



# THE GATEWAY RAILLETTER

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## **UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETINGS**

Wednesday, February 5, 7:00pm

The National Museum of Transportation

Lindburgh Automobile Center, 2nd Floor

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## **MEETING MINUTES from December 4, 2024**

The St Louis NRHS Chapter December 2024 meeting

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Andy Sisk at 7pm at The National Museum of Transportation.

Chapter President, David Huelsing was out sick.

We had no new members or guests at this meeting.

Andy announce that we will not have a Christmas Party and since the January meeting falls on New Years Day our next chapter meeting will be Wednesday February 5th 2025.

Andy asked if there were any corrections to the November 2024 meeting minutes, seeing none he approved the prior meeting minutes by acclamation.

Andy Sisk - Program Director, announced the program tonight is a DVD, "The Golden Twilight of Postwar Steam - Part 4"

Our February 2025 program will be a DVD of a visit to the Kansas City bottoms area in 2008 of train movements.

Rick Sprung - Trip Director, no report

Eileen Weber - Membership

Chapter dues have been reduced to \$14 so please renew

You should have received a letter and emails from National, please renew your membership

The NRHS National sent the November NRHS News to the printer November 19th so you should receive that soon in the mail and the NRHS News convention issue is out on the NRHS web site.

Steve Siegrest - Treasurer, no report

Rick Sprung read a report from Ron Gawedzinski - Chair Investment Committee -- "Dividends and interest continue to grow. Market unpredictable at this time due to recent federal election. Investment Committee will meet in January 2025 to prepare Annual 2024 Endowment Fund Report to the Chapter members."

Rick Sprung read a report from Ron Gawedzinski - National Representative -- For details, see NRHS Fall Conference Report in Gateway RailLetter, December 2024 issue, dated November 22, 2024.

Railletter Editor - Rick announce that we are looking for a new editor for the chapter news letter. Until we find a new editor David and Rick

will put out the chapter news letter. Please send any items and articles to David and Rick.

Steve Binning - Internet Media, No report as he is working the Polar Express tonight.

Taylor Hunt - Chapter Librarian, no report

Ron Zimmer - Parliamentarian, no report

David Huelsing - President, (report given by Rick)

We received three requests for chapter grants, one was approved to the MoPac Historical Society for a new laptop computer.

William Heger - Secretary, was out sick. Al Weber taking the meeting minutes

Old Business - none

New Business - none

Announcements

Saturday and Sunday December 7,8 2024 - The Great American Train Show is in Collinsville, IL 10am to 4pm

Saturday December 7, 2024 - TCA Ozark Division Greater St. Louis Christmas Train Show at Orlando's 4300 Hoffmeister Ave, Saint Louis, Missouri, United States 9am to 3pm

Tuesday December 3, 2024 - Annual Membership meeting for The National Museum of Transportation was held.

The St Louis "THE POLAR EXPRESS™ train ride is running down at St Louis Union Station. Check their web site for availability.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Rick Sprung and the 2nd raffle pick was for a BNSF 2025 calendar won by Kelvin Wilke

Eileen Weber moved the meeting to end and was seconded by Jim Gillespie at 7:20pm.

submitted by Al Weber - Acting Secretary

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President's Message:

A reminder, we will not have a January Chapter Meeting because the meeting date falls on the holiday.

In other news, we are in need of a new Editor for the Railletter. We would like to thank Wayne for his help this year, but he has other obligations and can not continue into 2025. For the time being, Rick Sprung and/or myself will be sending out a shortened form of the Railletter including the meeting minutes. If anyone is interested, you do need internet access, and a working knowledge of editing/publishing software.

David Huelsing

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Milwaukee Road GP38-2 351 switches industries at Brookfield, Wisconsin on December 22, 1985. In a little more than a week the Milwaukee Road would cease to exist when the Soo Line merged it into its system on January 1, 1986. - submitted by Rick Sprung



## POLAR EXPRESS 2024





SAINT LOUIS CHAPTER NRHS  
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Dear St. Louis Chapter Member,

The Chapter starts its renewal cycle each year in October. We have lowered our Chapter dues to \$14.00 per family this year. We would like to have you as a member again in 2025.

Please fill out the attached form and return it to the address indicated. You may also return it at the Chapter meeting.

Thank you for your consideration

Eileen Weber  
Vice President, Membership Services



**St. Louis Chapter National Railway Historical Society Membership Form**

Please type or print legibly, fill in all applicable data, sign and date with check or money order

Name		
Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Country, if not USA	Additional Family Member Name (if joining)	
Referred for Membership in St. Louis Chapter NRHS by:		
Have you previously been a Member of the National Railway Historical Society? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Telephone	Cell	E-Mail
Occupation or Special Talents		

**Regular Membership (\$14.00 Chapter + \$50.00 National) \$64.00**

**-Additional Family Member (\$7.00 National only)**

**Student Membership (\$10.00 Chapter + \$16.00 National) \$26.00**

**\*\*\*It is necessary to be a member of NRHS National to also join a Chapter\*\***

**\*\*If you are already a National Member or paid National dues online ([www.nrhs.com](http://www.nrhs.com)) you can just send Chapter Dues\*\*\***

**\*\*\*PLEASE SEND SEPARATE CHECKS FOR NATIONAL AND LOCAL DUES\*\*\***

Remit To:  
 St. Louis Chapter NRHS  
 Membership VP  
 PO Box 220168  
 Kirkwood, MO 63122

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*I agree to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Railway Historical Society*



## St. Louis Chapter NRHS 2025 Annual Membership Renewal

You will receive a renewal notice from NRHS National separately. National offers online renewal or mail in options. You are encouraged to process your National Membership online at <https://nrhs.com/membership/membership-renewals/>

National renewals can be processed by the Chapter. If you wish to mail them together, Include the **National form & Chapter form** with your payment(s). The Chapter will forward your check and National membership form to them.

**SEPARATE CHECKS ARE REQUIRED FOR NATIONAL AND CHAPTER.**

**\*\*CHAPTER RENEWALS CANNOT BE DONE ONLINE:**

**<https://www.stlouisnrhs.org/ContactUs.html>**

**An additional \$1.00 fee is charged for this service.**

It is necessary to be a member in good standing with NRHS National to also be a Chapter Member.

Regular **National** membership is \$50.00 [Additional members of your family & individuals living in the same household may also become members for just \$7.00 per year]

Student **National** Membership is \$16.00

Regular **Chapter** Membership is \$14.00 (does not include National Membership)

Student **Chapter** Membership is \$10.00 (does not include National Student Membership)

For chapter membership, please include \$1.00 extra if paying by credit card.

Make check(s) payable to:

Chapter Check - St. Louis Chapter NRHS

National Check - NRHS

Please fill out and include the included membership form(s) and mail to"

St. Louis Chapter NRHS

Membership VP

P.O. Box 220168

Kirkwood, MO 63122-0168

**\*\*RENEWALS ARE DUE BY DECEMBER 31 2024**

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