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A crowd of Potlatch residents and visitors waits patiently for their speeder trip to Princeton and back. Several members of the Pacific Railcar Operators attended the Potlatch Centennial Celebration to provide public rides on the old WI&M tracks. The rides were very popular; many folks in Potlatch are looking forward to more rides next summer. Barb Coyner Photo

Depot Plays to Packed House During Centennial By Barb Coyner

Old-timers from the company town the tracks, some riding to Princeton, oth- era recall that the Potlatch depot once ers opting for the shorter tour down the drew throngs of locals on Sunday morn- tracks to the Scenic Six Park. Over 500 ing as people waited for the train to rides were sold on the speeders! bring the Sunday newspapers from Spo- "I don't know how many times I kane. During the Potlatch Centennial, rode back and forth to the park, but it the old depot again drew crowds, this was a lot," said Ruthie Carpenter, a time as both locals and out-of-towners Founding Fifty member and loyal depot lined the platform to wait their turn for a supporter. Ruthie also won one of the speeder ride. The lines started forming a silent auctions and the chance to ride on early on Saturday, July 16, as speeder Sunday between Harvard and Palouse. owners ferried eager riders up and down She had her mom, Frieda Tietz, also a