

Great Northern Railway Historical Society Annual Convention

----- St. Cloud, MN, July 16-20, 2011 -----

Best Western Kelly Inn

(370) 253-0606

Saturday, July 16, 2011

7:00 - 8:00 AM - Registration in the Lobby (for those going on the Saturday Tour)

8:00 AM - Tour departure from the Kelly Inn (Charter buses)

Stops: (Arrive back at approximately 5:00 PM)

- **Osceola & St. Croix Valley Railway**, at Osceola, WI. Ride GN and NP passenger cars on a train that is part of the Minnesota Transportation Museum. Round trip along the St. Croix River to Marine on St. Croix, MN. Box lunch served at Osceola.
- **Iron Horse Central Railroad Museum**, rural Chisago City, MN. Ride the train and view Museum artifacts. Full-size train cars, most from the Northern Pacific.
- **Restored Great Northern Depot**, at Princeton, MN. Built 1902 in a combination of Queen Anne and Jacobean architectural styles, using local Brickton brick.

6:30 PM - "Traditional" Dinner with fellow GNRHS Members at Cafe Renaissance in Waite Park

Sunday, July 17, 2011

6:30 - 8:30 AM - Breakfast on your own.

8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon - GNRHS Board Meeting

10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon - Registration in the Lobby

10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon - Setup for Rail Fair, Model Contest, and Photo Display

10:00 AM - 6:30 PM - Operating Modular "O27" layout (Open to public)

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM - Lunch on your own.

1:00 - 6:30 PM - Rail Fair, Model Contest, and Photo Display

5:00 - 6:45 PM - Dinner on your own

6:45 - 7:00 PM - Welcome to the Convention

7:00 - 8:15 PM - "Wenatchee to Oroville Line" presentation

8:30 PM - ???? - Socializing Time "Meet and Greet Your Fellow GNRHS Members"

- Husky Room, where you can bring your own snacks, drinks, etc.

Monday, July 18, 2011

6:30 - 8:30 AM - Included Breakfast Buffet for paid registrants

8:00 - 11:45 AM - Rail Fair, Model Contest, and Photo Display

8:30 AM - 2:45 PM - Non-Railroad Tour - "Saint John's Bible and tour of St. John's Abbey", lunch at St. John's, stop at Grande Depot (depot relocated, sells kitchen items, antiques).

1:00 - 5:00 PM - "Great Northern St. Cloud Area Comprehensive Program - Freight car and caboose shops, Roundhouse and turntable, Yards, Museums, etc."

5:00 - 7:00 PM - Dinner on your own

7:00 - 9:00 PM - "Bob Downing Remembered" - including video interview, etc.

9:00 PM - ???? - Socializing Time "Visiting and Discussing with Fellow GNRHS Members"

- Husky Room, where you can bring your own snacks, drinks, etc.

Tuesday, July 19, 2011

- 6:30 - 8:30 AM** - Included Breakfast Buffet for paid registrants
- 8:15 - 11:30 AM** - Tour, includes "BNSF Ballast Production - Quarries, crusher, loading; Site of GN St. Cloud/Waite Park Shops; old GN St. Cloud stone depot, etc."
- 8:30 AM - 1:00 pm** - Non-Railroad Tour - "The Working White House: 200 Years of Tradition and Memories" (A Traveling Smithsonian Tour), LBJ Barbeque for lunch.
- 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM** - Lunch on your own.
- 1:00 - 1:55 PM** - "James J. Hill Farms - Then and Now"
- 2:00 - 2:55 PM** - "GN Pictures"
- 2:55 - 3:15 PM** - Break
- 3:15 - 3:55 PM** - "The Winnipeg Limited" and other GN passenger trains of this area
- 4:00 - 4:55 PM** - "Western Fruit Express"
- 5:00 - 7:00 PM** - Dinner on your own
- 7:00 - 9:45 PM** - Model Railroad Tour - Includes live steam and indoor layouts
- 9:00 - ????** - Socializing Time "Talking GN Railroad with your fellow GNRHS Members"
 - Husky Room, where you can bring your own snacks, drinks, etc.

Wednesday, July 20, 2011

- 6:30 - 8:30 AM** - Included Breakfast Buffet for paid registrants.
- 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM** - Non-Railroad Tour - "Historic Charles Lindbergh Home and Museum," with lunch also in Little Falls, MN
- 8:00 - 8:25 AM** - "GN Engine 1355 in Sioux City"
- 8:30 - 8:55 AM** - "St. Cloud to Crookston" and "Sauk Centre to Cass Lake" Routes
- 9:00 - 9:25 AM** - "St. Cloud to Lyndale Jct." and "St. Cloud to Willmar" Routes
- 9:30 - 9:55 AM** - "Willmar to Garretson" and "Garretson to Sioux Falls or Sioux City" Routes
- 10:00 - 10:25 AM** - "Abandoned GN Line, a St. Cloud 'Shortline'"
- 10:30 - 10:55 AM** - "Willmar to Breckenridge," "Morris to Browns Valley," "Aberdeen Line Jct. to Aberdeen," and "Rutland to Forbes" Routes
- 11:00 - 11:25 AM** - "Benson to Huron," "Watertown to Sioux Falls," and "Sioux Falls to Yankton"
- 11:30 - 11:55 AM** - "Coon Creek to Sandstone," "East St. Cloud to Brook Park," and "Milaca to Elk River" Routes
- 12:00 - 1:00 PM** - Lunch on your own
- 1:00 - 1:55 PM** - "Cascade Division in HO Scale - Layout Planning with Historical Research"
- 2:00 - 3:30 PM** - "Modeling the GN - a Modeler's Forum"
- 3:30 - 4:30 PM** - "Great Northern Veterans (Rocky's Rails) - Reminisce and Forum"
- 4:45 - 6:00 PM** - Happy Hour
- 6:15 - 7:30 PM** - Banquet Meal
- 7:30 - 8:00 PM** - Don Hofsommer, Speaker - "Railroad Humor"
- 8:15 - 8:45 PM** - Raffles
- 9:00 - ????** - Socializing Time "Visit and Wish Friends in the GNRHS Godspeed Until Next Year"
 - Husky Room, where you can bring your own snacks, drinks, etc.