

# Oregon Rail Heritage Foundation 2005 Annual Report

## Highlights

### January

Officers elected, board members installed (See 2005 ORHF Board below) No organization representative changes.

IRS requested proof of 501c3 status; expected, Dale Birkholz and Linda Rasmussen responded.

Marisa Cravens gathered Business Plan info from groups; retreat scheduled.

Gus gave Board much-revised Restoration Facility presentation.

ORHF signed up with Oregon Cultural Trust for matching donations.

### February

*Shiels Oblatz Johnsen* conveyed continued interest in helping ORHF.

Business Plan discussed for the restoration facility.

Doyle talked to John Bromley: site donation still a live issue within UP corporate.

The donated stock yielded \$1,083.47.

### March

Gus, Marisa and Ed presented business plan proposal.

Laurel, Gus, and Ed met with *SOJ*.

Gus presented an extensive document detailing major problems with Roundhouse south doors.

Gus and Ed Immel gave ORHF PowerPoint presentation at Brooklyn Action Corps meeting.

Santa Train event discussed.

### April

Discussion of tourist railroad operations re: running on OPR.

Several contacts made with UP about donating property.

Newsletter: 2500 printed, 1000 to NRHS convention attendees.

### May

Marisa distributed four page outline of proposed Business Plan.

ORHF mailing list now 550; newsletters sent; discussion of bulk mail permit.

Phil glued up first door.

700 to *Salem Safety Faire*, ORHF booth on site; 3000 attend event.

### June

Business Plan Review draft distributed.

4449 to *Sherwood Cruise'in*; ORHF booth, lots of interest.

Amtrak certification for locomotives discussed.

### July

Marisa, Gus, Dave had two business plan-related interviews during NRHS convention.

Doyle contacted Jim Wrinn about NC Transportation Museum operations, budget.

Turntable area received cleanup.

Steve Lee to help with UP property donation effort.

Meeting with Earl Blumenauer's office July 20 re: property donation.

NRHS Convention: double-headed trip to Wishram, Roundhouse Tours, Night Photo Shoot.  
Ed and Gus: ORHF seminar presented, 40 attendees.  
Convention sold out ORHF concessions items.  
Santa Train w/OMSI *Polar Express* agreed on.

### **August**

Lisa Burnside, UP Real Estate: appraised value of property is \$1,180,000.  
Congressman Earl Blumenauer: letter to Dick Davidson, UP Chairman/CEO re: land donation.  
Meeting with Carol Lee, OMSI, about *Holiday Express* event.  
ORHF to consider receiving Chapter's two S-2 locomotives as donations.  
Gus met with Mark Raggett, Portland Planning re: Saltzman roundhouse tour, meeting.

### **September**

Letter from Lisa Burnside, UP, received; purchase & sale agreement pending.  
Concessions Guidelines with slight modifications approved.  
Doyle, Ed, Gus and Arlen met with April Siebenaler, ODOT MLK Viaduct Project leader.

### **October**

Business Plan Committee meeting held  
Major cleanup work done on proposed UP property, pre- *Holiday Express* event.

### **November**

Latest draft Phase 1 Business Plan reviewed.  
SOJ proposed scope of work distributed.  
VIP Tour: Laurel coordinated, 19 people attended, OPR provided train ride.  
580 ORHF Fall 2005 newsletters mailed.  
Chris Fussell becomes ORHF webmaster.

### **December**

Successful *Holiday Express* event: over 5200 passengers.

### **Oregon Rail Heritage Foundation Board Of Directors:**

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