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NPRHA PRESERVATION GRANT FOR 2023

By Harold Shannon

The Grants Committee reviewed and recommended approval of the request for \$5,000 from the Cass County North Dakota Historical Society of West Fargo. The NPRHA Board of Directors agreed with the Grants Committee's recommendation to support restoration work on Northern Pacific passenger coach 1360. The fifty-two-seat, eighty-ton car was manufactured by the Pullman Company in 1910 and updated in the 1930s, painted dark green and light green, and stenciled Northern Pacific. Our research indicates that similar coaches were updated in the 1930s and renumbered as it appears this coach was, and it was determined to have been donated to Bonanzaville Pioneer Village and Museum, in West Fargo, in 1972. The exterior and interior will be cleaned and detailed per artifact preservation standards, following Pullman Co. and NP specifications. Information provided by Beth Jansen, executive director.

NPRHA member Phil Beach passed along the following information: Evidence given by Lorenz P. Schrenk in his unpublished book, *Passenger Cars of the Northern Pacific Railway, An All-time Roster: 1870-1970*, preliminary edition, suggests that the 1360 was built in 1915 as a smoker and converted to a coach in 1937.

The Committee also recommended approval of a request for \$5,000 from the Yakima Valley Rail and Steam Museum Assoc., in Toppenish, to build an early 1900s motorcar shed to house and display tools of that era, using drawings from NPRHA.org.

Information on completing and submitting a grant request can be obtained on the NPRHA website at www.nprha.org. Click on "About the NPRHA," scroll down to "NPRHA Preservation Grants," and click on "Preservation Grants Site." Complete information is contained here including the application process and instructions, the

NP FAMILY MILEPOSTS

There are precious few NP vets left these days, and the good news is that apparently none has passed this quarter. Let me remind you that you are my eyes and ears about such matters—we don't want to miss paying tribute to those folks when the time comes. Let me also remind you that I have broadened the scope of the column to include folks who did not receive their paychecks from the NP, but who are well known and greatly appreciated among NP fans for their writing, photography, modeling, and volunteer service. We want to honor the memory of these folks as well. crapmanv@comcast.net

Thank you,

—Verne Alexander 🍷

application form to be downloaded, grants questions and answers, and the history of grants issued in the past. Questions about NPRHA grants can be submitted via email to grants@nprha.org 🍷

PRESERVATION NEWS NORTHERN PACIFIC RWY MUSEUM, TOPPENISH, WA

By Doug Shearer

As the COVID pandemic continues to subside, the museum hopes to get back on a regular schedule with our work/history weekends. We plan four weekends this year:

- April 14, 15, 16
- June 2, 3, 4
- August 25, 26, 27
- October 6, 7, 8

Beginning last fall, we have enjoyed meals in NP 460, our 1958 Budd diner. Ken and Jeannie Breeding have prepared meals for the work/history crew and hopefully this will continue. Eating in the diner has provided another event for weekend helpers. For those that can arrive early, work begins around 9 a.m. Friday. New friends and old friendships are renewed.

• Some want to eat at the museum Friday night and others want another visit to the El Porton restaurant, which many of us have gone to for dinner Friday night.

• Work begins around 8:30 a.m. Saturday, as more guests arrive.

• Most workers take Saturday lunch around 11:30-12:00 (or at announced lunch time if the diner is open).

• Diner has been open for dinner about 6 on Saturday evening.

• The history portion of the weekend follows after dinner in the baggage room.

• Most out of town volunteers are put up at museum members residences, others may elect to stay in NP 1238, our refurbished 1908 caboose, or in the sleeper/observation car. RV parking with electrical and water hookup is available for those that bring their RVs.

• Sunday work usually begins at 8:30 to 9:00 and continues as long as people wish to work on the various projects.

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP. Also note whether you plan to be here Friday evening, and preferred option of eating at museum or at restaurant. Please note my email address change.

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"Railroads and Light" Art Show

The second annual Skykomish Railroad Art Show is planned for September and October 2023. All media are encouraged, with some element of railroad-related art fitting the theme, "Railroads and Light"—lanterns, headlights, sunlight, moonlight, night light, sculpted light, tech light, framed light, reflected light, flashing light!

Artists interested may contact Bob Kelly at mvmvm@comcast.net for more information.