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)
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 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 Schouviller
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 Milles 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