



THE GATEWAY RAILLETTER

St. Louis Chapter NRHS --- www.stlouisnrhs.org

Volume 43 Number 4 - April 2026

Established October 2, 1963

Editor: VACANT - newsletter.exchange@stlouisnrhs.org

President: David Huelsing - dhuelsing@stlouisnrhs.org



BNSF 7862 North meets BNSF 7900 South at Scullin, Oklahoma on May 11, 2013. The 7862 scoots by on the main while the 7900 waits in the siding. This is on the former Frisco line between Tulsa and Dallas.

Photo by Rick Sprung

UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETING

Wednesday, April 1, 2026 7:00 pm
The National Museum of Transportation
Lindburg Automobile Center, 2nd Floor

President's Message

We have been making updates to the Chapter's website. There is a page of Route Guides that make an interesting read. We have also added a page with details on the Chapter's Grant Program, including application forms, and a list of past recipients.

The next deadline is March 31, so if you have a project in need of funding, please submit an application. If you have not visited the website in a while, I encourage you to do so. www.stlouisnrhs.org

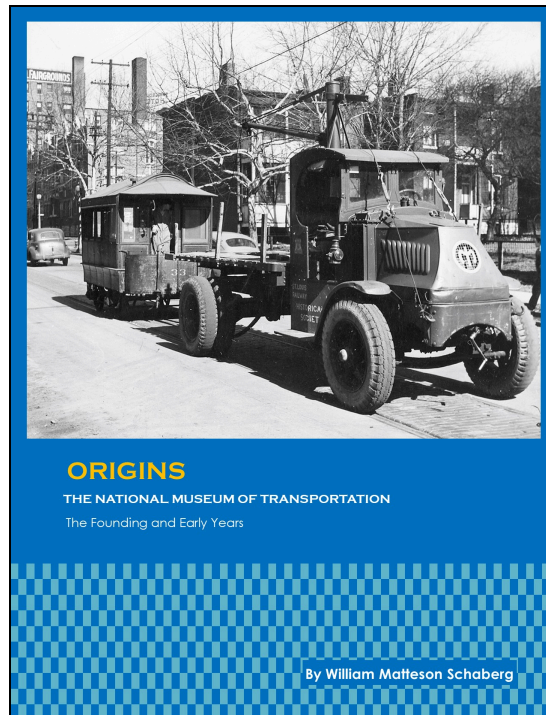
Upcoming St. Louis Chapter Tours

The chapter is planning two historical tours in the St. Louis area this spring for Chapter members.

The first will be a tour of St. Louis Union Station on Friday, April 24. Final details are being worked out, and we would like to have lunch with every one afterwards. The tour is free but we will probably have to pay parking.

The second event is a walking tour of the National Building Arts Center in Sauget, Illinois on Saturday, May 2 at 10:00 am. The emphasis of this tour will be railroad and street car related items in their collection. The cost for this tour is \$10 per person, collected at the site.

We will be sending out an announcement via e-mail as soon as details are finalized. You will need to sign up for them. **Both tours are open only to St. Louis Chapter NRHS members.**



New Book on the History of the National Museum of Transport has Arrived

Origins - The National Museum of Transportation. The Founding and Early Years by chapter member William Schaberg has arrived and will be available for sale at the April Chapter meeting.

The book covers the founding and developing years of the Kirkwood museum (1942 - 1955) based on journals from the founding members and other records. The St. Louis Chapter NRHS financed the publishing of the soft cover book. All sales proceeds go to the museum.

The price is \$25 cash or check (made out to The National Museum of Transport) - no credit cards. William will be there to sign the book. After the April chapter meeting the book will be available for purchase at the museum.

Wabash Passenger Photos

Photos from the David Huelsing Collection, Photographer(s) Unknown

This month we have a collection of Wabash passenger and crew photos from their passenger trains. Enjoy!

Photos 1 - 4 are at St. Louis Union Station. In photo 4 the tracks nearest the camera are track 9 and 10, the two remaining tracks at the station today.

Photo 5 is the Granite City, Ill. depot

Photo 6 is a view from the cab of the old high line bridge at present day LaClede's Landing

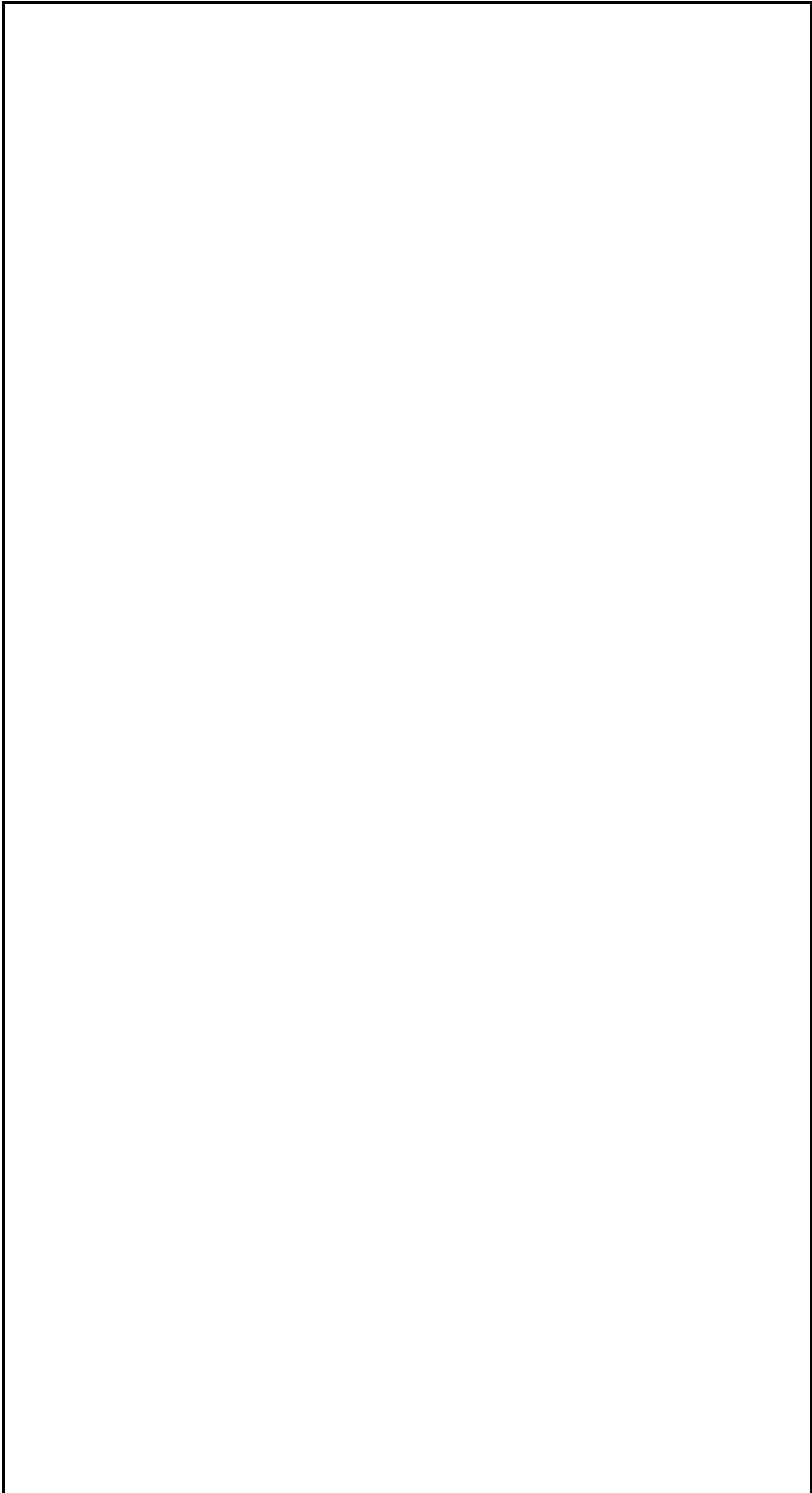
Photo 7 is a view from the cab coming off the west end of the Merchants Bridge

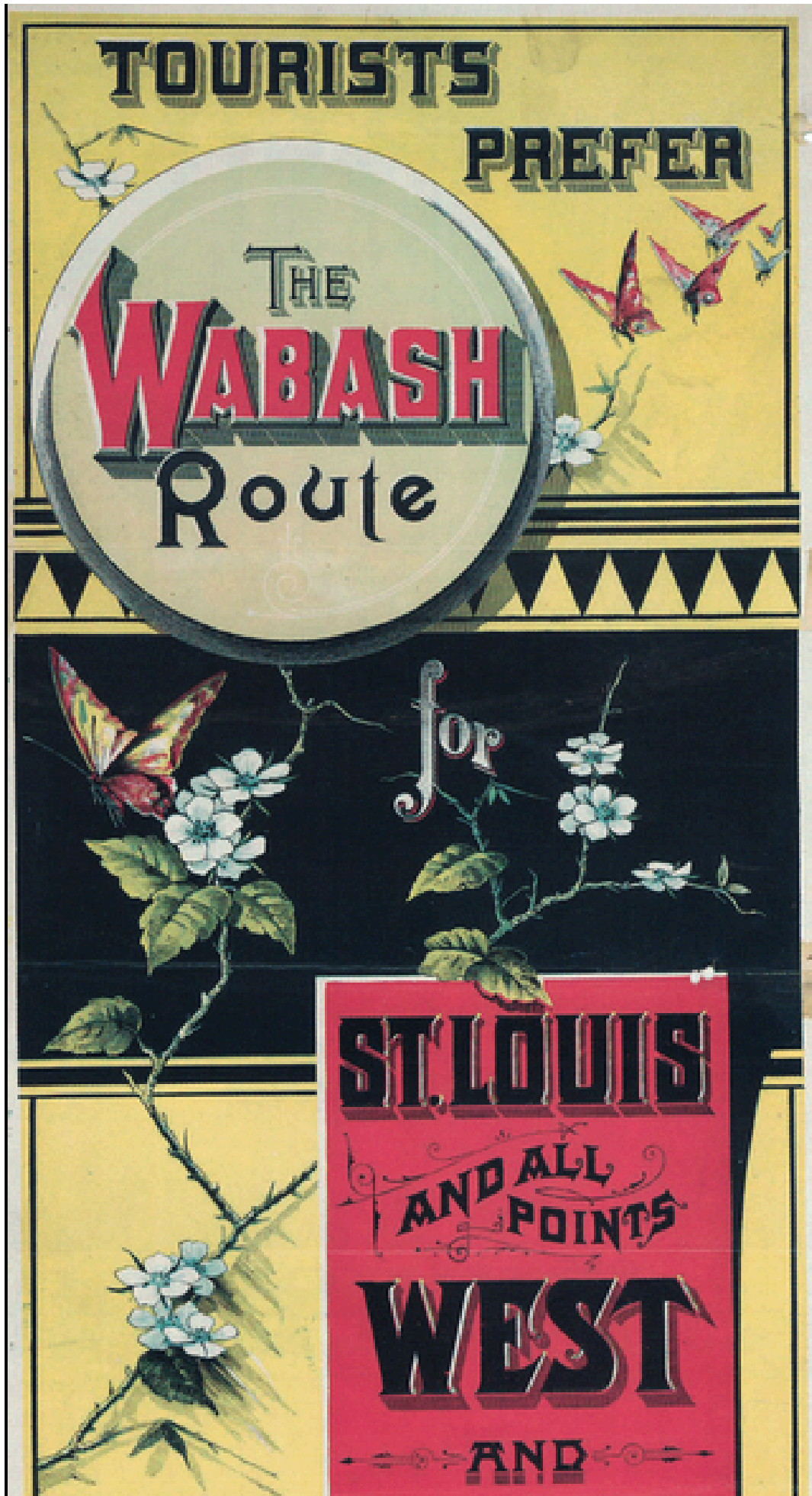














Wabash poster courtesy David Huelsing

St. Louis Area History Showcase

The St. Louis Chapter NRHS will have a table at the HISTORY SHOWCASE at Jefferson Barracks Park on Saturday, June 6 (details below).

If you would like to help, contact David Huelsing - dhuelsing@stlouisnrhs.org

THE ST. LOUIS REGIONAL HISTORY ORGANIZATIONS
AND ST. LOUIS COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION PRESENT

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

SAINT LOUIS AREA
THE HISTORY SHOWCASE

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

A CELEBRATION OF AMERICA 250

★ SATURDAY, JUNE 6 | 10:00AM - 4:00PM ★

LIVING HISTORY
DEMONSTRATIONS
HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES
AUTHORS
LOCAL HISTORIANS &
HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

FREE



FOOD ★ HISTORY ★ LIVE MUSIC

 **JEFFERSON BARRACKS PARK** 
345 NORTH ROAD, ST. LOUIS, MO

Parting Shots...



A Union Pacific coal train departs Dupu, Illinois behind SD40-2 3901 in the summer of 1987. Missouri Pacific caboose 13873 is on the rear. The 3901 was built in July of 1976 as Missouri Pacific 3217 and renumbered to 6001 in May of 1978. Union Pacific renumbered it to 3901 on March 21, 1986, when it was repainted to UP colors. It was retired on February 1, 1994 upon expiration of lease and returned to owner/lessor GATX. *Photos by Rick Sprung*

Minutes of the March 4, 2016 Meeting of the St. Louis Chapter NRHS

President David Huelsing called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the National Museum of Transport.

New members and guests: Steve Haack, Ryan Crawford

February meeting minutes approval: Motion to approve the February meeting minutes was made by Eileen Weber and seconded by Bruce Herzog. The motion was approved.

OFFICER REPORTS:

VP Program Director - Andy Sisk: Tonight's program will feature a program by Ryan Crawford on the Chicago Missouri and Western. Next month might be a program by Bill Schaberg on the Museum of transport the early years

VP Trip Director – Rick Sprung: He was not present. Report was given by David Huelsing . Rick is working on a Union Station tour on Friday, April 24. No charge for tour but we will probably pay for parking. Saturday, May 2 we will have a tour of National Building Arts Center in Sauget, Illinois. There will be a \$10 charge for it.

VP Membership - Eileen Weber: She is winding down on renewal cycle.

Treasurer – Steve Siegerist: We have money. See the treasurer's report. No investment committee meeting. No investment report

Secretary – Bill Heger: No report

National Advisory Committee Representative - Cliff Kierstead: Talked about upcoming NRHS executive meeting in Salt Lake City.

Railletter Editor: Rick needs newsletter content – photos and articles.

Internet Media Administrator – Steve Binning: Not present. No report.

Librarian – Taylor Hunt: See the back table for current library offerings.

Parliamentarian - Ron Zimmer: No report

President - David Huelsing: He did not give a president's report.

Old Business: Bill Heger brought up the motion to create the Al Weber Restoration Fund. Motion remained tabled because Fred Blank was not present.

New Business: None.

News Items:

Steve Haack: Open house at Silvis, Illinois on April 25, 2026.

Andy Sisk: Boeing Show at Queeny Park Saturday March 7. On Sunday March 15th Springfield Illinois State Fair grounds there will be a train show
We held a 50/50 drawing.

Adjournment: The motion to adjourn was made by Eileen Weber. The meeting adjourned at 7:13 PM.

Submitted by: Bill Heger
Secretary, St. Louis Chapter,
National Railway Historical Society

We Are (Still) Looking For An Editor

Want to be an editor of a periodical publication? Always wanted to put a newsletter together? Here's your chance...

The Chapter's *Gateway Railletter* Editor position is currently vacant. The job requires a few hours a month of putting articles, news and photos into the MailChimp format.

Without an editor the Gateway Railletter does not get published. We can't depend on temporary editors forever.

If you are interested in becoming the editor, please contact David Huelsing or any chapter officer. Until we find a new editor David and Rick Sprung will be filling the position. If you have anything that you would like to submit please e-mail it to newsletter.exchange@stlouisnrhs.org. Photos must have captions or an overall description included. Image and text file requirements can be found below.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN CONTRIBUTING TO **THE GATEWAY RAILLETTER**, THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING CONTENT IS THE 20TH OF THE MONTH TO BE INCLUDED IN THE FOLLOWING MONTH'S ISSUE. **THE GATEWAY RAILLETTER** IS PUBLISHED MONTHLY ON OR BEFORE THE 25TH OF THE MONTH. SEND YOUR ARTICLE OR PHOTOS TO

NEWSLETTER.EXCHANGE@STLOUISNRHS.ORG.

PHOTOS MUST HAVE A CAPTION OR GENERAL DESCRIPTION. IMAGE FILES SHOULD BE jpg, gif, png, bmp or tif FORMAT. DOCUMENT FILES CAN BE doc, docx, or pdf.

St. Louis Chapter NRHS
PO Box 220168
St. Louis, MO 63122



[View email in browser](#)

[update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe](#)

