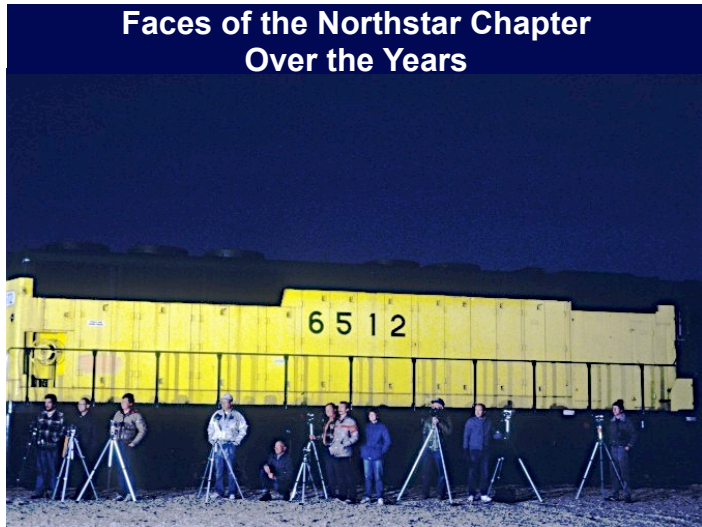


He was best known for M&StL history, "Mile Post on the Prairie." He would come to the depot to talk railroading with me and purchase tickets for his trips. One day he invited me to attend this meeting to take place in New Brighton at Hedman's place to form the chapter, later to be known as the North Star Chapter. I met Mr. Pardee and everyone had a great time. Thus we became the newest chapter in the NRHS.

The newly formed group was made up mostly of model railroaders (including F. Lee Jaques). I was clearly the youngest of this elite group who formed our chapter 40 years ago.

The first President of the new North Star Chapter was modeler George Weir, who apparently was an officer in the Supreme Order of the Empire Builder. George served for two years in office.

Faces of the Northstar Chapter Over the Years



April 1988 we held a night photo session at what is now the facility used by the 261 at North Minneapolis.
Photo by Dawn Holmberg



October 1, 1988 we sponsored a passenger extra over the Otter Tail Railroad from Avon to Fergus Falls, MN.
Photo by Dawn Holmberg



June 7, 1992 the chapter rode the Algoma Central. Here we see members at the gift shop in the Sault Sainte Marie, Ontario station.
Photo by Dawn Holmberg



June 7, 1992 we see members enjoying the ride on the Algoma Central. Photo by Dawn Holmberg



February 19, 1994 we headed over to the Mid-Continent Railway Museum at North Freedom, WI to ride their "Snow Train." Unfortunately a thaw made it the "mud Train." Photo by Russ Isbrandt



September 17, 1994 we took a trip to see the Chinese steam locomotive at the Boone and Scenic Railroad. A ride on a former Chicago South Shore and South Bend car was also included. Photo by Russ Isbrandt



June 6, 1998 we toured the Minnesota Commercial round house. Photo by Russ Isbrandt



In July 2004 we sponsored the National NRHS Convention. On completion of the last event, a special on the Osceola and St. Croix Valley Railroad, and having everyone delivered to the airport on time, you see here a very tired, but relieved convention committee. Photo by Dawn Holmberg



June 2005 we rode a passenger extra on the Wisconsin Great Northern at Spooner, WI. Also included was a visit to the Railroad Memories Museum in the former Omaha Road Spooner Depot. Photo by Dawn Holmberg



October 14, 2006 we joined Iowa Chapter members in a tour of the Iowa Traction Railroad aboard Chicago North Shore and Milwaukee interurban #727. Photo by Russ Isbrandt