

LAKE SUPERIOR TRANSPORTATION CLUB

Lake Superior Museum of Transportation and Industry

506 WEST MICHIGAN STREET • DULUTH, MINNESOTA 55802

NEWSLETTER

January 22, 1976

THE ANNUAL MEETING will be held Friday, January 30, 1976 beginning at 7:30 P.M. in the Multi-Media Room at The Depot. An election of officers will be held for the five positions which are up for election: President; Vice President, Liaison and Public Relations; Secretary; Director, Model Railroad; and Editor.

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Jim Long, Bob Heyer, and Jim Morin, has submitted the following slate of candidates for consideration:

President

David R. Carlson

Vice President, Liaison and P.R.

Patrick C. Dorin

Secretary

David E. King

Director, Model Railroad

Charles G. Summers

Editor

John L. Blamey

The Executive Council has proposed the following ammendments to the Constitution and By-Laws for ratification by the membership at the Annual Meeting:

Article III, Section 7. Dues Remittances shall be changed to read: "All dues for membership shall be remitted to Lake Superior Transportation Club. Members who join July 1 or later shall pay one half the annual dues for the respective class of membership."

Article IV, Section 5 shall be changed to read Vice President, Public Relations and the following shall be added: (g) He shall be responsible for scheduling programs for general membership meetings.

Article IV, Section 12 Editor (a) shall be changed to read: "He shall be responsible for the periodic publication of an L.S.T.C. newsletter not less than four times per year."

Any member who does not have a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws may get one from the Secretary at the above address, pick one up at the Transportation Museum, or at the Annual Meeting.

Harold Andresen of the Douglas County Historical Society will present a film program of transportation history of the Duluth-Superior area.

In an effort to develop a public relations program and a historical record for our club we are seeking from members the donation or loan (for copying) of 35 mm. color slides and color and black and white prints of museum exhibits and club activities such as fan trips. If any member has such material to contribute please contact Dave Carlson at the club address or at 218-722-5097 or bring them to the Transportation Museum on Saturday, January 31.

DUES ARE DUE! January 31 is the deadline for dues payment for 1976. Please send your remittance promptly. Annual membership dues are payable as follows:

Voting	\$8.00	Available to individuals aged 16 years or over.
Associate	\$5.00	Non-voting membership available to individuals aged 16 years or over residing outside the Duluth-Superior metropolitan area.
Junior	\$3.00	Non-voting membership available to individuals aged 15 years and under.

Don't miss out on the many activities that are planned this year which include:

A special open house at the Transportation Museum for area railway brotherhood members and their families.

The Spring Rally of the Thousand Lakes Region, National Model Railroad Association at the Hotel Duluth May 14, 15, and 16. This event will draw model railroaders and their wives from a five-state region and part of Canada. Activities will include movies and slides, model and photo contests, a banquet, and several tours and excursions. Jim Morin is Committee Chairman.

MUSEUM

The Grand Opening of the Transportation Museum is tentatively set for June 1 and will include many festivities.

Railfan excursion to Fort Francis, Ontario via DW&P Ry. in August.

Third Annual Model Railroad Show to be held in November.

Other activities will be announced as plans become more definite.

ENCLOSED with this newsletter is a membership list effective for the end of 1975. If you have a change of address please notify the club secretary.

EXHIBITS AND DISPLAYS: Ted Appelquest reports that the display cabinet donated by Delta Nu Alpha has been mounted on the south wall at the museum and finishing touches are being made before exhibits will be placed inside. A lighting system for the cabinet is being developed. One more cabinet is presently on order. Several lanterns, gauges, and marker lights are being restored for exhibit by Carl Ekholm and Bruce Smith. A great deal of other material including timetables, photos, maps, headlights, bells, and more must be cataloged for future exhibit. Any member wishing to assist in these areas should contact Ted at 724-4802.

MODEL RAILROADERS in the club have begun a series of monthly clinics on various phases of model railroading. In December a group took Amtrak to the Twin Cities to visit and operate the layout of the Twin City Model Railroad Club at the St. Paul Union Depot. This month John Smith hosted and presented a clinic on building model structures. The next one is scheduled for February 3 and covers decal application on rolling stock. Those who are interested and want more details are invited to take an active part in the model railroad construction project at the Transportation Museum. The regular workers will be happy to share their vast knowledge with interested persons!

Woodcraft Hobby is sponsoring its 6th Annual Model Railroad Show at the Har Mar Mall Shopping Center in St. Paul on February 22. This years theme is the "Spirit of 76" with a special contest for original Bicentennial color schemes custom painted on models. There is no admission. Last year over 12,000 people attended.

OPERATIONS AND SAFETY: Phil Larson reports that a Book of Rules for museum operations has been prepared and will be reviewed at a future club meeting.

EQUIPMENT RESTORATION: Tom Gannon reports the following projects are under way:

D&IR Ry. Coach No. 19 - Stripping the interior is nearly complete and refinishing the windows is progressing well. DM&IR Ry. Car Department personnel have completed lettering and numbering of the car.

N.P. Rotary Snow Plow No. 2 - Rebuilding of several doors has been started. Stripping, painting, and lettering is still required.

DM&N Caboose No. C-12 - The exterior has been stripped and is being repainted by Dale Carlson, Bob Heyer, and Jergen Fuhr. Lettering will be required

BN Dynamometer Car B-10 - The car has been cleaned by Dave Wood. Gordon Mott is currently preparing the car for exhibits that are in planning.

C.N. Coach No. 5375 - Northland Equipment Co. of Duluth donated a sandblasting job on this car. Bob Hanninen, Mark Olson, Wayne Olsen, and Bob Mortinsen have been doing bodywork on the car preparatory to being sent to the DW&P Virginia shops for painting and lettering. Window repair work is necessary also.

N.P. Baggage-RPO No. 1447 - The RPO section is being restored by Wally Ruce.

Soo Line Cafe-Lounge No. 2017 - This car is being restored by the Dining Car Dept. (???) and Chuck Wiesner.

Many others have assisted with these projects but those mentioned have made a special effort. More help, skilled and unskilled, is needed.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS: Frank King reports the following acquisitions:

Northern Pacific Stock Car No. 83999 - This 40' car built in the early 1930's was received in exceptionally good condition.

A tractor and two baggage-mail carts were donated by Howard Evans of Lutsen, Minn. They were formerly used by the St. Paul Union Depot.

A former Soo Line baggage cart was donated by Bud Herman of Superior, Wis.

The Shaw, Minn. Depot of the DW&P Ry. (site of the photo stop on last summer's Virginia railfan trip) will be donated and moved to the Transportation Museum in late Summer. It will be located west of the museum building and restored as a small town depot.

CLUB WORK SCHEDULE:

Tuesdays	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Model railroad.
Wednesdays	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Model railroad.
Thursdays	7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Equipment restoration.
Saturdays	9:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Equipment restoration, Displays.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

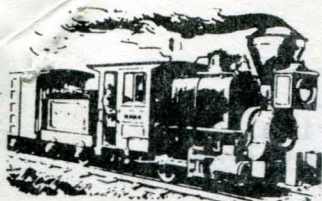
The past 3 years has seen our Museum transformed from an abandoned weed-covered set of tracks to an active and living center of transportation history ranking with the finest rail museums in the United States. It is an established fact that much of our success is due to the cooperation of local railroads and industries; however, without the dedicated efforts of many of our club members, we would not be at the point where we are today. To these members who have contributed many hours of unselfish service I wish to express my sincere appreciation and to say "Thank you."

Looking ahead during this Bicentennial year, there is still much to be accomplished which will be a real challenge to us. Our museum has gained national recognition and it is up to us to accept the responsibility of growing prominence. I ask each and every one of you to look for an opportunity to be of service at the Museum. We will continue to be open during week-ends and mid-week evenings all through the winter. Plans are to re-open full-time in May for the summer months. The model railroad and equipment restoration programs need continuing attention and members with talents in carpentry, painting, and electricity as well as a sincere desire to help in other ways are especially needed for projects throughout the Museum.

I am pleased to have had the privilege of being the President of the club for the last 3 years. Much of what we hoped for in the beginning has been achieved; however, there is still lots to be done. I would respectfully ask that you continue to support the President-elect and other officers during the year ahead. It is through our combined efforts that the Museum will continue its forward progress.

Thank you again.

- Wayne C. Olsen

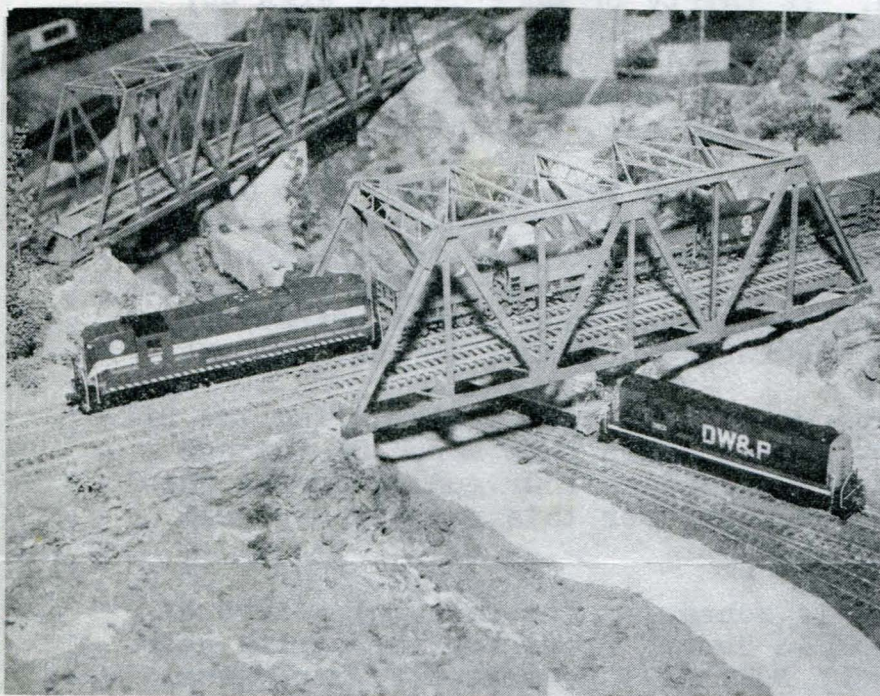


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From the Charles Summers collection.
Scenery and Art work by Bob Miller.
Photo by Blamey's Studio.

SPRING, 1976.

The model railroad lay-out is to be re-vamped with a number of significant design changes. The basic plan was designed by Ed Knyich, and drawn to scale by Ron Erdman. The new plan has been approved by the active Model Railroaders of the Club, after a series of discussions. Hopefully, the new layout will be ready for display in May. The new work schedule for this project will be Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, 7 to 9:30 P.M. and Saturdays from 10 A.M. Ray Bushnell will co-ordinate the Saturday sessions and the evening sessions will be under the direction of Charles Summers and Jim Long.

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING.

After he had gaveled the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. on January 30, 1976, and the secretary had read the minutes, Wayne Olsen announced he was stepping down from the President's chair. An inspiring, impromptu speech followed where he outlined the goals, and achievements, of his tenure of office, and his appreciation of the help he had received from the members. The assembled members responded with applause and words of regret in his stepping down.

The new officers were duly elected by vote. They are: President, David R. Carlson; Liaison and Public Relations, Patrick C. Dorin; Secretary, David E. King; Director of Model Railroad, Charles G. Summers; Editor, John L. Blamey.

Also elected for the coming year, as the Nominating Committee: Jurgen Fuhr, Dale Carlson and Wayne Olsen.

After refreshments, the evening concluded with a film program by Harold Andresen of the Douglas County Historical Society. Featured were movies of past transportation history and shipbuilding at the Twin Ports.

NEWS ITEMS.

*** An Amtrak trip to Minneapolis is planned for Saturday, April 24th. A tour of the new Burlington Northern RR. Northtown multi-million yards will be included. And, hopefully, also a tour of the MTM projects. Also, planned, is a visit to their trolley operation. If thirty or more people sign up, the reduced roundtrip fare will be \$13 plus \$2.00 for a charter bus. Children will be charged at half fare. If seventy-five or more would make the trip, Amtrak would furnish a special car or cars, including a dome car. Contact Wayne Olsen.

***Oliver Iron Mining Co, #900, the Museum's 1940 Alco deisel locomotive has been leased to the Johnson Bros. Construction Co., contractors to the Ortran Coal facility in Superior. The locomotive is being used for spotting cars testing the car unloading equipment. The unit had also been leased, since May 1975, for switching, to the Hallet Dock Co. in West Duluth.

***The Transportation Museum will be open daily during the Silver Broom, World Curling Championship from March 22 through March 28th. Volunteers are needed as tour guides during this period. Any member who can serve for this purpose may call Dave. Carlson, 722-5097.

***The next club meeting is scheduled for March 29, 1976 at 7:30 P.M. in the Multi-Media room. Plans for the coming year will be discussed. Gordon Mott will present a film program. Refreshments will be served.

WHERE WERE YOU IN 1975?

Or, maybe, 1974, for that matter! In reviewing the membership applications, 170 in all, 65 members indicated an interest in doing restoration work. 71 were interested, they said, in model railroading work. Forty-one would paint. Five could do welding. Nineteen would be able to do electrical work. Nineteen also were interested in carpentry. Artwork, twelve. Well, where are you out there, fellows?

About the best we can boast of, are about ten who are active in the model railroad work. The restoration does no better. Last winter, we could turn out 12 or 14 members for this division. Now for some reason, that number is down to seven or eight at the best. Admittedly, about fifty members live outside our area. We can excuse them, and we do welcome their continued support. Some members, in filling out their applications, indicated more than one choice. Which was fine, they could find something to do here with so much untapped talent.

The Grand Opening of the Depot Museum is set for, June, 1976. One might say, don't worry, that's a long way off. Plenty of

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time. But, it is only ten work Saturdays away! Members you will be as welcome as the 7th. Cavalry during an Indian attack if you would come down and help out! May we look forward to seeing you next Saturday, or any Wednesday or Thursday evening?

A LOOK BACK.

Have you had company for dinner lately? Or, has the wife been complaining about the lack of storage space? Consider than, what the dining cars could accomplish! In 1941, the Baltimore & Ohio R.R. and the Alton R.R. had 42 full diners in operation seating 36 guests, 8 cars which could seat 30 people, 18 cafe-parlor cars, and 4 cafe-club cars. The galley in any of these cars contained over 50 cooking utensils. Over 700 plates, cups and saucers and miscellaneous pieces of china and crockery were aboard. 300 pieces of glassware. Silverware, about 600 pieces. There were about 145 pieces of equipment in the pantry, which also contained salads, ices, fruits, ice cream and other foods not prepared in the kitchen. Each waiter washed his own dishes. 1100 pieces of linen were stowed aboard each car.

Staffed by as many as four cooks, 8 waiters plus the steward. All of this in a space 9 ft. by 80 ft. long! Or, 720 square feet! Much less than the average home. An elaborate Commissary based in Baltimore with branches in Cincinnati and Chicago served the vast network. Stewards and cooks would wire ahead their needs and pick them up while passing through any of the above cities. Special parties and tours required extra pre-planning. In one month, the amount of perishables, purchased, was staggering! B&O would purchase 3712 lbs. of bacon, 22,316 lbs of beef, 11,253 lbs of fowl, 5432 dozen eggs, 15,000 lbs of fish, 8900 lbs of ham, 2300 lbs. of turkey. And that last item wasn't in December, as you might think, but in June! It took \$3000 in ice and fuel each month. The liquor bill was, also, \$3000. The laundry bill ran from \$3000 to \$6000 monthly. Crockery and glass replacement cost \$1600 monthly, and silverware, \$632. A monumental job of logistics! FROM "TRAIN", JAN. 1941.

A LOOK AHEAD.

***An Open House is scheduled for March 28, Sunday, for railroad employees and their families. Posters and invitations are now being processed. They will be sent out to all railroad terminals. Hours will be from one to five. Guides will be needed.

***On the week-end of May 14-15-16, our Model Railroaders will be host to the convention of the Thousand Lakes Spring Rally. 200 guests are expected from, Western Ontario, Manitoba, North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota. A full program of entertainment is planned for them. Friday evening at Hotel Duluth headquarters will be registration night. Registration will also extend into Saturday morning. Saturday morning tour busses will take the guests to visit the new Ortran facilities in Superior, Wisconsin. Followed by a tour of the Burlington Northern shops and roundhouse. For the ladies, a bus tour of "Discover Duluth" is planned. Followed by lunch at Spirit Mountain. The men will lunch at the Carlton House. At 1:30 in the afternoon a harbor tour is planned, aboard

an excursion boat. Followed by a tour of the Transportation Museum and Depot. Saturday evening there will be a social hour and banquet at Hotel Duluth. After the banquet, guests will be invited to inspect the model railroad lay-out in selected homes. Sunday morning, the special treat will be a rail excursion to Two Harbors over the D.M.I.R.R. With a visit to the Depot which now houses the Lake County Historical Society. The fare for the lunch, banquet, boat trip and train ride will be a package, priced at \$19.76.

***This will be the big excursion event of 1976! A two day trip to Fort Frances, Ontario, Canada. An excursion train to accommodate 400 passengers is being planned. 200 motel rooms have been spoken for. "TRAINS" magazine is to give the club coverage. The trip will be sold as a package offer. Train fare, meals and lodging at a moderate price. Invitations have been sent out to Governor Anderson and other officials. The date is firm for August 6th. and 7th. 1976. More details in the next Newsletter.

PROGRESS REPORT.

***From our treasurer, Roy Nelson, 150 members have paid their 1976 dues to date. The 30th. of March is the deadline for paying dues. If you haven't done so, send your check, this is the last Newsletter you will receive unless your membership is paid.

***From Tom Gannon, in charge of restoration work, E. Wally Johnson has replaced doors and hatch covers on the Rotary snow plow. Stripping off the old paint is now in progress. The D.M. & N. caboose #12 is well along on the exterior. It has had one coat of paint and is ready for the second coat. Then the lettering will be done. Coach #19, the pride of the fleet, has the windows sanded and painted and are now ready to re-install. Help is needed to strip the interior. Mr. Gannon reports that Bob Bloomquist has painted the steps leading to the snow plows and cars. The Canadian National passenger has been sand-blasted, received necessary body work and is now ready for interior painting. After this is done it will be sent to the D.W.P.R.R. shops in Virginia for exterior paint work.



BERNIE WHO?

No, no, Bernadine Rolle! Known to all as Bernie. She's the cute gal who has faithfully taken care of the reception desk every week-end through the cold winter, and yet had a warm and friendly welcome for our visitors. She has also helped with the window work on coach #19, wiped locomotives, cleaned snow-plows and been a cheerful and efficient help to all. Bernie is a 3rd. year student at the Villa, majoring in elementary teaching. We hope she will be with us for a long time! Bernie says note winter hours: Sat. 10 to 5 p.m. Sun. 12 to 5 p.m.

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1975 FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance, December 31, 1974 \$1146.46

Income:

Dues payments	\$1100.00	
Interest earned on savings	53.46	
Ticket sales for excursion (7/26)	339.00	
Model Railroad Show admission	308.25	
Donations	<u>29.59</u>	<u>1830.30</u>
		\$2976.76

Expenses:

Printing	182.83	
Postage	290.00	
Stationary & supplies	89.37	
Refreshments	209.96	
Program	108.57	
Contributions to museum projects	350.62	
Cost of excursion train (7/26)	339.00	
Publicity	78.93	
NMRA membership	16.00	
Refunds for dues or tickets overpayment	45.00	
Long distance telephone calls	18.83	
Bank service charges	<u>6.80</u>	<u>1735.91</u>

Balance, December 31, 1975 \$1240.85

Respectfully submitted,
David R. Carlson
Secretary & Acting Treasurer-1975