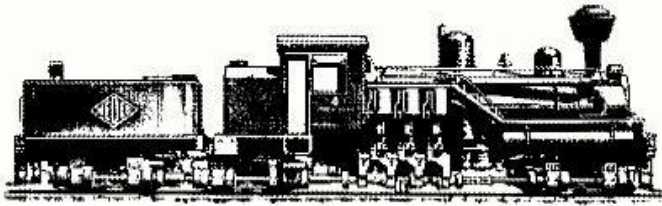


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NEWSLETTER UPDATE

For those of you who do not know me, my name is Chris Manley. Most all of you know my husband, Stretch. I have been working in the concession stand this year with Larry and Nancy and Allen, and thoroughly enjoy doing so.

We are very sad to lose our President, Allen Dobney who, due to personal reasons, had to resign as our President including doing the newsletter. I have volunteered to take over the newsletter. I am new at this, so any stories or suggestions are more than welcome.

As the newsletter is later than usual, and by the time I get it printed and mailed it will be close to time for next month's newsletter, I am combining September and October's newsletter, just for this one time only. Starting in November you will all receive your regular monthly newsletter at the beginning of the month (I will do my best to do so, at any rate).

Please do not hesitate to give me any suggestions you may have, as I said I am new at this and I can use all the input I can get. Although Allen has left me with numerous stories and articles for the newsletter over the next few months, any stories you would like to contribute to the newsletter would be greatly appreciated.

Well, here it is folks, my first newsletter. A new chapter in our organization begins.

Historic Alaska Railroad Steam Locomotive Arrives in Anchorage

By Ted Land



Steam engine 557, a 69-year-old Alaska Railroad locomotive, rolled into Anchorage for the first time in many years Tuesday, January 3, 2012.

"It's a pretty big moment for Alaska and the railroad," said David Blazejewski, the Alaska Railroad's transportation superintendent.

Blazejewski gathered along the Seward Highway with several other railroad fans to see the locomotive make its way from Whittier to Anchorage on a flatbed railcar, towed by a pair of diesel locomotives.

Engine 557 was the last regularly-scheduled steam locomotive to run on the Alaska Railroad, before it was retired in the 1960's and sent to a museum down in Washington State.

The man who owned 557 passed away recently and some buyers up North decided to jump at the opportunity to bring the machine back to Alaska.

The owners of Lynden Transport purchased the locomotive and donated it to the Alaska Railroad.

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As part of the deal, the railroad now has eight years to refurbish the engine and get it back into passenger service or the locomotive goes back to the donors.

“Should be able to do it sooner than that for sure, we'll be shooting for 2013. Whether we make it or not, not positive, but we can do it,” said Chris Aadnesen, the railroad's president and CEO.

Perhaps no one is looking forward to the next ride more than 89-year-old Weaver Franklin, who was among several people to gather at the downtown rail depot to greet 557 upon its arrival.

Franklin was a locomotive engineer and fireman on the Alaska Railroad in the 1940s, who says he used to run engine 557 and others like her.

*******Last Chance for Bigger Bangs for Your Bucks to Help Complete Medco 4*******

Fellow Members, the deadline for the matching funds and a challenge grant (contingent on member participation) is fast approaching – faster than we're reaching our goal. We've all heard the solicitations for donations before but, before you make an excuse, please consider the following:

- All private (member and non-member) donations before November 1, 2013 will be matched dollar for dollar up to total of \$10,000. This is the last time these matching funds will be offered. So far \$4,032 had been donated that qualify for matching funds.
- Plus, an additional \$1,000 to be donated IF at least 25 members donate \$20 each. At this writing, we need just **5** more members to donate **\$20** or more before November first to meet this challenge grant
- This will put us within striking distance of being able to finish the Medco 4.
- An estimated \$42,000 is needed to finish the No 4. So far we have \$28,400 on hand or pledged.
- Your donation, plus those from only **5** more members of just **\$20.00** will push us even closer towards having enough to complete the project and really put the Chapter on the map in the world of historical restoration.
 - Come on, that's just five fancy coffee's at a coffee stand, a few bags of snacks (that most of us don't need to eat anyway), some lottery tickets.
 - A small contribution in the interest of seeing the only steam locomotive **built in Oregon** and is **still in Oregon** actually brought back to life and **steam in Oregon**.
 - We've all made excuses for not doing something for the Medco 4. But, there's absolutely no excuse to let this opportunity slide through your hands.
- **Just \$20 bucks, folks, that's all.**
- Just do it before the end of October when the offers for the match and \$1,000 expire.
- ...and of course, if you've been fortunate enough in life to afford to give more, every extra dollar before November first puts us (at least) two dollars closer to our dream.

Thank you for your support.

Larry Tuttle, SOC-NRHS Secretary.

**Southern Oregon Chapter – National Railway Historical Society
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting**

Minutes

**Southern Oregon Chapter – National Railway Historical Society
Membership & Board of Directors' Regular Meeting
September 10, 2013, 7:00 PM**

1. Board Meeting Call to Order – Vice President Ric Walch called the meeting to order at 7:56 PM
2. Roll Call: Ric Walch, Larry Tuttle, Jerry Hellinga John Powell (President Allen Dobney has resigned – see Agenda Item 6. Communications). 6 other members were also present.
3. Approval of August 13, 2013 Board Minutes – Jerry Hellinga moved to approve. John Powell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
4. Treasurer's Report – Jerry Hellinga presented the Treasurer's Report
5. Standing Committees & Projects:
 - a. Medco 4 Restoration – Jerry Hellinga reported that he's been cleaning up the boiler and started working on the hydro test. Three broken staybolts have been discovered. He's turned in a grant application to the Coquille Tribe via the Internet and they claim it was never received. It will be resent. The latest round of fund raising will wrap up on November 1; included is the matching grant offer of up to \$10,000 and a challenge grant of \$1,000. 7 more members are needed to chip in at least \$20 in order to qualify for the challenge. Approximately \$12,000 is needed to fund the completion of the locomotive. Scott Hutton will finish the drive line parts as soon as the SVRY 19 is back together and out of the backshop at Sumpter.
 - b. Concession Stand – Larry Tuttle has taken over stocking the concession stand. Ric Walch inquired about the roof and Larry reported that he and Bruce Kelly will be working on it shortly.
 - c. Newsletter – Chris Manley has taken over as editor of the Manifest newsletter and will have the September/October edition ready in a few days.
 - d. Web Site Updates – Nothing to report
 - e. Butte Falls Tourist RR Opportunity – Ric Walch is working on a follow-up letter to the land owners from whom the Chapter and the Town of Butte Falls have requested easements to build a scenic, tourist railroad.
 - f. Fence move & Track extension Project – Grading is done; still to be determined is where to get rock; the project is moving ahead.

g. Sale of surplus / Duplicate Material – No update

6. Communications: (*Secretary's Note: Reading of this communication was omitted from the formal Board Meeting since all Board Members had already received it. It is included here because it is of interest to all Chapter Members.*) From Allen Dobney, dated August 16, 2013:

- “I have bad news to report. I just had a physical and some problems with my heart & stomach were found. The doctor wants me to significantly reduce my stress level immediately, not doing so could be life threatening. To reduce my stress levels I must resign my positions & membership with the Chapter effective today. I regret doing this but I do not have a choice & I am sorry for the short notice. To help all of you with this short notice change I have organized and returned all of the chapter property, keys and electronic files to RR Park yesterday afternoon. The magazines, books & videos are in the concession stand storage area along with 2 replacement propane bottles I had filled. On the counter in the concession stand are my keys, stamps, shopping list for next week, data file CDs, & draft meeting minutes.” – Allen
- Larry Tuttle has since spoken with Allen and he's doing fine now.

7. Old Business

- a. Proposed Heritage District: Signature gathering is going slower than last time; thousands more signatures are needed before the end of October. The Jackson County Historical Society will be going to the County Commissioners to put it directly on the ballot.

8. New Business:

- a. Funding Concession Stand Roof: Short discussion about the leaky condition of the flat roof between the two buildings and over part of the food prep area. Larry Tuttle proposed extending the roof about six feet to the north; rebuilding the existing roof with heavier rafters and more slope; sheathing the whole thing with ½" OSB; and covering it with a membrane roofing material. Estimated cost will be about \$1,000 and partial donations will be solicited. Jerry Hellinga moved to approve \$1,000 for this repair; John Powell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Ric Walch asked that a materials list be developed before we purchase any materials. Larry will prepare one and also has some materials to donate.
- b. Railroad Calendars: Jerry Hellinga received a call from Nils Huxtable about selling his train calendars. They would cost the Chapter \$9.00 and retail for \$15.00. Discussion followed concerning the Chapter producing its own series of calendars with a different theme each year. Larry Tuttle has been doing his own calendars for two years and an example was displayed. They would cost about \$8.00 each and sell for \$16.00. The consensus was to decline Nils' offer and work on a 2014 calendar, “Logging Locomotives of Southern Oregon.” Jerry Hellinga and Tony Johnson will search their photo archives and send Larry pictures. Larry will then build and order the calendars.

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- c. Replacement of Officers: Jerry Hellinga suggested that an interim President be appointed in order to assure a quorum at Board meetings between now and the end of the year. Elections for the entire Board will be in December. No one offered to fill in as President until then.

9. Good of the Order :

- a. Dan Wilkinson noted that a number of Members will be gone during October, which will leave us shorthanded on the remaining Sunday Public Run days. Discussion about prioritizing which feature we want to have open and which could be closed if we're understaffed. The discussion centered on making sure the food stand continued to operate and closing the 1107 and/or CB&Q caboose(s) as necessary.
- b. Discussion about the need to repaint the CB&Q caboose and who would help do it. John Powell noted that the seal at the roof where the stove pipe exits the CB&Q caboose is frayed and loose and needs work.
- c. John Powell stated that the museum was hot inside and that we should consider an air conditioner. The Telegraphers did contribute \$500 for one.

10. Adjournment: John Powell moved to adjourn; Jerry Hellinga seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday October 8, 2013 at 7:00 PM

Larry Tuttle, Secretary

**Southern Oregon Chapter – National Railway Historical Society
Board of Directors
Special Meeting**

Minutes

**Southern Oregon Chapter – National Railway Historical Society
Board of Directors' Special Meeting
September 17, 2013, 12:00 Noon**

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:02 PM by Vice President Ric Walch.
2. Roll Call: Ric Walch, Jerry Hellinga, Larry Tuttle and John Powell were present as was member E. Don Petit.
3. Election of President: Ric Walch nominated John Powell as President. Jerry Hellinga seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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4. Election of Board Member/National Director: Larry Tuttle nominated E. Don Pettit as Board Member and National Director. Ric Walch seconded the nomination, which passed unanimously.
5. Old Business: No Old Business
6. New Business: No New Business
7. Good of the Order: No Good of the Order
8. Adjournment: Jerry Hellinga moved to adjourn. John Powell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM.

Larry Tuttle, Secretary

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday October 8, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.

- **SAD NOTE:** Most of you probably know by now that one of our longstanding members and recently appointed interim President, John Powell passed away last week. Our thoughts, best wishes and prayers go out to his family at this difficult time; he will be greatly missed.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING ENTERTAINMENT

If you have railroad slides or videos that you would like to present, please email me at (c-manley@charter.net) or call me at 541-415-5651 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; c-manley@charter.net or call 541-415-5651. Thanks.....Chris

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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

October 13, 2013, 11:00AM to 3:00PM @ Railroad Park: Railroad Park open house / Run Day. Please come over and help support our activities. If you would like more information contact Dan Wilkinson 541-479-1210 or whetstone@budget.net.

October 27, 2013, 11:00AM to 3:00PM @ Railroad Park: LAST RUN DAY OF THE YEAR. Please come over and help support our activities. If you would like more information contact Dan Wilkinson 541-479-1210 or whetstone@budget.net.

November 30 –December 1, 2013 – Railroad Show, Medford Armory: Annual Railroad Show, Saturday 10am to 5pm, Sunday 10am to 4pm. Proceeds benefit the Railroad Park. Adult \$5 – Senior \$4, 12 and under free w/adult.

If you know of any other events that should be added to our newsletter, please email, (c-manley@charter.net), or call, (541-415-5651), with the details.
