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“The Railroad Beanery”



Where A Railroads Past Comes Alive!

RailCast Episode 1 – Jack Christensen, retired NP/BN

“Stories of the NP/BN Seattle-Portland Mainline”

Sunday, May 15, 2022 – 6:00pm Pacific Daylight Time

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The “*Railroad Beanery*” was the lunch counter that many railroads kept open around the clock to feed the hungry railroaders either going on duty or just coming off duty. The beanery table was a place that railroaders shared stories, swapped myths and legends and carried on their day-to-day life working for the railroad. The “Railroad Beanery” RailCast has a goal to focus on some of the railroad “old heads” to share some of their experiences of working for and operating trains and provide insight into what is quickly becoming a lost craft.

Join us for *The Railroad Beanery Episode 1* which will feature northwest native **Jack Christensen**.

A favorite in the Pacific Northwest, Auburn, Washington native Jack Christensen, is a veteran of the Northern Pacific and Burlington Northern railroads where he served as fireman and engineer for more than 57 years, hiring out during the last stand of steam in 1943. Jack is also a prolific author and artist whose work has been featured for many years around the rail history realm.

This interactive zoom meeting will be facilitated by members of the Pacific Northwest Railroad Archive and the Northern Pacific Railway Historical Association who will lead Jack through a series of historic photos that will be a source for his accounts of working for the railroad along the Seattle to Portland main line.

This unique presentation will illustrate many examples of the challenge of running a railroad during steam and into the early diesel transition period. Jack’s operating experience is wide-ranging but running steam and diesels on the NP’s Seattle to Portland mainline is an area that he loves to talk about.

A limited question and answer period will follow the presentation. Sign up now for this very unique opportunity to learn a bit of fascinating railroad history told by someone who was actually there!

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