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## All Aboard for Naperville!

Congratulations. You have made the decision to attend the 2013 GNRHS convention in Naperville, IL.

### Now how are you going to get there?

Well, Naperville is a suburb of Chicago, meaning you can fly to O'Hare Airport or Midway Airport, or drive in on an interstate highway. But, for us railroad fans, there are more options for getting to Naperville by PASSENGER TRAIN from more locations than any other convention location that the GNRHS has visited. We know we are preaching to the choir here, but just in case someone doesn't know the routes, we will go through them.

### Amtrak provides direct service to/from Naperville:

- **Illinois Zephyr**, from Quincy and Galesburg, IL, and intermediate stations; arrives 9:47 a.m.
- **California Zephyr**, from CA, NV, UT, CO, NE, IA, IL; arrives 1:43 p.m.
- **Southwest Chief**, from CA, AZ, NM, CO, KS, IA, IL; arrives 2:42 p.m.
- **Carl Sandburg**, from Quincy, Galesburg, IL, and intermediate stations; (arrives 9:04 p.m.)

The Naperville Marriott, our convention hotel, has a free train-station shuttle service. Call the hotel at 1-630-505-4900 to ask them to come get you. The hotel is located at 1801 North Napier Blvd. A taxi from the depot to the hotel will run a minimum of \$7.00. Taxis park at the train station all day long.

### Amtrak provides services to Chicago Union Station from almost anywhere in the country:

- **Capitol Limited**, from DC, MD, WV, PA, OH, IN; arrives Chicago, daily, 8:45 a.m.
- **Cardinal**, from NY, NJ, PA, DE, MD, DC, VA, WV, KY, OH, IN; arrives Chicago, Mo, Th, SA, 10:05 a.m.;
- **Hoosier**, from Indianapolis; arrives Chicago Su, Tu, We, Fr, 10:05 a.m.
- **City of New Orleans**, from LA, MS, TN, KY, IL; arrives Chicago, daily, 9:00 a.m. Two additional trains from southern Illinois, consult Amtrak timetable.
- **Empire Builder**, from OR/WA, ID, MT, ND, MN, WI, IL; arrives Chicago, daily, 3:55 p.m.

• **Hiawatha Service**, from Milwaukee; 6 daily short-distance trains, plus one Mo-Sa train, plus Empire Builder. Consult timetables.

• **Illinois/Missouri Service**, 4 daily trains from St. Louis, plus Texas Eagle from San Antonio/Los Angeles. Two connecting trains from Kansas City to St. Louis. See Amtrak timetables.

• **Lake Shore Limited**, from NY/MA, PA, OH, IN; arrives Chicago, daily, 9:45 a.m.

• **Michigan Services**: From Pontiac/Detroit; 4 trains daily, consult timetable. From Grand Rapids; arrives Chicago, daily 10:38 a.m.

• **Texas Eagle**, from CA, AZ, NM, TX, AR, MO, IL; arrives Chicago, daily, 1:52 p.m.

• **OK**. So you have arrived at Chicago Union Station. Now how do you get to Naperville? It is almost as easy as riding a bike!

If you arrive on a weekday, there are 31, count them, 31, Metra trains from Chicago Union Station to Naperville. See the timetable: [http://metrarail.com/metra/en/home/maps\\_schedules/metra\\_system\\_map/bnsf/schedule.full.html](http://metrarail.com/metra/en/home/maps_schedules/metra_system_map/bnsf/schedule.full.html)

If you arrive on Saturday, there are only 14 departures to Naperville. Basically, every two hours in the morning, and every hour in the afternoon, at 40 minutes past the hour, there is a departure from the south side of Union Station to Naperville. On Sunday, the trains depart every even hour, every two hours, again at 40 minutes past the hour. Last train leaves downtown at 12:40a.m. It is approximately a one hour trip from CUS to Naperville.

One-way ticket from Chicago to Naperville is \$5.75 per person.

A GNRHS convention is a fun and wonderful place to be with lots of places to go. We have not even begun to discuss the good times you will have gabbing with your fellow GNRHS members!

See you in Naperville!