



# 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.*

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The race is about to start. Four METRA F40PH locomotive stand ready for the rush hour to begin. Metra is North America's fourth largest commuter system and largest outside of the New York area. Its 11 lines provide more than 300,000 rides each weekday. These four trains will help do that very soon. Photo by Jeff Marker

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## Upcoming Events May 2018

**TMER&THS (Milwaukee Electric)**

[www.tmer.org](http://www.tmer.org)

**Saturday May 19, 2018 2:30pm**

Waterstone Bank 6560 S 27th St

Popcorn, Trolleys and Trains by Charles Damaske

The show will feature 16mm film railroad films. Popcorn will also be available

**WISE Division NMRA**

[www.wisedivision.org](http://www.wisedivision.org)

Sunday May 6th

Bus Trip to DuPage County Fairgrounds

Model Railroad Swap Meet

Check the WISE division webpage for information

**Milwaukee Road Historical Association**

[www.mrha.com](http://www.mrha.com)

National Convention

July 18th to 21st 2018

Olympia, WA

**C&NW Historical Society**

[www.cnwhs.org](http://www.cnwhs.org)

**National Convention**

May 17th to 20th 2018

Black Hills, South Dakota

**Soo Line Historical Society**

[www.sooline.org](http://www.sooline.org)

**National Convention 2017**

September 20-23, 2018

Stevens Point, WI

**NRHS National Convention**

[www.nrhs.com](http://www.nrhs.com)

August 7th to 12th 2018

Cumberland, MD

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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 5, 2018 - Chapter Banquet David Lieder - Chicago Stock Yards at Meyer's Family Restaurant

Friday June 1, 2018 - Mike Patrick - TBA

**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](mailto:engine1385@aol.com)

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## April 2018 Meeting Summary

President Bob Baker started the meeting at 7:42 pm. Forty-one people were in attendance.

There will be another opportunity to buy sodas or candy bars before the presentation starts.

Bob Baker opened the meeting with a call for rail-related news and / or announcements. There were several items:

Tom Hoffmann—The east-bound Amtrak Empire Builder, train #8, either hit a truck, or was hit by a truck, at a grade crossing near Columbus. There was a significant delay.

Charlie Schreiber—Norfolk Southern engines were seen leading trains on the Canadian Pacific (former Milwaukee Road) main line.

At least one train of brand-new hopper cars, an estimated 100-110 of them, led by Norfolk Southern engine(s), were seen headed northwest (toward the frack sand mines?) on the Canadian National (former Soo Line) main line.

Union Pacific is working on a bridge, possibly the one over Oak Creek south of Puetz Road, south of Airport Junction (College Avenue) on their Milwaukee Sub (formerly the Chicago & North Western New Line Sub). The work train is stored at the "brick yard spur" when it is not working.

New or nearly new hopper cars are being seen with CNW (Chicago & North Western) or CMO (CNW subsidiary Chicago, St Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha) reporting marks. (Those names and reporting marks are still owned by Union Pacific. They may be running out of UP numbers in their existing system?)

Keith Schmidt—Amtrak will no longer accept special car and train movements. They will also no longer offer maintenance services to owners of private rail cars. Others said that the Association of Private Rail Car Owners is lobbying for a reversal of that decision. Amtrak makes a profit on that business. Many private rail car owners have significant influence with the US Government.

Jeff Marker—The Talgo train set that ran through the derail protecting an open drawbridge on July 2, 2017, is headed back to Seattle. It required over \$5 million in repairs, which are now completed.

Bob Baker asked if everyone had read the minutes of February 24 Board Meeting (which were printed in the April issue of Sparks & Cinders), and if anyone had any comments or corrections to them. There were no comments or corrections. Tom Hoffmann moved that they be approved as printed. Keith Schmidt raised two points of order: This is not a business meeting, and Board minutes are approved by the Board. The motion was rescinded by Tom Hoffmann.

The "announcements and discussions" part of the meeting ended at 7:50 pm.

Mike Yugas took over to introduce Rob McGonigal, the editor of Classic Trains. Rob is originally from the Philadelphia metropolitan area, as is Mike. Rob left in 1982. Mike left in 1989. Rob worked for the South East Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPAC) as a public-contact person. He then joined the Trains magazine editorial staff, becoming one of the editors, and meeting Mike. Rob then became the founding editor of Classic Trains magazine, which began publishing in 2000, and has been its chief editor since then. Rob McGonigal took over at 7:53 pm. Rob began his presentation where his Reading story began, at the Elkins Park commuter station, mile post 9.5 going north from the main Reading Terminal on Market Street in downtown Philadelphia. Elkins Park is south of Jenkintown, where the main line northeast to West Trenton, New Jersey, and ultimately Newark and Jersey City, splits from the line directly north to Bethlehem and other points in Northeastern Pennsylvania. (That is a very simplified picture, as the Reading had other main lines going west and northwest, and lots of branch lines.) Rob lived in Elkins Park from 1964 to 1974 (ages 5 to 15), and had the use of a camera for much of that time. We started with those pictures, and then moved out to many other locations on the Reading system around Philadelphia. We were also treated to a number of older Reading images from the Kalmbach Publishing Company photo library.

Rob closed his presentation with a visit to interlocking Tower A-2 (Western Avenue) on the near west side of Chicago. This is now a 100% Metra operation. It is where the former Milwaukee Road main line (3 tracks) turns northwest and crosses the Chicago & North Western main (4 tracks) going west toward Oak Park, West Chicago, Geneva, Clinton, Iowa, and Council Bluffs, Iowa. The Milwaukee Road runs over former Pennsylvania track east of Tower A-2 to reach Chicago Union Station.

Rob's presentation ended at 8:48 pm. Questions and answers ran to 8:57 pm.

Bob Baker reminded everybody that we will not meet here in May, but will instead have our annual banquet at Meyer's Restaurant in Greenfield on Saturday, May 5. David Leider will be presenting the history of the Chicago Stock Yards, with emphasis on railroad service. Bob said he had talked to the management about the noise that we had experienced at one previous banquet. Debbie Goerke asked if the members were interested in having pitchers of Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, and Sprite. The consensus was in favor. We are still looking for quality door prizes. We will return to the North Shore Congregational Church on Friday, June 1. Mike Patrick will do our presentation. Its topic will be announced later.

Respectfully Submitted  
Thomas W. Marcussen



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

I want to personally thank Rob McGonigal for his excellent show on April 6th. And to Mike Yugas for loading his show on his computer. Lots of good questions followed Rob's presentation.

I am hoping that I will see you at the annual banquet to be held at the Meyers Restaurant in Greenfield on May 5th. I am also looking to forward to seeing Dave Leider's presentation on the Chicago Stock Yards railroad operations. And bring your appetite. Don and Debbie Goerke have selected a grand buffet. Door Prizes are still being accepted; bring them to the banquet.

I have finished shoveling the snow accumulated this past weekend. Yes, the snow was wet and heavy, but paled in comparison to the amounts recorded "up north". I was saddened to see that Amtrak decided to cancel two days of Empire Builders. I suppose it was best to be on the safe side. The BNSF and Canadian Pacific planned to operate through the bad weather.

Big storms are no strangers to the railroads of Wisconsin. Plows and yes steam powered rotary snow throwers were positioned strategically though out the upper Midwest every winter to keep the trains moving. In the big Milwaukee storm of 1947, the Chicago and North Western loaded up men from Madison Avenue's skid row on Chicago's west side, and sent them to Milwaukee to clean out switches, clear platforms, and haul the white stuff.

Railfans who photograph the Canadian National in Wisconsin are being treated to lots of trains these days. There are long double stacks, sand trains, oil trains, and long general freights. There are frequent meets at the long sidings of Duplainville, Waukesha, Vernon, Midway, and Burlington. And because of the robust business, there are lessor engines and foreign road power; pushers too!

Alas, it is still a bit premature to think of seventy degree days and spring flowers. I bet the many robins treading though the snow are wishing they had postponed their arrival to Wisconsin.

Finally, i want to make sure that you reserve Friday June 1st for our final program before we take a two month hiatus. Kenosha native Mike Patrick will treat us with his experiences through the years. Several of his photos are in our book Wisconsin Rails II. I am sure Mike will give us a full update on the history closure of the Pleasant Prairie Power Plant- 1980-2018. Please bring a friend. And don't forget to bring some change for a cold soda (50 cents) and a Hershey chocolate bar (\$1.00). MMM- delicious!

Bob Baker

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## Chapter Annual Banquet

Saturday May 5, 2018

Where - Meyers Family Restaurant 4260 S. 76th St

When - 6:00pm Cocktails 7:00pm Dinner Cash Bar

David Leider will be the featured speaker. David will be speaking on the history and importance of the Chicago stockyards and packers. Come and join the chapter for this annual event.

Cost is \$22.50 per person

RSVP to Tom Hoffmann at 262-542-7447 or 262-271-4173 at least one week before the banquet. Payment can be made at the banquet.

# HERE IS YOUR 2018 EDITION OF "METRA TRIPS & MORE"

by Jeff Marker Past President 2008-2009 Contact 414-906-8883

## 2018 UPCOMING RAILROAD EVENTS

### MAY

- 5, NRHS 68th Annual Banquet, Meyers Restaurant 4260 S. 76th St.
- 17-20, C&NWS National Convention, Rapid City, SD [cnwhs.org](http://cnwhs.org)
- 19 Homewood Railfan Day Homewood, IL 10am to 5pm
- 24 Metra Trip #6 Harvard, IL Call Jeff to RSVP by 24th 414-906-8883
- 26 Metra Trip #4 South Shore Line Call Jeff to RSVP by 24th

### JUNE

- 1 Chapter Meeting Mike Patrick 7:30pm
- 9, Franklin Park Railroad Dayz, Free 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Franklin Park, IL
- 16 Metra Trip #3 Joliet Call Jeff to RSVP by the 14th
- 21-23, Galesburg Railroad Days, Galesburg IL.
- 23-24 East Troy Trolley Railfan Weekend 10am to 4pm
- 30 IRM Trolley Weekend Union, IL

### JULY

- 1 IRM Trolley Weekend continues Union IL.
- 7 Metra Trip #8B Aurora, IL Call Jeff to RSVP by 5th
- 14, Whiskey River Railway Day, Little Amerricka, Marshall WI. 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
- 18-21 Milwaukee Road Historical Convention Olympia, WA

### AUGUST

- 4 Metra Trip #2 Downers Grove/Manhattan Call Jeff to RSVP by 8/2
- 7-12 NRHS National Convention Cumberland, MD
- 11-12, Diesel Days, Illinois Railway Museum 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- 18-19 South Elgin Days Fox River Trolley Museum
- 25, Hammond/Whiting Auto Trip, Call Jeff to RSVP by 21st

### SEPTEMBER

- 7, NRHS Meetings resume, "Favorite Slide & Digital Night," 7:30 p.m.
- 15, Kenosha Streetcar Day, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 15-16 Joliet Rocket NKP #765 returns to Chicago
- 20-23 Soo Line Historical Society Convention Stevens Point, WI

## 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).
- Choo Choo Charlies in the Kenosha Metra Station, 5414 13th Avenue, 262/220-3634
- 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](http://boscobelwisconsin.com)
- East Troy Electric Railroad Museum - 262-642-3263 [easttroyrr.org](http://easttroyrr.org)
- Kenosha Transit Electric Streetcars - 262-653-4287 [kenoshacvb.com](http://kenoshacvb.com)
- Mid-Continent Railway Museum, North Freedom - 800-930-1385 [midcontinent.org](http://midcontinent.org)
- National Railroad Museum, Green Bay - 920-7437-7623 [nationalrrmuseum.org](http://nationalrrmuseum.org)
- Osceola & St. Croix Valley Railway, Osceola, 715-755-3570 [trainride.org](http://trainride.org)

### Illinois

- Amboy Depot Museum - 815-857-4700 [amboydepotmuseum.org](http://amboydepotmuseum.org)
- Fox River Trolley Museum, South Elgin - 847-697-4676 [foxtrolley.org](http://foxtrolley.org)
- Galesburg Railroad Museum, 309-342-9400 [galesburgrailroadmuseum.org](http://galesburgrailroadmuseum.org)
- Illinois Railway Museum, Union - 800-244-7245 [irm.org](http://irm.org)
- Lincoln Depot Museum, Springfield - 217-544-8695 [sj-r.com](http://sj-r.com)
- Monticello Railway Museum - 877-762-9011 [mrym.org](http://mrym.org)
- Rochelle Railroad Park - 815-562-8107 [rochellerailroadpark.tripod.com](http://rochellerailroadpark.tripod.com)
- Rockford Trolley No. 36 (Riverfront Park) - 800-521-0849 [gorockford.com](http://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, South-west lines).

### Suburban Locations

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

### Indiana

- Chestertown, Riley's Railhouse 123 N. 4th Street, Amtrak, BNSF, CN, CP, CSX, NS, UP
- Hammond/East Chicago Amtrak Station - CP, CSX, NS, UP, Amtrak, BNSF
- Porter Junction (Porter Lincoln & Wagner Rd.) Amtrak, CP, CSX, NS, UP, BNSF



# IT'S TIME TO TAKE A METRA TRIP

Welcome to the ninth edition of my Metra Trips & More! This year I have added five auto trips that will take you to some of the region's more exciting railfanning locations to drive to. Regardless if you are traveling by auto or Metra, don't leave home without some fellow enthusiasts. Half the fun is being with others!

Metra's Weekend Pass is now \$10 and can be purchased on board the train. It allows you unlimited travel on its weekend system every Saturday and Sunday and Mondays during Memorial and Labor Day holiday weekends. So there's no reason not to take advantage when possible.

All Metra trips are designed to originate on the UP North Line from either Kenosha or Waukegan for each trip and see what interests you. All trips try and include at least a 30 minute lunch period and list a restaurant. If not, purchase food at a food court and eat on the train. Departing Milwaukee by auto from the Marquette Interchange to the Kenosha Metra Station at 5414 13th Avenue is 36 miles and should take about 45 minutes.

Exit at Hwy 158, 58th Street and go east to Sheridan Road and make a right and another right at 54th to the Station. Parking is \$5 a day.

To Waukegan go south on I-94 to US 41 South and continue to Grand Avenue. It is about 46 miles and allow a 'safe' hour. Exit here and go east to the end at Pershing Blvd. Turn right and go down the ramp to the Stop Sign, Clayton Avenue. Turn right and make a U-turn to park along side the south curb. FREE parking. Otherwise it is \$5 a day in public lots. Station is in clear view 1 1/2 blocks from car.

Once arriving at Ogilvie Transportation Center, allow the following walking times between stations: To Union Station: 10 minutes, LaSalle or Millennium Stations 25 minutes, between Millennium and LaSalle Stations 20 minutes. The famous Canal Street Crossing, 3 blocks north of Ogilvie takes just 10 minutes.

Should you have any questions or comments, call Jeff Marker, 414-906-8883.

## HAVE YOUR WEEKEND PASS READY !!

Trip No.	Operates	Riding Metra Lines
1 A&B	Sat.	UP North, Metra Elec.
2	Sat.	UP North, BNSF, Southwest
3 A&B	Sat.	UP North, Rock Island, Metra Elec.
4 A&B	Sat./Sun./Hol	UP North, South Shore (weekend pass not valid on South Shore)
5	Sun./Hol.	UP North, West, Northwest
6	Sat.	UP North, UP Northwest
7	Sat.	UP North, Milw. West, North
8 A&B	Sat/Sun/Hol	UP North, BNSF, Milw. North



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

### METRA TRIP No. 2

#### 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	<b>12:42</b>
LUNCH at Union Station Food Court	
Lv. UNION STATION	<b>1:30</b>
Ar. Manhattan	<b>2:55</b>
Lv. Manhattan	<b>3:15</b>
Ar. UNION STATION	<b>4:40</b>
Lv. OGILVIE	<b>5:10</b>
Ar. WAUKEGAN	<b>6:06</b>

### METRA TRIP No. 3 A&B

#### Saturdays

Joliet's Historic landmark Union Station is once again open to railfans, complimented by a new Amtrak Station directly opposite. So you can now view trains from both sides of its four track mainline. Plans are still undecided of what to do with UP owned and closed UD tower. Lunch is available at Subway 17 W. Jefferson just 1 1/2 blocks west and you can eat on the platform. 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	<b>12:15</b>	<b>2:15</b>
Ar. Blue Island	<b>12:56</b>	
Lv. Blue Island	<b>1:18</b>	
Ar. Kensington	<b>1:34</b>	
Lv. Kensington SB	<b>1:53</b>	
Ar. University Pk.	<b>2:30</b>	
Lv. University Pk.	<b>2:57</b>	
Ar. MILLENNIUM PK	<b>3:57</b>	
Ar. LaSALLE STA.		<b>3:40</b>
Lv. OGILVIE	<b>4:35</b>	or <b>5:10</b>
Ar. WAUKEGAN	<b>5:50</b>	<b>6:06</b>

### METRA TRIP No. 4 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	<b>12:12</b>
Ar. Miller	11:54	<b>1:21</b>
Lv. Miller	<b>1:31</b>	<b>1:31</b>
Ar. MILLENNIUM	<b>2:39</b>	<b>2:39</b>
Lv. OGILVIE	<b>3:35</b>	<b>3:35</b>
Ar. Waukegan	<b>4:36</b>	<b>4:36</b>
		<b>4:35(All)</b>
		<b>5:50</b>

**METRA TRIP No. 5**  
**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
<b>LUNCH</b>	
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. 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		<b>12:20</b>
<b>LUNCH</b>		
Lv. Harvard		<b>1:35</b>
Ar. OGILVIE		<b>3:23</b>
Lv. OGILVIE	<b>3:35</b>	<b>4:35</b>
Ar. WAUKEGAN	<b>4:36</b>	<b>5:10</b>
Ar. KENOSHA		<b>6:15</b>

**METRA TRIP No. 7**  
**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	<b>1:09</b>	
<b>LUNCH at Food Court</b>		
Lv. UNION STATION	<b>1:45</b>	
Ar. Libertyville	<b>2:47</b>	
Lv. Libertyville	<b>3:10</b>	
Ar. UNION STATION	<b>4:18</b>	
Lv. OGILVIE	<b>4:35</b>	<b>5:10</b>
Ar. WAUKEGAN	<b>5:50</b>	<b>6:06</b>

**METRA TRIP No. 8 A & B**  
**Saturdays/Sundays/Holidays**

Take the "Race Track" to Aurora where the birth of the Burlington is celebrated with a large historical exhibit, caboose and former roundhouse. Lunch opposite complex at John's Bagels by the former CA&E right of way. Open access to Metra Yard. Lots of history to appreciate here. Trip 8A returns quickly, adding a bonus trip to Northbrook on the Milwaukee North District

	<u>Sat/Sun/Hol</u>	<u>Sat Only</u>	
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	<b>12:01</b>	<b>12:01</b>	
	<b>8A</b>		<b>Sat/Sun/Hol</b>
Lv. Aurora	<b>12:20</b>		<b>8B</b>
Ar. UNION STATION	<b>1:42</b>		<b>2:20</b>
<b>LUNCH at Food Court</b>			
Lv. UNION STATION	<b>2:35</b>		<b>3:47</b>
Ar. Northbrook	<b>3:19</b>		
Lv. Northbrook	<b>3:32</b>		
Ar. UNION STATION	<b>4:18</b>		
Lv. OGILVIE	<b>4:35</b>	<b>5:10</b>	
Ar. WAUKEGAN	<b>5:50</b>	<b>6:06</b>	
Ar. Kenosha	<b>6:15</b>		

**Here's Part 2 – "Metra Trips & More"**  
**"Have Auto & Friends Will Railfan!"**

Now that you have the rail portion, here is five automobile trips to interesting railroad "Hot Spots." Gather a few friends and head out for a day. Should you have any questions, please call me at 414-906-8883. I might even join you!

First of all, we all like to save money and here's a great way at a few major destinations. If you plan to visit East Troy and subscribe to Trains Magazine, the May issue "Ride This Train" Supplement on page R-21 has a 2-4-1 coupon.

Probably the most popular railroad museum is IRM. Google Groupon: Illinois Railroad Museum and you will find a variety of attractive deals with occasional 20% bonus offers that can bring the \$10-\$14 admission prices to below 2-4-1. While Hesston Steam Museum is free admission except on three-day holiday weekends, its ride tickets can also be purchased at almost half prices on Groupon too. When picking any destination, you can now Google and YouTube them.

Here's trips to consider with easy directions for those of you without GPS guidance systems. Travel times are based on average traffic and not rush hour with Milwaukee departures from the Marquette Interchange. For those going to see Metra or Amtrak lines, it is always best to either have timetables with you or Google them. After all, railfanning is all about timing!

**EAST TROY RAILROAD MUSEUM – Friday/Saturday/Sundays only.** 2000 Church Street. 36 miles, 37 minutes. I-43 south to Exit 38. Follow WI 20 north and signs to Museum.

**HESSTON STEAM MUSEUM—Saturdays/Sundays,** 1201 E. 1000 North Rd., La Porte, IN. 175 miles, 2:40, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. I-94 to US 41 (or 294-Tolls) to 94, to Michigan Exit #1 M239 South to W1000/Galena Road, 6 miles off I-94.

**ILLINOIS RAILROAD MUSEUM – Open Daily,** 7000 Olsen Road, Union IL. 88 miles, 95 minutes. Take I-43 south to East Troy exit Hwy 120 south to US 12, to WI 120, to ILL 47 south to Hwy 43 to N. Union Road to Olsen Road to Museum.

**PORTER JUNCTION/CHESTERTON IN – 146 Miles,** 2:20, Take I-43 to US 41 (or 294-Tolls), to I-94, Exit 22B (Burns Harbor) follow US20 East and W. Beam St./Cty Rd. 1275 N. Indian Boundary Rd. to Wagner Rd. See tracks. CHESTERTON is 1.2 miles east at Rileys Railhouse B&B, 123 N. 4th Street. More than 100 daily trains each. Porter Jct., 3 crossings within one block. Chesterton is NS Mainline only.

**ROCHELLE RAILROAD PARK -- Closed Tuesdays,** 124 N. 9th Street. 120 Miles, 1:55. Take I-43 south to I-90, to-I-39, Exit 99. Go west on ILL38 and North on 7th. Look for signs and railroad tracks.



# From the Archives

## May 1958 — 60 Years Ago

**DERAILMENT AT ELM GROVE:** On April 19 a hotbox on Western Fruit Express No. 9212 caused a 30 plus car derailment with approximately \$500,000 damage to rolling stock, buildings, cargo, etc. It was a rather dismal spectacle. Most mail and passenger trains (eight) ran via the Northern Division (Hartford, Iron Ridge, Horicon, Cambria, etc.) between Milwaukee and Portage. Olympian Hi No. 16 detoured from Portage through Madison and Janesville and a bus was chartered from Portage for its Milwaukee passengers. Freighters were run through Savannah. Bunk car X916359, brought in from Tomah Shops, has become the new depot, with use listed as temporary....On May 26 the C&NW and the Wisconsin Public Service Commission will meet to determine the fate of 104 one-man stations which the C&NW is requesting permission to close. There are 196 such stations in Wisconsin; 81 central stations would take the place of those being abandoned....The Milwaukee Road again has the top speed rating in the country for a start to stop run. No. 16, the Olympian Hiawatha, does 61.9 miles, Tomah to Portage, in 45 minutes for an average speed of 82.5 mph.

## May, 1963 — 55 Years Ago

Walt Bubbert reports that the agreement between the Soo Line and the Milwaukee Road regarding the use of the Milwaukee's line Rugby Jct. - Milwaukee is up for renewal soon....From Jim Scribbins: the Milwaukee Road is getting 16 GP30s from EMD per statement by F. A. Upton, Chief Mechanical Officer....The Chapter is planning a fantrip on either September 15 or 22 to the Circus World Museum at Baraboo and the Mid-Continent Museum at North Freedom via the C&NW. We need at least 240 full fares (\$6.90) to make the trip, the museum admissions are extra.

## May, 1968 — 50 Years Ago

Though the Jos. Schlitz Brewing Co. has cancelled the Circus Parade, the Circus Parade Limited will run on June 29, powered by ex-GTW No. 5629....Extensive schedule changes for the C&NW Chicago-Green Bay trains effective May 5 will have the net result of eliminating one of the remaining four round trips between the two cities....MILW trains 9 and 10, the Copper Country Limited, completed their final runs on March 8. MILW trains 117 and 118, the Varsity will operate at least until July 26 in order that hearings may be held relative to their discontinuance

## May, 1973 - 45 Years Ago

The featured speaker at the annual Chapter banquet on May 18 will be industrial designer Brooks Stevens, best known to railfans as the designer of the original Hiawatha streamliner....At about 2:00 p.m. on April 16th, about 250 feet of the roof of the C&NW tunnel at Tunnel City, the only remaining tunnel on the old Madison Division, caved in due to extremely heavy rainfall in the area. There are no plans to reopen the tunnel....The Jos. Schlitz Brewing Co. announced that ex-Southern 2-8-2 No. 4501 would power this year's Circus Parade Limited on June 29....The April rains have wreaked havoc on Milwaukee Road tracks and bridges, including a big washout at 62nd & State, the bridge near Grand Ave., and the westbound main at Calhoun Rd. in Brookfield.

## May, 1978 - 40 Years Ago

The British Columbia Royal Hudson No. 2860 paid a visit to Waukesha on April 21 and 22....The C&NW Sussex depot has been sold, and if everything goes well, the depot will be moved from Maple Ave. to the rear of Henry's Country Store on Main Street....The Kettle Moraine Railway is scheduled to begin the 1978 season on May 27. The schedule will not be finalized until negotiations are completed to operate the line an additional two miles to the east.

## May 1988 - 30 Years Ago

The speaker at the annual Chapter banquet on May 6 will be Ed Burkhardt, president of Wisconsin Central Ltd....The Fox River Valley Railroad startup is scheduled for May 6, but will probably be delayed at least a month....The Soo Line is planning to proceed with the single tracking of the main line along the river from La Crosse to Wabasha this fall. CTC will also be installed. The work should be completed by next summer. Then single tracking will proceed eastward from La Crosse to Duplainville....Kalmbach Publishing Co. is leaving the famous 1027 N. 7th St. address for new facilities in Waukesha County. That famous number will be perpetuated in railroad style as the new street number will be 21027.

## May, 1993 - 25 Years Ago

The Soo Line eastbound passing siding between Calhoun and Brookfield Roads has been removed....Soo Line traffic has increased and even some ex-Milwaukee Road 2000-series locos have been brought out of storage....The WC is also busy and a number of ex-Santa Fe SD45s are on the property....As a result of the WC acquisition of the FRVR, the ex-Soo Line main line in Oshkosh from 20th Ave. to Harrison St. will be sold and the FRVR (ex-CNW) line will be upgraded from 10 mph to 25 mph with the proceeds from the sale. Our man in Oshkosh reports that the elderly C&NW bridge over the Fox River will either be replaced or completely rebuilt.

## May, 1998 — 20 Years Ago

The inaugural run of the Hiawatha Extension service between Milwaukee and Watertown operated on Monday, April 13. The commuter service is intended to reduce traffic on I-94 while reconstruction is in progress. The service will end on July 11....The speaker at the annual Chapter banquet on May 2 will be Bob Nadrowski, Vice President-Mechanical of Wisconsin Central Ltd.

## May, 2003 — 15 Years Ago

The speaker at the annual Chapter banquet on May 3 was Chuck Allen, Superintendent of the Chicago Transportation Coordination Office for Norfolk Southern. He spoke about the intricacies of moving freight through Chicago. He had a very interesting computer simulation showing rail operations in the Chicago area....Wisconsin Chapter members enjoyed a tour and trolley ride on the East Troy Electric Railroad on May 10th.

## May, 2008 — 10 Years Ago

The 2008 Chapter banquet featured Norm Carlson as the speaker. Norm is the Vice-President and Curator of the East Troy Electric Railroad Museum. He gave a Powerpoint presentation celebrating the 100th anniversary of the East Troy Museum.

## May 2012 - 5 Years Ago

"Wisconsin Railroads Today and Tomorrow" will be the theme of our 63rd Annual Chapter Banquet on Saturday, May 4th. Wisconsin Railroad Commissioner Jeff Plale will be the guest speaker at the banquet. Employees and passengers on an Amtrak train got more scenery than they bargained for last week when a woman disrobed, sat on the floor and refused to get dressed.

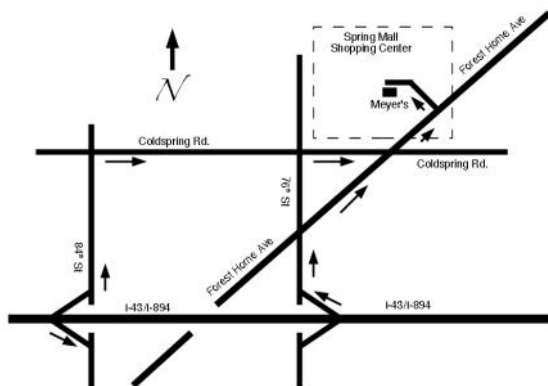
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## Wallace Abbey Photos at Grohmann Museum

From May 11 to August 19, a selection of photos from the Center for Railroad Photography & Art by Wallace W. Abbey (who worked for Kalmbach as well as for the Soo Line) will be on special exhibit at MSOE's Grohmann Museum in downtown Milwaukee. Abbey took many great photographs of Midwestern railroading, including famous photos of the Beer Line. On May 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. Kevin Keefe and the Center's Scott Lothes (both past presenters for and good friends of the Chapter) will talk about, and autograph, their new book of Wallace Abbey photos, "Wallace Abbey: A Life in Railroad Photography."

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