



## Northstar Chapter National Railway Historical Society

To: NRHS Board members, Chapter representatives and general membership.

Subject: Summer NRHS Conference

The Northstar Railway Historical Society is hosting the Summer 2013 NRHS conference, which includes Board and National Representative Council meetings, June 27<sup>th</sup> thru July 1<sup>st</sup> at the Minneapolis Airport Marriott hotel, 2020 American Boulevard East, Bloomington MN 55425. The hotel is just off I-494 and 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue, a few blocks from Twin Cities light rail and the Mall of America.

The following activities are planned in addition to the NRHS Board and National Chapter Representative Council meetings. A historic transit bus (Twin City Lines GM from the 1950's) will pick us up at the Airport Marriott and transport us to the grand St Paul Union Depot, which has recently completed a 243 million dollar rehabilitation using federal government stimulus funds and now hosts Metro Transit city and Jefferson Bus Lines inter-city buses. Amtrak will move their Empire Builder trains into this station in late October or November of this year. The next site visit will be to the Minnesota Transportation Museum's Jackson Street Roundhouse. Built for the Great Northern Railway in 1907 and has been owned by MTM since 1984. It is not only a first-class museum, it is also a working shop for MTM and keeps all of their equipment in working order for its tourist railroad operation in Osceola, Wisconsin. We next head over to the site of the former Great Northern Railway Harrison Street shop. This has for several years now been the home of Friends of the 261's CMStP&P steam locomotive #261. Their 4-8-4 Northern type locomotive has just had its 15 year overhaul as required by the Federal Railroad Administration. We will have open access to the facilities at this site. We also will have a box lunch with beverage provided on this tour, and we are allowed to sit in some of the #261 passenger cars for lunch. The final stop on this all-day tour will be at the Minneapolis Interchange Station at the Target Field (Minnesota Twins home baseball park) where we will board the Northstar commuter train departing at 3:57pm for Big Lake, Minnesota. This train returns from Big Lake almost immediately and arrives at the Interchange Station at 5:55pm. Your ticket will allow you to take the Hiawatha light rail train at either 6:06pm or 6:11pm to return to the Mall of America station, across the street (one long block) from the hotel. After dinner on your own at either the Mall of America or at the hotel restaurant, you may enjoy the Hospitality Room that is being provided by our North Star NRHS chapter, and watch slides and video presentations, also done by North Star NRHS members.

The full list of events is shown on the enclosed order form, or available at <http://www.northstar-nrhs.org/conference/>.

Hotel reservations must be arranged individually. The Minneapolis Airport Marriott has a NRHS conference rate of \$89 per night plus taxes for the period June 27 thru July 1. For reservations please call the hotel at 952-854-7441 or their national reservation number 888-236-2427. Please mention you are attending the National Railway Historical Society Conference to get this special rate. This rate does not include breakfast, however the hotel does have an on-site restaurant and there are numerous restaurants within driving distance.

Getting to the Twin Cities by Amtrak is easy, with early morning arrivals from the west and late evening arrivals from the east. Minneapolis-Saint Paul international airport traffic is dominated by Delta Airlines and is also served by American, Frontier, Great Lakes Aviation, Spirit, Sun Country, Southwest, United, US Air and more. The hotel does provide shuttle service to and from the airport, but not Amtrak. Taxi fare from the Amtrak station should be about \$25.

For further information please call our hotline at 952-388-2478 and leave a message, or send an e-mail to: [conference@northstar-nrhs.org](mailto:conference@northstar-nrhs.org). We will get back to you as soon as we can.

Sincerely

John Goodman  
Chairman, 2013 NRHS Conference Committee

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President, Northstar Railway Historical Society

NRHS Summer 2013 Conference  
With Board and Chapter Representatives Council Meetings

# REGISTRATION FORM

*Deadline for orders June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ NRHS Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME TAG: Must be worn during all conference events**

Name as desired \_\_\_\_\_

Office \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse name (for name tag) \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION (for this meeting only)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**Ticket Orders** – Enter quantity of each item desired in the number column and the total amount for each item in the right column.

Event	Number	Price	Total
Registration – 1 per household for entire conference		\$35	
Friday June 28 <sup>th</sup> – Twin City Rail tour. Vintage transit bus, Saint Paul Union Depot tour, Friends of the 261 Shop tour, box lunch, round-trip Minneapolis to Big Lake on Northstar Commuter rail, and a ride on the Hiawatha light rail line.		\$59 Per Person	
Saturday June 29 <sup>th</sup> - Banquet Speaker R. Clifford Black, IV, Amtrak's Chief of Corporate Communications, retired.		\$59 Per Person	
<b>Grand Total</b>			

Please mail this completed form  
and your check made payable to:  
Northstar Railway Historical Society  
NRHS Summer Conference  
PO Box 120832  
Saint Paul, MN 55112-0025

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For Office use only \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received \_\_\_\_\_