



NORTHSTAR NEWS

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Meeting Notice

The Next meeting of the Northstar Chapter of the NRHS will Held **September 21 2013 6:30 pm**, at Roseville Lutheran Church at 1215 Roselawn Avenue, midway between Lexington and Hamline Avenues in Roseville. See map on following page. *Note the EARLIER START TIME at 6:30 pm.*

Program: DVD on the Chicago North Shore and Milwaukee Interurban by Russ Isbrandt.

There will be a pre-meeting get-together at the Keys Cafe and Bakery at the northeast corner of Lexington and Larpenteur starting about 5:00 pm. PLEASE CALL Bob Clarkson at 651-636-2323 and leave a message with your name and the number of persons coming with you.

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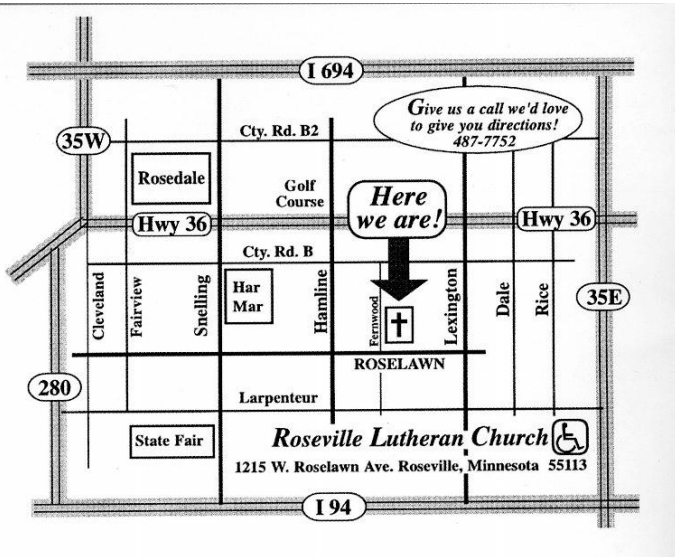
MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Dues are \$54(\$39 for the National dues and \$15 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 subscription to this newsletter may be obtained for \$18 for either printed or electronic edition by sending a check to the post office box above specifying the form of the newsletter you desire. A subscription does NOT include voting privileges at chapter meetings nor any of the NRHS membership benefits and no membership application is needed.

Meeting Site

From the east and west take MN 36 to Lexington Avenue. Drive south on Lexington Avenue to Roselawn Avenue and turn right. The large lighted parking lot is on your right as you travel west on Roselawn. Use the lower entrance to the church and turn left through the commons area. We'll be in room 40, The Diamond Room.



Editors Column

From the Editor:

Our Organization had a very good summer, with the NRHS Summer conference in June, the chapter picnic in Maiden Rock WI, Jonathan Padelford Lunch Cruise on the Mississippi from St Paul to the Ford Dam in July, and the bus trip to Duluth to ride the Soo 2719 to Two Harbors on the North Shore Scenic RR at the LSRM in August. The Editor wishes to thank John Goodman for his efforts in organizing these successful events and for the financial benefits to our organization. .

Sad News:

Mrs Doug Johnson reports that long time member and contributor Doug Johnson is now in an Assisted Care facility suffering from Alzhiemer's disease. Doug was instrumental in the early 2000's in assisting in our organization especially in hosting the 2004 NRHS convention. Mrs Johnson in the name of her husband donated \$1000 to our chapter. Many thanks goes to Mrs Johnson for the contribution in the name of Doug Johnson.

Obituary: Member Jerome Coppicus (87) passed away In July 2013 in Fridley MN. Sympathy to the Coppicus family from the Northstar News.

Summer events: NRHS Summer Conference Events

This was a successful event. On Thursday June 26th, Mariott Hotel Bloomington MN, Russ Isbrandt showed his CNS&M video and Dick Tubbesing showed a slide show of TC railroads from the slide collection in our Library. On Friday June 27 2013 was a Twin City Rail Tour, with transportation provided by the MTM's Vintage Transit Bus. The Tour visited the St Paul Union Depot, MTM's Jackson St Roundhouse, Friends of the #261 Shop tour where a box Lunch was served, and Round trip on Northstar Commuter from Minneapolis to Big Lake and Return, and an option to return to the Hotel from Mpls via the Hiawatha Light Rail line. Unfortunately the hotel failed to provide a screen for the planned slide shows by Joe Stark and John Cartwright, but Dan Meyer's ingenuity set up some tables with white table cloth's for a make shift screen and connected his computer to our projector and showed some Youtube videos on TC railroads. Joe and John's slide shows will be programs shown at our October and November meetings.

Saturday June 28th After the day's meeting with the NRHS BOD and members, which the results can be seen on the NRHS web site, and not detailed here. (topics included discussions of the organizations financial state) In the evening, A fine buffet was served by the hotel for attendees and a slide program on the history of Amtrak was presented by Clifford Black IV, retired Amtrak's Chief of Corporate Communications. Sunday June 29th, The conference concluded at Noon with another board Meeting.

Paddleford River Cruise, August 10th 2013 – 14 members boarded the Jonathon Padelford at 10:30 AM for a Lunch Cruise on the Mississippi River. The Cruise headed up the Mississippi by the CMStP&O / Milw Bridge 15, Under 35E, by Lillydale and to the Ford Lock and Dam. A roast Turkey buffet was served. Pictures by Dawn Holmberg.



Attendees: Seated: H Martin Swan, John Goodman, Dawn Holmberg, Dan Meyer, Dave Norman, Bill Dredge, Ron Linebarger. Standing: Ross Hammond and his wife, Dawn Holmber and Dan Meyer .

Northstar Chapter Annual Picnic July 13 2013 The Chapter annual picnic was held in the city park at Maiden Rock, Wi right next to the BNSF main line. Members brought meat to grill, as the grill was provided by Bill Dredge, and snacks and beverages provided by the chapter. 11 trains were seen, including a local Frac Sand train that brought empty cars to switch with loads parked in the siding, and then the locomotives were turned to return to LaCrosse. It was interesting to the how the engines were run around the train for the return and still keep one of the main tracks open for thru traffic. Dan Meyer brought his computer to monitor the activity on this busy main line.



Attendees: Seated: Dawn Holmberg, John Goodman, Joe Stark, Dick Hartman and his wife Ronnie, Roger Libra, Rick Krenski, Bill Dredge, Standing: Pat Perry, H Martin Swan, Kevin Waldo, Cy Svobodny, Dick Tubbesing, Dan Meyer, Terry Warner.

August 17th 2013 Trip to Duluth 29 people attended this event with 27 people riding the bus and 2 meeting us in Duluth for the Train ride. The bus was Boarded at the Amtrak Station at 7AM and left promptly for Duluth. RR DVD's provided by Bill Dredge were shown on the way up to Duluth with a rest stop near Hinckley MN. The bus arrived at the Duluth Depot just before 10AM. At arrival, the Pizza train was being boarded with power provided by the LSRM's DM&IR SD18. Our train powered by SOO 4-6-2 #2719 Pulled into the depot at around 10:30AM. We had three cars for our group, a Baggage car, the Lake of the Isles GN Diner, and a former NP coach to provide restroom facilities. Our Gracious host was Ken Buehler from the LSRM. The train departed about 20 minutes late, and we passed by landmarks like Canal Park (a grade of about 2%) by the Lake along the lake front, by Fitgers Brewery building (Now a restaurant), Lemon drop hill, Lakeside (where we met the pizza train) and proceeded up the line across the Lester River (where a new pedestrian walkway is being built across the river, in which construction was assisted by the LSRM. Coffee, juice, coffee cake,

rolls were provided by the LSRM in the Lake of the Isles. We continued to head north across the French River, Talmedge River, Big Sucker River Bridge, the siding at Palmers, across the Little Sucker River bridge and on to Larsmont, for a brief stop to pick up passengers. It was about 5 miles from Two Harbors, and we continued to Marbles siding to wait for the CN Dispatcher to clear our train thru Stevenson yard. We got into Stevenson Yard, and had to wait for loaded CN (DM&IR) loaded Taconite train to get into the yard before we could proceed to the spur track that led us to the Two Harbors Depot. As we left Stevenson Yard, a charter train that followed us up was attached to our train (with Soo GP30 #700 and two cars) and as one train we proceeded to the Two Harbors Depot. We arrived about 30 minutes late and the charter train was put on one track and our train put on the other by the depot. The Soo #2719 Then left to by Wyed at Stevenson yard. This weekend there was a festival in Two Harbors with bands on the main street and some old cars. Passengers could enjoy the festival (a couple of blocks away) or ride the free shuttle buses of other Restaurants in Two Harbors. We Boarded our train at about 3PM and started our return to Duluth. Again we had some snack food and beverages provided by Ken Buehler and the LSRM. We had no delays getting thru Stevenson Yard and our return to Duluth with a stop al Larsmont. We got into Duluth about 5:15 PM, and then boarded our bus. On the way back we stopped at Hinckley for Dinner at Casey's Restaruant for a reasonably priced meal. We Boarded our bus for the return to St Paul Midway Amtrak Station returning about 9:20pm. A great time was had by all!! This is the last season for Steam Locomotive #2719 before going under FRA mandated inspection and Overhaul. It is hoped that former D&NE 2-8-0 undergoing restoration in Cloquet MN will be ready for runs next summer. Maybe?

Photo's provided by Dawn Holmberg.





News Items

From Rich Krenski July 7, 2013

Locomotive 3463 - Rods up and Ready to Roll! -And a little about the organization behind this venture by John Rhodes

The Coalition For Sustainable Rail just returned from a very successful trip to Topeka, Kansas, to prepare Santa Fe locomotive #3463 for its first big trip in 57 years. In just a few day's time, the crew (which includes Metro member Rob Mangels) drained and inspected all of the locomotive's roller bearing axles and refilled the boxes with new oil. Following that work, the crew removed key side rods, inspected all of the running gear and cleaned and relubricated all necessary parts before its move to the Twin Cities. Metro will keep you informed of this progress.

The Past: A little over a year ago a group of volunteers braved the summer heat of Topeka, Kansas to restore the recently acquired locomotive ATSF 3463 from its rusted and neglected state to some of its original beauty. This cosmetic stabilization provided you with a hint of the past and a taste of the future. This testbed locomotive, combined with torrefied biomass developed at the University of Minnesota IonE will be used to prove that steam locomotives can be cleaner, faster, and cheaper than current diesel-electric locomotives for higher-speed passenger rail. Project 130 was quick to garner attention across the United States and around the globe upon its initial press release. In our first weeks, we reached out to you, our sponsors, through Public Radio, syndicated press releases, over 60,000 page views on our website, Wired Magazine and other blog and media forums. It is with your help that Project 130 began to pick up speed.

The Present: Word regarding this project eventually found its way to a number of highly respected industry leaders. Davidson Ward, the President of CSR, was invited in January to speak at two leading industry conferences the Transportation Research Board (TRB) and the American Boiler Manufacturers Association (ABMA). The Transportation Research Board personally invited Ward as one of five entrepreneurs to give a "Six-Minute Pitch" on technologies that will revolutionize the transportation industry. Later in the month Ward

presented Project 130 in front of the oldest national manufacturing trade association in the United States, the ABMA, who has since made CSR an Associate Member. ABMA President and Chief Executive Officer W. Randall Rawson recently stated in his letter of support that, "As the ABMA enters its 126th year, the work of CSR not only complements ABMA's heritage of boiler-generated, steam-driven locomotion and power generation, it promises meaningful, still-to-come concomitant advances in boiler technology, applications and fuel flexibility. It is something with which ABMA and its member companies need to be associated with and actively participate in, and we are delighted to become a proud and active contributor to the overall effort."

The Future: It is because of your support that we can now proudly announce that Locomotive 3463 will be relocated to Minneapolis in the next year for preliminary engineering and rebuilding and that we have been able to pursue and garner support for the electricity generating and biofuel aspects of our project. We welcome you to continue spreading the word if you are a railfan, passionate about sustainable energy, industry leader, or simply an individual interested in making a change in the world.

Thank you and best regards, John Rhodes

Vice President and Treasurer

Car Messabi Dedication September 21 2013

From the LSRM: The much anticipated 15 year restoration project is about to be completed with an official dedication on September 21st, 2013 at the Lake Superior Railroad Museum. The Car Missabe will be brought into the museum for this very special night, and all members of the LSRM are invited! The museum will also be celebrating its 40th Anniversary on this very same day.

This exciting event starts at 6pm with special guests from around the country who were a part of this important artifact from Minnesota's past, now brought to life for the future.

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Russ Isbrandt: From John Hicks



July 27 2013 2:53pm

Russ Isbrandt is in a few shots in this Star Tribune slideshow of the Como-Harriet Streetcar Line

<http://www.startribune.com/galleries/217151371.htmlStreetcar> museum retools for today.

Minnesota Streetcar Museum juggles historic work with modern fun.

Article by: JEAN HOPFENSBERGER, Star Tribune Updated: July 26, 2013.

Super volunteers allow small nonprofit to serve large audiences and add 21st century entertainment.

About 100 little tykes in pajamas boarded the trolley at Lake Harriet last week for a 'PJ Party' that sold out in six minutes. This

weekend, an older crowd is helping solve 'A Most Modern Murder' mystery on the historic streetcar. Then some lucky children will go to streetcar camp and learn to operate a 100-year-old trolley.

Each year about 40,000 visitors board the historic trolleys at Lake Harriet and downtown Excelsior to participate in special events or just ride the rails. They're part of the changing face of the Minnesota Streetcar Museum, a mobile museum that takes frugality and patience to new heights.

Next year marks the 60th anniversary since streetcars were pulled off Twin Cities streets, trolleys that once carried more than 200 million passengers a year. Most were stripped and burned.

From Railway Age by William C. Vantuono, editor and chief -August 14 2013

AMTRAK sets another ridership record

Amtrak set an all-time record for the most passengers in one month – 2.9 million- for the month of July 2013, a 4.8% increase. Northeast Corridor services, State-supported and other short-distance routes, and long-distance trains all showed gains for July. State-supported routes continue to lead the way in ridership growth. Under federal law, beginning Oct 1, 2013, 19 states will take greater control of routes of fewer than 750 miles, but first must reach new operating and capital cost-sharing agreements with Amtrak to ensure the corridor services continue to operate beyond the deadline. Currently, Amtrak has agreements with three states.

Thus far in Fiscal Year 2013 (October 2012-July 2013) Amtrak ridership is up 1.1% vx the prior year, “with strong ticket sales forecasted for the final two months of the fiscal year.” Amtrak said. “in addition, Amtrak set individual monthly records in October, December, January, March, May, June and July. We are on a pace to meet or exceed last years annual ridership record of 31.2 million passengers.”

“Record numbers of passengers continue to choose Amtrak for their travel needs, making July the best single ridership month ever in out history.” Said President and CEO Joe Boardman. “Amtrak is delivering record ridership across the country and serving as an economic engine to help local communities grow and prosper. Amtrak is a vital part of the national transportation network and provides mobility, connectivity, economic development, abd jobs. Since 2010, for every dollar of federal investment, America’s Railroad has returned nearly \$3 back into the economy.

Union Pacific Railroad Acquires Big Boy Locomotive No. 4014. News provided by Rick Krenski

Railroad Plans to Restore One of the Largest Steam Locomotives Ever Built.

Omaha, Neb., July 23, 2013 - Union Pacific Railroad today announced it reached an agreement with the Southern California Chapter - Railway & Locomotive Historical Society in Pomona, Calif., to transfer ownership of one of the world's largest steam locomotives, Big Boy No. 4014, back to Union Pacific.

Union Pacific plans to relocate No. 4014 to Cheyenne, Wyo., where Union Pacific's Heritage Fleet Operations team will work to restore it to operating condition. Details regarding those efforts will be made public at a later date.

Union Pacific donated No. 4014 to the historical society December 7, 1961. The locomotive arrived January 8, 1962, at its current display location at the Rail Giants Train Museum in Pomona. No other railroad has retained its historical equipment or honored its American roots like Union Pacific.

"Our steam locomotive program is a source of great pride to Union Pacific employees past and present," said Ed Dickens, senior manager – Union Pacific Heritage Operations. "We are very excited about the opportunity to bring history to life by restoring No. 4014."

Central Corridor rail line tested at University of Minnesota. From Rick Krenski

Minneapolis Star & Tribune - July 25, 2013 - 11:32 PM.

Crews tested the new Central Corridor light-rail line Thursday along its route through the University of Minnesota campus.

A gas leak at the old Sally's Saloon in Stadium Village at midday caused a 15-minute delay in the first round of testing. Fire crews briefly blocked the intersection of Oak Street and Washington Avenue, and a couple of people were evacuated from the building, said CenterPoint Energy spokeswoman Becca Virden.

She said the leak happened because crews doing demolition work at the eatery began pulling copper wire out of the building before the gas line was shut off. Aside from that, Central Corridor light-rail spokeswoman Laura Baenen said Thursday's test went smoothly. The daytime test used a railcar mover to pull a light-rail car. The nighttime test had a light-rail train make the trip on its own by drawing power from the overhead lines.

Officials will conduct more tests on campus, beginning Aug. 5. Testing along the rest of the line from downtown Minneapolis to downtown St. Paul via University Avenue will begin later this summer or in early fall, Baenen said.

When the route opens in mid-2014, it will be called the Metro Green Line.

Tim Harlow - Minneapolis Star & Tribune.

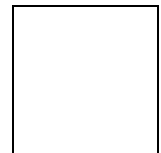
Norfolk Southern Heritage Units Thru the Twin Cities (provided by www.Heritageunits.com). (on Oil Cans)

Unit	Number	Sighting info (Times estimated)
Interstate	NS #8105	April 2013 Minneapolis
Nickelplate (NKP)	NS #8100	June 5 2013 Minneapolis
Wabash	NS #1070	Aug 21 2013 1:04 PM Northtown
Central of Georgia (CofG)	NS #8101	May 29 2013 10AM Northtown
Leheigh Valley	NS #8104	Aug 01 2013 7:40PM Minneapolis
Norfolk & Southern	NS #8114	Sept 1 2013 3:00 AM Northtown
Delaware Lackawana & Western	NS #1074	July 20 2013 7:00 AM Northtown
Reading	NS #1067	Aug 30 2013 7:00 PM Northtown
Interstate	NS #8105	Sept 2 2013 12:30 PM Northtown 2 nd time around

Railfan Events

Model Railroads Toy Trains, Railroad Memorabilia Fall Hobby Sales & Show	Saturday Sept 14 2013 9AM - 3PM	Minnesota State Fairgrounds Education Building St Paul MN	\$5 Kids 4 and under free
Newport Model RR Club Train Show & Sale	Saturday October 19 2013 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM	Woodbury High School 2665 Woodlane Drive Woodbury MN	\$5 Kids 11 and under free
Granite City Train Show and Sale www.grainitecityshow.com	Saturday November 16 2013 10AM – 3:00PM	St Cloud MN National Guard Armory	\$5

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More Pictures from the Padelford Cruise and Duluth Trip by Dawn Holmberg and Robert Thurn!



Charter Train at Two Harbors –Dawn Holmberg



Soo 4-6-2 #2719 at Two Harbors –Dawn Holmberg



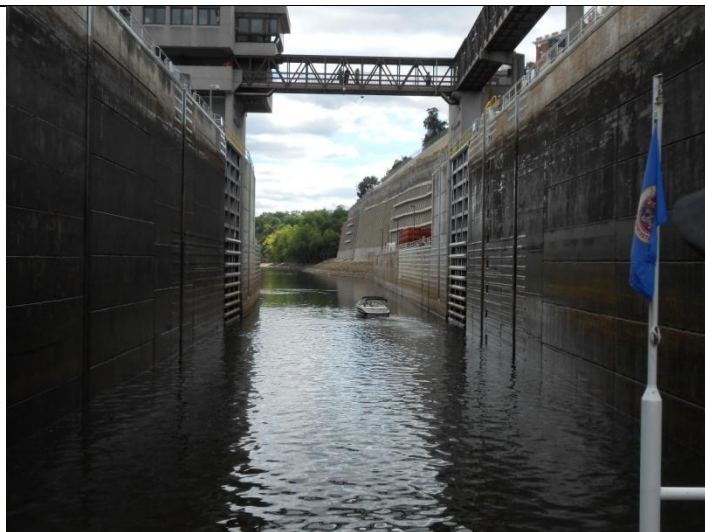
Ford Parkway and Ford Dam –Robert Thurn



St Paul Skyline –Robert Thurn



Jonathon Padelford dining area (above & right) -Robert Thurn



Ford Dam Locks –above and Right –Robert Thurn



Minnesota Commercial(ex Milw) Bridge across the Mississippi in Mpls –Robert Thurn



River Scene –Robert thurn



CMStP&O/Milw Bridge 3 W of downtown St Paul –Robert Thurn



Barge Loading Dock on River -Robert Thurn



Mill for loading Grain Barges –Robert Thurn



Robert St Bridge, UP SB Train Crossing ex CGW Bridge 2 west of the St Paul Union Depot –Robert Thurn

From Rick Krenski –Other Events (not enough room on the snail mail version)

On Sunday, September 15th, from 1PM to 4PM is a METRO MEET. We are going to meet in the upstairs meeting room of Amtrak (in the Midway) for an expert clinic of High/Wide Loads, presented by Joe Fehr of Progressive Rail. Joe Stark will also be presenting a slide show of Twin City railroading. We will probably start with some of Joe Stark's slides right at 1PM, and Joe Fehr will make his prototype presentation at about 1:45PM. Joe Stark will finish his slide show after the clinic. I don't know how much longer we will have this room to use since Amtrak is moving to the St Paul Union Depot early next year. I doubt anything will be free for us there.

On Saturday, September 28th, we are once again invited to attend

the member's day at the St Croix Live Steam Railroad south of Hudson, Wisconsin. This does not mean bringing all the grandkids along to ride the trains. This will be for Metro Members who are truly interested in miniature live steam. The day for bringing kids will be Sunday, the 29th, which is the public day for the month. This weekend is their annual invitational meet so many trains from outside the area will be present. Let's hope for great weather.

On Sunday, October 6th, at 1PM, I have arranged for a charter of PCC #322 at the Minnesota Streetcar Museum at Lake Harriet in Minneapolis. The PCC holds 55 people. You are invited to come ride with me for a full half an hour (or maybe a little bit more) through the woods to grandma's house near Lake Calhoun. All I ask is that maybe you could donate \$1 to help with the expense but that is not required. John Kennedy and David Norman will be our operators. If, for some reason, we have a turnout of more than 55 people, we may have to split the group into two. Of course, there is standing room in the streetcar also, but the Museum doesn't like us standing. But I can assure you, it will be FUN!

The other train event coming up in September is the Twin City Model Railroad Museum's Fall Hobby Sale & Show, on Saturday, September 14th in the Minnesota State Fairgrounds Education Building. The time is 9AM to 3PM. Roundhouse Rick will have a table at this sale. Admission is \$8 for everyone ages 5 and older. Ages 4 and under are FREE with an adult. (I would expect them to be there alone anyway.)