

Trains of Our Youth - A Portfolio of Photos from Northstar Chapter Trips Over the Years



Above: One of the earliest flying trips was to Escanaba for a trip between Wells and Channing, MI for a ride on the Escanaba and Lake Superior Railroad on Milwaukee Road sleeper *Lake Oconomowoc* and a Burlington heavyweight coach. This was the first trip to use the Donovan Companies plane made available for the trip through chapter president, John Larkin, in October 1973.

Photos by Cy Svobodny



Above: In April of 1974 the Donovan plane was used to fly to Kapuskasing, Ontario. A bus was used to Hearst. There the group rode the Algoma Central train down to Sault Sainte Marie, from where they flew home. Photo by Cy Svobodny



Above: Amtrak's *Blackhawk* about to depart Dubuque, IA on December 8, 1974. Again the services of the Donovan plane were used to get the group to Dubuque. Return from Chicago was on the *Empire Builder* the next day.

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Above: May 29- and 30, 1976 the chapter sponsored passenger extras on the Green Bay and Western to Merrilan, WI Saturday and Wisconsin Rapids on Sunday. Here we see Saturday's trip eastbound at Hixton, WI. Photo by Russ Isbrandt



March 27, 1987 chapter members traveled to La Crosse for a model railroad show, a tour of CB&Q 4000 in Copeland Park and Grand Crossing for a bit of train watching.

Photo by Russ Isbrandt



May 15, 1988 President Bob Ball arranged for a passenger extra on Dakota Rail from Hutchinson to the Woodhill Country Club, Wayzata using the railroad's dinner train equipment. Here's the run-by at Minnetrista. Photo by Russ Isbrandt



July 8, 1989 the Wisconsin Central hosted two passenger extras, the Northstar trip to Chippewa Falls and the Explorers group eastbound with the dome cars. We met at the west end of the Chippewa Falls yard. Photo by Martha Isbrandt



June 16, 1990 the Wisconsin Central again hosted our special, this time to Owen, WI where the St. Paul branch joined the Duluth - Chicago mainline. Photo by Martha Isbrandt



September 29, 1991 the chapter sponsored still another Wisconsin Central trip, this time to Stanley, WI shown here. Photo by Martha Isbrandt



June 7, 1992 the chapter chartered a motor coach to Sault Sainte Marie, Ontario to ride the Algoma Central. On the far left of the picture you can see a caboose used as a station. Photo by Dawn Holmberg



April 12, 1996 we sponsored the National Board of Directors Meeting of the NRHS. On this occasion, the MTM ran a rare three car operation using Duluth 78, 265 and Twin Cities Rapid Transit 1300. Also included was a GM 5105 transit bus 1399, the bus that replaced the streetcars. Photo by Russ Isbrandt



July 19, 1998 the chapter's annual picnic was held at the St. Croix Railroad's scale model live steam site. Photo by Russ Isbrandt