

THIRTY YEARS OF THE UNION PACIFIC

Presented at the 1996 Annual Convention of the Union Pacific Historical Society, this clinic documents UP motive power evolution and scenes at various locations in Idaho, Oregon and Washington between 1965 and 1995. A selection of 35-mm color slides is shown, starting with a visit to Pocatello, Idaho in 1965. First and second generation diesels in the form of SW2's, SW7's, SW9's, F9's, GP7's, GP9's, GP9B's, GP30's and GP30B's are shown in and around steam-age roundhouse and service facilities. Later in the show, a 1982 return to Pocatello illustrates the much different appearance of the yard including the modern diesel shop and the SD-40-2's, and U-30-C's that had arrived in the meantime. Much time was spent in the yard at Hinkle, Oregon, and along the Columbia Gorge documenting UP operations.

The transition from first to second and on to third generation locomotives is also illustrated together with the frequent appearances of the UP heritage steam locomotives, UP 844 and UP 3985. In Washington, locations include Kennewick, Seattle, Spokane and Yakima. In the latter location, trolley operations on the YVT are shown in the 1970's and 1980's. The slide show concludes in the 1990's with operations on the Blue Mountain grade west of La Grande, Oregon, and along the Columbia Gorge with action shots of SD-60's, Dash 8-40's and the first appearances of the SD9043AC model.