

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR 2017 SLHTS CONVENTION MINOT, ND



The Soo Line Historical & Technical Society (SLHTS) officers and board of directors invites the SLHTS members, their guests, former railroad employees, and other interested individuals to attend the 39th Annual SLHTS Convention in Minot, North Dakota. The Convention Headquarters will be the Holiday Inn Riverside Convention Center, 2200 Burdick Expressway East, Minot, ND 58701.

A block of rooms is being held for our group at the Holiday Inn Riverside at the convention rate of \$89 plus applicable taxes per night. These rooms will be held at this rate until August 7th, 2017. To secure a room at the convention rate you must call the Holiday Inn Riverside Convention Center at **(701) 852-2504** PRIOR to August 7th and make your reservation. Be sure that you mention that you will be at their location for the Soo Line Historical & Technical Society Convention.

Amtrak arrives in Minot daily at 8:27 a.m. and departs at 9:45 p.m. Remember when booking with Amtrak, seniors receive a 15% discount for coach fare. Delta and United Airlines fly into Minot International Airport. There is no bus service to Minot. Below is the very tentative convention agenda. Interest Session speakers and session titles are still being finalized. Registration form is enclosed.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

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| 4:00 - 8:30 PM | Registration at the Holiday Inn Convention Center |
| 5:00 – 6:00 PM | <u>Interest Session # 1 L'anse, MI Wreck December 18, 1951</u> - Ron Kaminen and Dave Rasmussen |
| 6:00 - 7:00 PM | Meet & Greet with hors d'oeuvres and cash bar |
| 7:00 - 8:00 PM | <u>Interest Session # 2</u> - John Gjerve Presentor |
| 8:30 - 11:00 PM | Sharing of Digital Pictures/Slides – LCD projector and laptop will be provided. Pictures or slides need to be loaded onto a flashdrive or accessed via the web. |

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2017

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| 6:30 – 7:00 AM | Registration |
| 7:00 - 8:00 AM | Breakfast Buffet |
| 8:15 - 4:00 PM | <u>Interest Session # 3 - All Day Motor Coach Tour</u> – stops will include Minot Soo Line Depot Museum, Minot Railroad Museum, Minot Soo high bridge, possible tour an ammonia loading facility near Velva, Balfour Soo Line Depot, and Soo Line steam engine in Harvey, other stops being planned. There will be a lunch stop along the way. |
| 4:00 – 6:00 PM | Vendor Setup for Sales – - <u>ONLY vendors allowed in the Swap Meet Room while vendors set up for the evening sale</u> |
| 6:00 – 7:30 PM | Dinner |
| 7:00 - 10:00 PM | Vendor Sales |
| 7:15 - 8:00 PM | <u>Interest Session # 4</u> - Ron Kaminen and Dave Rasmussen |
| 8:00 – 8:30 PM | Registration |
| 10:00 - midnight | Sharing of Digital Pictures/Slides – LCD projector and laptop will be provided. Pictures or slides need to be loaded onto a flashdrive or accessed via the web. |

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2017

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| 7:00 - 8:00 AM | Breakfast Buffet and Registration |
| 8:00 AM – 11:45 AM | Vendor Sales |

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2017 Continued

8:45 AM - 3:30 PM Ladies Only All Day Tour - The tour begins with the breakfast buffet from 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. The bus will leave from the Radisson Lobby at 8:45 a.m. The tour includes an historical tour of the world famous Scandinavian Heritage Museum. This is the largest museum of its kind in North America. Lunch will be back at the Radisson. The tour will continue after lunch with an afternoon tour of the Pioneer Museum. We will return to the hotel at 3:30 PM.

- 9:00 - 10:30 AM **Interest Session # 5 - Modelers Show & Tell** - Tom Dowling will facilitate this session. Bring your models, in progress or completed, to share with us. Perhaps you want to share a digital picture or pictures of your layout, or models. Bring these on a JPG that we can use.
- 10:45 - Noon **Interest Session # 6 - Photographers Show & Tell** - Rick Martin will facilitate this session in the Great Room. Bring your digital/JPG pictures to share with the group.
- 12:00 - 1:00 PM Soup and Sandwich Buffet
- 1:00 - 2:30 PM **Interest Session # 7 - Annual Business Meeting** - President David Leider
2:45 - 3:30 PM **Interest Session # 8 - A Trip on the Portal Line** - Stuart Nelson presenter
3:45 - 4:30 PM **Interest Session # 9 - 90 Years on the Soo** - Don Mahoney presenter
- 5:00 - 6:00 PM Attitude Adjustment Hour with Cash Bar
- 6:00 - 9:00 PM **Annual Convention Banquet** - The banquet is a plated meal with vegetables, potato, salad, choice of meat (sirloin, chicken parmesan or crusted mahi mahi), and dessert. Master of Ceremonies: Gregg Condon. **Guest Speaker Dr. Dennis Lutz.** Dr. Lutz is the owner and curator of the Soo Line Depot in Minot, ND.
- 9 pm - ??? **Annual Auction** - Auction proceeds go to the SLHTS Archives.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

- 7:30 - 8:30 AM Breakfast Buffet Plus - Heading Home Breakfast
- 8:30 - 9:30 AM **Interest Session # 10 - Board of Directors Meeting**
- 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM For those staying in Minot and waiting for Amtrak, there will be a special Sunday program including a possible Soo Line Veterans storytelling session beginning at 10:00 a.m. Lunch and/or dinner will be on your own (Ground Round is attached to the Riverside). We may be going on an afternoon bus tour north of Minot to visit additional Soo Line depots or have additional presentations at the Riverside. Any additional costs for this day will be determined at a later date and information will be emailed to you.