



Revised Northstar Chapter By-Laws to be Voted On at October Meeting See Insert

Milwaukee Road 261 teamed up with Chinese 2-10-2's 6988 and 7081 to pull a series of excursions out of Rock Island, IL September 14-17th to celebrate RiverWay 2006.

This occasion celebrated the 150th anniversary of the first railroad bridge to cross the Mississippi. Friends of the 261 provided crew and



equipment. The triple header ran over the Iowa Interstate's ex-Rock Island line from Rock Island to Bureau Jct., IL. On Monday the two Chinese engines pulled a 35 car 2000 ton train from Rock Island to Newton, IA where they will be stored. Reprinted with the permission of Kalmbach Publishing Co., all rights reserved. Photo by Randy Allard printed with his permission.

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Meeting Notice

The October meeting of the Northstar Chapter will be at 7pm October 21st at the St. Paul Fire Department Training Center, 1695 Energy Park Drive, St. Paul (Snelling and Energy Park Drive just east of Midway Stadium).

Cy Svobodny and John Goodman will present a slide show of Midwest passenger trains of the 50's, 60's and 70's from the collection of the late A. Robert Johnson of Eau Claire. This should be a great show.

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Note: Consult the website for any announcements regarding Chapter activities including cancellation of meeting for any reason including weather.

Membership Information

Dues are \$34 (this includes \$22 National dues and \$12 Northstar Chapter dues). Family memberships are \$4 additional. The student rate is \$17 (\$11 to the National). If you want to join, an application is available at <http://www.northstar-nrhs.org/>. Print out the application and send it with a check made out to Northstar Chapter, NRHS to Treasurer, Northstar Chapter NRHS, 1092 Humboldt Ave, West Saint Paul, MN 55118.

The Presidents Page

The next two meetings will be very important. Please try to attend. Included with this Northstar News should be a set of the proposed amended By-Laws of our Chapter. The By-Laws sets forth the rules and regulations that we use to govern ourselves and they are extremely important. The By-Law Committee of Mark Braun (Chairman), Dan Meyer, Dennis Loudon and myself have dissected our old By-Laws and made changes to reflect the times we live in and to fill a few holes to that were evident in the old (actually current) ones. I urge you all to review these changes and come prepared to the Oct. meeting to review and discuss these proposed changes. If they meet with your approval we will be able to have them effective for the Nov. meeting.

Speaking of Nov., that is also an important meeting as we have our Chapter election that night.

The Nominations Committee of Cy Svobodny (Chairman), John Goodman and Bill Dredge have presented the Chapter with a slate of people that are seeking election:

President:	Mark Braun
Vice President:	Dennis Loudon
Secretary:	Dave Norman (incumbent)
Treasurer:	Dan Meyer
Trustee:	Bill Dredge
National Director:	Doug Johnson (incumbent) H. Martin Swan

As you can see there is going to be major changes to your Board of Directors. At least 4 positions will have new people in them, ie President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Trustee. But the other point is that only one of those offices have more than one candidate ie National Director. A really true election would be to have at least one candidate for all elected offices. I would appreciate it if you would look into

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yourselves and consider running for election for any of the positions named above. The Chapter will be stronger for it if you do. By the way, last year when it came time for elections I followed the tradition of Northstar Chapter by calling out each position 3 times. Several people got anise with that and stopped the procedure to make motions to skip that. I refused those motions and the net result was it took much longer then usual to run the election then if they would have just allowed me to proceed without interruption. . I would appreciate it this year if you would all just sit back and allow me to make the three calls without interruption—unless of course you want to put your name in notation. It is just possible somebody might just jump up and say "I'll run" during those calls.

Finally, congratulations to Doug Johnson and Kurt Peterson for their 25 year award from the National for completing 25 years of uninterrupted membership to the NRHS

I'll see you in Oct.

Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2006

The meeting was called to order promptly at 7:00 p.m. by chapter president Marty Swan in the St. Paul Fire Department Training Center with 20 members and guests present. Marty asked if there were any guests present. Andy Koetz introduced his nephew. The secretary has not yet found his notes on the May meeting. The minutes of the July 15th meeting were published in the August 2006 issue of Northstar News. A motion to

25 Year Membership Anniversary Pin Awarded



National director, Doug Johnson, a 25 year pin holder himself, awards Kurt Peterson his 25 year pin at the September meeting.
Photo by H. Martin Swan

approve the minutes, as published, was made, seconded, and carried. (There was no business meeting in August, as we had our chapter picnic that month.) Cheer Committee - A "get well" card had been sent to Dawn Holmberg when she was recovering from a broken arm (she has since recovered.) Andy Koetz reported that his father, Bob Koetz, has had an infection and gave an up-date on his status.

Treasurer Joe Fishbein gave his report, which covered July and August 2006. Cash in checking account, as of July 1, 2006, was \$5,083. Income during the period was \$136 in dues and donations and \$2 in checking account interest, for total income of \$138. Expenses were \$88 in dues payments to NRHS national office and \$218 in newsletter expenses, for total expenses of \$306. Cash in checking account, as of August 31, 2006, was \$4,915, of which \$3,175 was in the General Fund and \$1,740 was in the GTW 8327 Restoration Fund. Funds in CDs and investments is \$31,000. Current chapter membership status is 93 members,

Northstar Chapter Holiday Banquet December 3, 2006

The annual banquet will be held at Mancini's Char House 531 West 7th St., St. Paul, MN beginning with a social hour at 4pm. Don Hofsommer, History Professor at St. Cloud University and author of numerous books on area railroads will speak following the meal.

Meal Choices:

8 oz. Sirloin Steak

Number desired_____

10 oz. Chicken Breast Battered

Number desired_____

10 oz. Chicken Breast Broiled

Number desired_____

12 oz. Walleye Fillet Battered

Number desired_____

12 oz. Walleye Fillet Broiled

Number desired_____

Name:_____ Phone:_____ Total _____ X \$21.00=_____

All meals are \$22 including beverage, tip, tax and desert.

Please make check payable to the Northstar Chapter NRHS and mail reservation to :

Dennis Loudon,
Holiday Party,
1895 Wordsworth Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55116

Reservation deadline is November 29th.

of whom 81 are renewed for 2006. Joe noted that the required IRS form had been filed on time.

National Director Doug Johnson presented a pin to Kurt Peterson for 25 consecutive years of NRHS membership. Doug reported that he had gotten a newsletter from NRHS in which they said that they hope to have the dues renewal forms out in October. There will be no increase in national dues. There were 82 new members in the "at large" category. The 2007 NRHS national convention will be in Chattanooga August 21-25. There was a nice article on the 2006 convention in Railroad fan and Railroad Magazine. Editor Russ Isbrandt had nothing to report. Dan Meyer is webmaster for the 2007 convention. He is also working on the night photo shoot.

By-laws committee chairman Mark Braun reported that his committee has a tentative version of the revised by-laws ready. It was noted that the final version needs to get to Russ Isbrandt by the end of the month so the October issue of Northstar News can get to the members far enough in advance of the meeting so the revised by-laws can be voted on at the meeting. Cy Svobodny reported for the election committee. The proposed slate of candidates is:

Mark Braun - President, Dennis Loudon - Vice President, Dan Meyer - Treasurer, Dave Norman - Secretary, both Marty Swan and Doug Johnson are candidates for National Director, and Bill Dredge - Trustee.

Program Director John Goodman reported that Professor Don Hofsommer has agreed to be the speaker at our Holiday Banquet in December. John said that he would acknowledge his acceptance. John Kennedy will present the program at the October meeting and Dawn Holmberg do the program at the November meeting. As Trip Director, John reported that we have

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15 people signed up of the 18 needed for our trip to Iowa to ride the Iowa Traction Railroad, with at least one more planning to sign up. That is close enough that we will definitely run the trip. The trip will leave the Amtrak station in St. Paul at 9:30 a.m. and we hope to return by 6 p.m. There will be a meal stop on the return trip. John also mentioned upcoming operations of restored Milwaukee Road steam engine 261. It will be running with two Chinese steam locomotives in Iowa and will be making trips to La Crescent, MN at the end of September.

New Business - None

Announcements - Marty said that he had been a member of NRHS for more than 25 years (but not continuously.) He wants to give something back to the organization, so he is going to donate \$100 to upgrade the bus for our Iowa trip from a small one to a full-size one. Marty also said that he wants to go home to watch as much as possible of a certain college football game.

Adjournment was moved, seconded, and carried at 7:29 p.m.

After a break, the program was presented. There were two videos (transferred from 1956 era films) on the Railway Mail Service. Disk #3 of the films from the Dick Prosser Estate was also shown.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Norman
Secretary, Northstar Chapter NRHS

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