membership meeting minutes

September 17, 2004

Chapter President Ron McCoy called the meeting to order at 7:30.

Guests Mark Vehrencamp, Holly McCoy and Grayson Burkhart were welcomed. Ron announced five new memberships: Bruce Anzulewicz, Donald Comstock, Bruce and Pamela Hanson, Willamette Climax Locomotive author Steven E. Hauff, and Great Southern Railroad historian Jerry Tanquist.

Approval of the June and July membership minutes was postponed until members had sufficient to review them. Ron welcomed back Trainmaster editor Glenn Laubaugh, and thanked Mark Moore for his assistance preparing the Trainmaster in Glenn's absence.

Keith Fleschner said that the Chapter will have to move some of its best rolling stock because the Portland & Western needs to use the existing storage spur to provide service to the building where the cars are stored. Pete Rodabaugh and Keith are busily scrambling to locate temporary storage for the cars until a permanent home can be found. The rolling stock work party for September 18 will continue the rebuilding work on the RDC brake cylinders. All are always welcome at the work parties, and donuts are provided! Contact Keith Fleschner if you want to help out and join the fun. No special skills or tools are necessary.

In most cases existing Portland & Western Railroad freight tracks will be used. A short section of new track will be constructed in Lombard Avenue between Farmington Road and the Beaverton Transit Center.

The \$103.5 million project is being funded by: \$51.75 million in federal funding, \$35 million from state lottery bond proceeds, \$10.25 million from the Metro Transportation Improvement Program, and \$6.5 million from local cities and Washington County. A Federal Full Funding Grant Agreement, which assures construction funding, could be secured as early as spring 2005. Construction would get underway soon afterward with the Commuter Rail line opening in fall 2007.

Tri-Met has an excellent web presence. You can also sign up for email updates for specific bus lines, the Portland Streetcar and/or the Washington County Commuter Rail News & Meetings.

Information for this article extracted from the Tri-Met web site www.tri-met.org August 29, 2004.

Treasurer Ken Peters reported that the Chapter has received a generous donation from the estate of Chapter member Bill Einzig.

The NRHS National Treasurer also received a similar donation.

The Chapter deeply appreciates the contribution, and extends its condolences and gratitude to the Einzig family.

Convention Chair Arlen Sheldrake was unable to attend, but Ron said that convention business is making good progress. Kerrigan Gray, Rail-related Events Chair, said that event planning and decision-making has shifted into high gear as 2005 draws closer.

Ron reported that the Chapter board has approved a set of revised by-laws to be submitted to a vote of the membership. Ron said the changes will help streamline the by-laws and better suit the Chapter's operations going forward.

The Activities Committee Chair still needs someone to fill it. Jim Long spoke briefly about a possible Chapter activity to visit Train Mountain in Chiloquin in early June 2005. Please contact Jim if you are interested in learning more. Train Mountain is an organization whose members maintain and operate an extensive one-eighth scale train layout, and the proposed June activity would coincide with their "Spring Meet," featuring lots of one-eighth scale equipment from around the Northwest, and probably beyond.

Membership Committee Chair Diana Mack continues to receive good feedback on the 2004 Membership

Directory. Thanks to Arlen Sheldrake for the layout, and Diana for duplication and distribution. The directory also includes information on Chapter history, and is available for

\$2 at meetings, or \$2.75 by mail. Contact Diana to get your copy.

Ralph Johnson said the evening's program would be a video on the UP 3985 Challenger. November's program is scheduled to be a presentation by Carlos Brooks of the Washington County Commuter Rail program.

Ron present the Unsung Hero award for September to Jeff Honeyman, Chapter member since 1973, and who played the key role in making the August Washington Park & Zoo Railway picnic come to fruition.

Ted Ahlberg spoke briefly about his memories of Bill Einzig, recalling him as a pleasant fellow and an avid excursionist. John Willworth had his usual variety of railroad videos from the lending library.

Any Chapter member is eligible to sign a lending library agreement and check out materials from the Chapter's lending library. The lending library is also open

in Room 1 from 1:30 to 4:00 the two Saturdays following the monthly membership meeting. Ron donated a box of his personal rail-related books to the concessions committee.

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 and members enjoyed refreshments prepared by Cora Jackson. The video program featured lots of great footage of the UP 3985 running across Nebraska and Wyoming, as well as current and historical shots of other notable UP steam power, and interview segments with Steve Lee and other UP steam program personnel.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Long

Help continues to be needed for the upcoming Portland National Railway Historical Society Convention in 2005. Please contact Convention Chair Arlen Sheldrake at 503.223.7006 if you are interested in helping out in any way with convention planning and operations.

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speaker has been
invited to the
November meeting.
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Page 1.**

**Helping Hands
needed! 2005 Chapter
Elections are coming!! If
you are interested in
running for office, please
contact one of the chapter
officers to find out the full
extent of the position you
are interested in. If you are
still interested, then you
will be guided to the
nominations committee.**

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