Information on

Union Pacific
Steam Excursion Train to Portland

The FRRS, along with Central Coast Chapter NRHS, Promontory Chapter NRHS and Union Pacific Historical Society have formed a corporation, The Pacific Limited Group, for the purpose of operating excursion trains on Union Pacific and other railroads. The 4 organizations operated a successful excursion last year; all were able to work together well and all felt that a cooperative group to operate excursions would benefit fund raising efforts. The Pacific Limited Group will sponsor a steam operated excursion in 1993 between Salt Lake City, Utah and Portland, Oregon to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Oregon Trail.

Union Pacific Challenger No. 3985 will pull a coach and dome car train leaving Salt Lake City, Memorial Day weekend Saturday, May 29, 1993, and arriving in Portland Thursday, June 3, 1993.
On the return trip it will leave Portland Saturday, June 12, 1993 and arrive in Salt Lake City on Wednesday, June 16, 1993.

We have been asked to provide a train manager and some of the car hosts (attendants) on the train. They will work in either or both directions. The car hosts will be provided a motel room and a meal allowance on train operating days. Transportation to and from Salt Lake City and Portland is on your own and NOT included. Here is your chance to ride a steam powered passenger train over this scenic route and to help our Society at the same time.

If you would like to submit your name for consideration as a car host, please send us your name along with the following information:
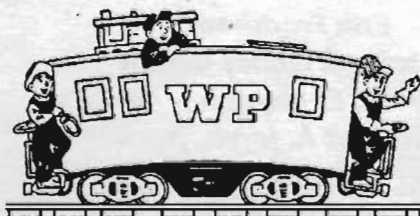
Tell us your first and second choice for which direction of the excursion (westbound or eastbound) and the segments (if not the entire westbound or eastbound trip) you would like to work. Also tell us if you wish to be a coach car host or concession car host.

Send your request to the FRRS at P. O. Box 608, Portola, CA 96122 to the attention of Norm Holmes.

We MUST have your request in our hands no later than April 1, 1993 to be considered.

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