



LAKE SUPERIOR TRANSPORTATION CLUB

Lake Superior Museum of Transportation and Industry

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NEWSLETTER

February 19, 1975

THE ANNUAL MEETING is scheduled for 7:30 P.M. Friday, February 28, in the Multi-media Room of the Heritage and Arts Center. Please use the entrance of the transportation museum. We will vote to ratify the proposed constitution and by-laws of the club. Following that will be an election of officers. At the close of the business meeting John Blamey will show two 8 mm. color films. Refreshments will be served.

A copy of the Proposed Constitution and By-laws has been enclosed to be reviewed by the membership before the Annual Meeting. They would take effect immediately upon ratification with the exception of the changes in membership rates which would take effect in 1976.

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Charles Summers, Bob Mortinsen, and Dave Carlson, has prepared a slate of officers for the 1975-1976 term. The following positions and recommended candidates are:

Vice President, Administrative	- Walt Fulton
Treasurer	- Roy Nelson
Director, Equipment Restoration	- Tom Gannon
Director, Operations & Safety	- Phil Larson
Director, Exhibits & Displays	- Ted Appelquest

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, only five elective positions will be open at this time to assure a smooth changeover. The following positions will be open for election in one year:

President	- Wayne Olsen
Vice President, Liaison	- Frank King
Secretary	- Dave Carlson
Director, Model Railroad	- Jim Long
Editor	- Bob Taylor

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Ballots will be passed out to all members present at the Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee has indicated that the slate of candidates chosen for election will be responsible leaders in the jobs they have been asked to perform.

THE JANUARY 24TH MEETING was well attended considering the blizzard conditions that prevailed that evening. Several persons drove in from the Twin Cities and another drove from Silver Bay. The films shown by Frank King of steam railroading in the 50's and Twin City traction were most entertaining.

THERE ARE STILL a few members who have not paid their 1975 membership dues. It is urged that they do so as soon as possible. The March newsletter will be the last one mailed to those delinquent in their dues payment.

ACQUISITIONS at the museum during the past several months include:

DMIR caboose no. C-12, an 1893 product of Duluth Car Manufacturing Co. for the Duluth, Missabe, and Northern. It was the second one donated by the DM&IR Ry.

A 1925 track motor car built by the Fairmont Motor Car Co. for the General Logging Co. It was donated by the J. C. Campbell Lumber Co. and restored to operating condition by DM&IR Ry.

A velocipede was donated by Mrs. E. A. Kruger of Cloquet. Her husband was the former General Manager of the D&NE RR.

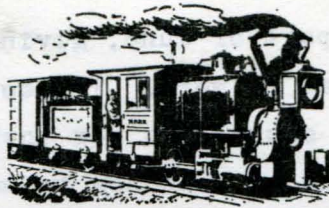
A collection of switch lanterns and marker lamps, a Mars light, two DMIR steam loco headlights, a two-seat velocipede, track tools and more donated by Dave Bjorn of the Twin Cities.

BURLINGTON NORTHERN will begin work in late March on dismantling and removing the William Crooks from the St. Paul Union Depot. The historic locomotive will be trucked to Proctor where it will be reassembled for exhibit in the transportation museum.

THE CHICAGO AND NORTHWESTERN TRANSPORTATION CO. has notified the museum of its intention to donate a club car that is to be retired from service this month.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAM WRECKER NO. 38 was moved recently from the museum to the Duluth, Winnipeg, and Pacific shops in Virginia for restoration by the DWP. Club member Bruce Smith, a DWP machinist and foreman, will monitor the work there for the museum. We are grateful to member Phil Larson, DWP Superintendent, for arranging this project.

THE DULUTH WINNIPEG AND PACIFIC, through the efforts of Phil Larson, has made available to the club and museum one stall in their West Duluth roundhouse for equipment storage and heavy restoration work. When the legal arrangements have been finalized members will be asked to help prepare the facility for work projects. The Hanna Mining Co. electric locomotive will be moved there soon as the first project at that facility.



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Newsletter

April 7, 1975

MEETING: The next meeting of the Transportation Club is scheduled for 7:30pm, Friday April 11, in the Multi-Media Room of the Heritage Center. Members and guests are requested to use the Fifth Ave/Track Level entrance to the railroad museum, as the main lobby at Michigan St. is not generally open.

Topics of discussion are to include plans for the events of the next several months. Program material should include some fine BN films of the Great Northern "Empire Builder," through the courtesy of Tom Hoff, and a slide series by Frank King, taken at a recent convention of T.R.A. I.N. in Alabama. Refreshments will be served during the evening.

ANNUAL MEETING: Our annual meeting, held on February 28, was well attended by over 75 members, and business was conducted on several important matters. The new Constitution and By-laws were approved by a large majority, and the slate of candidates proposed by the nominating committee was elected by unanimous vote. The following persons will hold the respective positions for two years, commencing immediately:

Walt Fulton.....Vice President for Administration

Roy Nelson.....Treasurer

Tom Gannon.....Director, Equipment Restoration

Phil Larson.....Director, Operations & Safety

Ted Applequest.....Director, Exhibits & Displays

Our Congradulations, Gentlemen!

A shop tour for the March meeting had to be cancelled, but will be rescheduled for a later time this year.

PAMPHLET: Included with this Newsletter is a copy of the Museum Guide pamphlet, which will be provided for visitors upon formal opening of our facility. Tentative plans call for the museum to be officially opened

to the public in the early part of June, giving us a little less than two months to do a great deal of work. The desire to get started on exterior beautification, of course, is now postponed by the recent weather conditions, but much can be done now to make ready the various pieces of rolling stock. If each member would contribute a small part of his time to the effort, a more successful grand-opening will be possible.

Concurrent with that event will be the formal dedication of Mallet #227 by the Missabe Veterans group, and a week-long appearance of the "art train." This six coach display, containing many oil paintings, sculptures, ceramic pieces, and other interesting items, (valued in the millions) has been on tour recently in the South and West, and comes to Duluth via Ashland, Wisc. It will occupy track #1 along the Depot.

CONVENTION: The convention of T.R.A.I.N., an association of museum, historical, and fan-tourist rail groups, was held in Birmingham, Alabama during mid-March. Composed of both professional and non-professional rail enthusiasts, some of its activities are directed at preserving any and all aspects of steam operation, locating spare parts for its members, and speaking the wishes of its members with any other groups necessary. The LSTC was subsequently enrolled into the association, by our able representatives, Frank King and Chuck Wiesner.

The highlight of the weekend was a 50-mile round trip tour of the vicinity of Birmingham, under steam power of the Southern R.R. number 4501. The privately owned Mikado, sporting fresh green and gold of the famous Crescent Limited, was on her break-in run following extensive overhaul.

EQUIPMENT: It has just been announced that the N.P. rotary snowplow #2 will begin its voyage from Cadillac, Mich. shortly, and should be arriving in two to three weeks.

D & IR coach #19 has had its roof work completed, and final painting of the sides is now under way, and should provide added emphasis to its beauty in Pullman green with gold-leaf lettering. Door and window stripping is due to sent out because of its difficulty and detail.

THE MODEL RAILROAD PROJECT has advanced considerably during the past month with many model railroaders showing up on Wednesday evenings. The problems encountered with the trackwork last Fall are being corrected and the design of the wiring plan is under way.

RESTORATION WORK is moving ahead well with a good turnout of members for Saturday work projects. The wooden walkway over the tracks at the west end of the museum was recently completed. Major advances have been made in work on D&IR coach no. 19 directed by Tom Gannon. Dale Carlson and Bob Mortinsen have begun work on DM&IR caboose C-12. Jergen Fuhr has been guiding efforts to finish DM&IR caboose C-9. Carl Ekholm has begun repair work on the Minnetonka. Repair work on the Milwaukee Road coach will resume as soon as replacement glass for the windows has been acquired. Chuck Wiesner will be installing rebuilt windows on his Soo Line diner-lounge soon as restoration of that car progresses for Summer operation. Construction of a stairway to the cab of the DMIR Yellowstone is nearly complete.

SCHEDULED WORK DAYS at the museum are as follows:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Wednesday	6:30-9:30PM	Model railroad	Jim Long 724-8128 Ed Knych 525-6244
Thursday	7:00-10:00PM	Equip. restoration	Tom Gannon 525-3390 Dale Carlson 624-4496
Saturday	9:00AM-4:00PM	All work	Dave Carlson 722-5097 Wayne Olsen 724-1841 Jim Long 724-8128

Members who wish to help with projects at the museum but find the present schedule inconvenient should contact one of the officers to arrange an alternate schedule.

David R. Carlson
Secretary



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NEWSLETTER

May 8, 1975

THE NEXT MEETING will be held at 7:30 P.M. Friday, May 16, in the Multi-media Room of the Heritage Center. Please use the Transportation Museum entrance. Preparations for the museum opening in June will be discussed followed by several films of steam trains in the Midwest from Mark Olson. Refreshments will be served.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14 is the date set for our June meeting. It will be held at 7:30 P.M. at the Transportation Museum. Plans for Summer activities will be discussed. Following will be a large Swap 'n Shop. Bring your unwanted railroad models, tinplate trains, rail photos, and railroadiana to sell or trade. Also, the Multi-media Room will be open for slide showing and anyone wishing to bring slides is invited to do so. Out-of-town members are encouraged to help with some of the work projects Saturday at the museum and attend the meeting in the evening. Twin Cities members can AMTRAK to this meeting! Refreshments will be served.

THE APRIL MEETING was well attended and everyone enjoyed the excellent films of NP, GN, and SOO steam in Minnesota, courtesy of Tom Hoff.

THE ROTARY HAS ARRIVED. On Monday, April 28, Burlington Northern delivered Northern Pacific rotary snow plow No. 2 to the museum following a long journey from Cadillac, Michigan via Chicago. It will be moved into the museum for restoration and display.

CANADIAN NATIONAL COACH NO. 5375 has been moved to the museum. Recently in commuter service in the Montreal area, the car is being donated by Canadian National to the museum for use in excursion trains.

AFTER MANY WEEKS OF WORK, directed by Tom Hoff, the MINNETONKA was repainted and lettered for its Summer tour of cities and towns on the BN. We look forward to its return later in the year.

DISMANTLING of the WILLIAM CROOKS locomotive at the St. Paul Union Depot is now complete. It has been shipped to Proctor for reassembly and will be at the museum in time for the May 30 dedication of the DM&IR Yellowstone.

RESTORATION work is continuing on all displays to be ready for the June opening. Wednesday and Thursday evenings and Saturdays are scheduled for equipment restoration.

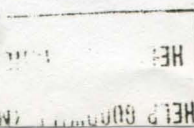
A CHANGE IN SCHEDULE for work on the model railroad has been made with Wednesday and Thursday evenings designated for such work.

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WEEKDAYS will be available for those who wish to help at the museum for the next two weeks. Frank King will be there working on projects to be ready for May 30 and ARTRAIN Open House in June. Perhaps some of our members who are retired or those who have days off during the week may be able to help.

CONSTRUCTION of the first display cases for the museum is under way by the Duluth Area Vocational and Technical Institute. Walt Fulton designed the units for the museum and the first one will be donated by Delta Nu Alpha, a transportation fraternity in the Duluth-Superior area.

OLIVER IRON MINING NO. 900, the museum's 1940 Alco Diesel switcher, has been leased to Hallet Dock Co. for the Summer months for switching coal on their property.



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