



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 Central Pacific "Jupiter" and Union Pacific #119 prepare to meet at Promontory Point for the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad in May 1869. The transcontinental railroad ushered in a new era in America. Scott Lothes from Center for Railroad Photography & Art on Friday October 4th will talk about "After Promotory". Photo by Keith Schmidt

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Friday November 1, 2019 The Hop - One Year Later Alderman Robert Bauman and Terry Mulcahy
General Manager of The Hop

After Promontory with Scott Lothes

With Union Pacific and so many railroad organizations celebrating the sesquicentennial of the first transcontinental railroad this spring, the Center for Railroad Photography & Art faced a dilemma: how to make a meaningful contribution to this milestone of railroading? Our solution is After Promontory: 150 Years of Transcontinental Railroading, a publishing and exhibition project that expands the narrative beyond the original Union Pacific-Central Pacific line to encompass all of the transcontinental routes and the profound changes they brought to the nation. The book is already in its second printing and received a front-page acknowledgment in the Wall Street Journal's weekend "Books" section for May 11-12. The exhibition opened at five venues in five states this spring, and is already booked at six additional locations.

Sharing the story of how this project came to fruition is Scott Lothes, executive director of the Center since 2011 and, since 2013, its president and editor of its journal, Railroad Heritage. Lothes is also an accomplished railroad photographer and author, having contributed to five books and written dozens of articles for national magazines including Trains, Classic Trains, and Railfan & Railroad. This is his second presentation for the Wisconsin Chapter. He lives in Madison with his wife, Maureen Muldoon, and their beloved terrier, Maddie.

Monthly meetings are held in the lower level of the North Shore Congregational Church at 7330 N Santa Monica Dr. in Fox Point. The church is handicap accessible. Refreshments are available for a donation. For more up to date information on meetings and speakers, and also any weather cancellations, check the chapter's webpage at www.nrhiswis.org.

Doors open by 7:00 pm, so arrive early to socialize. The meeting will start at 7:30pm sharp with introductions and railroad-related news and announcements. Please bring a friend!

Sparks & Cinders is published by and for the members of the Wisconsin Chapter, Inc., National Railway Historical Society monthly except for July and August. The Chapter meets at the North Shore Congregational Church, 7330 N Santa Monica Blvd, Fox Point, Wisconsin, on the first Friday of each month, except May, July and August, at 7:30 p.m. The Wisconsin Chapter is a not-for-profit corporation, affiliated with the National Railway Historical Society and the Wisconsin Historical Society, organized to preserve the history of railroading in Wisconsin and the surrounding area. Additional information is available on the chapter's website, www.nrhiswis.org.

Membership in the Chapter is open to anyone having an interest in any aspect of railroading who is also a member of the NRHS. Paying \$20 annually to the Chapter will entitle you receive Sparks & Cinders. Paying the National dues of \$50 to the NRHS will entitle you to membership and subscriptions to the NRHS Bulletin and NRHS News. Full NRHS membership is required to participate in chapter business discussions and to vote in annual chapter elections. All address changes should be sent to Tom Hoffmann, treasurer@nrhiswis.org (or via USPS at 1102 Aspen Dr, Waukesha, WI 53188).

Wisconsin Chapter officers are: Mike Yugas, President (president@nrhiswis.org); Keith Schmidt, Vice-President; Tom Marcussen, Secretary; Tom Hoffmann, Treasurer. Directors: Dan Grudzielanek, Ralph McClure, Andrew Roach, Cathy Wegner and Neal Wegner.

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Meeting Summary September 2019

President Mike Yugas started the meeting at 7:34 pm.

Announcements

Treasurer Tom Hoffmann: National sent us a 25-year pin for member John Welter of Eau Claire. All agreed that the added printing and mailing expense for the color photo insert into the September issue of Sparks & Cinders, for the historic visit of restored Union Pacific Big Boy #4014, was well worth the cost. Our last color issue was for the Wisconsin Chapter's 50th anniversary in 2000.

Scott Lothes, of the Institute for Railroad Photography and Art, will present what happened "After Promontory" at our October 4 meeting.

The November 1 meeting will celebrate the first anniversary of our own local "The Hop" streetcar between downtown and the Lower East Side. Alderman Bob Bauman will be leading the presentation, with some assistance from representatives of the operator and maybe also the manufacturer.

Introductions

All in attendance were asked to give their names, if they had seen the restored Union Pacific Big Boy #4014, and where. Almost everyone had seen it. Some had come out on multiple days and traveled significant distances. There were twenty-eight people in attendance at 7:52 pm.

Presentation

Tonight was our annual Favorite Slide Night. The presentations began at 7:53 pm. There were six digital presentations, from Dave Nelson, Brian Schmidt, Dan Grudzielanek, Jim Weinert, Bob Gallegos, and Mike Yugas. Tom Hoffman followed up with one traditional slide presentation. Restored Union Pacific Big Boy #4014 appeared in most of the above. The presentations ended, and the meeting broke up, around 9:15 to 9:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Thomas W. Marcussen

Wisconsin Chapter Secretary

Notes from the Prexy

As I write this, I've just returned from Lake Forest, Illinois, where I attended my first-ever Center for Railroad Photography & Art "Conversations" conference, which has been held annually since 2003. This conclave of rail artists and photographers is usually held in April, but the timing was often troublesome for my schedule, so when this year's delayed gathering was announced for September, I knew I had to go. Boy, am I glad I did!

Far more than a slide show, the diverse field of presenters weaved rich stories of their personal experiences and vision. Although I've been practicing railroad photography for nearly 50 years, I felt like a rank amateur in the presence of these passionate artists. It was simultaneously an exhilarating and a humbling experience.

In addition to preserving and recognizing the work of many established, well-known photographers, the Center also delights in promoting up-and-coming young talent. This year's four younger attendees each shared a bit of their photography in what can only be termed an eye-opening display of raw creativity. If you've ever been concerned about the future of railroad photography, don't worry: These representatives of the next generation proved there's still something alluring about trains.

All this serves as background for our Chapter's October Meeting program. I hope you can join us as we welcome Scott Lothes, the Executive Director and President of the Center for Railroad Photography & Art. Scott will present "After Promontory," a look at the Center's book and exhibition project about the completion of the trans-continental railroad and all the history that followed May 10, 1869. (Learn more about the project at <http://www.railphoto-art.org/exhibits/after-promontory/>.) This happens October 4 at our usual time and place in Fox Point. Bring a friend!

In other news, elsewhere in this issue of Sparks & Cinders you'll find information about renewing your Chapter membership. It would be helpful to Chapter Treasurer Tom Hoffmann if you can send your \$20 Chapter dues to him sooner rather than later. How about now, while you're thinking about it? Please remember that Chapter and National dues must be remitted separately. Thank you for supporting the preservation of railroad history by your membership in the Wisconsin Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society.



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NKP #765 to visit Cuyahoga Valley Railroad

Aboard a two-and-a-half-hour ride behind steam locomotive no. 765, passengers will enjoy live 40's style music, an onboard quartet, and an opportunity to de-board for an exclusive photo run-by at Indigo Lake. Historical reenactors will be roaming about the station and train to give off the excitement of the 1940's. We encourage guests to dress for the occasion in their best 1940's or 50's look.

For the first time ever, Steam in the Valley will offer riders a nighttime photo session excursion! The ride will depart on Friday, September 27 at 7:30 p.m. from Rockside Station and take passengers on a three-and-a-half-hour roundtrip. Upon debarking halfway through the trip, the engine will be stationary, and the area will have special lighting, so ticketed passengers have optimal shooting conditions for a rare nighttime photo of No. 765. The area will be restricted to ticketed passengers only.

Trips operate September 21st-22nd and September 27th-29th with numerous ticket classes, departure times and boarding sites available. Ticket prices range from \$40.00-\$200.00, with many food and drink options available. For information <https://fortwaynerailroad.org/event/steam-in-the-valley-2019/>

The Extra Board - Upcoming Events

NRHS National Convention

www.nrhs.com

2020 No Announcement Regarding Location

TMER&THS (Traction and Bus Club)

www.tmer.org

Waterstone Bank

Saturday October 19 - Business Meeting and an update on the Milwaukee Streetcar The Hop by Bill Becwar

WISE Division NMRA www.wisedivision.org

Railroad Prototype Modelers Meet - RPM

Saturday September 21 9am to 4pm

Sheraton Airport 5311 S Howell Ave

C&NW Historical Society

www.cnwhs.org

National Convention

May 28- May 31 Mankato, MN

Milwaukee Road Historical Association

www.mrha.com

2020 National Convention - Elgin, IL No Dates

Soo Line Historical and Technical Society

www.sooline.org



The Hop - Milwaukee Streetcar

The Milwaukee Street Car known as The Hop is coming up on its one year anniversary. On Friday November 2, 2018 The Hop went into revenue service in Downtown Milwaukee. The Hop is currently sponsored by Potawatomi Casino and all rides are free. Ridership was strong during the run of Summerfest and other festivals. Plans are being put together to expand the service before 2020 and the Democratic National Convention in Milwaukee.



Photos on top show some of the construction on St Paul Ave. The Hop passing the Milwaukee Public Market was taken on the first day service on November 2, 2018 by Dan Grudzielanek. The other shots by Keith Schmidt show the streetcar runs in good and bad weather. Final shot shows the street car showing support for the Milwaukee Bucks as they made a run for the NBA Championship. Unfortunately their effort fell short but GO BUCKS GO !! In 2019-2020. Please make plans to attend the November 1st Chapter meeting when we will receive an update on the Milwaukee Streetcar from Alderman Robert Bauman and The Hop GM Terry Mulcahy."



UP #4014 Big Boy Heads to Southwestern US



The Union Pacific #4014 Big Boy will be heading out again this fall. This time it will be heading west. This is kind of a homecoming trip for the Big Boy. The Union Pacific acquired the Big Boy from the Railgiants Rail Museum in Pomona, CA. So with this trip the #4014 will be back where it came from before the 5 year restoration. The trip will also feature the Big Boy running in some of the most well known railfan locations. Cajon Pass and Tehachapi Loop will likely be over flowing with rail enthusiasts as the Big Boy makes its way through these iconic railfan locations.

The over 30 day trip will take #4014 through the Southwest with stops in Provo, UT, Las Vegas, NV, Los Angeles, CA, Tucson, AZ and El Paso, TX. The full schedule has not been released. Also included are excursions out the LA area. Check out [www.https://www.up.com/heritage/steam/schedule/index.htm](https://www.up.com/heritage/steam/schedule/index.htm) for more information.

Model Train Show and Swap Meet Kettle Moraine Ballast Scorchers

When - Sunday October 13th 9am to 3pm

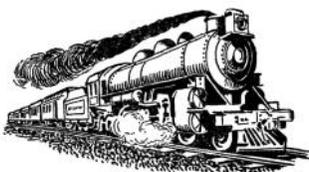
Where - Washington County Fairgrounds
Hwy 45 and Hwy PV

Cost - \$3.00 Donation Kids 12 and Under FREE
Military with ID FREE

See operating model train layouts in N and HO Scale plus other scales.

Buy model trains to expand the collection or get started in the hobby.

For more information <http://www.kmbsrrclub.org/>



Queen of Steam to run in Pennsylvania

With the current excursion train restrictions in place with Amtrak the mainline steam locomotives are having to be more creative with where the BIG steam can run. So the Strasburg Railroad Museum in Pennsylvania has teamed up the Norfolk Western #611 to provide several opportunities to see the #611 run in Amish country.

Between September and October the #611 along with the Strasburg own steam engine #475 a 4-8-0 will host several different events. There will be a number of photo specials featuring both locomotives. Also throttle time in the Queen of Steam is an option. Yes get behind the throttle of the mighty #611. On a few special days both #611 and #475 will pull separate excursion trains on the Strasburg railroad through rural Pennsylvania and Amish country. What a great place to see the #611 run. While in Strasburg the #611 is also having some work done in the steam shop there. So it was a great chance for both the Strasburg Railroad and the #611. Hopefully this will be repeated next year and beyond.

For more information check out <https://www.strasburgrailroad.com/>



Trainfest 2019

When - Saturday November 9th 9am to 5pm
Sunday November 10th 9am to 4pm

Where - Wisconsin Exposition Center
Wisconsin State Fair Park

Cost - \$16.00 at the door for Adults
\$6.00 at the door for Kids 4 - 12

Advance Tickets available online or at local hobby shops at a discount cost. For information www.trainfest.com

What - See over 100,000 square feet of operating model train layout in every scale from Z to G. Check out the latest announcements and releases from manufacturers. Buy model trains from several different hobby shops. Check out model railroad clinics on various topics throughout both days. Take a train ride on a loop of track inside the Expo Center

A Look Back to 2001 - Kettle Moraine Scenic Railway

I realize that not everyone is into social media. Facebook sometimes gets a bad reputation. However social media including Facebook, Twitter and the like can be treasure troves of information. Recently a new Facebook page was setup to remember the Kettle Moraine Scenic Railway. Below are some memories of one of the last days of operation of this great little railroad that unfortunately was lost due to housing developments.

The Kettle Moraine Scenic Railway is a defunct heritage railroad once located in North Lake, Wisconsin. It was founded in 1971 by Richard Hinebaugh, who bought a branch line from the Milwaukee Road to create a museum. It ceased operations on October 21, 2001, because the town wanted to shut it down to make way for urban development in the late 1990s and early 2000s. Luckily some pieces of the Kettle Moraine Scenic Railway still live in.

In July 2015, former McCloud Railroad 2-6-2 No. 9 was sold to the Age of Steam Roundhouse in Sugar Creek, Ohio. It is on display in the Age of Steam Roundhouse still proudly wearing its Kettle Moraine Scenic Railway name on the tender.

On November 29, 2016 the depot where riders would buy tickets was moved to Walworth, WI to serve as the home to a private business. The depot was originally from Trevor, WI before being moved to North Lake. Below are some photos from one the last weekends of running in 2001. Photos by Keith Schmidt



From the Archives

October 1954- 65 Years Ago

That the Milwaukee Road's Braves Specials have been popular cannot be questioned when looking at the final tally. Thirty-three trains this season carried 10,606 passengers, producing a net revenue of \$42,845...."Night Mail," a dramatic motion picture showing the run of an express train from London to Scotland will be featured at the October meeting. Produced some twenty years ago (in 1934) by the British Information Service, this documentary shows the telegraph room at Euston Station in London and picking up mailbags on the fly among other scenes.

October 1959 - 60 Years Ago

For those with a yen for something different and \$19.95 to prove it, True magazine carried an ad for alleged 100-year-old Danish railway lamps. They're already wired, in black with brass trim and red, green, and amber lenses

October 1964 - 55 Years Ago

The news this past week has been of utmost interest to area fans and historians; the Milwaukee Road and the North Western have agreed on major points of a merger agreement! This most logical move would strengthen the new road to enable it to compete with such possible roads as UP+RI and GN+NP+ CB&Q combinations. The two serve 141 points in common. With the merger of the CGW and the CNW to be followed by the proposed MILW+CNW, the system would, at 21,000+ miles be second only to the 25,000 mile GNP&B (proposed). The directors of both companies, the shareholders, and the ICC must yet give their blessings to this move; surely the brotherhoods will oppose it, we, at any rate, have much to follow in the next months!...The Milwaukee Road will operate football specials from Milwaukee to Madison on Oct. 17, Oct. 31, and Nov. 21. A 21-car train was operated on Sept. 26 for the Notre Dame game. There will also be special cars from Minneapolis for the Minnesota game.

October 1969 - 50 Years Ago

This issue of S&C included an extensive history of the Empire Builder, celebrating its 40th anniversary year, by Jerry Hilton. Also, another installment of "Hiawatha's Teakettles," an all-time steam locomotive roster of the Milwaukee Road compiled by S&C editor Jim Harper, appeared....News items: Northwest Illinois Chapter received their chapter charter from NRHS....Many Midwestern railroads, including MILW, C&NW, CB&Q, and RI raised passenger fares by 10% on October 1st

October 1974 - 45 Years Ago

Wisconsin Chapter was preparing to host Mid-Rail '74 on October 4 and 5. Highlights included a program of 16mm films of railroading in the 1930s presented at the regular Chapter meeting on Friday night, a Saturday visit to Milwaukee Solvay Coke to view the electric operation, a tour of the Milwaukee Road Shops, luncheon at the Depot Restaurant in

Waukesha and a ride on the Kettle Moraine Scenic Railway with Chapter member Dick Hinebaugh. On Saturday evening the banquet at the Wisconsin Club featured NRHS President E. Lewis Pardee as speaker....News item: The end of electric operation on the Milwaukee Road on June 15, 1974, was noted in a reprint of an article from Milwaukee Road Magazine

October 1979 - 40 Years Ago

The hot topic of discussion among local fans was the imminent inauguration of Superliner equipment on the Amtrak Empire Builder. After several training and publicity trips, the first revenue trip was slated for October 28....The proposed restructuring (reduction) of the Amtrak system was detailed in a reprint from the Amtrak News.

October 1984 - 35 Years Ago

The continuing saga of "who gets the Milwaukee Road" continued to be documented in S&C as the Federal Court scheduled hearing dates for comments on the proposed reorganization plan. GTW had just dropped out of the race leaving Soo Line and CNW as possible new owners.

October 1989 - 30 Years Ago

After a Spring of takeover attempts by the Japonica Partners, the C&NW has finally been "taken private" by a friendly suitor. The UP now owns a 25% stake in the North Western....C&NW has taken delivery of 30 GE C40-8s, the first GE power purchased since the 1960s. Their stomping ground will be the western coal line in Wyoming....Two sections of the WC roundhouse at North Fond du Lac have been torn down.

October 1994 - 25 Years Ago

The new Chapter publication Wisconsin Rails II will go on sale at Trainfest® on November 13 and 14....Amtrak received the Brunel International Railway Design Award for the Genesis AMD-103 locomotive. Apparently the awards jury didn't read Passenger Train Journal issue No. 200 in which readers voted for, among other things, the ugliest passenger diesel. The readers' choice: The AMD-103....The original Burlington Zephyr will be given a cosmetic restoration at Northern Railcar in Milwaukee prior to being placed on display at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago.

October 1999 - 20 Years Ago

Wisconsin Central restructured its management team in the wake of the forced departure of co-founder Ed Burkhardt in August....Pentrex announced that it will cease publication of Rail News and Vintage Rails and concentrate on its rail video business...Kalmbach Publishing Co. announced the launch of a new quarterly magazine Classic Trains....WC announced that the last through train from Fond du Lac to Butler on the West Bend Sub. operated on August 25. The central 12 miles between Eden and West Bend will be removed from service. Eden will be served by Fond du Lac yard jobs and the south end will be accessed via trackage rights on WSOR from Slinger to DBR Jct

On September 25th Chapter members enjoyed a 180-mile round trip on WSOR (ex-Milwaukee Road) from North Milwaukee to Oshkosh via Slinger, Hartford, Horicon, and Ripon on

October 2004 - 15 Years Ago

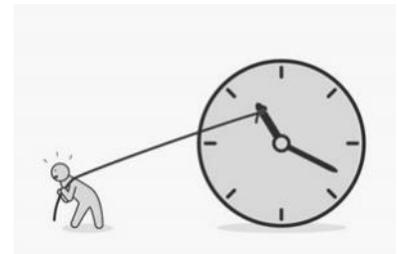
Amtrak announced on September 17 that it will discontinue hauling mail for the U.S. Postal Service to concentrate on its core business of transporting passengers....The Mineral Point Railroad Society announced the Grand Opening of the restored 1856 Mineral Point Depot....NRHS Past President Nelson W. Bowers passed away on September 5.

October 2009 - 10 Years Ago

"Bound For Butler" with Mike Yugas will be the first program in the "Butler Railroad Nights" series sponsored jointly by your Wisconsin Chapter and the new Butler Public Library this Wednesday, September 30th beginning at 6:30 p.m. at 12808 W. Hampton. The digital program will focus on the Union Pacific's Shore Line and be featuring mostly recent photos taken on the line which runs between Sheboygan and Butler. Come on out for an enjoyable hour-long experience which will include refreshments and your opportunity to see the recently moved Chapter Archives. Former Soo #2719 powered steam excursions for the NRHS National Convention held in Duluth, MN.

October 2014 - 5 Years Ago

For the first time in over 40 years there will be rail service between Chicago and Madison. Pullman Rail Journeys in conjunction with Iowa Pacific will run trains between Chicago and Madison that will allow fans to take in a Wisconsin Badger Football game or just a nice day in Madison, WI. The Iowa Pacific's beautifully painted E-units will power this luxurious train. The train set will feature domes car for a great panoramic view of rural Wisconsin and what should be some great fall colors. Travelers will have several different travel options. One option even includes the chance for Madison residents to leave behind the hustle of Badger football game day and head to Chicago to maybe do some shopping on the Magnificent Mile or check out other sights or museums. This option will allow for an evening return to Madison, WI. Here is schedule for the upcoming "Varsity" trains. Judy Sandberg, a key figure in the Friends of the 261 that operates Milwaukee Road 4-8-4 No. 261 and the mother of the Friends Chief Operating Officer Steve Sandberg, died Sept. 17 after a short battle with cancer. She was 72. Judy Sandberg was the face of the Friends organization on steam excursions, working in the concession car and walking the train, visiting with passengers and fielding questions.



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The Final Frame



The old signal has the illusion of being light up once again with the leaves behind. It has been many years since this Rock Island signal was active. This once busy signal now sits on the Iowa Interstate in rural Iowa. By Keith Schmidt