



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.



The race is about to start. Four METRA F40PH locomotive stand ready for the rush hour to begin. METRA moves many Chicago commuters each day. These four trains will be doing that very soon. Photo by Jeff Marker

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Upcoming Events May 2017

TMER&THS (Milwaukee Electric)

www.tmer.org

Saturday May 20, 2017

Chase Bank, 4702 S Packard Ave 7:30pm

Park and Enter from Parking Lot on East Side of Bank
"Midwest Traction" with Dave Stanley

WISE Division NMRA

www.wisedivision.org

Sunday May 7th

Bus Trip to DuPage County Fairgrounds

Model Railroad Swap Meet

Check the WISE division webpage for information

Milwaukee Road Historical Association

www.mrha.com

National Convention

June 22nd to 25th 2017

Ames, Iowa

C&NW Historical Society

www.cnwhs.org

National Convention

May 18th to May 21st 2017

Rockford, Illinois

Soo Line Historical Society

www.sooline.org

National Convention 2017

Watch webpage for updates

NRHS National Convention

www.nrhs.com

June 20th to June 24th 2017

Nashville, TN

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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 John Woodcock and Peter Wolff with TTX Company

Friday June 3, 2016 - Cate Kratville-Wrinn - Bill Kratville UP Historian

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 2017 Meeting Summary

President Dave Nelson welcomed the approximately 30 people in attendance at 7:34 pm. There were no first-time attendees or other guests. We were listed in both the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Cue Section and the North Shore Communities Schedule of Events.

Our scheduled presenter, Chicago Metra Chairman Norman Carlson, had to cancel late last night due to a family emergency. Keith Schmidt volunteered to provide tonight's presentations. This change was published on our web site at www.nrhs.org. Members were reminded to LOOK AT IT before coming to each meeting, in case of last minute changes (especially in bad weather, as we no longer have a phone tree for notice of cancellations).

Our annual chapter banquet will be at the Pallas Restaurant on 108th Street (Highway 100) in West Allis on Saturday, May 6. *Please see announcement on Page 3 for information.*

As for other activities:

The proposed weekend at the Mid-Continent Railroad Museum in North Freedom on May 20-21 is on indefinite hold. The museum was not able to commit to that or any other date at this time. The presumed reason is the financial crisis triggered by a large judgment against them.

Jeff Marker will lead an auto trip to Franklin Park (Illinois) Railroad Days on Saturday, June 10. Multiple cars and engines will be open for public inspection. Hours are 9:00 am to 3:00 pm sharp. We will be traveling down there by informal car pool.

We will ride the East Troy Electric Railroad on Saturday, August 12. The event will start with pizza at Roma's Restaurant in East Troy. We will reserve a larger car, with more space, than the Sheboygan car that we had in 2015. We will finish the event with ice cream at Lauber's in East Troy. Keith Schmidt is looking for help with managing the reservations and RSVP's.

The Milwaukee Public Transit Day that was to be held at Illinois Railroad Museum in Union, Illinois, on Saturday, October 7, has also been put on hold for unknown reasons. Any reschedule would probably be in 2018.

Other events may be proposed to replace the two that have been put on hold.

The two CNW-painted units that Union Pacific returned to service earlier this year are now returned back to the Illinois Railroad Museum.

Jerry Krug reported seeing two Tier 4 (emissions) compliant Progress Rail (formerly EMD) SD 70 ACe demonstrators in the Union Pacific (former C&NW) yard at Butler on Sunday, April 2nd. Mike Yuhas reported that they also pulled a coal train to Sheboygan and ran right behind the church.

Mike Thaller heard reports that the former C&NW line be-

tween Tunnel City and Sparta will be reactivated, possibly to handle fracking-sand (for crude oil and natural gas production) traffic. The tunnel that collapsed in 1973, closing that route, will be daylighted. No one knows which railroad company would operate that route. The C&NW shifted to trackage rights over the closely-parallel Milwaukee Road in 1973. The Union Pacific (successor to C&NW) still has trackage rights over the Canadian Pacific (successor to Milwaukee Road) over that territory. No railroad company has confirmed any of these reports. R. J. Corman crews were seen clearing brush on the right of way.

The Garden Train Show at the Mitchell Park Domes closed on Sunday, April 2.

Tom Marcussen reported receiving an urgent e-mail notice from the National Association of Railroad Passengers on March 16. The Trump Administration budget for Fiscal Year 2018, which begins on October 1, 2017, eliminates all subsidies to long-distance Amtrak trains. That cut would force Amtrak to stop running those trains. Dave Nelson reminded everyone that the budget that is enacted is often different from that proposed by the administration. Don Goerke volunteered to speak or write on behalf of our chapter with our senators and representatives in opposition to those cuts. Dave Nelson cautioned all that we are not an advocacy group, and our tax status does not permit us to lobby for changes to laws or public spending. Members are free to speak on their own behalf, but only as individuals. Tom Marcussen suggested that multiple individual letters (or e-mails or phone calls) that do not follow the exact same format or wording would have a greater impact. (These need not be long or formal. The number of people speaking up is what counts.)

The announcements and discussion above ended at 7:53 pm. Keith Schmidt treated us to two digital presentations:

Rail fan and NRHS events from 2015, with special focus on the East Troy trolley ride and the 65th anniversary of the Wisconsin Chapter.

Rail-related travels in 2016.

The two presentations ended at 8:57 pm.

Dave Nelson reminded everyone again that the May meeting will be the annual chapter banquet (see above) on Saturday, May 6. The next meeting at the North Shore Congregational Church will be on Friday, June 3.

Respectfully Submitted
Thomas W. Marcussen
Wisconsin Chapter Secretary

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I greatly regret the circumstances that prevented our scheduled presenter, Norm Carlson, from speaking to us at our April meeting. It is unfortunate but "things happen" and indeed we have had very few such last-minute cancellations. I have not yet determined if Norm will be able to speak to us sometime next season - I hope so, as I know many people were looking forward to hearing him.

This experience reinforces the importance of your visiting the Chapter's website on a regular basis, but in particular as meeting dates approach. Mike Yuhas was able to very quickly post the news about Norm's unavailability within minutes of learning about it. And from time to time I can recall that not just weather caused cancellations or changes, but also church building situations. Needless to say we were very grateful that our Vice President and interim S&C Editor, Keith Schmidt, was able on short notice to give us two such excellent presentations.

If you are thinking of attending our May banquet, and I certainly urge you to do so, contact Tom Hoffmann NOW with that information. The venue is pleasant, the food has been just fine, the level of service exemplary, and the two presenters from TTX promise to be entertaining and interesting. And again, make sure we have some contact information. The memory of calling so many people when Meyer's Family Restaurant canceled on us on very short notice is still painfully fresh in my mind!

We have some potential speakers and topics already lined up for the 2017-18 season but are always eager to hear of others who think they would like to present. And remember, while the recent trend has been to one presenter per evening, we can schedule even very short presentations.

Dave

Chapter Banquet May 6, 2017 John Woodcock and Peter Wolff Guest Speakers

Mark your calendar and make it a point to attend the annual Wisconsin Chapter banquet on Saturday, May 6. Our featured presentation will review TTX's corporate structure, rail car fleets and operations. Additionally, the presentation will discuss some of the broader economic and logistic trends that have affected intermodal transportation over the past 25 years. Last but not least, there will be ample opportunity to win "invaluable" TTX merchandise - just answer trivia questions correctly!

Presenting will be John Woodcock and Peter Wolff from TTX's Fleet Department; each has over 30 years' experience in the transportation industry. John is Director of Asset Management at TTX Company, overseeing logistics activities related to railcar maintenance and repair, in addition to asset disposal. John began his transportation career swinging a spike maul at 15; he has since held commercial positions with Canadian Pacific, Springfield Terminal and CSX, in addition to marketing and operating roles on the private car and shipper side. John's contributions have ranged from developing Mexico's first large-scale rail-truck transload to advancing GPS-based tracking solutions for rail and intermodal equipment. John holds a Logistics undergraduate degree from Northeastern University, and an MBA from Boston College.

Peter started his railroad career with the Chicago and North Western Railroad, and has worked in various other modes including public transportation and airlines, before joining TTX in 2003, and is currently a Director in Market Development. Peter holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan, a Law degree from DePaul University in Chicago, and a Master's of Science in Transportation from Northwestern University.

Wisconsin Chapter NRHS Annual Banquet

Saturday May 6, 2017

Cocktails 6pm - 7pm

Banquet to Follow

Menu - Roast Beef and Gravy, Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables and Dessert.

Cost is \$22.50 per person. Make checks payable to: Wisconsin Chapter-NRHS. Mail your remittance to: Tom Hoffmann, 1102 Aspen Drive, Waukesha, WI 53188. If you have any questions, call Tom at 262-542-7447 or 262-271-4173. Deadline for mailing in reservations is Monday April 24th. RSVP's are needed at least one week before the banquet. Payment can be made at the dinner.

HERE IS YOUR 2017 EDITION OF "METRA TRIPS & MORE"

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

2017 UPCOMING RAILROAD EVENTS

MAY

- 6, NRHS 67th Annual Banquet, Pallas Restaurant 1657 S. 108th Street, 6 p.m.
- 18-21, C&NWS National Convention, Rockford IL, cnws.org
- 20, C&NW Day, Illinois Railway Museum 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- 20-21, Kenosha Train Show, Free 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- 27, Indiana Auto Trip, Porter/Michigan City 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Call Jeff.

JUNE

- 10, Franklin Park Railroad Dayz, Free 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Franklin Park, IL
- 20-24, NRHS Convention, Nashville TN, nrhs.com
- 22-25, Milwaukee Road Historical Association Convention, Ames IA, mrha.com
- 22-25, Galesburg Railroad Days, Galesburg IL.

JULY

- 1-4, Traction Weekend, Illinois Railway Museum 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- 4, Fox River Trolley Museum 51st Anniversary, South Elgin, IL 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- 8, Metra Trip #4, Waukegan/Downers Grove/Manhattan, Call Jeff.
- 15, Whiskey River Railway Day, Little Amerricka, Marshall WI. 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

AUGUST

- 5, Metra Trip 11-Special, Aurora Roundhouse/Metra Shops, Call Jeff.
- 12, NRHS "East Troy Trolley Night." Details in June Sparks & Cinders.
- 12-13, Diesel Days, Illinois Railway Museum 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- 26, Indiana Auto Trip, Chesterton/Hesston 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

- 8, NRHS Meetings resume, "Favorite Slide & Digital Night," 7:30 p.m.
- 9, Kenosha Streetcar Day, 11 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 ABOVE restaurants in 2017 Entertainment Book.)
- 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
- East Troy Electric Railroad Museum - 262-642-3263 easttroyrr.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 nationalrrmuseum.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 rochellerailroadpark.tripod.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), Kinnickinic Avenue, Kinnickinic 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

- 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
- Whiting-Front Street, Amtrak, CN, CP, CSX, NS, Short Line, UP, BNSF



IT'S TIME TO TAKE A METRA TRIP

Armed with this copy of "Metra Trips & More," call a few friends to join you for a day railfanning throughout Chicago. Listed are 12 trips that operate as indicated on Saturdays or Sunday & holidays that allow you to take advantage of Metra's \$8 Weekend Pass you can purchase aboard the train. This amazing Pass allows you to travel both days for one fare AND on Monday holidays for all three days!

All but Trip #12 are designed to originate from either Kenosha or Waukegan for the benefit of NRHS Chapter members and friends. Check 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. Chain coupons are honored at most fast food outlets.

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, Metra Elec., Rock Island
3	Sat.	UP North, UPWest, 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.

	<u>Sat</u>	<u>Sun/Hol</u>
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

	<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	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 1957 — 60 Years Ago

Sweet Soo — Several weeks ago, over in Waukesha, our good friends Einar Abrahamson and Laird Ross helped polish up Sweet Soo. The Soo Line generously donated the paint. (*After a somewhat interesting display career in Waukesha, the locomotive was donated to the Mid-Continent Railway Museum at North Freedom, Wisconsin, in 1989*)...It is reported that the Soo Line is operating a fast freight from Chicago to Minneapolis which passes up No. 17, The Laker, the Soo's fastest Chicago-Minneapolis passenger train....Milwaukee Road G8 4-6-0 No. 1004 had the sad distinction of being the last active steam locomotive on the railroad. It has operated in and around Austin, Minnesota, for the last few years. On occasions when the Milwaukee Road's home-made diesel No. 5901 spent the night in the shop, the 1004 powered the Root River Cannonball between Austin and La Crosse.

May, 1962 — 55 Years Ago

Our friends and associates, the Railway Historical Society of Milwaukee, will have their grand opening on May 27 at Hillsboro, Wisconsin. Much hard work and money has gone into the project. (*This is today's Mid-Continent Railway Museum at North Freedom, Wisconsin.*)

May, 1967 — 50 Years Ago

Nine U. S. railroads have been fined a total of \$127,000 for delays to the U. S. Mail. Postmaster General Larry O'Brien stated that he is willing to work with the railroads to seek ways for railroads to carry more mail to keep passenger trains running. He also indicated that if railroads continue to discontinue passenger trains, the only alternatives are trucks or planes....On Saturday, May 19, the Milwaukee Road operated three Girl Scout specials from Chicago to Wisconsin Dells and return. Similar trips for Boy Scouts will be operated on June 3.

May, 1972 - 45 Years Ago

The C&O carferry service has declined to just one sailing per day, down from three sailings just one year ago....The Rock Island, which declined to join Amtrak, is promoting its passenger service heavily with a "Ride the Rocket" campaign. At a news conference in Peoria, M. I. Bonesteel, Director of Passenger Operations, said that the Peoria-Chicago equipment consisted of air conditioned coaches, a full diner, and parlor car service and that the one way fare was \$7, "far cheaper than air or automobiles."

May, 1977 - 40 Years Ago

Amtrak announced that it will convert 40 six-axle SDP40Fs into four-axle F40PHs at a cost of \$15.4 million. The prime movers, alternators, traction motors, air brake equipment, dynamic brakes, cab signals, and crew equipment from the old units will be installed on new frames. In addition, new trucks, fuel tanks, and carbodies will be provided.

May, 1982 - 35 Years Ago

Ex-Rock Island E6 No. 630 is safely stored at Intercontinental Engineering & Manufacturing Co., in Parkville, Missouri, awaiting refurbishing....Fire at the UP facilities in Cheyenne recently threatened 8444 (now 844) and 3985, but thanks to fast work by personnel on hand, the locos were removed before they were damaged....Amtrak trains between Albany and New York now reach 100 mph on portions of the route. The overall average speed is 84 mph.

May 1987 - 30 Years Ago

On April 13, two WICT GP7s traveled from Janesville to Waukesha to pick up 21 loaded 100-ton hoppers of grain, returning service, after a two-year lapse, to a major segment of Wisconsin's first rail line.

May, 1992— 25 Years Ago

This issue of S&C contained a railroad history of Brookfield by Jerry Hilton. Also included was a history of the Town of Brookfield reprinted from "The History of Waukesha County, Wisconsin," published in 1880....A profile of the GB&W covered both the history of the line and its 1977 operations

May, 1997 — 20 Years Ago

The featured speaker at the Annual Chapter Banquet was Dave Baule, executive producer of the PBS series "Tracks Ahead."... Bob Baker reported on a recent trip to see rail activity on the soon-to-be-abandoned Tennessee Pass line of the UP....The parent company of Montana Rail Link has purchased 1,143 miles of the ex-Milwaukee Road "Corn Lines" in Iowa and Minnesota from the CP for \$250 million. The new operator will be known as I&M Rail Link and will be headquartered in Davenport, Iowa....NS and CSX have announced an agreement to split Conrail between them. NS will get a 58% share and CSX a 42% share....Amtrak announced the discontinuance of the Desert Wind and the Pioneer May 10. (Ironically, the 128th anniversary of the driving of the Golden Spike.)

May, 2002 — 15 Years Ago

It was announced that UP Challenger steam locomotive No. 3985 would visit the area on June 15 and 16. The trips will be from West Chicago to Butler and return....Mid-Continent Railway Museum announced an Open House on May 18 and 19 to celebrate the progress on renovation of Milwaukee, Lake Shore & Western coach No. 63. The car was constructed in 1888 by Barney & Smith....Chapter member Jim Yanke will be the featured speaker at the annual Chapter banquet on May 4. Jim will have many interesting stories from his 41-1/2-year railroad career with C&NW and UP.

May, 2007 — 10 Years Ago

The Annual Chapter Banquet was held at South Woods of Cudahy on Saturday, May 5. The banquet speaker was Mike Meyer, UP law enforcement agent and Operation Lifesaver presenter....Canadian Pacific Railway 4-6-4 Hudson steam engine No. 2816 pulled CPR's luxury passenger train from Calgary, Alberta, to Chicago. The train was in the Chicago area August 30 to September 4. Ex-Milwaukee Road 4-8-4 steam engine No. 261 will join 2816 for a doubleheader down the scenic Mississippi River Valley on September 15 between Minneapolis and La Crosse. The trip is sponsored by CPR and the Friends of the 261....In an April 9 filing with the Surface Transportation Board, the Wisconsin & Southern indicated it has come to an agreement with Canadian Pacific Railway for overhead trackage rights over CP from North Milwaukee to Rondout, the connection with Metra-owned trackage into Chicago. The rights would provide a short cut for WSOR trains that currently must travel a circuitous route from its Northern Division at Horicon south to Janesville then east to Rondout. The trackage rights would allow these trains to head directly from Horicon into Milwaukee, and then to Rondout on CP. WSOR currently has trackage rights over Metra from Rondout into Chicago. The filing indicates CP and WSOR expect to begin operations on or about May 9, 2007.

May 2012 - 5 Years Ago

Talgo CEO Antonio Perez and Nora Friend VP of Public Affairs will be the speakers at the Chapter Annual Banquet on May 5th at South Woods in Cudahy, WI. Watco Cos., has acquired the operations of Cudahy Car Shop, Inc. a railcar repair and maintenance facility in Cudahy. The shop began operations in 1977 under the ownership of Chicago & North Western and was purchased by Cudahy Car Shop in 1995. The shop features 12 indoor car spots, 20 working positions, and 40 total spots in the plant. More than 140 cars can go through the shop each month. The shop is in the Milwaukee switching district on Union Pacific. It has 22 employees. This is Watco's second acquisition in Wisconsin. It purchased a controlling interest in the Wisconsin & Southern Railroad on January 1, 2012

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