

**NORTHSTAR NEWS****2009 NRHS National Convention - Steam on the Range**

Three generations of Soo Line power were assembled for the August 12th NRHS National Convention night photo shoot at the Lake Superior Transportation Museum Duluth. Photo by Dawn Holmberg

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Meeting Notice

The September meeting of the Northstar Chapter of the NRHS will be held in the Como Park Streetcar waiting station, September 19th 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: Richard Tubbesing will present a video on Trainfest.

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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.



Northstar Chapter Picnic



Saturday, August 1st, about a dozen members headed out to Chisago County to ride behind Iron Horse Central's 4 spot, a former Dresser Trap Rock 0-4-0 tank engine. Photo by Russ Isbrandt



Here are the members assembled for the usual group photo. Photo by Roger Meyer

Northstar Chapter 40th Anniversary Banquet



August 9th, the chapter held an open house at its library. Here are some of the attendees. Photo by Dawn Holmberg



Attendees at the chapter's 40th Anniversary Banquet, August 9th. We were honored by the presence of NRHS President Greg Molloy, Vice President Barry Smith (at left) and Regional Vice President Al Weber (first row, second right). Photo by Eileen Weber

August 9th the Northstar Chapter celebrated the 40th anniversary of its founding, April 1969. The fete was held at Jax Cafe with everyone ordering off the menu. After a few congratulatory remarks by President Molloy, a 70 minute slide and video presentation covering 40 years of chapter activities was shown.

The 2009 NRHS National Convention Steam on the Range

Approximately 12 members of the Northstar Chapter augmented 17 members of the National Convention Committee and members from other chapters in planning and operating the National Convention "Steam on the Range." The convention chairman was our own John Goodman.

Whereas the usual planning and preparation time is two years, this convention was planned and carried out in about one year.

On the Monday following the chapter's 40th anniversary banquet, an organizational meeting was held on the private lounge car *Mohave* at the Amtrak station. Here various convention duties were assigned. At this time we learned that the train would be detoured via the former Northern Pacific route between St. Paul and Minneapolis instead of the normal *Empire Builder* route via Park Junction due to track work there.

Show time began Tuesday morning at 9 am as required waivers were signed and registration and ticket packet