

LAKE SUPERIOR
TRANSPORTATION CLUB *NEWSLETTER*



Photo: Collection of Wayne Olsen

1963 View of Duluth Union Depot from old Spalding Hotel. Note 6th Avenue viaduct in background removed shortly after photo was taken due to urban renewal. Also, side or avenue entrance to depot was removed shortly after photo was taken.

LAKE SUPERIOR TRANSPORTATION CLUB 1979 OFFICERS


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MAY MEETING

The May meeting will be on the 18th at 7:30 P.M. in the Multi-media Room of the Depot. Entertainment will be a slide presentation on the new Edmonton, Canada light rail vehicle system, provided by Bill Graham, President of the Minnesota Transportation Museum. In addition, 16 mm movies on the Twin Cities streetcar lines in the 1940's, will be shown. You will not want to miss this program.

JUNE MEETING

The June meeting will be on the 29th at 7:30 P.M. in the Multi-media Room of the Depot. Allan Anway will present an 8 mm film of steam excursion train action around Chicago in the 1960's.

HERE
IS
YOUR
SPECIAL
TUIT ! 



*(cut it out and keep it handy)
At last we have them, and in
sufficient quantity for each of our
members to have one for his or her
very own!*

We are lucky, fellow members. A few years ago the Minnesota Transportation Museum obtained a quantity of TUIT's which were distributed to their membership in March of 1977. Recently a surplus of these were found during the last house cleaning at the Como shops.

These TUIT's are not easily obtained and the round ones are really hard to come by. However, now that we have them, all our problems should be over. No member of the L.S.T.C. should be heard

saying "Sure I'll work some Saturday down at the Depot, as soon as I get a round TUIT." or "I'll get out to help at the Riverside line when I get a round TUIT". Now every L.S.T.C. member has a round TUIT.

We hope some results will come from the distribution of these TUITs and thanks go to Scott Heiderich of the M.T.M. for supplying us with them.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

We are constantly looking for programs for our meetings. Anyone who has a program or knows of one available, please send the information or get in touch with Mark Olson or Dave Carlson c/o the museum.

CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, May 12th will be clean-up day at the Museum to get ready for the coming tourist season. There is a lot to be done and the more response from members, the faster it will get done. We encourage any members who have felt left out of museum activities to take this opportunity to volunteer their time and talents.

MODULE LAYOUT

The HC Module Layout is moving along with the four corner tables well on the way to completion. Track work is almost finished, with wiring and scenery yet to be done.

We invite anyone who has an interest in building their own 4', 6', or 8' module to contact Mark Olson at the museum, or phone 624-4482 for the plans and more information.

A \$5.00 committment charge is being asked of module builders. This charge may be credited to purchase some necessary items the Club is buying in bulk quantities to save money. Available now (to those who have paid) is Atlas "Super Flex" nickle silver (code 100) track on plastic ties at 90¢/3' length, and Star brand cork road-bed at 50¢/3' length. Future items available will be the special connector plugs for connecting modules and possibly some wiring supplies. All items will be available on a first come, first served basis until our supplies are exhausted.

Mark Olson

PARKING RAMP

Construction will commence soon on the parking ramp serving the Depot complex and the new Public Library across the street. Since the ramp will be constructed over the tracks at the west end of the museum, some of the museum equipment will have to be stored elsewhere during the construction period.

When complete, the ramp will serve as a protective shelter for equipment now stored outdoors. Eventually, it will be walled in for further security and protection of museum exhibits.

LAST TIME?

If you have not paid your 1979 club dues as yet, this will be the last club mailing you will receive. So if you have been putting it off, don't wait any longer.

FOR MEMBERS ONLY

In keeping with the Club's desire to benefit its members, arrangements have been made with the Transportation Museum to offer to club members, a 25% discount off list price on books and publications they have for sale. This will apply to all present and any new titles they will sell (except in isolated cases where a donation or out-of-print book is involved). An up-to-date membership card will be required and only one discount per title per member allowed. Out-of-town mail orders should be directed to the Lake Superior Museum of Transportation and purchasers will have to pay any shipping costs involved.

Books presently in stock include:

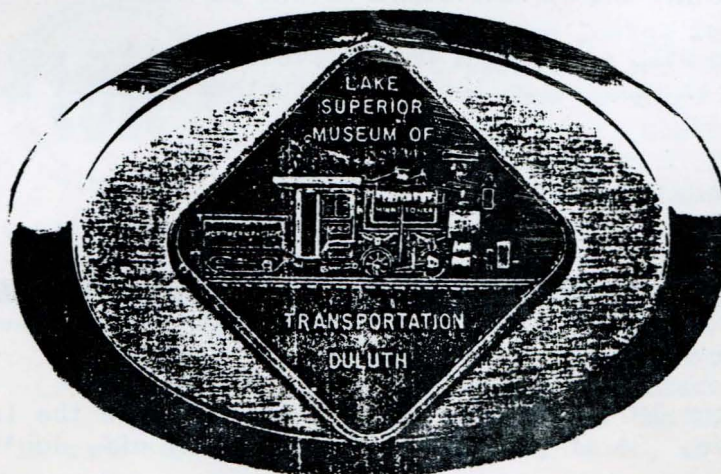
	<u>List Price</u>	<u>Member Price</u>
The Missabe Road	\$15.95	\$12.00
Electric Railways of Minnesota	29.95	22.45
Great Northern Railway (on order)	49.50	37.10
Cinders and Timber		4.00

Minnesota residents must include 4% state sales tax and Duluth residents an additional 1% city sales tax.

As an additional benefit to transportation club members, a private sale of 200 Great Northern dining car dishes from the Museum's collection has been authorized. There is a limit of two dishes per member at \$5.00 each, which will be a donation to the Museum to fund our expanding collection of various railroad's dining car memorabilia. The price is considerably under the antique collectors value on today's market. The dishes to be sold are the "Glory of the West" pattern, round salad plates, 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ " diameter. All are in good used condition and made by Syracuse China Company. Interested members are asked to contact Tim Schandel at the Museum. For safety sake, pick-up should be made at the Museum to avoid shipping risks.

WATCH FOBs, ETC.

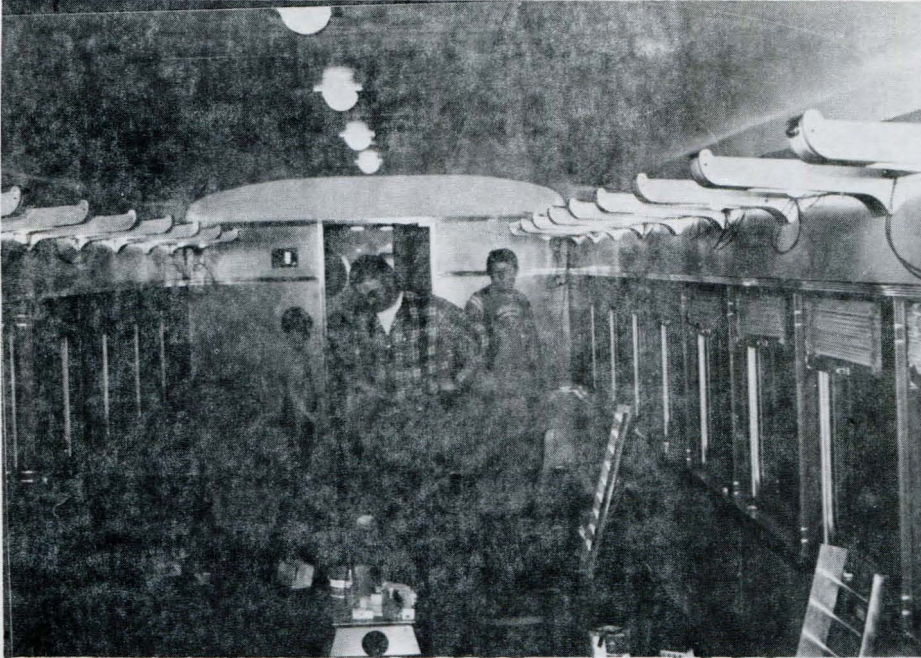
The Club project, watch fob/key ring is now available at the Museum. This features the Minnetonka and is done in bronze or silver. Cost is \$3.00 plus tax.



The bronze emblem is available mounted on an oval, two tone, gold buckle (pictured above) for a total cost of \$6.25 plus tax and 75¢ shipping on mail orders. Direct inquiries to Mark Olson, 707 - 4th Street, Proctor, MN 55810.

Photo by Mark Olson

RESTORATION REPORT



The CNW car has been and continues to be the major project. New carpeting was installed late last fall and over the winter the parlor seats had the old paint removed and the upholstery cleaned. These seats will be painted soon and then installed. The seats were acquired from the Milwaukee Road last summer. The baggage racks, acquired from the BN, have also been cleaned up and are now in the process of being installed. Since the car is an all electric car from Chicago commuter service, we have

to provide a generator in order to operate it. It was designed to use 440 volts from the engine pulling the train. We have acquired a surplus 220 volt generator and a step-up transformer to power the car. Testing is now under way to make sure this combination will work and if it does we will have to install these items on the car.

In the photo above Bob Mortinsen (center) and Randy Schandel (right) work at replacing luggage racks while unidentified visitor looks on.

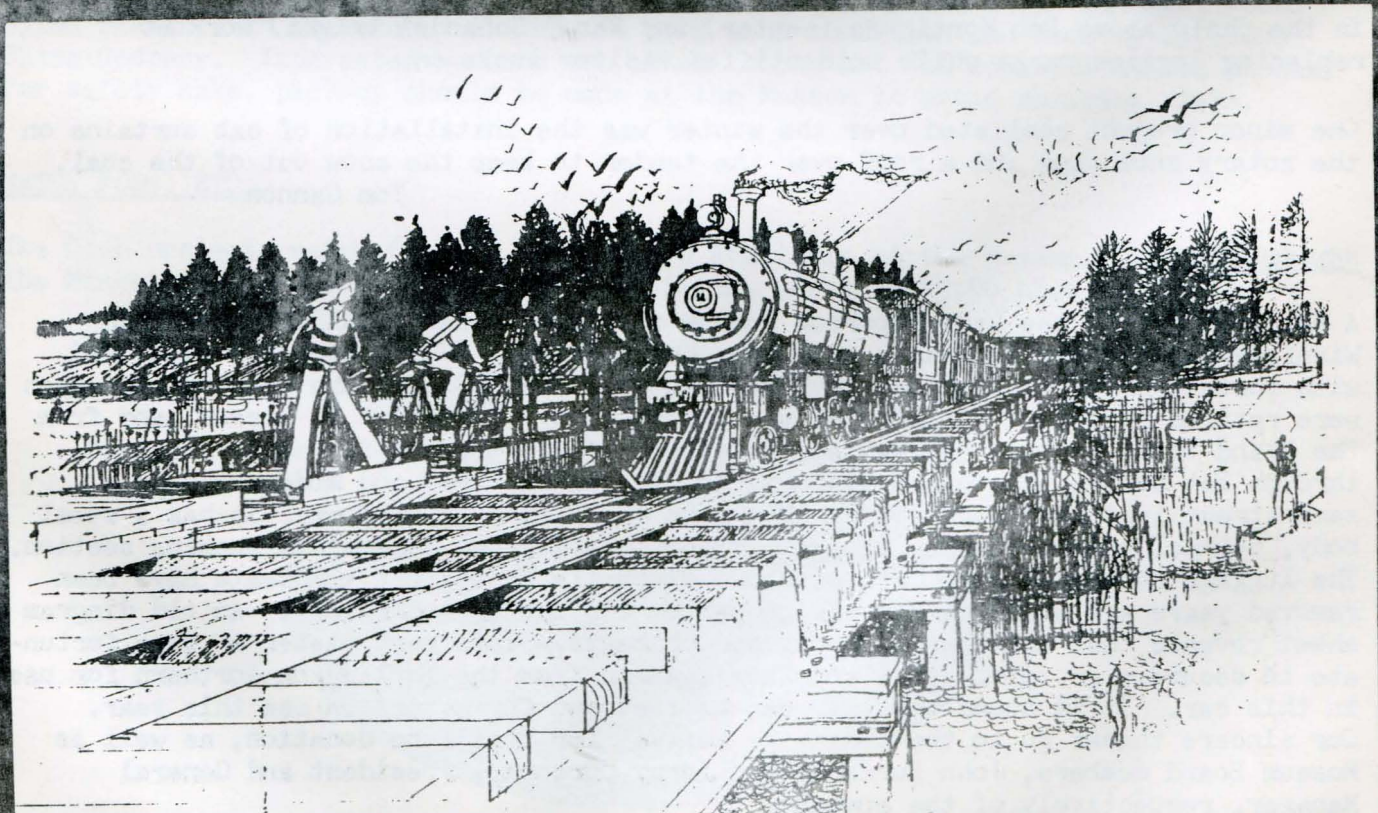
One minor project completed over the winter was the installation of cab curtains on the rotary snow plow and a roof over the tender to keep the snow out of the coal.

Tom Gannon

NEW EQUIPMENT

A new addition to the Lake Superior Museum's passenger car fleet is the Duluth Winnipeg and Pacific Railway's auxiliary coach #70016. This coach has been used with their wrecker outfit for about the last ten years. Both the wrecker and coach were retired this past winter. It was purchased by the D.W. & P. second hand from the Grand Trunk Western Railway as their coach 5327. From information received through Pat Dorin, this coach was originally built in 1910 and modernized to a semi-streamlined configuration in 1954 with large picture windows. It has a steel body, 6-wheel roller-bearing trucks and the interior has a separate smoking section. The luggage racks and both bathrooms are virtually intact but the seats have been removed years ago when the car was converted for use as a crew car. An old diagram sheet reveals that this car formerly had 66 seats. This past winter we were fortunate to secure a group of vinyl and fabric seats from the Burlington Northern for use in this car. It is hoped this car can be restored for excursion use this year. Our sincere thanks go to the D.W. & P. Railway for this fine donation, as well as Museum Board members, John Burdakin and Jerry Corcoran, President and General Manager, respectively, of the company.

Wayne Olsen

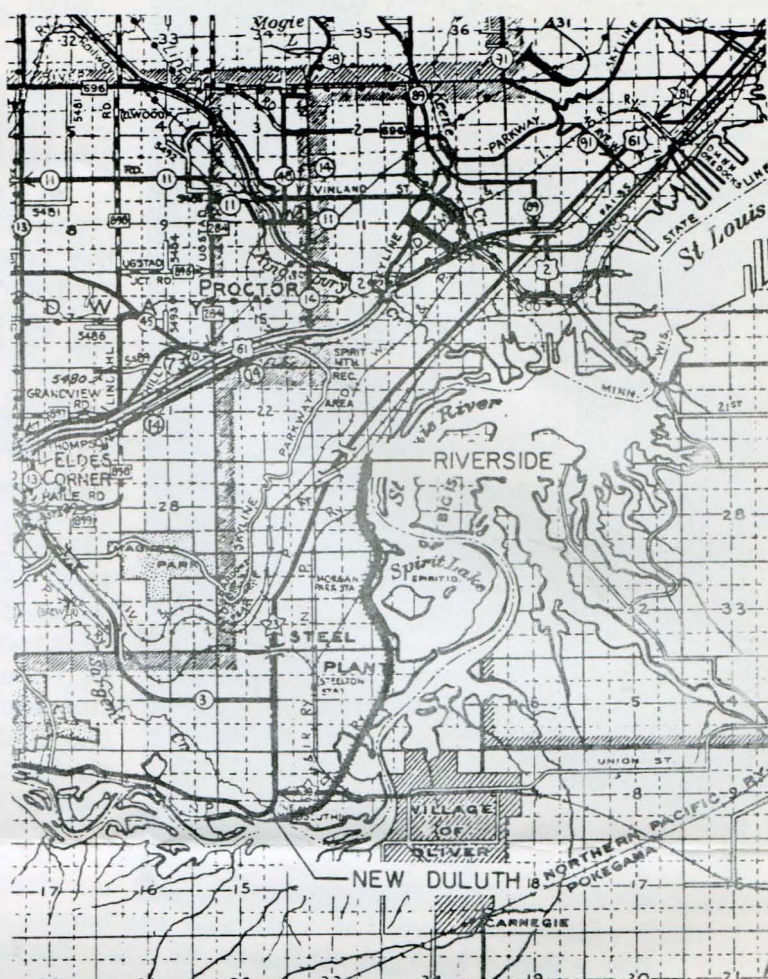


Drawings taken from a City of Duluth, Department of Planning and Development, Physical Planning Division Report dated January, 1979.

WESTERN WATERFRONT TRAIL

A number of very significant commitments towards the development of the Western Waterfront Trail already exist. The City has recently accepted a donation from the Burlington Northern Railway of a 4.3 mile section of abandoned railroad right-of-way. This section, which runs from Riverside to Boy Scout Landing at the foot of Commonwealth Avenue in New Duluth, is the initial portion to be developed and is the section where the Lake Superior Museum of Transportation will run an excursion train. Additional easements or acquisitions are necessary to extend the trail to Fond du Lac and to Indian Point.

The City has received a trail development grant (\$137,500) from the State of Minnesota for initial trail development. The matching local share of this grant is to be provided through donations of labor, equipment, and materials. The Lake Superior Museum of Transportation has committed to provide a major portion of the local share.



The expenditure of existing allocated funds for this project is expected to occur during 1979. This should result in the following construction:

- A. Replacement of one burned out trestle bridge and the repair of other bridges.
- B. Repair of existing trackage and ballast.
- C. Clearing and installation of base material for the hiking, biking, cross-country ski trail.

The extent to which these improvements can be made is in part dependent on the type and extent of donated labor, equipment, and materials.

During May and June, the Club hopes to complete brush clearing operations and possibly start work on some of the track east of the burned out trestle.

A Mayor's Citizens Advisory Committee has been appointed. Represented on the committee are the Lake Superior Transportation Museum, Lake Superior Transportation Club, Izaak Walton League, Fond du Lac Community Club, Gary-New Duluth Community Club, Morgan Park-Smithville Community Club, Duluth Bike Coalition, Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Committee, Duluth Ski Touring Club, Parks and Recreation Board, Riverside Community Club, Arrowhead Hiking Club, Duluth Audubon Society, Planning Commission, and the Arrowhead Zoological Society. The Transportation Museum and Club are represented by Frank King and Dave Carlson, respectively.

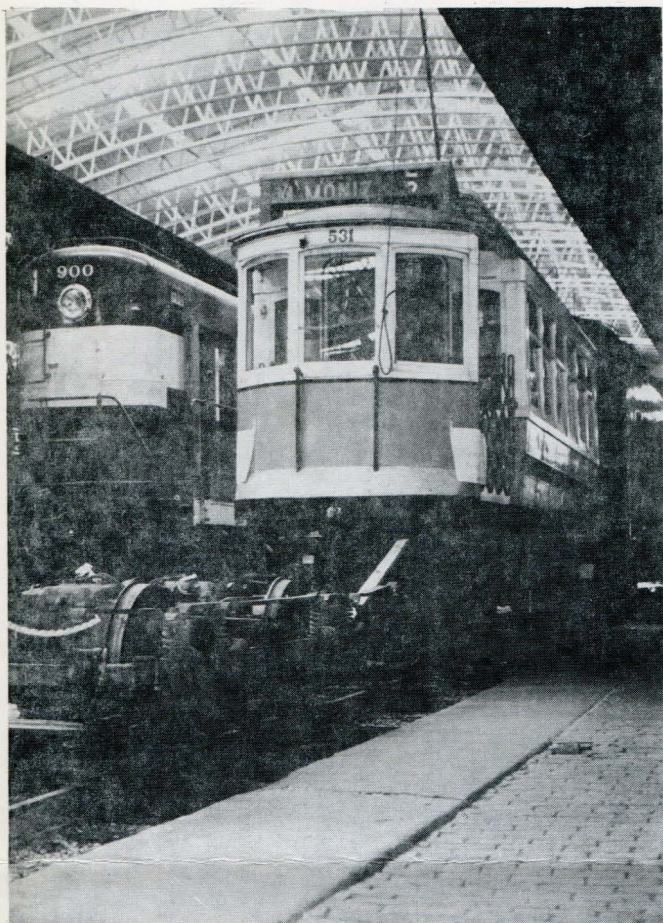


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"DEPOT SQUARE" TROLLEY PROJECT

Work on the trolley car is progressing. Tom Gannon has rolled out the truck for cleaning and renovation. With the exception of a couple of ground wires, all wiring appears to be in good condition. Plans call for steam cleaning, painting and placement of the truck back under the car during June. Various parts, such as the air compressor and main air reservoir, have been sent out for testing and reconditioning.

Materials for construction of the overhead trolley wire system have been ordered. It is hoped that the overhead can be installed inside the museum this summer, in order that the car be test run. Trolley wire suspension beyond the museum and parking ramp will be identical to that used by the Minnesota Transportation Museum on their trolley line at Lake Harriet in Minneapolis, as shown in the accompanying photo. If all goes well, the 1700 foot trolley line should be completed and in operation some time during the latter part of 1980.

F. A. King

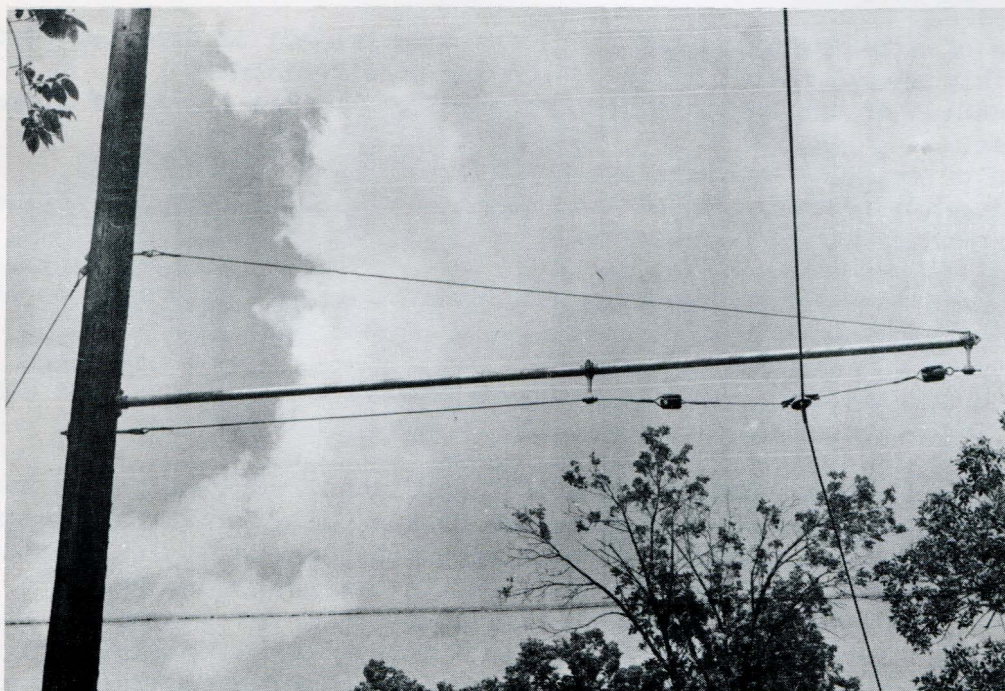


Photo by Frank King

SILVER ANNIVERSARY

On June 18, 1954, 60 years of streetcar operation came to an end in the Twin Cities with the conversion of the Como-Harriet, Oak-Harriet, and Intercampus streetcar lines to buses. That also ended streetcar service in all of Minnesota as well. At one time, streetcars ran on the streets of Duluth, Mankato, St. Cloud, Moorhead, Winona, Breckenridge, Hibbing, Virginia and other cities.

Car No. 1300, a 48 passenger streetcar built right here in St. Paul, in 1908, was used in service right up until June 18, 1954 and was the only streetcar saved when all 1,000 similar streetcars were scrapped. Thanks to the splendid cooperation between the Minneapolis Park Board and the all-volunteer Minnesota Transportation Museum, however, an one-mile portion of the original right-of-way between Lakes Harriet and Calhoun was restored several years ago. Today, the Como-Harriet Streetcar Line provides the only authentic streetcar service in the State of Minnesota carrying over 50,000 passengers between the lakes each summer.

On Sunday, June 17, 1979, the Minnesota Transportation Museum is planning a gala silver anniversary commemoration of the passing of streetcars from the local scene with a special celebration at the Lake Harriet site. Museum members are now cleaning up and repainting No. 1300 for this special event.

Frederic H. Rhodes
Vice-President, Public Relations
Minnesota Transportation Museum, Inc.

ANTIQUE AUTO SHOW

A special show of antique automobiles will be on display at the Lake Superior Museum of Transportation June 2-3. Each car has been beautifully restored by the individual owners, all members of the Arrowhead Chapter, Antique Automobile Club of America. The 10 units to be displayed vary in age from 42 to 70 years old. While some of these cars have been in parades and civic functions in recent years, this will be an opportunity to see them as a group combined in a setting with early railroad locomotives and cars.

The exhibit will be displayed during the regular Depot opening hours 10:00 - 5:00 Saturday and Sunday at the regular Depot admission rates.

Several of the cars expected are: 1906 Sears; 1911, 1915 and 1923 Ford Model T's; 1917 Dodge; 1922 Nash; 1927 Chevrolet and a 1932 Ford. This promises to be a most interesting exhibit and Transportation Club members are encouraged to invite their friends.

TLR-NMRA SPRING CONVENTION

The Thousand Lakes Region, National Model Railroad Association will hold its 1979 Spring Convention in Mason City, Iowa on May 18 - 20. The schedule of activities includes a wine and cheese party Friday evening; tours, clinics, contests, banquet, and auction on Saturday; and business meeting, luncheon, and tours on Sunday. The feature tour Saturday is of the Iowa Terminal Railroad, a 7-mile industrial electric interurban switching railroad. For details contact: Bob Sloan, 30 East Pleasant Lake Road, St. Paul, MN 55110.

NRHS CONVENTION

During the weekend of October 12-13 our Museum and Transportation Club will host the fall convention of the National Railway Historical Society, Mid-west Chapter. There are many details yet to resolve, however, it is possible that our Club may join the N.R.H.S. group in a slide and movie program at the Depot on the night of Friday, October 12.

We are hopeful that tours can be arranged of the D.M. & I.R. Proctor roundhouse and diesel shop and the Burlington Northern pellet storage and shiploader facility in Allouez during Saturday. A social hour and catered banquet is planned for Saturday evening to be held in the railroad museum. This promises to be a fun event as well as provide good exposure for our museum. More information will be forthcoming as plans progress.

MINNESOTA MIDLAND NARROW GAUGE BOXCAR

Believe it or not, there are still three 1878 narrow gauge boxcars in existence which once ran on the old Minnesota Midland Railroad (C.M. & St.P.) between Wabasha and Zumbrota, Minnesota. The cars are now part of a grainery on a farm near Wabasha and are in excellent condition, inspite of being 100 years of age.

Agreement has been reached with the farmer who owns the little cars to swap one for a 40' standard gauge boxcar body which we will obtain from the Hyman-Michaels Company in Duluth. A pair of three foot gauge arch bar trucks for the car have been promised our museum by the Quincy Mining Company near Hancock, Michigan. Quincy Mining has also offered to give us other narrow gauge equipment and artifacts as needed to complete the narrow gauge display. We hope to have this project wrapped up sometime this summer.

Frank King

RECOLLECTIONS

The first diesel to run on the D.W. & P. Railway came down from Canada in July 1955 as a trial run for future operations of their Alco diesels which came in 1½ to 2 years later.

The test run diesels were the A unit type by EMD. The pool crew which took the train from Virginia into Duluth also was the same crew which took it back to Virginia with 156 cars.

It was airtested and put out of the West Duluth yard by Donald Isakson, who at that time was a carman and inspector in the yard. Mr. Isakson is currently Mechanical Officer for D.W. & P.



Carl G. Ekholm
Retired Carman, D.W. & P.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The Lake Superior Transportation Club finished out the year of 1978 with 251 members. They were as follows:

Voting	116
Associate	71
Junior	43
Honorary	21

As of April 21, 1979 L.S.T.C. Membership

	<u>1979</u>	<u>1978</u>
Voting	79	101
Associate	62	58
Junior	24	23

We are compiling information provided by the survey of members interests and will distribute the names and categories to the heads of the various committees.

Dale Carlson

LAKE SUPERIOR TRANSPORTATION CLUB STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Cash on hand, Dec. 31, 1977 \$2432.69

Receipts:

Dues	\$1398.00	
Interest	149.41	
Bus Trip	288.00	
Railfan Trip	254.41	
Watch Fobs	155.18	
Flea Market-Model Railroad Show	160.80	
		<u>2405.80</u>
		\$4838.49

Expenditures:

Postage	\$ 330.73	
Printing	333.14	
Stationery	138.02	
Refreshments	201.29	
Bus Trip	249.90	
Donation to Depot Drive	200.00	
Watch Fob	326.50	
Lionel Train Display	16.75	
Modular Railroad	73.03	
Miscellaneous	14.02	
Service Charge	10.70	
		<u>1894.08</u>

Cash on hand, December 31, 1978

\$2944.41

Bob Cibuzar
Treasurer

Thanks to John Schramek for his past efforts as Editor of the Newsletter. Because of a pressing schedule and other committments, John can no longer continue in this position.

Thanks to my wife, Lynette, for typing and Dave Carlson for his help in assembling this Newsletter.

Mark Olson

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 12	MUSEUM CLEAN UP DAY
MAY 18	GENERAL MEETING
MAY 18-20	T.L.R. N.M.R.A. (MASON CITY, IOWA)
MAY-SEPT.	MORE WORK ON RIVERSIDE LINE
JUNE 2,3	ANTIQUE AUTO SHOW
JUNE 17	M.T.M. SILVER ANNIVERSARY, END OF TROLLEY SERVICE IN TWIN CITIES
JUNE 29	GENERAL MEETING
SEPT. 28	GENERAL MEETING
OCT. 12-14	N.R.H.S. CONVENTION AT MUSEUM

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