

# PACIFIC NORTHWEST RAILROAD ARCHIVE

## **NORTHWEST NEWS**

Archives Activities for the Second Quarter of 2022

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### **GiveBig and Grant Results**

Thanks to all our members and friends who took part in the annual GiveBig campaign to support non-profits in the Puget Sound area. After two strong years in response to concerns regarding charities during COVID, the spring fundraising campaign has returned to levels slightly below 2019, the last “normal” year. ” Your GiveBig gifts have placed \$7000.00 in the PNRA general operating fund.

PNRA also applied for sustaining funds from 4Culture, the agency that administers King County culture and heritage grants and was awarded \$10,100.00 for 2023 through the Sustained Support and Recovery Funds. For receiving these funds PNRA has committed to benefit the residents of King County by holding free to the public events at our Burien site and online, providing no cost meeting space for local railroad heritage societies, conducting weekly work sessions to preserve the King County railroad heritage and curating the collections in our care.

### **Upcoming PNRA Events**

PNRA will be supporting a number of events this summer and fall.

July 23, - the local chapter of the Pennsylvania Railroad society meets at PNRA.

August 10 - Summer PNRA Board meeting via Zoom.

September 10 - Burien Arts-A Glow, community festival open house.

September 10 to 30 - Railroad Art Show, at Skykomish Artworks.

September 18, 2022, “Jack Christensen Goes Over the Hill on Stampede Pass”, Zoom presentation.

September 23 PNRA report at the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway society convention.

September 30 - Railroads, Art and the Confident Civic Life at the Highline Heritage Museum.

November 2 - Annual Membership Meeting at Burien

November 25/26 - Open House with the Boeing Employees Model Railroad Club layout operating.



*Pennsylvania Railroad local chapter members left to right Dave Yadock, Jim Trunzo and Bill Meyers inspect PRR blueprints being transferred to the chapter from the PNRA.*

### **Preservation News**

PNRA has been active in transferring materials outside of our scope to the appropriate historical societies. In the past few months the Burlington Route Historical Society received several maps and they exchanged with us blueprints from the Butte, Montana depot. The Missouri Pacific Society received Employee Timetables and a large package of photos and timetables were on the way to the CSX society. Locally, Christy Lake from the Northwest Railroad Museum in Snoqualmie picked up many boxes of items duplicate to PNRA. There are several other examples of this kind of sharing and in many cases the transfers become a two-way street benefiting both organization.

### **FOBNR Visit and Presentation**

The Friends of the Burlington Northern Railroad society convention attendees visited the PNRA on June 7th. This informal visit and tour of our facility included seeing the Boeing Employee Model Railroad Club layout. The following Thursday, Bob Kelly made a presentation at the FOBNR convention in Vancouver, Washington discussing the history of the PNRA.

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## Hill Donation Status

Dean O'Neill has completed a PNRA computing security assessment, digital preservation process review and equipment needs analysis as part of a study relating to the donation by James J. Hill III. These funds are designated for improving the archives computing resources, building security and digital preservation methods. After reviewing the plan, the PNRA Board approved the study and its recommendations for phase one of the funding on June 22, 2022. This work will include improvement of digital preservation equipment and processes, installing a more versatile internal network, and replacement of aged equipment.

## COMPANIONS: Railroads, Art and the Confident Civic Life

On September 30, 2022 at the Highline Heritage Museum we are co-sponsoring a presentation by railroad artist Craig Thorpe titled: Railroads, Art and the Confident Civic Life. The talk will be illustrated and many scans of Mr. Thorpe's personal paintings will be used as examples. Recording will also take place for additional access by the public. This event is open to the public.

## The Railroad Beanery, Episode 1; Jack Christensen

On May 15, 2022 the PNRA hosted the first installment of a series we're calling 'The Beanery', a trip in the 'way-back' machine to a railroad lunch counter in the early 20th century. Our first episode was with Jack Christensen who talked about driving trains in the Chehalis/Centralia area. Seventy-seven people attended via Zoom. We plan to place the recorded Zoom session in the PNRA library on YouTube.

**Save the date: September 18, 2022, for the second episode of the Beanery titled: "Jack Christensen Goes Over the Hill on Stampede Pass"**

## Headlight Society

The PNRA Headlight Society - Honoring those making a planned gift to the Pacific Northwest Railroad Archive. PNRA has made significant progress towards creating a world-class railroad history archive. Unique to this effort is our success in making the archival materials available on the internet for the general public's use. Our mem-



*Just another busy Tuesday at the PNRA. From left to right Mike Bergman, John Tucker and Randy Hammond are busy doing inputting. On the table the Jim Paschelke photo collection is being organized and the rest of the table space is being used to process a donation from Earl Currie. Bob Kelly Photograph.*

bers and friends can strengthen our preservation mission by making a planned gift to PNRA as part of a will or estate plan. These gifts can assure an endowment will be in place for the Archive to serve future generations. PNRA can accept bequests from wills and estate plans, beneficiary gifts from tax-deferred retirement plans, and life insurance proceeds no longer need for family or business needs. The various options should be reviewed with individual's attorney or investment advisor. If you support PNRA's preservation mission, we invite our members and friends to help endow the Archives future by making a planned estate gift. If our members and friends would like more information please contact Bob Kelly, 206-349-3977, [mvmvm@comcast.net](mailto:mvmvm@comcast.net)

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