

## **BULL RUN SHUTDOWN**

The Museum is investigating the possibility of saving the Bull Run Powerhouse as an early example of hydro generation. The construction of the plant was begun about 100 years ago and was in operation in 1912. Recent agreements with the various environmental groups and agencies have resulted in the Sandy Dam being razed which will be followed by the closing of tunnels, canals, fish ladders, Little Sandy Dam, flume and Lake Roslyn. We are hoping to save the powerhouse and its equipment and provide an area for additional storage of artifacts and archives. Our proposal is based on saving the cost of destruction of the building and equipment with the hope that the saving would be worth the cost of keeping the facility indefinitely. If the process is deemed satisfactory to the parties, we will be seeking the membership's agreement in a later meeting.

The powerhouse and the adjacent transformer house have much of the original equipment that has operated all of this past century. Some auxiliary equipment has been replaced over the years, and modernization of the control and monitoring equipment has obviously been necessary. In the early years over 100 men were involved in the maintenance and operation of the plant, but as mechanization and modernization have occurred, the crew has been reduced to about a half dozen.

The plant was built by the Mt. Hood Railway and Power Company with the idea of competing with the Portland Railway Light & Power Company (PGE's predecessor). Lines were built from the plant into Portland to the Northern Sub. About the time most of the construction was finished, PRL & P bought them out.

## **CSI — Do YOU LOVE A PUZZLE?**

CSI (Concerted Search Investigation) — You have probably seen the various crime programs on TV with the fantastic solutions resulting from the scientific studies. Unless you have been involved at the lab, you won't likely get the opportunity to find such exciting solutions to questions in your everyday life. At the Museum we are constantly seeking answers to questions about different artifacts and pictures. We are seeking answers to: Who made it? Where was it used? When was it used? What was its function? Who used it? How did we get it? We try to answer all of these kinds of questions about every item. Although we have many different aspects of the business represented, we are frequently stumped.

***THAT'S WHERE YOU COME IN.*** We know that most of you have very busy lives and don't need more activities and commitments. What we propose to do is print a list of articles or pictures of items in the bulletin and on the Web site. If you see something that you recognize or would like to check on, we would certainly appreciate your help on any item(s) that strikes your fancy. So watch for these items in the future.

## **NOMINATIONS FOR DIRECTORS** **FOR 2008-2010**

At the winter luncheon business meeting, we will present the nominees selected by the nominating committee for your approval. The nominees are the current directors who have agreed to serve another three-year term:

- Dave Bryan
- Bill Carey
- Bob Lee

*AND*

- Ed Miska, who has also been nominated for a three-year term.

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## **REGULAR MEETINGS**

Thursday mornings are the usual time for most of the staff to assemble. Other times can be arranged by calling the museum or the individuals listed above. Remember, the Hawthorne Building is a secure space, so *walk-in visits are not possible*. You must call beforehand!

## **DONATIONS OF PICTURES AND ARTIFACTS**

We are again actively seeking donations of pictures and artifacts, and we are *always* interested in your items and would like to discuss them with you. Because of our limited space and duplication of items, please call before submitting them. The museum phone number is on the front of this newsletter.

## **GIVING CAMPAIGN DONATIONS**

We are on the Company's donation list for matching funds and have received some donations this year.

**Remember the Frank Shrives  
Electric Power Museum when  
making your giving plans and  
add the Museum to your annual  
donation list.**