

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR 2015 SLHTS CONVENTION



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2015

- 5:00 - 8:30 PM Registration in the upper lobby of the Hudson House
- 6:00 - 7:00 PM Meet & Greet with hors d'oeuvres
- 7:00 - 8:15 PM **Interest Session # 1** - Ron Kaminem and Dave Rasmussen will be presenting a power point "The Copper Country Ltd. from 1957 to 1968."
- 8:30 - 11:00 PM Sharing of Slides - SLHTS Members - a projector will be provided (load your slides in a Kodak Carousel if you have them or you can use a stack loader that will be provided.)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

- 6:00 - 6:45 AM Registration in the upper lobby
- 6:15 - 7:15 AM Everyday Breakfast Buffet (*includes scrambled eggs, bacon and sausage, potatoes, toast, assorted breakfast pastries, fruit and juice, coffee, decaf and tea*)
- 7:30 - 5:00 PM **Interest Session # 2 - Motor Coach Bus Tour** - On this all day tour we will visit the Soo Line Depot in New Richmond, the Iron Horse Museum in Chisago City, MN which includes a 20 minute train ride, numerous Soo Line and DSS&A rolling stock, and on display a Soo Line steam engine. Next will be a train rail and lunch on the Osceola and St. Croix Valley Railroad which includes the Osceola and Dresser Soo Line Depots. The tour will end with a visit to the St. Croix Railroad, a live steam hobby organization. SCRR has approximately ten acres of land, of which nine is occupied by three discrete railroad lines in 7½ inch and 4¾ inch gauge and a mixed gauge track of 4¾, 3½ and 2½ inch.
- 4:30 - 7:00 PM Vendor Set-Up - ONLY vendors allowed in the Swap Meet Room while vendors set up for the evening sale
- 5:30 - 6:45 PM Buffet dinner
- 7:00 - 8:30 PM Registration in the upper lobby
- 7:00 - 9:00 PM Swap Meet - Open to SLHTS Members ONLY
- 9:00 - midnight The sharing of slides - SLHTS Members - a projector will be provided. (Load your slides in a Kodak Carousel if you have them, or you can use a stack loader that will be provided.)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2015

- 6:30 - 7:00 AM Registration in the upper lobby
- 6:30 - 7:45 AM Everyday Breakfast Buffet
- 7:30 AM - 12:00 PM Vendor sales open to all

8:45 AM - 3:30 PM **Ladies Only All Day Tour** - The tour begins with the breakfast buffet at the Hudson House from 7:00 - 7:45 a.m. The bus will leave from the Hudson House at 8:45 a.m. The tour includes an historical tour of the city presented by the St. Croix Historical Society. First stop will be the octagon house tour and then a society member will board our bus for an historical tour of the city homes. Lunch will be back at the Hudson House. The tour will continue after lunch with us driving ourselves downtown to visit the Phillippe Art Gallery and end with shopping downtown in historical Hudson.

- 8:00 - 9:30 AM **Interest Session # 3 - Modelers Show & Tell** - Tom Dowling will facilitate this session for us. Bring your models, in progress or completed, to share with us. Perhaps you want to share a digital picture or pictures with us of your layout, or models. Bring these on a JPG that we can use. This can be a good resource for a future modeling project.
- 9:45 - 10:45 AM **Interest Session # 4 - Photographers Show & Tell** - Rick Martin will facilitate this session for us. Bring your pictures to share with the group. Yes, Rick can work with pictures on a JPG.
- 11:00 AM - Noon **Interest Session # 5 - Weathering Railroad Stock and Locomotives** - Fred Firkus
- 12:15 - 1:15 PM Deli Buffet and Soup Lunch
- 1:30 - 2:45 PM **Interest Session # 6 - Annual Business Meeting** - President David Leider
- 3:00 - 4:00 PM **Interest Session # 7 - Wisconsin Central's Westward Expansion** - Larry Easton
- 4:00 - 5:00 PM **Interest Session #8 - Era Specific Modeling 1977 and my Remodeling of the St. Paul Subdivision** - Bob Rivard is a well known Twin Cities Soo Line modeler. Bob's layout is set in 1977, and he will share his in-depth modeling knowledge with participants.
- 5:15 - 6:15 PM Attitude Adjustment Hour
- 6:15 - 9:00 PM **Annual Convention Banquet** - The banquet is a plated meal with vegetables, potato, salad, choice of meat (top sirloin, salmon filet or boneless pork chop), and dessert. Master of Ceremonies: Gregg Condon. Annual SLHTS Auction will follow the banquet.
- Guest Speaker - John Luecke** is an author of soon to be released Soo Line in Minnesota. John has authored numerous books on various railroads in Minnesota and an avid historical railroad expert. John presented at our 2009 Convention in Alexandria, MN a session on the Soo Line Depot in Duluth, MN.
- 9 pm - ??? **Annual Auction** - Proceeds go to the SLHTS Archives.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2015

- 7:00 - 8:30 AM Breakfast Buffet Plus - Heading Home Breakfast which includes additional Sunday buffet items such as French toast and assorted cold cereals.
- 8:30 - 9:30 AM **Interest Session # 9 - Board of Directors Meeting**
- 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM On your way home, a number of layout tours will be available for you to visit.

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR IN DULUTH, MN