

Tuesday, September 9, 2025	Wednesday, September 10, 2025	Thursday, September 11, 2025	Friday, September 12, 2025	Saturday, September 13, 2025	Sunday, September 14, 2025
Registrant Arrival Day	<i>Registration Open: 8 am to 10 am</i>	<i>9 am to 10:00 am: Bob Hale “Try and Try Again; the GN and NP reorg the SP&S 1921 – 1933”</i>	<i>9:30 am to 12 pm: Boards of Directors and Annual Meetings; Individual Society Raffles</i>	<i>7 am to 9 am Swap Meet and Model Display Set-up</i>	<i>10 am to 3 pm Optional Railroad Layout Tours</i>
Pre-Convention Event: Scenic RT Rail Excursion: Osceola WI to Withrow MN Box Lunch Included	<i>9 am to 10:30 am: Ken Buehler “Overview of Hill Lines History”</i>	<i>10:15 to 11:45 am: Eileen McCormack “James J Hill: The Man Behind the Empire”</i>		<i>9 am: Swap Meet Opens to Registered Attendees</i>	<i>POV, Self-Guided, Schedule will be Provided</i>
11am: Load Buses 12:30: Board Train for 3- hour excursion 4 pm: Return to Osceola and Board buses for return to St. Paul 5:30 pm: Arrive back at hotel	<i>10:45 am to 11:45am: Chris Atkins “Laurel/Billings Evolution between 1901 (Q acquisition) and 1970”</i>	<i>Lunch OYO</i>	<i>Lunch OYO</i>	<i>10 am: Swap Meet Open to the Public</i>	
	<i>1 pm to 2 pm: Mark Meyer “The Western Star, GN’s Workhorse Streamliner”</i>	<i>1:15 pm to 2:15 pm: Bill Edgar “Mergers that SHOULD have Happened”</i>	<i>1 pm to 2 pm: Gerald Edgar: “Burlington Escorted Tours”</i>	<i>10 am to 4 pm Visit GN 400 “Hustle Muscle”; NP 3617; and SP&S Baggage Car 66 at Union Depot (dependent on BNSF Transfer)</i>	
4 pm: Hotel Check-in	<i>2:15 pm to 3:15pm: John Luecke “Twin Cities to Twin Ports (Both Lines) – Comparison”</i>	<i>2:30 pm to 3:45 pm: Jim Ruffing “BN Merger Musings”</i>	<i>2:15 pm to 3:15 pm: Paul Hobbs “SP&S: Portland Connection for GN and NP Transcontinental Passenger Trains”</i>	<i>1 pm to 4 pm JJ Hill House Tour</i>	
Registration Open: 5 pm to 9 pm	<i>3:30 Load buses for Jackson St. Archives and Minnesota Transportation Museum</i>	<i>Dinner OYO</i>	<i>Dinner OYO</i>	<i>2 pm Swap Meet Closes</i>	
7 pm to 8:30 pm: “Meet and Greet” Cash Bar and Appetizers	<i>3:45 pm to 6:00 pm: Open House at Archives and MTM</i>	<i>7 pm to 8 pm: Robert Hanmer “Iron Ore by Rail”</i>	<i>3:30 pm to 4:30 pm: Jim Singer “Hill Lines Passenger Oddities”</i>	<i>6:30 pm Social Hour 7:15 pm Banquet</i>	
	<i>Dinner OYO</i>	<i>8:15 pm to 8:45 pm Scott Kotnaur GN Slides of the Twin Cities</i>	<i>7 pm to 8 pm: Richard Remiarz “Modeling GN Boxcars, Part II”</i>	<i>8:30 pm: Speaker Don Hofsommer “Railroad Campaigns to Populate the American West”</i>	
	<i>7:30 pm to 9:30 pm: Bill Kuebler “4 Dome Train West”</i>	<i>8:45 pm to 10 pm Dean O’Neill “300 Slides You’ve Never Seen Before”</i>	<i>8:15 pm to 9:15 pm: TBD: NP Modelling Presentation</i>	<i>9:30 pm Closing of Convention</i>	