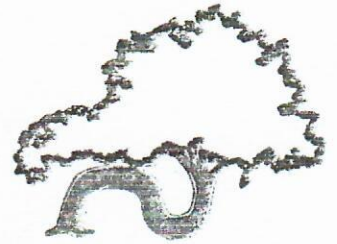


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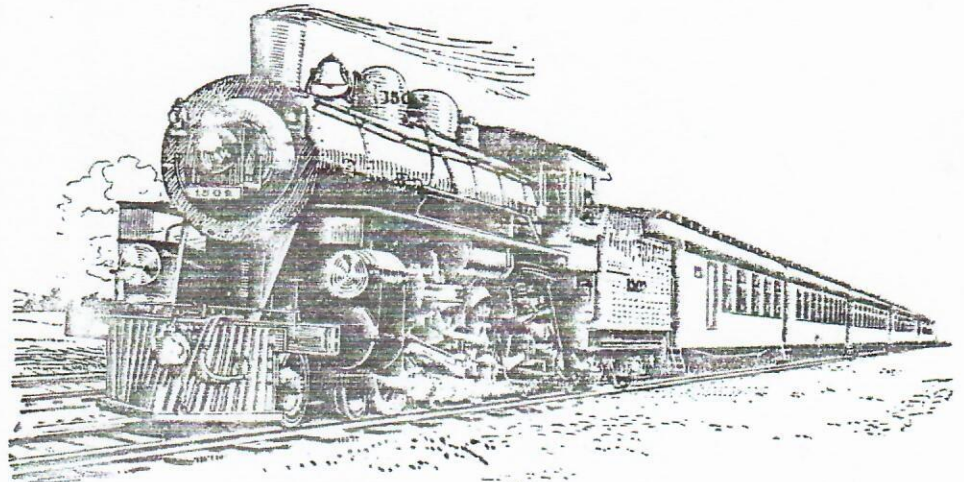
THE LAST DAYS OF STEAM RAILROADING IN THE NORTHWEST

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A slide and sound show
by Don Hunter, railroad
buff and retired
professor, University
of Oregon library,
audio-visual director.

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7:30 P.M., MONDAY
NOVEMBER 20
TROUTDALE CITY HALL



ALL ABOARD...

Our second meeting of the fall season celebrates Troutdale's history as a railroad town with a special program on railroading.

Don Hunter recognized that an era was ending as the last of the steam trains were put out to pasture in the late 1950s so he set out to record those final days. Filming only every day freight runs he caught images and sounds of steam trains in Toledo, Hoquiam, Wash., and Wyoming and Colorado.

Hunter is coming from Eugene to present this 30-minute program. To defray his expenses, we will accept donations.

Afterwards, join us for refreshments provided by Jo Hewlett, Mary Allen and Shirley Anderson.

A "THANKSGIVING" IS PLANNED...

There is the normal Thanksgiving we all have each year --stuffing ourselves with turkey and stuffing--and the other kind in which we give thanks.

Join us at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 29, at our barn on the Harlow House grounds when two generous corporate donors will be honored. Representatives from Burns Bros. Truck Stops will be there to open the doors they bought for the barn. And representatives from Honeywell Protection Services will activate the security system they gave.

Once that is done we'll all step inside for a toast to the people who helped us close our barn doors. And give thanks all around.

SCOUTING SOME HISTORY

Our society is now the sponsor of a Girl Scout troop led by Linda Murphy, one of our faithful volunteers. While we can accept no financial obligation to "our" Scouts, we are making plans to teach them local history. And they, in turn, want to help with some of our

A TRICK OF THE EYE...

Both Warren and Wallace Howell turned up at our October meeting, which is also the Troutdale School Reunion. If you think that is remarkable, then you do not know that the Howells are identical twins and, though now gray-haired, are still so alike that it is hard to tell the Gresham Howell from the Richland, Wash., Howell.

The event gave many Troutdale grads an opportunity to recall the days when the Howells went barefoot to school, donning shoes only in the most severe weather. Elder brother Don (Chim) Howell says he had to wear shoes at his graduation and they hurt "something awful."

About 60 people attended the reunion. Everyone enjoyed the homemade pizza made by Chris Smith and Sadie Riley. Sadie, incidentally, asked that the \$110 she spent on ingredients for the pizza be donated to the barn fund in the name of Lael Larger. Lael recycles newspapers and gives the society the proceeds because she wants her name burned on the beam of the barn as a \$500 donor. Sadie's gift has given her a real boost.

ABOUT THE BARN...

While progress appears to be slow at the barn and, indeed, fund-raising is creeping along at a slug-like pace, many good things are happening.

In July Vern Rathman, a member who is an excavating contractor, brought in all his big toys and moved the dirt around that needed to be moved to put the barn grounds back in order. His work and equipment amounted to a donation of \$1,260. Sam Cox then used his small tractor to do finish work. And Cathy Hamme did the hand work. Just last month Arman Kluehe, who with his wife, Donna, runs a landscaping service, graded all the bare ground around the barn for purposes of erosion control. This is not final landscaping, but intended to make the barn look better until the project is finished.

On Oct. 28, 30 employees of Honeywell Protection Services volunteered their Saturday off to install the burglar and fire alarms in the barn. Once contractor Dave Traxler has installed the stairs to the upper gallery, we will be in a position to put up the siding.

Dick Jones, who supervises every inch of barn construction, says the siding is particularly crucial because the plywood you presently see on the side of the building should not be exposed to the weather another year. We have the siding and it has been undercoated by volunteers, but it cannot go up until we receive our framing permit from the City of Troutdale and that doesn't happen until the stairs are done. We also have the paint, paid for by Alex Jones. With the help of Glenn Otto, we have secured tentative agreement from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers to do the wiring.

Those wonderful efforts move us closer to the day when we will have the barn open, though an estimated \$50,000 must be raised before we can finish the interior and prepare the exhibits.

SPEAKING OF GIFTS...

A \$100 donation to the barn has been received from the family of Steve and Lizzie Cereghino, early farmers in the Troutdale area. Their children are: ERNIE CEREGHINO, (who still farms part of the original property), RICHARD CEREGHINO, DORIS CAMELLA AND YOLANDA NUSSER.

Other barn donations have come from JO HEWLETT and CRYSTAL BAYLEY.

You may have noticed the simple jar that Roy Meger and Elsie Simmitt keep in the Troutdale General store to benefit the Harlow House museum. The money comes in small change, but it mounts up. The most recent harvesting of the jar yielded \$42. Don't forget Troutdale

MORE GOOD NEWS...

The Oct. 7 and 8 rummage sale chaired by Marge Schmunk earned \$1,700 for our barn fund. That included Sadie Riley's efforts in the kitchen and earnings from pies donated by our squad of bakers. Because of their work pricing and sorting in the barn every Wednesday for the two months preceding the sale, the board of directors has credited five volunteers, Schmunk, Jean Holman, Dorothy Sturges, Cathy Hamme and Sharon Nesbit with work hours amounting to a \$200 donation each to the barn fund.

Also, our Sept. 17 Columbia Gorge home tour drew 300 visitors and earned \$1,400 for our general fund. Much of that is due to the graciousness of our homeowners who open their doors to guests. That money goes to the running of our Harlow House and depot museums.

Thank you to all who contributed to both projects.

ABOUT EDGEFIELD MANOR...

On the surface, the news is not good. No one bid on the manor at a national auction of historic properties Sept. 26. Multnomah County, according to a previous agreement, will make the manor available for another auction in 1990.

But a major story about the auction, including a large-type quote about Edgefield, appeared in an Oct. 15, 1989 edition of the New York Times. Such publicity continues to generate national interest about the building and a number of groups have approached Multnomah County to inquire about the property.

Many know that the last people to leave Edgefield when the county closed the nursing home in 1982 were Verne Jones, long time director of the facility, and his wife, Louise. Recently, the Joneses, who are moving to a retirement home in McMinnville, donated the scrapbook Louise kept when a citizens group waged a battle to prevent county commissioners from abruptly closing the facility and endangering the lives of its residents.

THANKS TO OUR MUSEUM HOSTS...

Another summer season has ended at our Harlow House and Rail Depot museums and thanks must go to the friendly people who greeted visitors at each.

DONNA HAWKINS, who chaired the depot volunteer group, contributed seven afternoons as well as rounding up the other volunteers. Coming in second in depot dedication was EVELYN JACOBSON, who hosted four times. MAXINE and VIRGIL CARMICHAEL and RANKIN DAVIS each worked three times and VERA STREBIN, GLADYS NORMENT, HOMER LUMSDEN, PAT ALBIN and MARY ALLEN were all two-timers in the best sense of the word.

Others who pitched in for a day were TED & LOIS SCHULTE, MARTHA BOOHEISTER, HARVEY & BETTY WIEPRECHT, MIKE MORROW, ALICE WAND, VIRGINIA MURPHY, NANCY COX, HAROLD & ELEANOR BANGS, BILL & MARIE STONE, CECILIA PAVLIK, SHIRLEY ANDERSON, SADIE RILEY, CATHY GILMORE and GENE & NANCY BUI.

At Harlow House, SADIE RILEY, VIRGINIA MURPHY, LAEL LARGER and LINDA HARVEY were Sunday hosts. Our weekday curator/host is CYNTHIA HOWELL who is worth way more than we pay her.

GIFT TO THE ENDOWMENT FUND

Vera Strebin has made a gift to the society's endowment fund in memory of Mike Mitchell. Such gifts are permanent memorials. Interest from the fund is used to keep our museums open.

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TIDBITS...A fascinating little bottle, pale blue, with a patent date of 1883 was found in a recent excavation behind Troutdale City Hall. The label on the bottom is "BiXby"...Alex Jones, former society resident and still our right hand man, is recuperating from minor surgery, which triggered a problem with his heart. He is much better now...Alex points out that a September edition of the Senior Tribune includes a story about Tad's Chicken n' Dumplin's and a reprint of the text of our historical plaque on the front of the building.

ABOUT CHRISTMAS...Our Harlow House Christmas party will be Saturday, Dec. 16. Donna Kluehe wants bird ornaments, nests or other bird motifs (Does anyone have a stuffed pheasant?) for the tree. If you have things to loan call her at 234-3480. All items will be returned.

WELCOME...Sixty new members joined in a "home tour special." They are NOLA ORTH, LOIS LLOYD, ZELMA SUTHERLAND, JOHN & SUSAN COOK, DIANNE BAUMGART, KATHLEEN DEMPSEY, SHARON DOLAN, PEGGY THOENY, DAN & PEGGY LINCOLN, WILLIAM & DOROTHY JENKINS, DALE & NANCY GILES, JAN TAYLOR-TASKEY & ROD TASKEY, AGNES SUMMERVILLE, KEN & KATRINA RAASCH, GAYLE ROTHROCK, CLAUDETTE BEVILL, CINDY, CHRIS & TERRY HAMMOND, MRS. ROBERT CARLSON, CAROL LAURENT, WAYNE OLSEN, MRS. L.H. HOFF, ROBERT & JANIE WILSON, BILL LOOSE, MARIE FAIRBANKS, KELLIE FRIDERICH, JAN VREELAND, JEANNE & GORDON WILLIAMS, MARGUERITE WRIGHT CAMPBELL, LORRAINE SCOTT, VIRGINIA TAYLOR, CAROL LATIMER, RICHARD LATIMER, PIPER & PHIL SIMPSON, DAVID DUNNE, MARY FULLER, LOUISE MARTELL, KATHY O'NEIL, CAROL WILBARN, MARIAN FLETCHER, BETTY HAIGHT, M.J. HYLAND, PATRICIA MCGAUGHEY, JAMES & OIE WORKMAN, PHIL JONES, BOB GANO, KATHLEEN HARLAN and PIERRE DRUMMER.

Others who recently joined are WILBUR RATHMAN, VIOLA CRAWFORD LOCKHART, MEL ODELL, JAMES LONG, WAYNE & CHRIS SMITH, ANNELIESE HAZEN, LORAYNE TETZ, HEIDI WILSON, DICK YOUNG and DEBBIE SCHOEPPER.

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