

Choo-choo-choose an afternoon of trains, barbecue



COLIN MURPHEY PHOTO

John Niemann takes a break from working on the No. 21 Baldwin.

ASTORIA — The Astoria Railroad Preservation Association is holding its annual open house — with free barbecue — from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23.

The public is invited to see and touch a real steam locomotive under restoration in the shop at 446 West Marine Drive. The site is in the quonset hut near the intersection of Industry and Portway streets. Parking is along Industry Street.

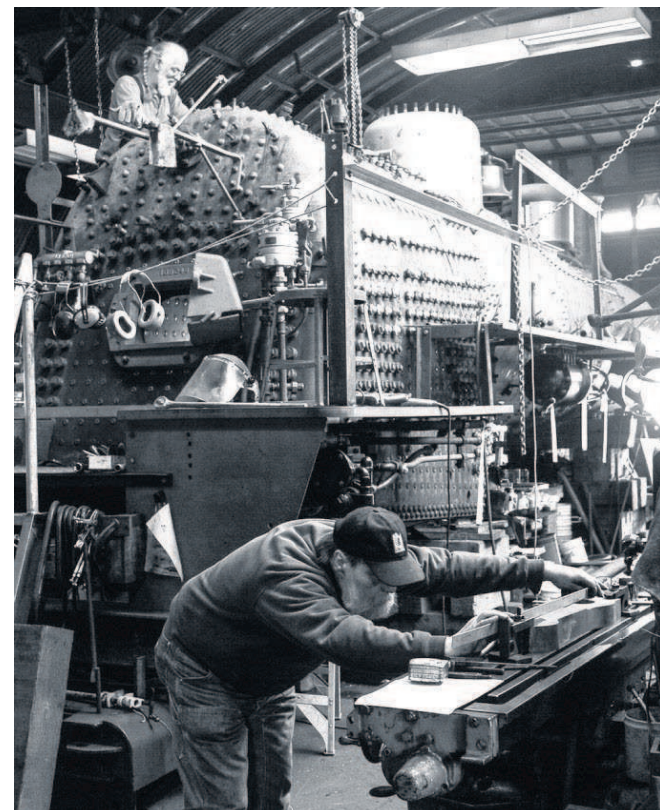
Folks can poke around and ask questions of people

with years of experience in the “locomotive arts.” It is fun for kids of all ages, but be cautious!

The Astoria Railroad Preservation Association is hard at work restoring its 1925 Baldwin No. 21 to its original glory. The association plans to give the engine a maiden spin in the next year or so.

Formed in 1990, the ARPA is composed of individuals interested in promoting public appreciation of the historical importance of the railroads to our area.

They have set as the initial objective the restoration of a steam locomotive to operate in the Astoria area.



THOMAS KITTEL PHOTO

John Niemann (foreground), president of the Astoria Railroad Preservation Association, adjusts a piece on the horizontal mill, while volunteer Mark Clemmens works atop the boiler.

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