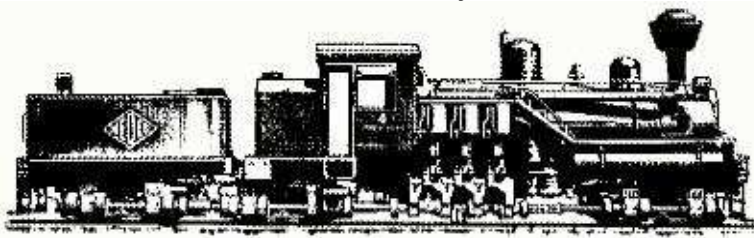


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## **Southern Pacific Pile Driver**

By: Tony Johnson



This is a wonderful photo of a Southern Pacific Pile Driver numbered SPMW2709. On back of the photo is written "Bay City Pile Driver Locomotive 9-7-12."

I searched the Internet for information about Bay City, the company I suspected built the pile driver. I found that this pile driver was considered a "self-propelled" pile driver. There are no obvious features that would make a person believe it is self propelled, so I asked for help from my long-time friend Ken Harrison of the Southern Pacific Historical & Technical Society. The following is his reply to me.

SPMW 2709 was, according to the ledger, a "Pile Driver (self-propelled)" built 12/21/1910 at Bay City Michigan. I believe that plant either was, or became, Industrial Works. It appears to have been assigned at first to Sacramento, but it is known to have worked all over the west. The color shots I

have of it show it based at Bayshore, but you have also seen a color picture of it in North Hollywood. It was listed as "worn out" in August 1963. Alas, there are no disposition data.

Tender SPMW 3746 (1st) was built in 1889 as tender 1381. It was a class 35-R. It was renumbered SPMW 3746 (1st) 2/15/1911, which suggests that this was the in-service date for the pile driver. It was dismantled at Los Angeles 12/31/1934.

The last tender assigned was SPMW 8258, a 70-C-3 that had been SPMW 7221-A (assigned to rotary SPMW 7221), and reassigned to SPMW 2709 on 4/21/1936, the date of its renumbering. There is no record of any tender assigned to SPMW 2709 between 12/31/1934 and 4/21/1936. There was probably an ad hoc use of an available tender as needed. SPMW 8258 was dismantled in November 1963. One record states that this tender was assigned to SPMW 2709 in 1953. If that is so, then there is no record of a tender between 1936 and 1953. Seems unlikely to me.

SPMW 3847, the boom tender, was built as a 50-ton flat, SP 48625, by Standard Steel Car on 4/22/1907. It became SPMW 3847 in February 1911, also at Sacramento, giving even more credence to the February 1911 date as the in-service date of the pile driver. It was dismantled at Los Angeles 3/20/1957. After that date, I would suspect that any car used as a boom tender for SPMW 2709 was one drawn from the revenue fleet for such service.

Ken

### **Tillamook Depot Saved**

by Arlen Sheldrake (reprinted from the PNWC-NRHS Trainmaster newsletter)

On Sunday, March 13, the Tillamook Depot was moved to its new home next to the Blue Heron French Cheese Company, thus escaping the wrecking ball.

With a mid-January \$5,000 donation from Ken Werner that kicked the total to the needed \$12,000, the Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad (OCSR) moved forward quickly to prepare the former Pacific Railway and Navigation Company Tillamook Depot for a "house move" to a new site. The PR&N was a subsidiary of the Southern Pacific.

The depot was located on a 3-acre property on Third Street purchased from the Port of Tillamook Bay by Werner Gourmet Meats which has immediate plans to add a 7,493 square-foot production addition and a 16,000 square-foot warehouse to their existing facility next door. Werner offered the depot free to anyone who could come up with a plan to move it from their property by the end of February.

OCSR moved the 1912 depot to a small patch of ground at the Blue Heron French Cheese Company facility north of town just off Highway 101 (2001 Blue Heron Drive) where OCSR has plans to use it as a satellite ticket office, gift shop and possibly as short-term office space. The move cost about \$9,500 after Averill Trucking and several utilities provided their services at no cost. In mid-January, volunteers removed the roof down to the ceiling joists for the road move height requirements.

The windows were removed so that they wouldn't be damaged during the move. An Astoria company was contracted to do the highway move. The goals are to have the depot on a new foundation and weather tight by Fall and open as a ticket office in time for the building's centennial in 2012.

The 1.5-mile highway move took about 3 hours. The building is approximately 2,000 square feet and 29 feet wide. Denny Pastega, Blue Heron owner who also serves on the OCSR Board of Directors, was quoted by the *Headlight Herald*: "I've always had a dream of putting the depot on the Blue Heron property and then some day in the future connecting it to the main (railroad) line." Hampton Lumber has donated enough lumber to replace the roof and rebuild the missing freight room which burned down in the 1970s. With the addition, the depot will be twice its current size.

The station saw regular passenger service until 1932, serving two trains a day. It continued to serve occasional passenger trains until 1953. Soon after 1953, the freight handling end of the station was damaged by fire and removed. The depot was closed in 1977. The station is a Southern Pacific Type 23.

OCSR is looking for some detail materials to decorate the inside of the depot once it is restored. Materials needed include: scissor phone, manual typewriter, telegraph equipment, station wall clock, old baggage cart and any other period material. If you can donate any of these items, contact Scott Wickert (swickert@ocsr.net). More information about this 501C-3 tax exempt organization can be accessed at: [www.ocsr.net](http://www.ocsr.net). Restoration donations may be sent to: Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad, c/o Depot Restoration, PO Box 669, Tillamook OR 97141.

This article was compiled with assistance from Scott Wickert and Tillamook Headlight Herald newspaper articles: September 29, January 12 & 20, March 13 & 16, 2011. The crane photo was supplied by Scott Wickert and the roofless and new site photos by Arlen Sheldrake.



In preparation for the move, the roof of the depot had to be removed. A crane allowed the clean removal of all of the roof joists and covering.





Roof and windows removed, the depot stood at its previous location, awaiting lifting and transportation

At its new, permanent location at the Blue Heron French Cheese Company facility, the depot still needs a new foundation and replacement roofing.



## 2011 Rogue Valley Railroad Show

By: Allen Dobney

We had another successful Rogue Valley Model Railroad show. As usual the historical society had a great display set up. Show attendance was over 4400 which is down about 600 from last year. We made \$225.00 at our table plus our portion of the ticket sales. A BIG thanks to all of our members that worked at the show. Below are a few pictures from the show.



The historical society crew getting ready for the opening on Sunday morning.



John Powell discussing the finer points of interest on our Southern Pacific dining car to a show goer.





Richard Huston's beautiful 18" gauge locomotive and passenger car. The engine is still a work in progress, but is coming along nicely.



Syd & Jean Stoner's beautifully restored speeder was also on display at the show.

**Southern Oregon Chapter – National Railway Historical Society**  
**Board of Directors**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Minutes of November 22, 2011**

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by President E. Don Pettit.
2. Roll Call: E. Don Pettit, Ric Walch, Jerry Hellinga, John Powell and two other members were present. Larry Tuttle was absent.
3. Approval of the October 25, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes. Allen Dobney distributed the minutes of the October 25, 2011 Board Meeting. Jerry Hellinga moved to accept the minutes as read. John Powell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
4. Approval of the November 8, 2011 Membership Meeting Minutes. Allen Dobney distributed the minutes of the November 8, 2011 Membership Meeting. Jerry Hellinga moved to accept the minutes as read. Ric Walch seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
5. Treasurer's Report: Jerry Hellinga presented the Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Report was accepted by consensus.
6. Committee Reports:
  - a. Consession stand. Ric Walch reported that he expects to see an improvement in revenue next year with the continued sales of hamburgers. Ric is working with several members to increase the staffing support to ensure operation at every run day. Ric is also working on providing catering support for interested groups.
  - b. John Powell reported that there is nothing new from the National front.
7. Old Business:
  - a. Jerry Hellinga reported that there are no new donations for the Medco #4 project. There are 2 grant requests out to the Oregon Heritage Commission and the Rotary.
8. New Business:
  - a. Rick Walch reported he had a conversation with Larry & Alice Mullaly. Larry & Alice would like to see the Burlington caboose evolve to more of a "Children's Railroad Museum". The entire board thought this would be a great idea and the board is willing to support changes with Larry & Alice's leadership.
  - b. Rick Walch also reported he was approached by the local Lionel group who would like to have a display at the Railroad Park. Ric asked them to come back to the group with a specific proposal.
9. Good of the Order:
  - a. Jerry Hellinga reported that one person looked at the truck we have for sale. He decided not to purchase it. Jerry will put the truck up on Craig's List at \$2200 OBO. The board agreed that we should not accept anything less than \$1500.
  - b. Ric Walch reported that there is no recent news from Coos Bay. Ric has heard that there is some interest in doing a demo speeder run next summer.
10. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

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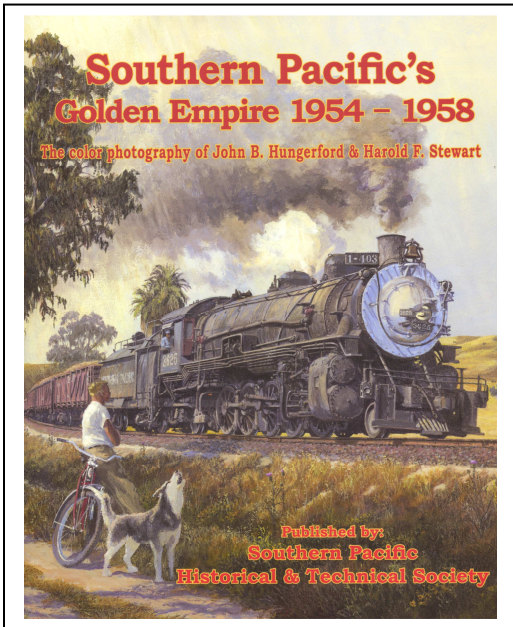
Allen Dobney, Acting Secretary

Next General Meeting: December 13, 2011 at 7:00 PM

Next Regular Board Meeting: January 24, 2012 at 7:00 PM

**BOOK REVIEW: "Southern Pacific's Golden Empire 1954 - 1958, The color photography of John B. Hungerford & Harold F. Stewart."**

Edited by: Joe Dale Morris & Rod Crossley, pub. by the SP Historical & Technical Society



Reviewed by: Allen Dobney

This 300 page all color book is the best book I have purchased in the last decade. The photos are of excellent quality and the information in the captions is well detailed. I especially liked the coverage of the narrow gauge in the Owens Valley and the Modoc line photos. There is also a picture of Medco numbers 3 and 4 in the book. This book would make a great addition to any railroad library. As an added bonus Thomas Moungovan has arranged for 10% of the gross proceeds from the sale of the book to be donated to our chapter!!!

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING ENTERTAINMENT**

If you have railroad slides or videos that you would like to present, please email me at ([adobney@gmail.com](mailto:adobney@gmail.com)) or call me at 541-582-0605 with the details and I will put you on the schedule.

**ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS**

As always we need articles for the newsletter. If you have something you would like to see included in an upcoming newsletter, please send your submission to; [adobney@gmail.com](mailto:adobney@gmail.com) or call 541-582-0605. Thanks.....Allen

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## UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

**January 10, 2012, 7:00PM @ Model Railroad Clubhouse:** Annual NRHS membership meeting. Jerry Hellinga will present the annual report. Jerry will also be presenting a video on the restoration of Medco #3 titled "Steam for the Super-Skunk". Larry Tuttle will also present a video and slides on the California Western.

**January 24, 2012, 7:00PM @ Model Railroad Clubhouse:** NRHS Board Meeting.

**February 14, 2012, 7:00PM @ Model Railroad Clubhouse:** NRHS Membership Meeting. Allen Dobney will be presenting a slide show on the Union Pacific in Southern California in the 1970's.

**February 28, 2012, 7:00PM @ Model Railroad Clubhouse:** NRHS Board Meeting.

## NOTABLE NON-CHAPTER EVENTS

**April 5 – April 7, 2012 –** SP in Oregon meet in Clackamas, Oregon. For more information go to: <http://espee-in-oregon.com>

**May 5, 2012 -** PNR-PCR NMRA Convention plans a day at the RR park. For more information go to: <http://www.pcrnmra.org/conv2012/>

**June 27 – July 1, 2012 -** The N-scale Convention, also in Medford, Red Lion, will be asking for a day at the park during this week. For more information go to: <http://www.nationalscaleconvention.com/>

**July 7-11, 2012 -** Great Northern Historical Society 2012 Convention will be held in Klamath Falls. For more information, email: [ask@gnrhs.org](mailto:ask@gnrhs.org)

**If you know of any other events that should be added to our newsletter, please email, ([adobney@gmail.com](mailto:adobney@gmail.com)), or call, (541-582-0605), with the details.**