

2023 GNRHS Convention Timecard
St. Cloud MN

Friday, July 21

7 pm to 9 pm: Registration

Saturday, July 22

7:30 am to 8:30 am: Registration

8 am: Buffet Breakfast (by purchased ticket only)

9:30 am to 4 pm: RAIL TOUR -- St. Cloud to Willmar with visits to Kandiyohi County Historical Society and Willmar BNSF Depot (Lunch Provided)

12 pm: Howard Patrick's Steam Era Photos
Speaker: Stu Holmquist

5 pm to 7 pm: Registration

7 pm to 8:30 pm: Welcome Reception with Cash Bar and Appetizers

"Old Goats Roundtables" Meet and talk with former employees of the Great Northern

Sunday, July 23

7:30 am: Buffet Breakfast (by purchased ticket only)

7:30 am to 9 am: Registration

9 am to 12 pm: GNRHS Board of Directors Meeting

8 am to 10 am: Set up for RailFair and Display Room

10 am to 4 pm: RAILFAIR

11:30 am to 4 pm: NON-RAIL Excursion -- Lunch at Anton's Restaurant and Home Décor Heaven

Lunch on Your Own (if not on excursion above)

1 pm to 3 pm: GNRHS Business Meeting

4 pm to 6 pm: Registration

Dinner on Your Own

6 PM: CONVENTION OPENING:

GNRHS President Mac McCulloch

50 Year Anniversary Overview of the History of the Fraternal Order Empire Builders and the Great Northern Railway

Historical Society; Recognition of 50 Year Members

7 pm to 8 pm: "A Heritage Fund Donation Investment: 2006 to 2022 -- STARail in Waite Park MN"

Speaker: Barry Schreiber

Monday, July 24

7:30 am: Buffet Breakfast (by purchased ticket only)

8:30 am to 12:30 pm: Shuttle Visits to St. Cloud BNSF Depot and Locomotives (by sign-up only)

8:30 am to 9:30 am: "History of the GN Railroad in St. Cloud"
Speaker: Joseph Farry

9 am to 12 pm: NON-Rail Excursion -- Guided Tour of Munsinger and Clemens Gardens

9:45 am to 10:45 am: "Economic Impact of the GN in St. Cloud"
Speaker: Louis Johnston

11 am to 12:30 pm: "History of the GN Car Shops in St. Cloud"
Speaker: Ray Schouville

Lunch on Your Own

1:30 pm to 4 pm: RAIL TOUR to Martin Marietta St. Cloud Ballast Quarry

4:30 pm to 9 pm: Shuttle Visits to STARail and Car Shops site (by sign up only)

Monday Evening, cont.

Dinner on Your Own

6:15 pm to 7:10 pm: "The Baron's (Hill heir Lawrence Dorsey) Visit to LSTM"
Speaker: Ken Buehler

7:20 pm to 8 pm: "A Short History of the Princeton and Long-siding Depots"
Speaker: Barry Schreiber

8:10 pm to 9 pm: "GN Telegraphy in Princeton in 2022"
Speaker: Gary Lenz

Tuesday, July 25

7:30 am: Buffet Breakfast (by purchased ticket only)

9 am to 4 pm: RAIL TOUR -- Princeton MN Depot and Mille Lacs Co Historical Museum (Lunch Provided)

12 pm: Lunch Speaker: Ron Euteneuer "Back from the Future: The Restoration of the Princeton and Long's Siding Depots"

Dinner on Your Own

7 pm to 8:30 pm: "St. Cloud to Fargo Line"
Speaker: Norm Priebe

Wednesday, July 26

7:30 am: Buffet Breakfast (by purchased ticket only)

8 am to 9 am: "St Paul to Seattle -- a Tour of the BN/GN Main Line"
Speaker: Fr. Dale Peterka

9 am to 1 pm: Shuttle Visits to St. Cloud Depot and Locomotives (by sign-up only)

9:15 am to 10:15 am: "Why Grand Forks was Great!"
Speakers: Bob Bye and Mike Lunak

10:30 am to 3:30 pm: NON-RAIL Excursion -- Tour of Hill Museum/Manuscript Library and Tour of St. John's Abbey (Lunch included)

10:30 am to 11:30 am: "Great Northern Steam Engines from A to Z"
Speaker: Dennis Bartholow

Lunch on Your Own

1 pm to 5 pm: Shuttle Visits to STARail and Car Shops (by sign-up only)

1 pm to 2 pm: "Modeling the GN in St Cloud and surrounding areas"
Speaker: Rich Remierz

2:15 pm to 3:15 pm: "Western Fruit Express"
Speaker: Tyrone Johnsen

3:30 pm to 4:30 pm: "Modeling GN in Superior WI"
Speaker: Scott Thompson

EVENING EVENTS

6 PM Social Hour with Cash Bar

6:45 PM Convention Banquet

8 PM "Remembering Bob Downing"
Speaker: Don Hofsommer

9 pm RAFFLE

10 pm CLOSE OF CONVENTION