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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.

Preserving Wisconsin Railroad History for 73 Years



Harry Evans photo, LSRHA Collection

North Shore Cars in the Harrison Street Shops in Milwaukee, WI Photo from Harry Evans Collection

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Upcoming chapter events

Tuesday January 31, 2023 - Wisconsin Chapter Board of Directors meeting (online)

Friday, February 3, 2023- From the Lake States Railway Historical Association collection (and chapter annual business meeting)

Friday February 10 - Second Friday Online Gabfest

Tuesday, February 21, 2023 - Online Slide Show

Friday March 3, 2023 - On the Eve of Staggers: Some Midwest Roads in the Late 1970s, presented by Richard Koenig

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. For more up to date information on meetings and speakers, and also any weather cancellations, check the chapter's webpage at www.nrhswis.org.

Doors open by 7:00 pm, so arrive early to socialize. Meetings start at 7:30pm sharp. Please bring a friend!

Our meetings are live-streamed on the Zoom platform. Connection details are shared with chapter members and other interested persons via email the day of the meeting, or before. To ensure you are made aware of this info, we must have a working email address on file - send yours to president@nrhswis.org.

If you have a program idea please contact Program Chair Dave Nelson at engine1385@aol.com

The Big Picture is your page!

We've changed the format of the Sparks & Cinders back page, giving us room to run a large photo. Member submissions are solicited. Please send one or two of your outstanding pictures to Keith Schmidt, editor@nrhswis.org.

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 June, 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.nrhswis.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 Mike Yuhas president@nrhswis.org (or via USPS at PO Box 070758 Milwaukee, WI 53207).

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

Contributions to Sparks & Cinders should be sent to Editor Keith Schmidt at editor@nrhswis.org (or USPS at PO Box 070758 Milwaukee, WI 53207) by the 15th of the month to be considered for the following month's publication.

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Meeting Summary January 6, 2023

Introduction

Wisconsin Chapter President Mike Yuhas was working from our in-person meeting site at the North Shore Congregational Church in Fox Point tonight. He greeted everyone at 7:28 pm. He started recording on Zoom, and started the meeting at 7:29 pm. There were then 35 devices connected to the Zoom virtual meeting room, and 18 people in the physical meeting room in the church basement.

Announcements

National President Tony White gave a short summary of the Rail Camp that we offer to rail-interested teen agers. The last Rail Camps were in 2019 before the corona virus pandemic. The program has a 25-year history, in partnership with Amtrak and various other railroad companies and railroad museums. We will re-start it in 2023. We hope to host 24 campers at Rail Camp East, in Newark, Delaware, from June 18 - June 24. We will offer 12 spaces at Rail Camp West in Tacoma, Washington, from July 23- July 30. Campers can be age 14-18. They will have an opportunity to spend a week exploring a wide variety of railroad interests. These include possible railroad careers. We are also looking for adults to serve as camp counselors. Counselors should ideally be people with extensive railroad backgrounds / experience, who are comfortable working with teen agers. Camp counselor candidates must be willing to submit to FBI background checks, and other checks as required. Chapter President Mike Yuhas added that our Chapter is looking to sponsor a local Rail Camper. Members should be looking for candidates. The above age limits are not flexible. We will have our second monthly informal on-line Railroad Gab Fest of the 2022-23 membership year at 7:30 pm on Friday, January 13, 2023. These are normally held on the second Friday of each month that we have a regular meeting (every month but July and August). President Yuhas will send an e-mail with more details to all members.

The annual business meeting and election of Chapter Officers will be on Friday, February 3, 2023. This will be a hybrid meeting, at both the usual in-person site (North Shore Congregational Church at 7330 North Santa Monica Boulevard in Fox Point, Wisconsin) and on-line via Zoom. We are still looking for a new Chapter President. Mike Yuhas is stepping down after four years of service (2019-2022). As is usual (no change in the rules), only full members of both NRHS National and the Wisconsin Chapter can run for (and vote for) officer or director positions. Paul Swanson will present selected photographs from the collection of the Lake States Railway Historical Association in Baraboo, Wisconsin. He plans to prominently (maybe exclusively) feature photos taken by our late Chapter member Harry Evans. Most of those date from the late 1950s through the 1960s. This should be a good show.

Our next regular bi-monthly on-line slide show will start at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, February 21, 2023. This event is on-line (via Zoom) only. We are looking for 4 or 5 presenters (about 15 minutes each) for that date. Anyone with good images to share should contact Mike Yuhas. Richard Koenig will present Midwest US railroad images from the late 1970s—just before the Staggers deregulation act—at the following monthly meeting on Friday, March 3, 2023. That meeting will also be hybrid—in-person at the church and on-line via Zoom.

All of these programs are supported / paid for by the members of the Wisconsin Chapter and (for Rail Camp) NRHS National. Members receive advance notice of these and similar events via e-mail. All of those who have not yet renewed their memberships for 2023 should do so now. Annual Wisconsin Chapter dues remain at \$20.00 per person. There has been no increase with the recent bout of inflation. There are three ways to renew (or join). The first is cash payment while attending a Chapter meeting in person. The second is on-line payment via our website at nrhswis.org. It includes a \$1.00 fee for PayPal processing costs. The third is to send a check to Wisconsin Chapter NRHS, P. O. Box 070758, Milwaukee, WI 53207. Dues payments support Chapter activities and publications. Your support is much appreciated.

NRHS National is also accepting online renewal payments for 2023. Those who did not renew online should by now have received a traditional paper invoice via US Mail. President Mike Yuhas took a photo of the in-person meeting attendees, primarily to obtain an accurate count of how many people attended in person.

Presentation

Long-time railroad photographer (over 55 years) and long-time Wisconsin Chapter member (over 50 years) Tom Hoffmann took over at 7:41 pm. Tom served as our Chapter Treasurer from July 1986 through January 2020. He has worked three days per week in charge of the Kalmbach Publishing Company library in Waukesha for the past 15 years. There were then 38 devices connected to Zoom.

Tom gave his annual "Twenty Years Ago" presentation, featuring images from 2002. He noted that the rate of change in railroading has really slowed down since he started giving these. He is considering going further back for his next similar presentation.

Zoom attendance peaked at 41 devices during the presentation. We had 18 attend in-person in the church basement. Two devices were at the church. Total peak attendance was therefore 57. A total of 43 remote attendees checked in during the meeting. Total attendance was therefore 59. The main part of the presentation ended at 8:35 pm. There was a short question and answer session.

Meeting summary continued in next column

From the Prexy

Tom Hoffmann did it again: A great time was had by all at the January chapter meeting as Tom Hoffmann presented a look back at the railroading action he captured in 2002. Tom's "lookback" programs have been a regular chapter programming feature since 1987. The old adage says "the more things change, the more they stay the same" - and that's true in the case of these programs. Tom pointed out that on the face of it, railroading in 2002 was not that much different than railroading today, so he's thinking about flexing the concept for future shows. Perhaps the next look-back will turn back the dial 30 years? Stay tuned!

A reminder: the chapter's annual business meeting takes place on Friday, February 3. Some chapter business will be discussed, and annual elections will be held; an agenda will be posted at www.nrhswis.org prior to the meeting. Remember: to have a voice in the discussion, and to vote in the election, you must be a paid-up member of both the Wisconsin Chapter and the national NRHS.

Please welcome our new members:

Brian Matsumoto, Arlington Heights, Ill.
Robert Guhr, Burlington
Robert Banke, DeKalb, Ill.

Thank you again for your membership in the Wisconsin Chapter, NRHS!



Closing Announcements

President Mike Yuhas repeated the above announcements. He expressed his special appreciation to member Dave Nelson for digitizing Tom Hoffmann's 2002 slides so that high-quality images could be shared with the Zoom audience. There was no online discussion group / chat room. That will take place on Friday, January 13 (above). The on-line Zoom meeting room closed at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Thomas W. Marcussen
Wisconsin Chapter Secretary

The Great Tri-State Rail Fair 2023

Date: Saturday January 28, 2023

Time: 9:00am to 3:00pm

Where: La Crosse Center South Hall

Address: 300 Harborview Dr
La Crosse, WI 54601

For more info contact Don Anthony 608-781-9383
danthony052@centurytel.net

Admission: Adults \$5.00 Children under 12 Free

Parking: Free

Website for information 4000foundation.org

The Great Tri-State Rail Sale has vendors from six states offering 280 table of railroad merchandise. Patrons will have the opportunity to buy, sell and trade model trains, books, magazines, railroad art and hobby supplies. Proceeds support the La Crosse rail display

Harry Evans photos from the Lake States Railway Historical Association collection

Paul Swanson, from the Lake States Railway Historical Association, will present notable photos from the Association's archive. Photography by the late Harry Evans (a longtime Wisconsin Chapter member) will be featured prominently.

Harry Evans (1943-2022) grew up in Winthrop Harbor, Illinois. With frequent rides on his bike to swim in Lake Michigan, he would stop at the railroad tracks to watch many locomotives pass by with trains. In short time, the C&NW became his favorite railroad. He was always interested in photography. As an eighth grade graduation present, his uncle gave him a used 35mm Voightlander camera. Thanks to an older brother, at the age of 14, his first railroad subject was a Nickel Plate double-header mainline steam freight roaring through Knox, Indiana in 1957. "It changed my life," he reflects. From that moment on he was hooked on trains and model railroading. He traveled with his brother in search of the last of steam in the Midwest, including capturing the last gasp of DM&IR during the steel strike in 1959, chasing the GTW in 1960, and western narrow gauge in 1961. His brother soon lost interest with the assimilation of diesels but Harry carried on documenting C&NW, MILW, CB&Q, EJ&E, the North Shore and many others on Kodachrome and Ektachrome film through his college years 1961-65 in Iowa. He continued on throughout the Midwest, expanding to Canada and Europe on occasion. During 1965-69 he worked in the Freight Traffic and Marketing Department at C&NW's 400 West Madison Street headquarters in Chicago. Harry returned to photography in the 1980s, eventually converting to all digital. In 2022, Harry selected Lake States Railway Historical Association to receive and preserve his life's work of railroad photography. LSRHA has scanned about 6,000 35mm slides concentrated on his pre-1990 era.

Founded in 2006, Lake States Railway Historical Association (LSRHA) is a 501(c)(3) Not-for-Profit climate-controlled secure archive storage and research facility located at Baraboo, Wisconsin. A membership-based organization, LSRHA maintains a collection of over 1 million photo images, 100,000 technical drawings, and numerous paper artifacts such as timetables, company and trade publications, track charts, equipment diagrams, Official Railway Guides and more. Over 85,000 photos and 500 drawings are available for viewing at their on-line photo archive. More information can be found at www.lsrha.org.



Harry Evans photo, LSRHA Collection

Notice of Annual Election

The Wisconsin Chapter, NRHS, Inc., will hold elections for board and officers at its annual meeting, Friday, February 3, 2023.

Although nominations may be made from the floor, persons seeking office are encouraged to let their intentions be known by contacting president Mike Yuhas at president@nrhswis.org, or by phone at 414-698-6625. Only members of both NRHS and the Wisconsin Chapter are eligible to run.

Museum's Famous Cat "Dirt" Passes Away

ELY, Nevada — Dirt, who became a celebrity in 15 years as the shop cat at the Nevada Northern Railway, has died, the railroad has announced on its Facebook page.

The orange and white male cat was adopted as a stray kitten by shop crews in 2008 and became famous for his coal-dust-tinted fur, photogenic nature, and regular appearance during shop tours and other special events. He has been featured in Trains Magazine and on Trains.com (most recently here), as well as in the Washington Post and elsewhere. His popularity inspired a line of products in Nevada Northern's online store ranging from T-shirts to Christmas ornaments to plush animals to coffee.

"We are all saddened with the passing of Dirt," the railroad wrote in its Facebook post. "He will be missed. The machine shop and engine house won't feel the same without him." Dirt will be buried near the railroad's depot, the railroad said, with a life-sized bronze casting serving as a gravestone. A second casting will be placed in the railroad's machine shop "so he can continue watching over the shop."

For information on visiting the Nevada Northern Railway, visit its website at www.nnry.org

Courtesy Newswire Kalmbach Media



Mad City Model Railroad Show and Sale

Alliant Energy Center Madison WI
Saturday February 18th 9am to 5pm
Sunday February 19th 9am to 4pm

Tickets

Adults \$14.00
Children 5-15 \$6.00
Kids under 5 Free
Two Day Pass \$18.00

Senior and Veteran Discount tickets available at the door

See operating model train layouts. Also purchase model trains and railroadiana.

More information and discount ticket offers are available at www.nmra-scwd.org

Wisconsin Chapter NRHS Board Member Biographies

Mike Yuhas candidate statement

Mike, a native of Long Island, New York, first joined NRHS in the mid 1970s, rejoined in 1985, and had been a proud NRHS member ever since. Mike took a job with Kalmbach Publishing Co. in 1989, and retired as the ad salesperson for Trains and Classic Trains magazines in 2020. He was elected to the Wisconsin Chapter NRHS board in the early 2010s, and became chapter president in 2016. Although he's stepping down as the prexy, he would like to continue to serve the chapter in a leadership position; thus, his candidacy for director.

Mike is a member of four NRHS chapters, and recently began serving as a volunteer with NRHS, helping on membership and marketing matters.

Mike has photographed trains for over 50 years. He can be found trackside almost anywhere in Wisconsin, and elsewhere. A gallery of over 6,000 of Mike's railroad (and marine) images may be found at www.mikeyuhas.org.

Keith Schmidt Vice President
Milwaukee, WI
Amateur Radio KC9LHK
Occupation Deputy Sheriff – Retired
Currently – William K Walthers Repair Technician
FAA 107 Certified Drone Operator

Born and raised in the Milwaukee/St Francis area I grew up with the CNW just a few blocks away. I would spend hours watching the semaphores and trains moving around the St Francis interlocking. My Grandfather also worked for the Milwaukee Road in Wisconsin from 1919 to 1952.

My main interest is rail photography and has been since I was about 18 years old. I have now incorporated the use of a drone to broaden my photography. I am also a N Scale model railroader since I was 12 years old. I have a home N scale layout based on the Midwest and my previous experiences.

I have been a member of the Wisconsin Chapter for over 25 years and hope to continue as the vice-president

Additional railroad related memberships
Milwaukee N Southeastern Model Railroad Club
Nevada Northern Railroad Museum
Center for Railroad Photography and Art

Thomas W. Marcussen
Big Bend, Wisconsin
Wisconsin Chapter Secretary

I grew up in South Milwaukee, from the late 1950s through the early 1970s, the son of a Chicago & North Western brakeman and then conductor. My father worked on the local freight that served Cudahy, South Milwaukee and Carrollville / Oak Creek. My mother's father had worked section for the C&NW, and then on the Pere Marquette railroad car ferries based in Ludington, Michigan, serving Milwaukee, Manitowoc and Kewaunee, when he was young.

I am retired from an electrical / engineering / project management career working on power plants in Chicago (1975-1984), and then with the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (1984-2014). I have been a Wisconsin Chapter member since December 1990. I have been serving on and off (more on than off) as Wisconsin Chapter Secretary since January 2005. I would like to continue serving.

My only other rail membership is with the Center for Railroad Photography and Art. I joined in 2020 when I saw the quality and value of the images they were saving.

I have been collecting information for many years on where almost all of the railroads in Wisconsin, Upper Michigan, and NE Illinois went. I am still working on getting my maps organized enough to publish, and trying to clear enough space out at our farm to set up an HO scale layout depicting NE Wisconsin and Upper Michigan.

Ward Wells
Riverside, CA
Amateur Radio: W6WRW
Occupation: Credit Union CIO

Growing up in Cincinnati, I first spent time by the rails in the early 1970's on a B&O line in the suburb of Madeira. After brief stops in Peoria IL and Las Vegas NV, I'm in my 33rd year of a credit union IT career in the Los Angeles area and will retire to Madison in June 2024.

My main interests are in rail and transportation infrastructure history, with books and maps as my favorite sources. Upon retirement, I'm looking forward to tracing abandoned right of ways throughout Wisconsin and the upper Midwest, immersing myself in Wisconsin history and finally attempting to build a CNW themed HO scale layout.

In addition to the Wisconsin Chapter and national NRHS, my rail-related

memberships include:

- Corona Model Railroad Society
- Los Angeles Railroad Historical Foundation
- Santa Fe Railway Historical and Modeling Society
- Union Pacific Historical Society
- Chicago & North Western Historical Society
- Green Bay & Western Historical Society

Tara Grudzielanek
St Francis
Chapter Treasurer

I have attended chapter meetings with my husband Dan. I enjoy supporting Dan's interests in trains and have loved the opportunity to travel on Amtrak and accompany him trackside as a rail fan. We both enjoy travel and exploring historical sights together.

I worked for 21 years as an accounting assistant for customs brokers which arrange for the transport of products into the country by various means including railroads. I have been the chapter Treasurer since January 2020.

Dan Grudzielanek
St. Francis, WI
Occupation: Firefighter

My interest in railroads can be traced back to when, while growing up, my father worked for Kalmbach and would bring home copies of Trains and Model Railroader magazines each month. That exposure to the world of trains and railroading combined with living a short distance from the then C&NW, now UP, lines in St. Francis began what has become a life-long passion for railroad history, modern-day operations and railroad photography.

In addition to growing up in St. Francis, I continue to live and work there. I have been employed by the St. Francis Fire Dept. since 2001. I began as a Pain-On-Call firefighter and have been employed there full-time for the past 15 years. My wife, Tara, and I have been married for 14 years. We enjoy traveling and visiting museums and historic sites (and, of course, seeing some trains along the way). Tara also serves as the NRHS Wisconsin Chapter Treasurer.

I have been a member of the Wisconsin Chapter since 2000 and a board member since 2019. I am looking forward to continuing to serve on the board and supporting the Chapter's mission of preserving and sharing railroad history.

Wisconsin Chapter NRHS Past Presidents

1950-51 Jim Scribbins
1952 Jim Grace
1953-54 Bill Koehler
1955-56 Don Ross
1957 Gil Zieman
1958-59 Carl Solheim
1960-61 Jim Scribbins
1962-63 Carl Solheim
1964-65 Dan Platz
1966-67 Jerry Hilton
1968-69 Bob Bullermann
1970-71 Larry Trovinger
1972-73 Bob Joyce
1974-75 Tom Hoffmann
1976-77 Larry Trovinger
1978-79 Arnie Burchardt
1980 Tom Kidd - Rick Barrington
1981 Rick Barrington
1982 Chuck Porter

1983-84 Larry Trovinger
1985-86 Jerry Hilton
1987-88 Dorothy Wiener
1989-90 Greg Mross
1991-92 Al Baker
1993-94 Mike Patrick
1995-96 Gary Children
1997-98 Bob Baker
1999-2001 Greg Mross
2002- Bob Baker
2003-2005 Al Baker
2006 Curt Richards
2007 Pam Mross
2008-2009 Jeff Marker
2010-2011 Bob McCleod
2012-2013 Bob Baker
2014-2017 Dave Nelson
2018 Bob Baker
2019 - Present Mike Yuhas

Neal Wegner
Brookfield WI

My name is Neal Wegner and I'm running for election of one of the board of directors positions.

My interest in railroading goes back many years and has provided my wife Cathy and I with many enjoyable hours, riding rail excursions, attending many National NHRS Conventions and photographing historical rail locations around the U.S. and Europe.

I've been a member of the Wisconsin Chapter and National for 40 years with the last 6 years being on the Wi. Chapter board.

Andrew L. Roach
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Wisconsin Chapter Board Member

I grew up in Brown Deer along the Milwaukee Road. I have been interested in trains for as long as I can remember. A friend of mine in the 1970's belonged to the same church as Art Schultz, who would take the neighborhood children to NRHS and the Milwaukee Model Railroad Club on National Avenue. I started attending NRHS meetings in the late 1970's, and when I turned 18 I became a member. In addition to being a NRHS member, I also belong to the Milwaukee Road Historical Association and the Chicago and Northwestern Historical Society.

I have been a board member for over 7 years, and I enjoy being involved in supporting the mission of the Wisconsin Chapter. I would like to continue being on the board. Currently I am interested in anything train-related in Wisconsin, especially when it involves history.



Hamming it up for the Journal photographer are (standing) Jim Scribbins (left), E. Lewis Pardee, President, NRHS (seated) Charlie Able, CB&Q Passenger Dept. (left) and Clayton Tinkham, Topeka Chapter. The photo was taken for a newspaper article about the Chapter's 10th Anniversary Banquet, April 30, 1960. Sparks & Cinders, May, 2000, Vol. 50, No. 5 Milwaukee Journal Photo

From the Archives

February 1958 - 65 Years Ago

Railroading at Christmas — Jim Scribbins, Milwaukee Road: Train 5, the Morning Hiawatha, carried three RPO working mail cars for the seasonal rush. Two sections of the Olympian Hiawatha were operated from December 18 to January 6. Because of the City of Denver is now carrying a Super Dome, the Minneapolis section of Train 16 and Train 5 used tap-cafe cars....C&NW still maintained its Christmas tradition of hanging a Christmas wreath in every window of the dining car and the parlor-observation car of the Twin Cities 400.

February 1963 - 60 Years Ago

Library donations are very warming this month. Dick Vogt has given the Chapter a copy of the 1947 "Locomotive Cyclopeda" for which we are grateful. An anonymous gentleman, again, a good member, has donated "The Nickel Plate Road," "The Road of the Century," "Steelways of New England," and two railroad photo albums. Thank you, Mr. Anonymous!

February 1968 - 55 Years Ago

The merger of the Pennsylvania and New York Central received final OK this month, over seven years after it was initiated. The giant system will operate over 5,000 diesel and electric locos, roughly 20% of the entire U.S. total....In view of the petition by the Milwaukee Road to discontinue the Copper Country Limited, Jim Scribbins researched a five page chronology of all of the operational and equipment changes from the inauguration of service in September, 1895 through April, 1964....C&NW has ordered another 20 bi-level coaches for the expanding Chicago suburban traffic....The Milwaukee Road will operate a ski train to Iron Mountain on February 23.

February 1973 - 50 Years Ago

Jon Nondahl contributed a comprehensive summary of Milwaukee Road motive power activity for 1972....Mike Iczkowski recounted a cab ride on the Southern Crescent.

February 1978 - 45 Years Ago

Over 450 freight cars are now parked at St. Ignace, Michigan, waiting to be ferried to the Lower Peninsula. This massive tieup has been caused by the success of the Michigan Northern Railroad. The Michigan DOT is considering running the aging car ferry Chief Wawatam on a twice-a-day schedule rather than its current once a week crossing....A recent blizzard tied up two C&NW freights, one at West Bend in a drift up to its headlight and another at Friesland, on the Adams line, up to the handrails. A big V plow was dispatched from Butler to rescue the trains. The plow is mounted on a gondola full of rocks, followed by two gons of scrap iron pushed by an SD45 and an SD40.

February 1983 - 40 Years Ago

The Milwaukee Road North Milwaukee depot at Hampton Avenue was demolished recently....Richard B. Ogilvie, trustee of the Milwaukee Road is seeking court authority to settle all undisputed tax claims at 90% of the principal amount

February 1988 - 35 Years Ago

President Dorothy Wiener proposed the establishment of a video library, to consist primarily of video transfers of railroad motion pictures shot over the years by railfans.

February 1993 - 30 Years Ago

The acquisition of the GB&W and FRV by the WC has been put on hold for 30 days but a number of track rearrangements in the Oshkosh area have already been made in anticipation of the take-over....The 1993 Snow Train is set to operate on February 19, 20, and 21 at North Freedom. However, both of the museum's snow plows are in bad order so, if ex-C&NW No. 1385 is unable to negotiate the line, a front end loader will be used to clear the track.

February 1998 - 25 Years Ago

Three railroads, WC, UP, and BNSF, are asking a federal court to overturn the new Wisconsin law requiring two-person crews on all trains operating in the state....The old yard office at the UP Butler Yard will soon be history. Yard office operations will move to the former division headquarters building....UP has filed to abandon the last 1.4 miles of track into Waukesha.

February 2003 - 20 Years Ago

Several articles covered various aspects of the proposed commuter rail line between Kenosha and Milwaukee....CN offered 30 jobs at its former IC Woodcrest Shop in Homewood, Illinois, to mechanical department employees displaced by the closing of the Stevens Point and North Fond du Lac shops. The shop closing affected 54 employees....Amtrak President David Gunn said Amtrak would require at least \$10 billion in federal subsidies over the next five years to keep its trains and infrastructure intact

February 2008 - 15 Years Ago

WSOR Revised Operations Plan included different abbreviations depending on where and when a train runs. Example HJ (Horicon-Janesville) JH (Janesville to Horicon) HM (Horicon to Milwaukee) and HMR (Horicon to Milwaukee Relief). For the 33rd Year Mid Continent Railway Museum is running a Snow Train Feb 15-17, 2008. All the trains are diesel powered due to the steam engines being out of service. Jim Wrinn Editor of TRAINS magazine is scheduled to present at Feb 8th meeting of the Chapter.

February 2013 - 10 Years Ago

An organization is proposing to restore Milwaukee Road 4-8-4 No. 265 and build a roundhouse museum to house the locomotive in Milwaukee's Menomonee Valley, once the home of the sprawling Milwaukee Shops. Nancy Ring, project manager for the Steam Marketing Group, said her for-profit organization is hoping to return No. 265, nicknamed "Old Smoky" to Milwaukee, where it was displayed from 1957 to 1975. It is now at the Illinois Railway Museum in Union, Ill., and was donated to the museum by the city of Milwaukee after road construction dis-placed the locomotive. Ring said the group wants to restore No. 265 to operating condition to pull trips around the state of Wisconsin. In addition to returning No. 265 to the city, Ring said the group wants to build a Milwaukee Road history museum in Milwaukee. The museum would replicate one of the two round-houses that once stood in the Milwaukee Shops complex. The history museum would be on a second floor of the roundhouse, with a walking tour telling the history of the Milwaukee Road system.

February 2018 — 5 Years Ago

Jerry Krug reported that the last two remaining CNW painted Dash9-44CW's locomotives have been repainted into Union Pacific colors. The reason given was due to the worsening condition of the 22 year old and a desire for a unified corporate image. They were the Dynamic Duo CNW #8701 and #8646.

Original 27th Annual Model Railroad Show

Presented by Metro Model Railroad Club

Sunday March 12, 2023 9am to 3pm

NEW LOCATION

Ozaukee Pavilion

Ozaukee County Fairground

W67N866 Washington Ave

Cedarburg, WI 53012

Operating Model Railroad Layouts
Swap Tables

For more information check out

www.metroclub.org

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The Big Picture



Harry Evans photo, LSRHA Collection

Milwaukee Road Fairbanks Morse locomotive at South Beloit, Illinois, 1957.