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**STILLWATER, APRIL 1962. A MINNESOTA RAILFANS SPECIAL**

(from the Roger Clark Collection)

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Dennis Loudon is creating a CD-rom to be given out at our Convention in July. He requests members to loan him slides and scannable pictures of any pre-merger Minnesota railroads.

Please contact Dennis @ 651-698-8559.  
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Subjects to be included are:

- Depots
- Roundhouses
- Towers
- Yards
- Wrecks
- Special Event Trains
- Street Car Subjects

Other items of interest are:

- Koppers Coke
- Pillsbury--Mill tracks & engines
- North Star Steel
- Minnesota Transfer

**North Star Chapter Membership Information**

Yearly dues are \$32 (this includes \$20 National dues and \$12 Northstar Chapter dues, plus \$3 more if you would like a family membership) made out to: Northstar Chapter, NRHS. Mail it to treasurer, Northstar Chapter NRHS, 1092 Humboldt Ave, West Saint Paul, MN 55118, or stop by one of our Saturday meetings and see what we are about.

**Welcome New Members:** Marvin L. Bernstrom      Eden Prairie, MN  
Leo J. Wasescha      Woodbury, MN  
Current member Jeff Williams is currently serving with the Air Force in Iraq.

**March Meeting Notice:** The March meeting will be held at the St. Paul Fire Training Center on **Saturday, March 20**, at 7 o'clock pm. The program will be given by Roger Clark & Greg Smith: slides from Roger's personal collection, from the late 1950s thru the early 1960s.

## Minutes of February 21, 2004 NRHS Membership Meeting

The meeting was called to order by **Vice President Doug Johnson** in the St. Paul Fire Department Training Center at 7:09 p.m. with 19 members and guests present. A motion to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2004 membership meeting, as published in the February 2004 issue of the Northstar News, was made, seconded, and carried. The treasurer was not present to give his report.

**National director Marty Swan** said he had virtually nothing to report. They are now doing a big audit at the NRHS national office. Marty will be going to the spring Board of Directors meeting at Altoona on April 1st.

**Trip director John Goodman** said he had received a report from Progressive Rail, which operates freight service on several portions of the former Minneapolis, Northfield and Southern. They are not allowed to operate any passenger service. He also met with John Gohman of the Minnesota Com-mercial. Their insurance costs are already very high

**Treasurer Joe Fishbein** arrived and gave his report. Cash in checking account, as of January 1, 2004, was \$6,016. Income during January was \$1,448 in dues and donations, \$550 for the holiday banquet, and less than \$1 in checking account interest, for a total income of \$1,998. Expenses during January were \$820 in dues to national NRHS, \$480 payment to Mancini's for the holiday banquet, \$25 in dues to the Friends of the 261, and \$40 dues to Railroad Passenger Car Alliance, for total expenses of \$1,365. Cash in checking account, as of January 31, 2004, of \$6,649, of which \$3,409 was in the General Fund and \$3,200 was in the 8327 restoration fund. Total chapter membership is 86, of whom 69 have renewed for 2004. It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the treasurer's report, as submitted.

**National convention chairman Dan Meyer** reported plans for the convention are coming together. Most of the smaller events are lined up and the larger events should be coming soon. He hopes to have an agreement soon with Steve Sandberg for the Milwaukee Road 261 excursion. He also expects to have arrangements for a trip to Duluth and ride on the North Shore Scenic Railroad. We are still waiting to hear from the UP about running a trip. We hope to have the brochure with details of all events and prices ready to send out early in March. Dan said **volunteers are needed** for many tasks. He asked how many are registered for the convention. Pre-registration has been extended until February 29th.

**Andrew Selden**, president of the Minnesota Association of Railroad Passengers, has accepted our invitation to be the **banquet speaker**. John Cartwright may do a special artwork for the convention. We now have a telephone line for the convention. A few people are already reserving hotel rooms. There will be a **meeting of the convention committee tomorrow afternoon** at 3 p.m. at the Twin Cities Amtrak station.

Dennis Loudon reported the **holiday banquet** went very well. He already has the room at Mancini's reserved for December 5th or 12th. Several people paid for the banquet but didn't show up -- they can get refunds. Dennis also said he has prepared a 6 minute sample of his proposed CD of rail pictures. He can accept image files for his project in various formats.

**New Business** -- Glen Holmberg said that he had heard a report that the engine at Bandana Square had been sold to a scrap dealer. He wondered if anyone knew if this was true. It was suggested that we e-mail Bill Herzog -- he could contact the owner of Bandana Square to find out. We will need to raise \$1,500 in new money to match the NRHS grant to finish the cosmetic restoration of the engine.

**Doug Johnson** asked if there were any new or prospective members present -- there were none. It was announced at the January meeting the former member (and father of former Northstar News editor Lauren Maiden) Joe Maiden died in early January. His widow, Debbie Maiden, died in late January.

**Tonight's program** will be a videotape, loaned by Bill Herzog, copied from old publicity films, featuring a trip on the Minneapolis & St. Louis and other views of the railroad.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and carried at 7:30 p.m. A door prize drawing was held.

The program began with the "proof of concept" version of **Dennis Loudon's CD of rail photos**. Then **Bob Moen** showed some slides he had purchased from the estate of the late Dave Carlson of Duluth. Then the **M&StL tape** was shown. It included scenes on the railroad as early as 1936. Later in the tape, a freight train trip from Minneapolis to St. Louis was shown.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Norman, Secretary  
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