



NORTHSTAR NEWS

40th Anniversary of the Chapter's Founding

**Trains of Our Youth - A Portfolio of Photos of Northstar Chapter Trips Over the Years
Assembled by Russ Isbrandt**



October 5, 1991, the crew of the Northstar Chapter - Wisconsin Central passenger extra to Amery, WI, posed on the power at Amery. Photo by Martha Isbrandt

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Meeting Notice

The June meeting of the Northstar Chapter of the NRHS will be held in the Como Park Street-car waiting station, June 20th at 7pm CDT. See directions on following page.

There will be a pre-meeting get-together at the Keys Cafe and Bakery at the northeast corner of Lexington and Larpenteur starting about 5:15 pm. Call Bob Clarkson at 651-636-2323 and leave a message with your name and the number of persons coming with you.

Program: Marty Swan will show a DVD of trips to Denver, the *Empire Builder* reroute down the BNSF to Chicago, Boone and Scenic Railway, and a trip to Kansas City.

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NOTE: Consult the website for any announcements regarding chapter activities including cancellation of any meeting for any reason, including weather.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Dues are \$45 (\$33 for the National dues and \$12 for the local dues). Family memberships are \$5 per person additional. The student rate is \$22 (\$16 for the National, \$6 for the Northstar Chapter). If you want to join, an application is available at <http://www.northstar-nrhs.org/>. Print out this application and send it with a check made payable to "Northstar Chapter NRHS" to Northstar Chapter NRHS Membership Services, P.O. Box 120832, St. Paul, MN 55112.



A Brief History of the Northstar Chapter By John Goodman

By early 1969, the Minnesota Railfans' Association was almost dead as a viable railfan club. MTM was created in 1963 with the operation of #1300 at the Minnesota Transfer "P" yard in the Midway area. This drained away much of the trolley folks from MRA to the new group. Bill Cordes and Charlie Chotkowski tried to keep MRA alive with some in-service trips to Wisconsin Dells and Fargo.

In early 1969 some local model railroad folks who belonged to a group called the Supreme Order of Empire Builders connected with Lou Pardee of NRHS and asked him to come to the Twin Cities and form an NRHS chapter in the Twin City area for Minnesota.

The "birth meeting" was held in New Brighton, MN at the home of Ramsey County Sheriff Kermit Hedman, who was a big railfan and model railroader. The collection at his home was very large and is now at the depot in the park at New Brighton.

One of my customers at the Great Northern Station was Frank Donovan who wrote several railroad history books.