



SPARKS AND CINDERS

Our purpose as members of Wisconsin Chapter—National Railway Historical Society is to gather, preserve and disseminate information, both historic and current, pertaining to railroading in Wisconsin and the Upper Midwest.

Visit the Chapter Webpage www.nrhswis.org



Metra #205 an F40-PHM nicknamed a “Winnebago” leads a METRA train. This train and many like it can be seen and ridden using the Metra Trips guide included in this issue. *Photo by Jeff Marker*

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Upcoming Events May 2016

AMRC/MSOE All Star Railroad Night - 35th Season

MSOE 1025 N Broadway 7:30pm

Friday May 13, 2016

"A Salute to TRAINS 75th Anniversary"

"Railroads of Milwaukee's East Side"

Presented by Kevin Keefe

TMER&THS (Milwaukee Electric)

www.tmer.org

Saturday May 21, 2016

Chase Bank, 4702 S Packard Ave 7:30pm

Park and Enter from Parking Lot on East Side of Bank

"History of Chicago Streetcars" by David Wilson

WISE Division NMRA

www.wisedivision.org

Sunday May 1st

Bus Trip to DuPage County Fairgrounds

Model Railroad Swap Meet

Check the WISE division webpage for information

Milwaukee Road Historical Association

www.mrha.com

June 23-26, 2016

Carleton, Montana

C&NW Historical Society

www.cnwhs.org

May 12-17, 2016

Minneapolis, MN Convention Info is webpage

NRHS National Convention

www.nrhs.com

July 19-24, 2016

Denver, Colorado

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Thank You to all those that contributed to this issue of Sparks and Cinders. Member contributions make this newsletter YOUR newsletter. - Sparks and Cinders Editor

Wisconsin Chapter Now on Facebook !!

Thanks to Keith Schmidt the Chapter now has a Facebook Page. It Can be accessed at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Wisconsin-Chapter-NRHS/170129169765334> (Must enter the number string)



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Wisconsin Chapter Meeting Schedule

Saturday May 7, 2016 - Chapter Banquet - Rick Grossman
Pallas Restaurant

Friday June 3, 2016 - Matt Planning - Slides of Cyril Mennen
His Grandfather employee of Milw Road

MEETINGS NOW START AT 7:30PM !!!

Programs Subject to Change

If you would like to present a program
at a Chapter Meeting

Contact Dave Nelson at email engine1385@aol.com

April 2016 Meeting Summary

President Dave Nelson greeted the 35 people in attendance at 7:33 pm. Two couples were first-time attendees. Ned and Diane Michaels identified themselves as Soo Line fans. Marlene and Dave Yost saw the notice in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. A 36th person came in at 7:37 pm.

The annual Chapter banquet will be held at Pallas Restaurant, on 108th Street (a short distance north of the ex-C&NW line to Waukesha and Madison, and the TMER&L line to Waukesha and Watertown) in West Allis, on Saturday, May 7. The menu will feature roast beef with gravy, baked chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans almandine, salad, and ice cream. Cost per person is \$22.50, payable to Chapter Treasurer Tom Hoffmann. Tom said he would prefer to receive reservations as early as possible, so he knows who and how many will be coming, even if payment follows later. The latest date for payment is at the banquet.

Dave Nelson led the discussion of summer activity proposals. We will for sure be going to the National Railroad Museum in Green Bay. We may eat at the Titledown Brewery in the former Chicago & North Western (C&NW) station, on Dousman Street (downtown) in that city. No date has been set. We will not try to charter a bus. Car pooling will be informal. Dave called for an informal show of hands. How many would be interested in paying \$20 to \$25 extra for a behind-the-scenes tour, during which one or more small groups would see artifacts and exhibits not available to the general public? About 75-80 % of those in attendance raised their hands for yes. About 20-25 % voted no.

The Quad Graphics private passenger cars are gone from their storage track near Duplainville. No announcement was made by that or any other company. Speculation in the room was that they were sold due to financial pressures.

Dave Mudge announced that the Lionel Club of Milwaukee will be having an Open House this weekend, from 10 am to either 4 pm or 5 pm. Their club room is located behind the small strip mall on the west side of Calhoun Road, several hundred feet north of Cleveland Avenue, in New Berlin. The entrance door is on the back (west) side of the strip mall.

Don Goerke will be offering his collection of VHS tapes of Chapter-meeting presentations since 2005 at the annual banquet on May 7. Door prize winners will get first pick. All other tapes remaining will then be free for the asking.

The announcements and discussion ended at 7:49 pm.

Dave Nelson introduced our presenter, former Chapter President Bob Baker. Bob is the author of our Wisconsin Rails, Wisconsin Rails II, and various other books and articles for the C&NW Historical Society. Bob presented one large circular tray of slides on the Soo Line in Transition, from its traditional route

to taking over the former Milwaukee Road, and then being absorbed by long-time parent Canadian Pacific. Bob gave us a bonus second tray of the pre-takeover Milwaukee Road, and the C&NW before Union Pacific took it over.

The presentation ended at 9:22 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Thomas W Marcussen
Wisconsin Chapter Secretary

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I recently spent two days railfanning (he calls it "train spotting") with Gordon Robinson, a British man now living in Scotland who was in the States mostly to attend a model railroad convention for O scalers. He and I had done something similar last year. His special interest for American railroading and modeling is the Milwaukee Road/Soo/CP. We hit Jones Island, the bike path bridge near the Mitchell Park Domes, Ackerville near Slinger (where the CN and WSOR lines parallel), and Duplainville. We also visited Kalmbach Publishing Company where Mike Yuhas was our guide and host. Gordon got to meet Jim Wrinn, Neal Besougloff, Cody Grivno, Drew Halverson, and other familiar names, including, yes, librarian Tom Hoffmann, and toured the workshop, photo studio, and large model railroad. A very good hobby shop, Hiawatha Hobbies is near Kalmbach, and let's just say that Gordon did his bit to aid the local economy. Last year we had gone to Walther's and he did so on his own this year, en route to the Green Bay Railroad Museum and Titledown Brewery. He also managed to take in Rochelle for part of a day (his one observation is that the UP trackwork near the diamond is in very poor shape).

It is always interesting to see things through the perspective of others. We think of the U.K. as being a hotbed of railroad activity, and it is for passenger trains, but Gordon was thrilled with the number of freight trains (often with big power) we saw on the CP, CN, and WSOR. Most exciting for him was the sheer proximity we enjoy to the tracks and trains -- in England the rights of way are fenced and often photographic opportunities are controlled or very limited. While at Ackerville we got to see the routine the WSOR has adopted of a local freight from Horicon meeting a local freight from Milwaukee, switching the interchange tracks there with the CN, swapping cars, and then the crews evidently swapping trains and heading back home. To Gordon this was a type of rail activity that is largely unknown to the regular train spotter. At Duplainville our railfanning was greatly enhanced by having access to all the information on Ron Wischer's ATCS system and his powerful scanner. Gordon was also intrigued by the track work going on at Jones Island. And again, the ability we have to get so close to both tracks and trains was something he could not stop marveling about. It does not even occur to us to think about that because we take it for granted.

Gordon also mentioned that while there are many rail and model railroad publications in the U.K., they have nothing that can compare to *Trains* or *Model Railroader* in the sheer quality and professionalism of the finished product, including the quality of photo reproduction. Visiting Kalmbach was one of his main goals for this visit. His next goal? Getting to Trainfest!

One area where it is evident our British friends have it all over us is their heritage rail lines, often of considerable length, which exist to showcase steam locomotive and other historic rail operations. England has a great many preserved operating steam locomotives, and even a newly built large passenger locomotive.

Chapter Banquet May 7, 2016 Rick Grossman Guest Speaker

Mark your calendar and make it a point to attend the annual Wisconsin Chapter banquet on Saturday, May 7. Our featured speaker will be Rick Grossman, a railroad industry professional since 1979. He is the Chief Mechanical Officer for Wells Fargo Rail (renamed from First Union Rail at the beginning of 2016) and has held a senior management position with the company since 1995, overseeing a fleet that now numbers over 185,000 railcars and 1,800 locomotives. His presentation, "A Freight Car Journey," will touch on some industry fleet statistics, discuss who really owns all that equipment, look at what's changed in freight cars over his 35 year career, touch on some of the maintenance rules and arcane details of freight car compensation, as well as including some personal highlights from spending an entire career in the freight car and locomotive side of the rail industry.

Rick currently serves as a member of the Associates Advisory Board of the Association of American Railroads (AAR), and is a member of AAR's Asset Health Strategy Committee. Prior to joining FUR, Rick spent 16 years at the Chicago and North Western in a number of positions within the Equipment Management Department, concluding as AVP-Equipment Distribution. While at CNW, he served as the CNW representative on numerous AAR committees, and served as Chairman of the Multilevel Reload Committee. Rick is also a past president of the Midwest Association of Rail Shippers organization and is a current Executive Committee member.

With this kind of experience, you can rest assured that Rick Grossman is every bit as passionate about railroading as every Wisconsin Chapter member.

Rick holds Master of Management and BA degrees from Northwestern University. He's been actively involved as a volunteer for Wildcats football since his undergraduate days. He is President of the Northwestern Gridiron Network (NGN), the University sponsored football support organization, and has served as NGN Spring Dinner and Auction chair and as co-chair of the NGN's Walker Open golf event.

Rick is married and has three adult children.

The Banquet is Saturday May 7, 2016 at Pallas Restaurant at 1657 S 108th Street. Cocktails 6:00pm to 7:00pm Dinner to Follow. Cost is \$22.50 per person in attendance. To make reservations please contact Tom Hoffmann at 262-542-7447 or drop a note to him at Tom Hoffmann 1102 Aspen Drive, Waukesha, WI 53188. Please Respond with reservations by April 23rd. Payment can be made at the time of banquet.

When they run on these "heritage" lines everything is accurate and historical, from structures to signs to signals, so when watching or photographing one never contends with the situation we see of Milwaukee Road 261 being trailed by an Amtrak locomotive and a motley mix of cars one would never have seen in steam days. To the extent possible, everything in your viewfinder is authentic-looking. We can only dream about having situations like that.

Nonetheless, talking to Gordon and watching trains with him is an eye-opening experience and a reminder that for all we may complain, at least here in the Milwaukee area we railfans should be thankful for the opportunities we do have.

Dave

HERE IS YOUR 2016 EDITION OF "METRA TRIPS & MORE"

by Jeff Marker Past President 2008-2009

2016 UPCOMING RAILROAD EVENTS

May

7, NRHS 66th Annual Banquet, Pallas Restaurant 1657 S. 108th Street, 6p.m.
14, Tra in Day, Chicago Union Station-10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Free

June

11, Franklin Park Railroad Day z, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Free
24/25, Galesburg Railroad Days
25, East Troy Railroad Museum "Railfan Day" 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

July

2-3-4, Illinois Railway Museum, Traction Weekend
2-3-4, Mid-Continent Railroad Museum, Stars & Stripes Celebration
19-24, NRHS National Convention, Denver CO
23-24, Illinois Railway Museum, Diesel Days
23, Whiskey River Railroad Day, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
30, Jeff Marker leads Metra Trip #4 for the NRHS Chapter, 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

August

13-14, Fox River Trolley Festival, South Elgin IL.

September

24, Jeff Marker leads NW Indiana Auto Excursion 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
24-25, Griffith IN, Railroad Fair 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.



AREA RAILROAD THEME RESTAURANTS

Oconomowoc Depot, 115 E. Collins, 262-569-0072
The Tracks (Milwaukee) 1020 E. Locust at Humboldt, 414-562-2020
Trolley Dogs (Kenosha) 5501 6th Avenue, 262-652-3647 (east of Metra Depot).
(Discount coupons for these restaurants in 2016 Entertainment Book)
Frank's Diner 508 58th St Kenosha, WI 262-657-1017

NEARBY RAILROAD MUSEUMS

Wisconsin

Boscobel Heritage Depot Museum, Boscobel, 608-375-2672 boscobelwisconsin.com
East Troy Electric Railroad Museum - 262-642-3263 easttroyr.m.org
Kenosha Transit Electric Streetcars - 262-653-4287 kenoshacvb.com
Mid-Continent Railway Museum, North Freedom - 800-930-1385 midcontinent.org
National Railroad Museum, Green Bay - 920-7437-7623 nationalrmmuseum.org
Osceola & St. Croix Valley Railway, Osceola, 715-755-3570 trainride.org

Illinois

Amboy Depot Museum - 815-857-4700 amboydepotmuseum.org
Fox River Trolley Museum, South Elgin - 847-697-4676 foxtrolley.org
Galesburg Railroad Museum, 309-342-9400 galesburgrailroadmuseum.org
Illinois Railway Museum, Union - 800-244-7245 irm.org
Lincoln Depot Museum, Springfield - 217-544-8695 sj-r.com
Monticello Railway Museum - 877-762-9011 mrym.org
Rochelle Railroad Park - 815-562-8107 rochellerailroadparktripod.com
Rockford Trolley No. 36 (Riverfront Park) - 800-521-0849 gorockford.com
Silver Creek & Stephenson RR & Museum, Freeport - 800-369-2955



JEFF'S FAVORITE PHOTO LOCATIONS

Wisconsin

Duplainville (CP, CN, Amtrak), Waukesha County - Duplainville Road & CP tracks.
Milwaukee (CP, Amtrak), Kinnickin Avenue, Kinnickin River bridge.
Oconomowoc Depot (CP, Amtrak), 115 E. Collins
Sturtevant Station (CP, Amtrak) Amtrak trains meet daily at 11:20-11:23 a.m. and 6:08-6:14 p.m.

Illinois

Downtown Chicago
Museum Campus Station, 11th & Michigan (Metra Electric, South Shore).
Canal Street crossing, north of Lake Street (Amtrak, Metra North Central, Milwaukee District lines).
South Canal Street at Roosevelt (12th Street) Road bridge (Amtrak, Metra Aurora, Heritage, Southwest lines).

Suburban Locations

Elmhurst Station - Metra UPWest Line, UP Freight
Homewood Station - Metra Electric, Amtrak, CN
Joliet Union Station - Amtrak, BNSF, ICE, Metra, NS, UP
Rondout - Amtrak, CN, CP, ICE, Metra, WSOR (Highway 176 at tracks)
West Chicago Diamond - Metra UPWest Line, UP Freight, CN

Indiana

Hammond/East Chicago Amtrak Station - CP, CSX, NS, UP, Amtrak, BNSF
Porter Junction (Chesterton, Lincoln & Wagner Rd.) Amtrak, CP, CSX, NS, UP, BNSF
Whiting-Front Street, Amtrak, CN, CP, CSX, NS, Short Line, UP, BNSF



IT'S TIME TO TAKE A METRA TRIP

Now the fun begins, choose from 12 Metra trips with four variations that enable you to travel the entire Weekend and holiday network. All trips are planned to originate but one in either Kenosha or Waukegan along the Union Pacific North Line. Purchase your Weekend Pass on the train. They all may also be picked-up in Chicago as an added convenience for our Illinois friends.

Departing Milwaukee on I-94 south, plan on travel times from the Mitchell Interchange to the Kenosha Metra Station of 45 minutes (36 miles) and to Waukegan of one hour (46 miles). To Kenosha, exit I-94 at Hwy 158, 52nd Street. Go east to Sheridan Rd.

Turn right and again right at the Streetcar track, Metra is directly ahead. It costs \$5 to park and there is a new railroad theme restaurant "Chew Choo" at the station.

To Waukegan continue south on I-94 to US-41 south and continue to Grand Avenue. Exit and go east to the end, Pershing Blvd. Turn right and one block down the ramp to Stop sign, Clayton Avenue. Turn right and make a U to face toward lake.

Park FREE here 1½ blocks to station or parking is \$5 in station lots. In Chicago, allow 10 minutes walking time between Ogilvie and Union Stations. Allow 20-25 minutes between Ogilvie and either LaSalle Street or Millennium Stations to make your connections. All trips are planned to include at least 30 minutes for lunch with recommended restaurants included. If not possible, there are large food courts located at Ogilvie, Union and Millennium Stations where food can be taken to be eaten on board your next train. Fast food chain coupons are also honored for added savings at their locations. All Aboard!!!

HAVE YOUR WEEKEND PASS READY !!

Trip No.	Operates	Riding Metra Lines
1 A&B	Sat.	UP North, Metra Elec.
2	Sat.	UP North, Metra Elec., Rock Island
3	Sat.	UP North, UP West, UP Northwest
4	Sat.	UP North, BNSF, Southwest
5 A&B	Sat.	UP North, Rock Island, Metra Elec.
6	Sat.	UP North, UP Northwest
7	Sun./Hol.	UP North, Metra Elec.

Trip No.	Operates	Riding Metra Lines
8	Sun./Hol.	UP North, West, Northwest
9 A&B	Sat./Sun./Hol	UP North, South Shore (weekend pass not valid on South Shore)
10	Sat.	UP North, Milw. West, North
11 A&B	Sat/Sun/Hol	UP North, BNSF, Milw. North
12	Sat./Sun./Hol.	UP North (for Chicago "pickup" only)

METRA TRIP No. 1 A&B

Saturdays

Trip 1A visits the Homewood Railroad Park on an extended schedule. Trip 1B briefly visits the Park and takes you to the Museum of Science & Industry for a quick free visit to the original Zephyr and a branch trip to South Chicago.

Lv. Kenosha		8:34
Lv. Waukegan	8:50	8:55
Ar. OGILVIE	9:46	10:16
Lv. MILLENNIUM	10:30	11:30
Ar. Homewood	11:11	12:11
LUNCH at Twisted Q BBQ 2053 Ridge Road East Side, opposite tracks		
Trip	1B	1A
Lv. Homewood	1:13	3:13
Ar. 55th-56th—57th 1:42		
10 minute walk east on 57th St. to Museum		
Lv. 55th-56th-57th SB	2:36	
Ar. South Chicago	2:57	
Lv. South Chicago	3:21	
Ar. Millennium	4:00	3:57
Lv. OGILVIE	4:35	or 5:10
Ar. WAUKEGAN	5:50	6:06
Ar. KENOSHA	6:15	

METRA TRIP No. 3

Saturdays

This is an all Union Pacific Metra day, riding the North, West lines and a short portion of the Northwest (see also Trip 6) Line. Lunch at the Ogilvie Food Court. There is ample time to visit Union Station or go to N. Canal St.

Lv. KENOSHA		8:34
Lv. WAUKEGAN	8:50	8:55
Ar. OGILVIE	9:44	10:16
Lv. OGILVIE		10:40
Ar. Elburn		12:06
Lv. Elburn		12:25
Ar. OGILVIE		1:47
LUNCH at Ogilvie Food Court		
Lv. OGILVIE		2:30
Ar. Norwood Park		2:52
Lv. Norwood Park		2:57
Ar. OGILVIE		3:23
Lv. OGILVIE	3:35	4:35 5:10
Ar. WAUKEGAN	4:36	5:50 6:06
Ar. KENOSHA		6:15

METRA TRIP No. 2

Saturdays

Taking you around Chicago's Southside, you ride Metra's unique single track Blue Island branch to Vermont Street where you will board your Rock Island service local back to LaSalle Street in an hour. Lunch is at a Mexican fast-food restaurant across the street as is your return train to LaSalle Street Station. Then it is back on the Metra Electric to South Chicago.

Lv. Kenosha		8:34
Lv. Waukegan	8:50	8:55
Ar. OGILVIE	9:46	10:16
Lv. MILLENNIUM		11:15
Ar. Blue Island		12:02
(Metra Rock Island Station is 150 ft. from Metra Electric Station)		
Lv. Blue Island (Rock Island)		1:05
Ar. Chicago (LaSalle St. Sta.)		1:48
(Metra Electric)		
Lv. Van Buren (Metra Elec.)		2:22
Ar. South Chicago		2:57
Lv. South Chicago		3:21
Ar. MILLENNIUM		4:00
Lv. OGILVIE	4:35	5:10
Ar. WAUKEGAN	5:50	6:06
Ar. KENOSHA	6:15	

METRA TRIP No. 4

Saturdays

Making Union Station the base for our regional operations, we first head for Downers Grove Main Street on the BNSF before returning to Union Station for lunch at the popular Food Court. Then we head for Manhattan (Illinois, of course!) on the Southwest NS Line. Finally it is back to Wisconsin on the evening UP North Express.

Lv. WAUKEGAN	8:50
Ar. OGILVIE	9:46
Lv. UNION STATION	10:40
Ar. Downers Grove/Main St.	11:25
Lv. Downers Grove	11:45
Ar. UNION STATION	12:42
LUNCH at Union Station Food Court	
Lv. UNION STATION	1:30
Ar. Manhattan	2:55
Lv. Manhattan	3:15
Ar. UNION STATION	4:40
Lv. OGILVIE	5:10
Ar. WAUKEGAN	6:06

METRA TRIP No. 5 A&B

Saturdays

Joliet's Historic landmark Union Station may be closed to trains but nearly 100 freights and Amtraks continue to pass it on a daily basis. With separate Metra and Amtrak stations a block apart, it is still well worth railfanning from the "upclose" Amtrak platform. For a quick lunch, Subway at 17 W. Jefferson is just 1 1/2 blocks west of the station. From 1965-78, Jeff's late cousin Morris Berlinsky was Joliet's mayor.

			5B
5A			
Lv. WAUKEGAN	8:50	8:50	
Ar. OGILVIE	9:46	9:46	
Lv. LaSALLE STA.	10:40	10:40	
Ar. JOLIET	11:50	11:50	
Lv. JOLIET	12:15	2:15	
Ar. Blue Island	12:56		
Lv. Blue Island	1:18		
Ar. Kensington	1:34		
Lv. Kensington SB	1:53		
Ar. University Pk	2:30		
Lv. University Pk	2:57		
Ar. MILLENNIUM PK	3:57		
Ar. LaSALLE STA.		3:40	
Lv. OGILVIE	4:35	or	5:10
Ar. WAUKEGAN	5:50		6:06

METRA TRIP No. 6

Saturdays

All aboard for Metra's longest journey, 72 miles one way from Chicago to Harvard on the UP Northwest line. There is plenty of time for a nice lunch at the Town & Country Restaurant * just a block northeast of the station on North Ayer Street.

Lv. KENOSHA		8:34	
Lv. WAUKEGAN	8:50	8:55	
Ar. Clybourn			
Ar. OGILVIE	9:44	10:16	
Lv. OGILVIE		10:30	
Ar. Harvard		12:20	
LUNCH			
Lv. Harvard		1:35	
Ar. OGILVIE		3:23	
Lv. OGILVIE	3:35	4:35	5:10
Ar. WAUKEGAN	4:36	5:50	6:06
Ar. KENOSHA		6:15	

METRA TRIP No. 7

Sundays/Holidays

This fast time trip takes you on the Metra Electric Main, South Chicago and University Park lines. There is a quick lunch available at Treasure Island Supermarket deli opposite the 55th Street (NW corner) entrance in Hyde Park. Don't forget to visit the South Shore Millennium and Union Stations on the way back to Ogilvie.

Lv. KENOSHA	8:34	
Ar. OGILVIE	10:16	
Lv. MILLENNIUM	11:00	
Ar. South Chicago	11:37	
Lv. South Chicago	11:49	
Ar. 55-56-57th Street	12:10	
LUNCH at Treasure Island		
Lv. 55th-55th-57th (SB)	12:45	
Ar. University Park	1:36	
Lv. University Park	1:50	
Ar. MILLENNIUM	2:58	
Lv. OGILVIE	4:35	
Ar. KENOSHA	6:15	

METRA TRIP No. 12

Saturdays/Sundays/Holidays

For Chicago "pickup" riders, this is the only U.P. North Line short trip and takes you to Winnetka. Traveling through Wilmette, Kenilworth and Winnetka, you will see the former North Shore Line interurban right-of-way which ceased operation in 1955. It is now a bike path.

	Sat	Sun/Hol
Lv. OGILVIE	5:10	4:35
Ar. Winnetka	5:32	5:10
Lv. Winnetka	5:39	5:39
Ar. OGILVIE	6:11	6:11

METRA TRIP No. 8

Sundays/Holidays

Ride the Union Pacific Metra Lines all day with this trip. Enjoy lunch at the Ogilvie Food Court. There is very little walking on this trip, simply enjoy the rides.

Lv. KENOSHA	8:34
Ar. OGILVIE	10:16
Lv. OGILVIE	10:40
Ar. Elburn	12:06
Lv. Elburn	12:25
Ar. OGILVIE	1:47
LUNCH	
Lv. OGILVIE	2:30
Ar. Arlington Pk	3:20
Lv. Arlington Pk	3:29
Ar. Clybourn	4:12
Ar. OGILVIE	4:23
Lv. OGILVIE	4:35
Lv. Clybourn	4:43
Ar. KENOSHA	6:15

METRA TRIP No. 9 A&B

Saturdays/Sundays/Holidays

Ride America's last surviving interurban, but at an extra cost. Metra Weekend Passes are not valid on the South Shore Line. These trips provide you the most for your extra fare with Adults \$13.50 and Seniors \$6.50 roundtrip additional. At Miller, the CSX Mainline is just 1 1/2 blocks north of the South Shore Station with Trip 9A on Saturday only. You can watch trains while enjoying lunch at Miller Pizza * in the former B&O station or at KFC or McDonald's nearby. Trip 9B is just the train ride with lunch before departure at the Millennium Station Food Court and operates all three days.

	9A Sat	9B Sat/Sun/Hol	
Lv. KENOSHA		8:34	
Ar. Waukegan	8:50	8:55	
Ar. OGILVIE	9:46	10:16	
Lv. MILLENNIUM	10:45	12:12	
Ar. Miller	11:54	1:21	
Lv. Miller	1:31	1:31	
Ar. MILLENNIUM	2:39	2:39	
Lv. OGILVIE	3:35	3:35	4:35(All)
Ar. Waukegan	4:36	4:36	5:50
Ar. KENOSHA			6:15

METRA TRIP No. 10

Saturdays

This trip takes you on the Milwaukee District West and North Lines. Enjoy lunch at the Union Station Food Court.

Lv. WAUKEGAN	8:50	
Ar. OGILVIE	9:46	
Lv. UNION STATION	10:30	
Ar. Elgin	11:43	
Lv. Elgin	11:55	
Ar. UNION STATION	1:09	
LUNCH at Food Court		
Lv. UNION STATION	1:45	
Ar. Libertyville	2:47	
Lv. Libertyville	3:10	
Ar. UNION STATION	4:18	
Lv. OGILVIE	4:35	5:10
Ar. WAUKEGAN	5:50	6:06

METRA TRIP No. 11 A&B

Saturdays/Sundays/Holidays

It is all the way to Aurora on the famous "racetrack," plus with Trip 11A a ride on the Milwaukee District North Line to make a full day of it. For trip attractions please contact Jeff at metra.trips@gmail.com

	Sat/Sun/Hol	Sat Only	
Lv. KENOSHA	8:34		
Lv. WAUKEGAN	8:55	8:50	
Ar. OGILVIE	10:16	9:46	
Lv. UNION STATION	10:40	10:40	
Ar. Aurora	12:01	12:01	Sat/Sun/Hol
	11A		11B
Lv. Aurora	12:20		2:20
Ar. UNION STATION	1:42		3:47
LUNCH at Food Court			
Lv. UNION STATION	2:35		
Ar. Northbrook	3:19		
Lv. Northbrook	3:32		
Ar. UNION STATION	4:18		
Lv. OGILVIE	4:35	5:10	
Ar. WAUKEGAN	5:50	6:06	
Ar. Kenosha	6:15		

From the Archives

May, 1951 — 65 Years Ago

This month we are having as our guest E. L. (Lew) Pardee, NRHS Vice-President in charge of membership. Mr. Pardee resides in Collingwood, New Jersey. For the program portion of the meeting, he will show movies on assorted subjects such as Pacific Electric, Havana (Cuba) Electric, Atlantic Coast Line, Seaboard, Florida East Coast, and B&O.... Ten fans had a very enjoyable Sunday afternoon on April 15th. This was the day they went to Kenosha via CNS&M Silverliner and returned via C&NW air conditioned (?), streamlined (?) coach on the Sunday local. Present were Wayne Suchow, Ralph Schmidt, Jim Mayer, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pratt, Joe and John Barth, Cy Parsons, Jr., Jim Scribbins, and Don Ross.

May, 1956 — 60 Years Ago

At the April meeting, the membership of Milwaukee Chapter voted to cancel the June meeting and in its place take a fantrip to Churchill, Manitoba. The coach fare for the 1763-mile round trip will be \$10.88, including tax. Contact Gene Knol, ticket seller at Milwaukee Rah Rah Road Depot. (*The June meeting was indeed cancelled, however, the Canadian trip announcement was an April Fool joke by the editor.*)

May, 1961 — 55 Years Ago

The monthly meeting was held at the West Allis YMCA and featured the CSS&SB and a film on UP 4-8-8-4s, "Giants of the Rails."... A Chapter fantrip, C&NW Flambeau 400 to Waukegan - CNS&M Electroliner return, is set for June 25. Cost is \$3.62.... The demise of the Olympian Hiawatha was announced.

May, 1966 — 50 Years Ago

The annual Chapter banquet is scheduled for Nino's Steak Roundup on Plankinton Ave. Cost is \$3.75 per person. The featured speaker will be Paul Larson. His subject will be the Circus Train and Parade

May, 1971 - 45 Years Ago

The big news was the startup of Amtrak on May 1. The first Amtrak train in Wisconsin was No. 24 which left the Milwaukee depot for Chicago with two freshly-painted (in MILW colors) E9s, five coaches and a cafe-lounge at 7:20 a.m.... The C&NW will remove one track of its double-track Milwaukee-Kenosha main line following termination of passenger service. The double track will remain in place south of Kenosha.... On March 1 the East Troy Village Board approved use of the MET (ex-TMER&L) electric line between Mukwonago and East Troy for museum use by the Wisconsin Electric Railway Historical Society.... The NMRA National Convention is scheduled for the Pfister Hotel on May 21-23.... The C&O carferry dock has been repaired after being out of service for several weeks during the past winter.

May, 1976 - 40 Years Ago

The Chapter will be hosting the regional meeting of the State Historical Society on May 8.... Details of the design and operation of the first LRVs (Light Rail Vehicles) were listed in an article from Design Report magazine.

May, 1981 - 35 Years Ago

The Annual Chapter Banquet will be held on May 15th at the Downtown Ramada Inn, featured speaker will be James MacDonald, VP-Public Relations for the C&NW.... The D&RGW has sold the Silverton narrow gauge line to Florida citrus grower Charles E. Bradshaw, Jr., for \$2.2 million.... A derailed tank car in Louisville, Kentucky, drew large crowds when it began leaking and officials had trouble keeping the public away. The car did not contain any toxic chemicals but rather Scotch whiskey. Some 200 gallons of the liquid spilled before it could be transferred to another car.... Amtrak announced that all remaining GG-1 electric locos would be retired by the end of 1981. The venerable units were constructed between 1934 and 1943.

May, 1986 — 30 Years Ago

S&C devoted four pages to a listing of errors and inaccuracies found in the recently published book "Trains of Wisconsin" by Malcolm Rosholt.... It is rumored that the Soo Line may sell Bensenville Yard to the State of Illinois for a runway extension for O'Hare International Airport.... The Annual Chapter banquet will be held on May 2nd, featured speaker will be Joe Darling, Director of Special Projects for the Soo Line.... The Kettle Moraine Scenic Railway is looking for volunteers to help in the operation of the line.

May, 1991 — 25 Years Ago

Former Milwaukee Mayor Frank Zeidler will be the featured speaker at the Annual Chapter Banquet on May 3. Mayor Zeidler, who was employed by the Milwaukee Road as a transitman from 1943-1946, is a long-time advocate of public transportation.... On April 7 Amtrak consolidated all of its New York service in Penn Station. The move affected approximately one million passengers a year who formerly used Grand Central Station. With the change comes the opening of the first direct rail connection between the Hudson and Delaware Valley routes and other rail routes into New York.

May, 1996 — 20 Years Ago

UP 4-8-4 No. 844 will be in the Midwest this summer. A trip from Elmhurst, Illinois, to St. Francis is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, September 1.... The WC has pulled several rails on the Neenah Sub. through Oshkosh, making its original ex-Soo Line route through the city impassable.... Ex-Milwaukee Road No. 261 will be returning home in early June after spending the winter at Steamtown. A June excursion on the WC is tentatively planned along with other trips in Illinois and Minnesota.... CP announced they will be moving their dispatch center from the Milwaukee Amtrak depot to the Twin Cities by the end of the year. The D&H dispatchers, now housed in Milwaukee, will probably be moved "back east."

May, 2001 — 15 Years Ago

John Gruber, noted rail photographer, presented a program on the Green Bay & Western at the annual Chapter banquet on May 5.... On April 4 WC shareholders overwhelmingly approved the sale of the WC to CN.... Spring flooding along the Mississippi River forced both CP and BNSF to detour trains, mainly via WC. Amtrak Empire Builder passengers were bussed between Chicago and the Twin Cities.... The last two steam trips on the WC took place on June 16 and 17 with ex-Soo Line No. 2719 powering the trains. On June 16, the train operated from Ladysmith to South Itasca and return. On June 17 it operated from Ladysmith to Junction City and return.

May, 2006 — 10 Years Ago

The annual Chapter banquet speaker was Chris Burger, retired railroad executive and former C&NW Wisconsin Division Superintendent who presented a program on Chinese steam operations.... Ex-Milwaukee Road 4-8-4 No. 261 will visit the Milwaukee area in June and operate on several trips.... UP ended rail service to Sheboygan Falls on March 31 after 100 years.... CTA selected pink as the color for a new "L" line. The choice of color wasn't necessarily the choice of many riders.

May 2011 - 5 Years Ago

The state of Wisconsin is considering purchasing Union Pacific's Madison-Reedsburg branch to preserve it for future freight service, the Wisconsin State Journal has reported. The roughly 50-mile branch is isolated from the rest of UP's system, and Wisconsin & Southern Railroad has operated it under lease since 1996. Gov. Scott Walker announced on March 29 that the state will apply for at least \$150 million in federal high speed rail grants to add equipment and facilities for Amtrak's Hiawatha corridor.

7 The upgrades apparently would not increase the speed of the 79 mph line, but could provide the capacity to increase passenger train frequency from the current seven round trips daily

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