



# NEWSLETTER

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## LAKE SUPERIOR TRANSPORTATION CLUB

Lake Superior Museum of Transportation and Industry

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At 8:00 A.M. Sat., Feb. 11, 37 members of the LSTM climbed on a bus for the trip to the Midwest Model Railroad Show at the Northtown Mall in Blaine MN, just outside the Twin Cities.

After having lunch at the mall, some members took a side trip to John's Train Shop and Furlington Northern's Como Shops ( home of the MINNESOTA TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM ).

During the visit at the MTM shops, members were treated to a ride on the Dan Patch Lines gas-electric (now diesel) #100 which has been beautifully restored.

A look inside the shops showed that several of their projects, including old Duluth streetcar #265, are progressing right along.

Thanks should be passed along to the guys at the MTM for the good time we had at their shops.

Vice-President Jurgen Fuhr summed up the trip by saying, "Everyone had a good time."

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Picture at right: Dave captivates members with his rendition of " THE LITTLE TRAIN THAT COULD ".  
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Member Carl Ekholm makes a new friend while President Dave Carlson studies a display.



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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

December 31, 1977

Balance, December 31, 1976

\$1884.04

Income:

Dues	\$1204.00
Interest	116.65
AMTRAK Excursion	1639.00
Fond Du Lac Tour	54.05
Refreshment Sales	56.47
Sale of Models	154.00
Model Show - Sale	34.00

3258.17

\$5142.21

Expenses:

Printing	\$ 383.66
Postage	275.68
Stationery & Supplies	79.25
Refreshments	123.09
AMTRAK Excursion	1584.34
Fond Du Lac Tour	147.30
Long Distance Telephone	36.80
N.M.R.A. Membership	20.00
Bank Service Charges	9.40
T.R.U.E. Contribution	50.00

2709.52

\$2432.69

Now is a good time to explain why there has been no newsletter until now. As most of you know, there is someone new in charge of the newsletter. I am that person. My name is John Schramek, and I will be taking a different approach to this job.

First off, the reason there has been no newsletter until now is because I wanted to see how the membership would react. Not much to my surprise, there was no reaction. This, I feel, is because many of the club members belong to the club just for sake of saying that they belong to a club.

The real workers of the club did react. Some even have gone as far as to ask for my resignation (according to a source).

The second reason is that most of the people I could really talk to at the club have shut up. This means that if I want to find out what's happening at the museum, I must rely on tips from a friend. AND since my source has been muted, I am getting absolutely no information. Members should know that from now on, there will be NO newsletter until there is enough news to print.

From now on I am pleading to have all members send in any information that is news worthy. Send all stories, pictures, and comments on the newsletter to:

JOHN SCHRAMEK  
2132 E. FIRST ST.  
DULUTH, MN 55812

or drop info off at railroad museum desk. ALL pictures must be black & white. ALL pictures will be returned. THANKS.

#### EDITORIAL COMMENT

If I could get a look at the records, I'm sure that I would find that there are a lot of people who are going to be riding the train to the range free. I am not talking about the people who really work, but of the people who wear nametags with fancy names of jobs which really mean nothing. These people seem to be the people who are (or think they are) the big shots around the museum.

Last year while working on the train, I had to step back into the first class section to clean out the leftovers from lunch. While there, I noticed a club member having there fill of wine and cheese. If that is one of the jobs, why was it not offered to other members of the crew?

This year I will not be on the train as I will be out of town. And was very upset when the member I had picked as reporter and photographer for the newsletter was denied a reduced fare.

There should not be a fee for the people working the train. If last year's figures are correct, there was more than enough to reimburse the workers of the train their money. And if this

years train is sold out, like I've been told, there is no reason why workers shouldn't get their money back.

This is the way I feel. How about you? Are you happy about being in a club where the workers have to pay to work? Or do you feel that there is room for change? Let me hear from you. Drop a card or letter to me.

In AUGUST, the newsletter will contain:

- 1) A story on AMTRAK
- 2) The info from the members about the trip
- 3) Any comments on the editorial

Have a nice trip, and see you next month.

My special thanks to the man who took this picture, John Blamey. Without his support I would not be your editor.

This is a shot of me having lunch on the AMTRAK.



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