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## 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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Amtrak train 7, the westbound Empire Builder, treads carefully at 25 MPH over the flooded Reeseville marsh on Canadian Pacific's Watertown Subdivision. Warm temperatures and snowmelt combined with heavy rains a few days ago resulted in high water here at the marsh. Train is on main 2 track, which seems to be slightly higher than the other main. Photo taken on March 19, 2019 by Mike Yuhas

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# Wisconsin Chapter Meeting Schedule



Saturday May 4, 2019 - Chapter Banquet - Norm Carlson  
Friday June 7, 2019 - Soo Line, South Shore and More - Lou Gerard  
Friday September 6, 2019 Favorite Slide/Photo Night

## Chapter Annual Banquet - Norm Carlson

Mark your calendar for the social event of the year: the 2019 Wisconsin Chapter annual banquet. We're back at Meyer's Restaurant in Greenfield on Saturday, May 4. Arrive at 5:00 pm and enjoy fellowship and a cash bar; a family-style dinner of comfort food will be served at 6:00pm.

After we've had our fill of beef tips, broasted chicken, mmm-mashed potatoes and more, Norman Carlson will address the group. Norm is the president of the Shore Line Interurban Historical Society and the chairman of Metra, Chicago's commuter railroad. He will present a program on Metra, its successes and challenges, history and plans, operations and political considerations. Mr. Carlson's unique position as both a student of railroad history and Metra chair will make this a lively and memorable presentation. \$22.50 per person. To attend please contact Mike Yuhas, [president@nrhswis.org](mailto:president@nrhswis.org), 414-698-6625. Payments can be made to Tom Hoffmann, 1102 Aspen Drive, Waukesha WI 53188. See You There !!

The Banquet will be held at Meyer's Restaurant at 4260 S 76th Street in Greenfield. There is ample parking at the restaurant.

Please visit the Chapter website at [www.nrhswis.org](http://www.nrhswis.org). Sparks and Cinders issues are available on the website in color. So check out the awesome cover photo this month in color. Past issues are available including the 50th Anniversary issue also in color.

If you have a program idea please contact Program Chair Dave Nelson at [engine1385@aol.com](mailto:engine1385@aol.com)

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## From the President

Here it is, mid-April, and it's snowing. Luckily, I have thousands of old slides to scan, and I'll tell you, it's a lot easier to be cooped up in the basement on a cruddy day than a gorgeous day. But after the long winter I'm going stir crazy - eager to go out and expose some fresh images of the ever-changing railroad scene.

Over three dozen people enjoyed Kevin Keefe's presentation about the railroad photography of Wallace W. Abbey at our April meeting, a delightful retrospective of some wonderful documentation of the railroad scene in the 1950s through late 1970s. Wally's photography looked great on the big screen, put there by the chapter's bright new projector.

Have you made your reservations for the annual chapter banquet? See the information printed elsewhere in this issue, and call Treasurer Tom Hoffmann right away to ensure your place at the table.

In a couple short weeks the chapter will be the guests of Talgo's railcar rebuilding facility, as they host an open house for Wisconsin Chapter members. Please see the item elsewhere and contact me right away to make your reservation.

Our last program of the season takes place on June 7, when Lou Gerard comes up from Chicagoland to present some of his images of Chicago South Shore & South Bend (including electrified freight operation with 800s), Soo Line and other favorites. Classic Trains and Railfan & Railroad magazines have featured Lou's work, with good reason - it's classic!

As always, thanks for your support of railroad preservation through your membership in NRHS. See you trackside - and at a Chapter event!

## April Meeting Summary

President Mike Yuhas started the meeting at 7:31 pm. Thirty-six people were then in attendance. That would increase to 41 by 7:38 pm. There were nine guests among those numbers.

There were two ice-breaker questions tonight:

Are you a photographer, fan, historian, or modeler?

When did you start getting interested in trains?

There were a number of interesting answers. Getting around the room took a while.

Announcements

Mike Yuhas said that our new digital projector will be getting its first use tonight. It has a light flux output of 500 lumens. Everyone was able to easily see the screen when the room lights were still on.

Tom Hoffmann is collecting money for the 2019 Chapter banquet. It will be at Meyer's Restaurant in Greenfield on Saturday, May 4. Our speaker will be Norman Carlson, the chairman of Chicago Metra. The cost is \$22.50 per attendee. Full information, and a sign-up form, are in Sparks & Cinders. So far 22 have signed up, and 17 of those have paid. We still have room to accept more.

Keith Schmidt offered the Chapter's old digital projector, to members only, for \$25.00. In case of multiple offers, the high bid wins. If no one offers \$25.00, it gets sold on eBay. The Jim Wrinn family took it for \$25.00.

Keith is also looking for input on a possible East Troy outing this summer. No dates have been proposed yet. A basic ride would cost about \$10 per person. A lunch trip, with a limited menu, would cost about \$40.00 per person. A dinner run would be about \$60.00 per person.

Mike Yuhas reminded everybody about the Talgo shop tour on Saturday, May 18. You have to be a member and sign up (with Mike) in advance. Membership applications should be made to Tom Hoffmann.

Dave Nelson reminded us that the Chicago & North Western Historical Society National Convention will be held in Milwaukee from Thursday, May 30 through Sunday, June 2. The next issue of North Western Lines will be focused on the Milwaukee area. It will include articles on the local trains—who they served and how it was done, and Jim Yanke's experiences as a switchman at Butler Yard in the late 1950's. It should be out on news stands and in hobby shops in about 1½ weeks. Subsequent issues will also contain articles and historical information on C&NW assets and operations in and around Milwaukee.

Presentation

Mike Yuhas introduced our speaker Kevin Keefe, the retired editor of Trains magazine. Kevin took over at 8:00 pm. He treated us to some of the best of the many photographs taken by the late Wallace W. Abbey, who worked for Trains, the Soo Line and Milwaukee Road. These pictures are representative / typical of those in a new book on Wallace W. Abbey's photographs, written by Kevin Keefe and Scott Lothes of the Center for Railroad Photography and Art, and published by the Indiana University Press. This book is already in its second printing. Kevin brought several copies for inspection. They were not offered for sale here tonight. They can be obtained from Indiana University Press or on-line through Amazon. Additional information on the Center for Railroad Photograph and Art is available on-line at [www.railphoto-art.org](http://www.railphoto-art.org). The presentation ended at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Thomas W. Marcussen

## Chapter Excursion at East Troy ??

The past three years the Chapter has had an excursion/outing at East Troy. We have had two evening trips and last year a morning run. So what about 2019. What would you like to do.

Options

1. Evening Run with Dinner and runby's \$25 per person
2. Lunch Train with no runby's Cost \$45-55 per person
3. Dinner Train with no runby's Cost \$85-\$95 per person
4. Night Photo Session Cost \$250
5. Take a Break until 2020.

The lunch and dinner trains have a minimum of 30 people. It is possible the Chapter could subsidize the cost. Be prepared there could a test on this at the banquet. If you have a preference please let me know at [editor@nrhswis.org](mailto:editor@nrhswis.org).

Thank You !!

Keith Schmidt

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## The Extra Board - Upcoming Events

NRHS National Convention

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

May 7-11, 2019 Salt Lake City, UT

Check the webpage for information on 2019 Convention

TMER&THS (Traction and Bus Club)

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

Waterstone Bank

No Information listed for May 2019

WISE Division NMRA

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

Monthly Division Meet

Sunday April 28, 2019 12:30pm to 4:00pm

Four Points Airport 5311 S Howell Ave

Swap Meet and Clinics

Layout Tour at 4:00pm

C&NW Historical Society

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

National Convention

May 30th - June 2nd 2019

Milwaukee, WI

Soo Line Historical and Technical Society

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

National Convention September 14 2019

Wisconsin Dells, WI

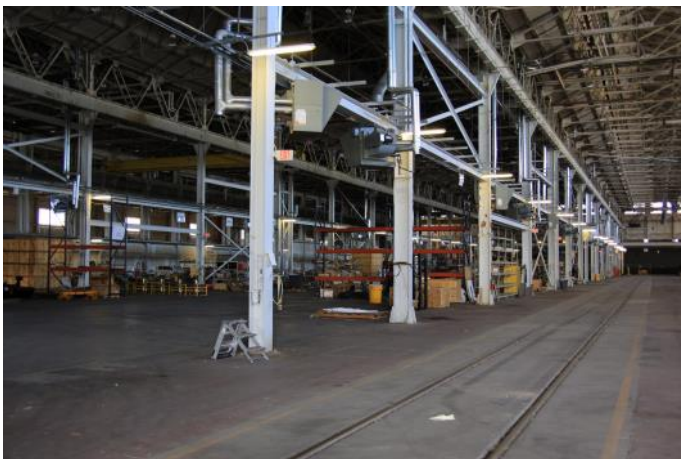


## Tour of Talgo Facility

It's been nearly five years since Talgo closed its manufacturing operation in Milwaukee. They've returned, repurposing the building into their North American Coach Rehab Facility. On Saturday, May 18, 2019, Talgo opens its doors to the Wisconsin Chapter. The facility tour includes an overview of Talgo's complex, once used to manufacture high-speed trainsets, now loaded with plenty of Los Angeles Metro Red Line A650 cars. We'll see the work in progress, and learn all about the scope of this ambitious rehabilitation project.

Saturday, May 18, 2019, 8:00 am sharp (tour expected to adjourn about 10:30 am) Talgo, 3533 North 27th Street, Milwaukee

This tour is open to NRHS members and Wisconsin Chapter subscribers only (if you're not a member, send \$20 to Treasurer Tom Hoffmann as noted elsewhere in this issue of Sparks & Cinders). Reservations are required. Please email Mike Yuhas with your reservation, [president@nrhswis.org](mailto:president@nrhswis.org), or phone/text 414-698-6625.



Shots of Talgo Facility from May 28, 2014. Photos by Keith Schmidt

## Union Pacific Announces Schedule for Big Boy #4014 and #844.

The Union Pacific will have the Big Boy UP #4014 and UP #844 steam locomotives in Ogden, UT to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Golden Spike in Promontory, UT. The two locomotives will be nose to nose to replicate the classic photo from 1869 in Promontory. Last month the schedule for UP #844 and UP #4014 getting to Ogden was printed.

After the celebration is over the #4014 and #844 will doublehead back to Cheyenne, WY. YES a doubleheader with a 4-8-4 and a 4-8-8-4 locomotives. Below is the schedule for the doubleheader. For more information on the Golden Spike celebration checkout [www.spike150.org](http://www.spike150.org). For more information on #844 or #4014 visit [www.up.com](http://www.up.com)

Sunday May 12, 2019

Depart 8:00 a.m. MT Ogden, Utah Ogden Union Station  
2501 Wall Ave.

Arrival 9:15 a.m. MT 98 Commercial Street Morgan, UT

Depart 9:25 a.m. MT

Arrival 9:55 a.m. MT Echo Road Crossing Echo, UT

Depart 10:05 a.m. MT

Arrival 11:05 a.m. MT Evanston, WY. Evanston Depot 10th St.

Monday May 13, 2019

Depart 8:00 a.m. MT Evanston, WY.

Arrival 10:00 a.m. MT Granger, WY Main Street crossing

Depart 10:45 a.m. MT

Arrival 11:50 a.m. MT Green River, WY 200 E. Railroad Ave

Depart 12:05 p.m. MT

Arrival 12:45 p.m. MT Rock Springs, WY 501 N. Front St

Tuesday May 14th and Wednesday May 15th

Public Display in Rock Springs, WY

Thursday May 16, 2019

Depart 8:00 a.m. MT Rock Springs, WY 501 N. Front St

Arrival 9:00 a.m. MT Point of Rocks, WY Black Buttes Road

Depart 9:15 a.m. MT

Arrival 10:30 a.m. MT Wamsutter, WY Near Water Tower

Depart 11:30 a.m. MT

Arrival 12:45 p.m. MT Rawlins, WY Railroad St & Higley Blvd.

Friday May 17

Depart 8:00 a.m. MT Rawlins, WY Railroad St & Higley Blvd.

Arrival 9:00 a.m. MT Hanna, WY Main St. & Front St.

Depart 9:15 a.m. MT

Arrival 9:45 a.m. MT Medicine Bow, WY Hwy. 30 at McFadden

Depart 10:45 a.m. MT

Arrival 12:45 p.m. MT Laramie, Wyo. Laramie Railroad Depot

Saturday May 18 - Laramie WY No Public Access

Sunday May 19, 2019

Depart 8:00 a.m. MT Laramie, WY Historic Railroad Depot

Arrival 9:15 a.m. MT Sherman Hill, WY

Depart 9:25 a.m. MT

Arrival 11:05 a.m. MT Cheyenne, WY UP Steam Shop

## 2019 UPCOMING RAILROAD EVENTS

### MAY

- 5, NRHS 69th ANNUAL BANQUET, Meyers Restaurant, 5 p.m., 4260 S. 76th St.  
Norman Carlson, Metra Board Chairman, Speaker
- 7-11, NRHS National Convention, Salt Lake City, UT., nrhs.com
- 18, CHAPTER VISIT TO TALGO, 8 a.m., 3533 N. 27th Street.
- 18, Homewood Rail Fan Day, Homewood, IL. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- 25, Metra Trip #6, Harvard, IL. Contact Jeff to confirm.
- 27, Metra Trip #4, South Shore Line, Contact Jeff to confirm.
- 30, C&NW National Convention, Milwaukee, cnwhs.org, continues to June 2.

### JUNE

- 7, NRHS CHAPTER MEETING, 7:30 p.m., Lou Gerard, "Soo Line, South Shore"
- 8, Franklin Park Railroad Dayz, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Franklin Park, IL.
- 15, Metra Trip #3, Joliet, IL. Contact Jeff to confirm.
- 20-23, Galesburg, IL. Railroad Days, Galesburg, IL.
- 22, East Troy Railroad Museum, Railfan Day, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- 29-30, Trolley Weekend, Illinois Railway Museum, Union, IL. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

### JULY

- 6, Metra Trip 8B, Aurora, IL, Contact Jeff to confirm.
- 20, Whiskey River Rail Fan Day, Marshall, WI 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- 20-23 Milwaukee Road Historical Association National Convention, South St. Paul, MN.

### AUGUST

- 3, Metra Trip #2, Downers Grove/Manhattan, Contact Jeff to confirm.
- 10/11, Diesel Days, Illinois Railway Museum, Union, IL. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- 17-18, Fox River Trolley Museum Festival, So. Elgin, IL.
- 24, Hammond/Whiting Auto Trip, Contact Jeff to confirm.

### SEPTEMBER

- 6, NRHS CHAPTER MEETINGS RESUME, 7:30 p.m., Favorite Slide & Digital Night.
- 7, Kenosha Streetcar Day, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- 14, Soo Line Historical & Technical Society National Convention. Wisconsin Dells.

### 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



# IT'S TIME TO TAKE A METRA TRIP

By Jeff Marker

Yes, it is our 10th Anniversary and talk about Railfanning being all about location and timing! Metra's own distinguished Board Chairman, Norman Carlson as our annual banquet's guest speaker! Couldn't be better!!!

Use this handy guide to plan as many trips as possible and remember the fun is doing them with friends and family. I've planned four Metra trips to lead plus the always enjoyable NW Indiana auto trip, drivers needed. In the event rain is forecast, they will not operate. 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. 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. 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.

## METRA TRIP No. 1

This trip takes you on Metra's Electric service using its newest passenger coaches, some built in Milwaukee. With recent schedule changes there's only time to ride the mainline between Millennium Station and Homewood, CN's regional headquarters.

At Homewood, enjoy an excellent lunch at Twisted Q BBQ, 2053, Ridge Road, just across the street from the Station's east exit. Two blocks south is the popular railfan platform but don't forget to visit the separate Amtrak Station and platforms.

Lv. WAUKEGAN	8:50		8:55
Ar. OGILVIE	9:44		10:16
Lv. MILLENNIUM		11:20	
Ar. Homewood		12:06	
Lv. Homewood		3:03	
Ar. MILLENNIUM		3:43	
Lv. OGILVIE	4:35		5:15
Ar. WAUKEGAN	5:50		6:11

Returning you can visit the famous Canal Street Crossing. Trains at 4:20 and 4:26 Inbound. Trains 4:33 and 4:37 Outbound. 12 minutes from 5:15pm.

## 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	5:15
Ar. WAUKEGAN	4:36	6:06	6:11
Ar. KENOSHA		6:31	

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.

## 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

## 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

## METRA TRIP No. 8 A & B

Sat/Sun/Hol Sat Only

Lv. KENOSHA	8:34		
Lv. WAUKEGAN	8:55		8:50
Ar. OGILVIE	10:16		9:46
Lv. UNION STATION	10:40		10:40
Ar. Aurora	12:01	12:01	
	8A		8B
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 1954 - 65 Years Ago

As a special sort of prelude to our coming Milwaukee Road trip, we have scheduled a joint meeting with one of the groups co-sponsoring the excursion. We will meet with the Museum Group of the Wisconsin Centennial, Inc., at the Finney Neighborhood Library on May 19....Two railroad films will be shown: "Modern Coal Burning Steam Locomotives" (Norfolk & Western) and a Milwaukee Road film, probably "Hiawathas Are Rolling."

## May 1959 - 60 Years Ago

"The Milwaukee Railroad and Swimming Pool Company" After a winter of snow, snow, and more snow, with resultant train delays and cancellations not seen since the winter of 1936, the local railroads then suffered a plague of rather damp operations as the winter's accumulation of snow began to melt. Herewith is Jim Scribbins' account of the recent unpleasantness: Friday, April 3, No. 4 was the last train over the main line. That morning, the marsh at Reeseville overflowed and we went under 17 inches of water. Since the track through there has been elevated about 1 and 1/2 feet in the past several years, you can imagine the situation. That day's Hi's, 2 and 16, went from Portage via Madison and Janesville to Chicago; Milwaukee passengers were brought by chartered bus from Madison. Hi's 5 and 15 went via the Northern Division to Portage. We had Milwaukee make-ups on 16 and 2, also for 58 to take care of Superior 14's passengers. Regular 58 was the only train to operate East via the Northern, late, of course. No. 57 went over the Northern.

## May 1964 - 55 Years Ago

The bulk of this issue was made up of a listing showing the disposition of rolling stock of the Chicago North Shore & Milwaukee Railway compiled by member Lowell H. Rott, then of East Troy. The listing ran six pages and nearly 200 cars, of which approximately 40 were saved by various individuals, museums, and companies.

## May 1969 - 50 Years Ago

Thirty-two cars of a Soo Line freight derailed at Allenton on April 15, on April 20 three units of a southbound freight derailed three miles north of Allenton, and on April 24, 15 cars of a southbound freight derailed a mile north of the April 20 incident. Three wrecks in nine days on five miles of track!....UP steam locomotive No. 8444 will be used to pull the High Iron Co.'s train on the UP to Ogden, Utah, for the Golden Spike Centennial on May 10. Ex-NKP No. 759 will pull the train from Buffalo to Kansas City

## May 1974 - 45 Years Ago

The Mid-Continent Railway Museum will possibly have five steam locomotives available for service when the 1974 season opens on May 25. They include ex-C&NW No. 1385; Western Coal & Coke No. 1; D&R No. 9; 0-4-0 saddletank switcher No. 6; and W&OV No. 1....A hearing was held by the ICC on March 12 in Green Bay regarding the possible abandonment of ferry service to Kewaunee and Manitowoc by the Ann Arbor Railroad....Amtrak has purchased 23 Milwaukee Road coaches

## May 1979 - 40 Years Ago

The Milwaukee Road has been operating single track from Watertown to Brookfield account track work on the Eastward main. Since there are no passing sidings between Brookfield and Watertown, and the line is only signaled in one direction, there has been considerable traffic congestion in the area....Recent flooding on the Mississippi has caused considerable problems for Amtrak. Amtrak's Chicago-New Orleans Panama Limited has been the most severely affected.

## May 1984 - 35 Years Ago

Amtrak will be making a number of major changes in its scheduling on April 24. Several of the changes will provide additional service and connections to New Orleans for the Louisiana World Exposition which runs May 12 through November 11....The Grand Trunk Corp. has offered to pay \$143 million in cash to retire the bankrupt Milwaukee Road's debt to the U. S. Government if Grand Trunk is successful in acquiring the Milwaukee Road

## May 1989 - 30 Years Ago

The new depot at Wisconsin Dells will be dedicated at noon on June 10. \$49,000 for construction of the depot was raised through sales of lithographic prints of Chapter member Russ Porter's painting of "Pioneer Limited at the Dells."...FRVR has repainted an engine and will run a business train from Green Bay to Butler and return on May 10 and 11

## May 1994 - 25 Years Ago

Ex-Milwaukee Road 4-8-4 No. 261 is scheduled to power the Chocolate City Express operating between Des Plaines, Illinois, Burlington, and Fond du Lac on May 14 and 15. There will be one round trip each day....The American Legion has expressed its displeasure with the new CP Rail "Dual Flag" livery. They claim that sharing of the flags shows disrespect to the Stars and Stripes.

## May 1999 - 20 Years Ago

The USPS Celebrate The Century Express powered by Amtrak No. 100, a P42 Genesis painted to resemble a giant manila envelope, with a consist of a 1926 RPO, an exhibit car, and private car Georgia 300, will

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stop in Green Bay and Oshkosh. No stops are listed for Milwaukee, Madison, or Chicago....Last year's Hiawatha Extension service was popular with riders - 89% said they would keep riding if the service became permanent....With all of the concern about Y2K compliance, the traveling public has been reassured that railroad signals don't know what day it is, much less what year. They will continue to operate just fine....WSOR announced a tentative schedule of 14 different passenger excursions from May through November

## May 2004 - 15 Years Ago

During the last week of April, CP replaced the 307-foot truss swing span with a rolling bascule span, turning the 1902 swing bridge over the Black River between La Crosse and French Island into a lift bridge....BNSF will replace its 1903 1,453-foot Wisconsin River bridge near Prairie du Chien with a 1,462-foot pre-stressed concrete beam bridge during the summer....The 200th Anniversary of the invention of the high pressure steam locomotive by Richard Trevithick was celebrated on February 21 by many UK rail museums....Bill Gardner, president and CEO of Wisconsin & Southern Railroad was the speaker at the annual Chapter banquet on Saturday, May 1.

## May 2009 - 10 Years Ago

59th Annual Chapter Banquet was held May 1st at South Woods in Cudahy, WI. The speaker was Roger Breske WI Railroad Commissioner. On Saturday April 4th the Chapters Print collection was moved by several members from the home of Mike and Sue Patrick to its new home in the Butler Public Library. The Library was built to resemble a railroad depot. The chapter hopes to host "Butler Railroad Nights" at the library. The Southern Pacific #4449 4-8-4 steam locomotive will be passing through Milwaukee on its way to Steam Festival 2009 in Owosso, Michigan it will be traveling on several different railroads on its way east from its home in Portland, Oregon.

## May 2014 - 5 Years Ago

The annual Chapter Banquet was held at Meyers Family Restaurant. Mark Westerfield Vice President of Operations for Iowa Pacific Railroad was the speaker. Also Chapter member David Mudge was honored by receiving the Jim Roeber Award. Dave was honored for his 30 year membership in the TMERL&Co Historical Society and the Milwaukee Lionel Club. Dave was always seen at local shows with a Lionel layout showing off his favorite hobby.

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## The Final Frame



A switchstand show an accumulation of snow from an April 14, 2019 snowstorm. By Keith Schmidt