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Do you want to be a Motorman?

Volunteers are needed at the museum in Brooks to be trained as Motormen, Conductors, Ticket sellers and Car Barn Tour guides. Saturdays from 10am to 4pm, motorman training on Sydney 1187 and later, other cars. The Museum will again be open to the public in early May 2013. Please come out to the museum and lend a hand. For more information, contact Bob Terkelsen at 503.399.1882.

If you wish to volunteer for the Williams Shore Trolley, call Rod Cox or Hal Rosene at 503.897.7436 for information about the many volunteer positions that may interest you.

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The 2013 OERHS Annual Meeting & Banquet took place at the Antique Caterpillar Machinery Museum at Antique Powerland (Brooks, OR) on Saturday afternoon Nov. 9th. Guests were treated to BBQ’d steaks and chicken, potato salad, vegetables, rolls, and topped off with cake and pumpkin pie.

We heard about updates to various OERHS projects including acquisition of an historic 1931 Milan Interurban car #96.

Bob Terkelsen showed slides from his extensive collection of transit photos from California including the LA Transit Lines, Oakland Key System and other systems.

Dave Rowe (Trolley Dave) presented pictures and commentary on the work moving Vintage Trolley #514 to the Lake Oswego Willamette Shore Line Car Barn and details of all the many tasks that got it updated and ready to run including repairs, preparation of the towed generator, and many other modifications needed for everything to work.

Richard Thompson, author of several books on Portland transit, gave the headline event titled *Portland Interurbans* with pictures and map illustrations from his book of the same name.

Annual OERHS Board Member Elections also took place. The following positions were confirmed:

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All photos Wayne Jones
The cold, wet weather chased the volunteers indoors to work on the woodwork and trim in the office, main entry, library and restroom. Tom and Charlie completed the baseboards; door and window trim and turned to milling the oak planks for the countertops and chair rail molding. Extra volunteer work days, due to the holiday, provided enough time to install nearly the entire wainscot in the public areas and trim the cabinets to provide a period appearance. John Nagy, Bob Terkelson, Bill Binns and Peter Kloosterman, armed with wood filler and power sanders, filled and sanded nail holes and other surface imperfections to prepare the wood for priming. The goal is to complete the majority of the painting in the office and public area, except for the display area, by the first of the year.
Bill Binns and Peter Kloosterman have been stripping the paint from the floor boards of the open compartments on the north end of the Sydney car. Locomotive 254 was moved indoors to allow continued preservation and restoration work during the winter. The cab interior has been cleaned of years of dust and dirt, broken glass and other debris.

Additional painting on the cab interior of Locomotive 401 continued until cold weather and rain forced a stop. The space under the hoods were cleared of debris and vacuumed clean.
Pacific Northwest Transit Updates

Seattle

Seattle-Sound Transit

In 2008, voters approved the Sound Transit 2 (ST2) ballot measure, a fifteen year program for transit improvements and additions for the Puget Sound region. ST1 ballot measure approved in 1996 had provided the funding for the first wave of improvements for commuter rail, light rail, Tacoma Link streetcar line, buses and new Trolley coaches.

ST2 improvements other modes and 36 miles of additional light rail lines which are:
1- First Hill (Broadway) streetcar line which is nearing completion.
2- Light rail North from U of W to Lynnwood/Snohomish county line (2 segments).
3- Light rail South from SeaTac to S 272nd in Des Moines (2 segments).
4- Light rail East to Overlake area of Redmond.
5- Tacoma streetcar extension.

First Hill streetcar

1- Construction is wrapping up with track work in Jan. 14, overhead in March and completion soon thereafter. Streetcars are being assembled in Seattle. The trolley coach overhead will remain in use on Broadway for trolley coach service in other area of First Hill.

Light Rail

2- The 12.8 mile North line extensions from U of W consists of the 4.3 mile extension to Northgate and then 8.5 miles north to Lynnwood.

The Northgate extension is gearing up with 2 boring machines being reassembled to work south from the Roosevelt station at NE 65th to the U of W station. The 3rd boring machine is being reassembled at the only ground level area of the extension located between NE95th and 94th to work South from the Maple Leaf portal at 94th.

Construction of the underground U District station is underway with the demolition of several buildings between NE 43rd to 45th Street.

The Lynnwood extension is undergoing selection of potential routes between Mountlake Terrace and Lynnwood. Construction to begin in 2018 and service to open in 2023. Travel time on the 15.9 mile line from Lynnwood to Seattle is estimated to take 30 minutes as there will be no street operations.

Construction of the U of W extension is running six to nine months ahead of schedule and $100 million under budget. No major problems have been encountered in the construction of this line.

3- South Link extension is under construction starting last May with utility relocation along the route to S.200th. September 9 was the first concrete pouring of footings for the overhead pillars located at SeaTac.

The extension to S.272nd is undergoing route options with five possible routes being considered, with final selection to be made in 2016.

4- The 14 mile East Link line to the Overlake area of Redmond is in final design stage. Ten stations are planned with a $2.8 billion budget.

5- Tacoma streetcar extension route is the North Downtown Central Corridor (the E1 corridor). The 2.3 mile line will link the Stadium District and Martin Luther King, Jr. mixed use center. The environmental review, process underway will further define and evaluate the selected route.

Portland

Progress continues on the loop line including the Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail Bridge. As the deck lengthens, permanent cables are being installed. Construction of the west span between the abutment and the landside piers is complete and the track slab will be added once the bridge deck is complete. By the end of December 32 bridge deck segments and 9 permanent cables will be complete. The projected opening date is September 2015.

Transit bridge between OMSI on the east side and south waterfront on the west side closing the gap. When completed, this will complete the loop line.

Construction of the west ramp to the transit bridge along SW Moody Ave.

SW Moody Ave. looking north.
Previously we had let you know that an unexpected opportunity had arisen to trade our old generator and cart for historic 1931 Milan Interurban car #96. We asked the membership for donations to help cover the cost of transportation of the car from Issaquah, Washington to Brooks. To those of you who have already donated to this project, thank you. To those that haven’t: **WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP!!!**

After months of inquiring, we had arranged an excellent bid for the hauling of the car. Unfortunately, the selected company just informed us a couple weeks ago that they are no longer able to perform the move. As a result, we not only need to find another affordable hauling company, but now will likely need to use a crane(s) for the loading and possibly the unloading as well. This will significantly increase our cost (the most recent crane bid for just the loading came to $5600!) We are still pursuing bids but in the interim are putting out the call for donations.

To date we have received $2000 towards our goal of $8000.

**DON'T LET US MISS THIS INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY, PLEASE GIVE TODAY!!**

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Yes, I would like to donate to the OERHS Milan Car Project. (Donations to the OERHS are tax-deductible)

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This article rounds out our tour of Dresden. Previously, we covered the history and magnitude of the Strassenbahn system. We also touched a bit on the small S-Bahn network. Now we will look at the two Bergbahns, or mountain funicular railways in Dresden, and two scheduled steam railway that are just outside the city.

First we will touch on the two funicular lines. Both are relatively close to each other on the north bank of the Elbe River to east of city Center. They can be accessed by taking Strassenbahn lines #6 or #12 to Schillerplatz. Then walk across the “Blue Wonder” bridge across the Elbe.

The first line you will come across is the Standseilbahn. It is the older of the two mountain lines, opening in 1895. This line is a traditional funicular with two cars counter balancing each other on a single track with a passing siding in the center. However, this line is not traditional in other ways. At the base station, the line quickly enters a tunnel. From there it climbs with great views of a nice residential area. It crosses a winding trestle with the passing track. The grade increases in percent, then the train enters another tunnel before entering the summit station and powerhouse. At one time there was a resort at the summit, there is still a restaurant here, but most of the neighborhood is residential.

Back at the bottom of the line, if you walk about ¼ mile further from the base of the Standseilbahn you will come to the next Bergbahn called the Schwebebahn or Swinging Railway. This line is nothing like the Standseilbahn. This line was opened in 1900 and is called the Swinging Railway because is hanging monorail nearly identical to the Schwebebahn in Wuppertal, Germany. The exception is the Dresden line is climbing a hill and is a counter-balance.
opened in 1884. It has about seven round trips daily between Radebeul Ost and Mortizburg, with three of those trips continuing on to Radeburg. One of the round trips operates during school days only. This supports the fact that this is not a mere tourist railway; it is regularly used by locals as it goes up a canyon that is not easily accessed by car. The majority of the line is single track with passing sidings. A unique feature of this line is it crossed the Dresden Strassenbahn Line # 4 at grade. It is a rare sight for any streetcar line crossing an active railway, but here is an active narrow-gauge steam railway. To get to this railway from Dresden, you can take Strassenbahn line 4 to Landesbuhn stop which is near the Weiss Ross station. Or, take the S-Bahn S1 to the Radebeul Ost station. The steam railway shares the station with the S-Bahn and mainline services. Fares are separate with a distance based fare.

The second steam line, the Weissertztalbahn or Weisseritz Valley Railway, is little further outside of Dresden.
just of the S3 S-Bahn line at Freital-Hainsberg station. This is also a narrow gauge steam line that opened in 1882. In 2002 this line was heavily damaged by the major flooding that affected the entire region. Good portions of the line were washed out by the river it parallels. A portion of the line reopened in 2010 to Dippoldiswalde (15 Kilometers). It is unclear if the reopening of the whole line to Kurort Kipsdorf (another 11 km) will ever happen due to the cost overruns to rebuild the line in its present state.

The line is mostly single track with lots of curves as it climbs thru the river valley. At this time there are six roundtrips per day. I did see local use of the line, but not nearly as much as the other line. This line has a lot of curves following the river as it climbs. Evidence of the rebuilt right-of-way is clearly evident with new bridges, abutments and fill.

Thus wraps up the three-part series on Dresden. There will be a brief follow-on article about a nearby tramway at Bad Schandau at the outer end of the Dresden S1 S-Bahn. So Auf Wiedersehen.

All photos by Mark Kavanagh
I was born in September of 1994 and raised in streetcar city, Portland Oregon. Though the generations of the first electrified railroads, interurban and streetcar lines began and ended long before my time, I grew up with a passion for Lloyd Center. I thoroughly enjoyed every moment of the ride as we whizzed through the bustling downtown streets.

In 2002 at the age of seven, I took my first ride on the Willamette Shore trolley in Lake Oswego- it was convenient enough that my paternal grandparents lived right down the road from the trolley depot. At that time the WST line was using the ever-so-popular double-deck trolley from England, it was an absolute gem that any “trolley nut” would cherish to ride on. I remember the first thing I did was run up the stairs to the top deck and sit at the front end. It was my second time on a trolley, not to mention my first ride on such an extraordinary piece of rail equipment. The ride was about a two hour round trip through the backyards of stately mansions and the woodsy banks of the Willamette River, at the time the line went all the way to Riverplace Station downtown Portland. It was such a memorable experience! However one ride wasn't going to cut it....

On a particular summer afternoon he called me at home and asked me to come help out on the afternoon trips out of Lake Oswego. My mother dropped me off and Rod took me out to the trolley and began showing me the ropes. The retired Brill Master unit No. 813 was the car being used that day. He taught me nearly all the basics of being a conductor as the motorman concentrated on operating the car down the line, Mark Moore was the first motorman I got the privilege to volunteer with. Like my first ride on the line in 2002 it's a memory that sticks with me, I think about it nearly every other day.

Every Friday after school my grandparents would take me over to Lake Oswego where I could volunteer on the 4 o’clock trip and the 6 o’clock trip with Rod as motorman. Afterwards I’d help put the car away in the car barn, then go home dog tired. Some days I would swap my conductor uniform with work clothes and help Rod with maintenance-of-way projects along the WST mainline. Rod would consistently teach me new things about railroading every day. Most of it
was unfamiliar territory for me, but I would always devour his knowledge he’d pass on to me. I still do today. Each trip was always a new adventure, never the same as the one before. One trip in particular that I remember was a charter that we had on a cold December morning. It had snowed the night before and the rails had a thin layer of ice and an inch snow on top. We were obligated to carry out this charter for 50 or so people so there was no option to back out. The air sanders built in to the car couldn't dump enough sand to give us the traction we needed, we found ourselves sliding on startup and whenever we tried to stop. Experienced Union Pacific engineer Don Amato was at the controls, he handed me a bucket of sand and a small aluminum can. The entire trip I stood in the entrance vestibule and poured sand onto the rail through a small access hole in the floor to keep us from losing traction and sliding down the steep grades.

I began volunteering at the Oregon Electric Railway Museum not long after I started in 2004. There I met many more seasoned “trolley veterans” (as I like to call them) like Jack Norton, Bill Binns, and Greg Bonn who all got the real experience of riding classic trolley cars back in their early days. At nine years old I could hardly see over the controls of many of the different cars the museum had, but these experienced adults put their trust in me and taught me how to run each of the operable cars. Now that’s definitely not something everyone my age got the opportunity of doing! I was very lucky to get this kind of treatment amongst the other adults. I always took their exquisite knowledge to heart, never had I met such wise people before.

As the years have passed I've come to know just about everybody in the organization, I felt as though I became a part of another family. I also got to meet some of the other young volunteers that came about; I met Bryce Pingrey shortly after I started and we became good friends though our mutual interests. Bryce later introduced me to Itamar Reuven who also started volunteering with the OERHS. Itamar and I have become very close friends and we both share our passion for railroading and aviation, we both hope to become airline pilots and work together some day.

Growing up out of my childhood presented me with many new opportunities; I picked up an interest in aviation when I was twelve and started flying lessons with my dad. In February of 2012 I had passed all the FAA tests obtained my pilots license. After graduating high school I enrolled at Central Washington University where I am now pursuing a degree in Flight Officer Specialization. My dream is to fly big jetliners as a career, and to be able to travel and see exciting new places. Of course, I’ve never once lost my interest in railroading and I continue to maintain my involvement with the OERHS and Willamette Shore Trolley. Recently I’ve had the honor to join the organization’s board of directors, which has certainly given me a higher level of responsibility. I enjoy being able to help make important decisions and foresee the future outcome of our organization. Without a doubt I'm sure that the experience I'll get from it will help prepare me for the long road ahead. More than anything I enjoy being with a group of wonderful people who all live, breathe, and talk trolley.