



Upcoming Meetings

Saturday, October 10

Oktoberfest Celebration -

Slide/Movie Show

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Location: Mo's Cafe

Dinner served 6:00 - 6:30pm

*Join us for this annual event,
featuring traditional*

Oktoberfest fare!

Slide presentation by

Jack Doyle entitled

*"In the Streets of San Francisco -
The Last Of MUNI's All
P.C.C. Operations"*

Members: \$10.00

Non-members: \$15.00

Saturday, November 14

Slide/Movie Show

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Location: Mo's Cafe

Program TBD

*Watch the KSS website
for updated information*

Saturday, December 5

Annual Christmas Pizza Party

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Location: Immanuel Methodist
Church at 54th & Sheridan Road,
Kenosha, Wisconsin

Get Aboard! Kenosha Streetcar Society Welcomes New Members!

As the Kenosha Streetcar Society prepares to enter a new year, we are looking forward toward a year of milestones. Next year, Kenosha will celebrate the 10th year since the streetcars returned to Kenosha. In preparation for the events that are ahead, we are looking to boost our membership. Enclosed with this quarter's newsletter is the newest of publications from the society, and one that we hope you don't hang onto! This membership brochure is being provided for you to share with a neighbor, friend, family member or coworker that might have an interest in the streetcars in Kenosha. The society relies on its members to provide programming and information in support of our mission, to preserve and promote Kenosha's streetcar history. The membership form is also available on the website in a downloadable format. Visit the About Us page to find the form.



Thank you to the loyal members who have supported the society over the years. The board also extends a special welcome to our new members who are just joining the society. Welcome!

Interested in taking a leadership role in your society?

The Kenosha Streetcar Society is seeking members interested in serving on the board of the society. Any member in good standing is eligible to become a board member. For more information, please contact any current board member or email the society: kenoshastreetcarsociety@gmail.com.

Stay Informed

Stay up-to-date on the KSS!
Follow the Kenosha Streetcar Society on Twitter!
http://twitter.com/keno_streetcar

Join the Kenosha Streetcar Society group on Facebook! Use the Facebook search option to find the Kenosha Streetcar Society group.



Renew your annual membership for 2010! Watch your mailbox for membership renewal notices.
Annual Family Membership: \$20.00
Annual Sustaining Membership: \$50.00 (includes member gift)

Please send your membership dues to:
Kenosha Streetcar Society
PO Box 2263
Kenosha, WI 53141

The Empire Builder

By Mike Pavelich

My wife and I recently traveled to West Glacier, Montana on the edge of Glacier National Park, perhaps the most beautiful of our nation's parks. When car and air travel were not an option due to the remote location of a friend's wedding, we



Car 32085, our home for the 28 hour trip to West Glacier. Photo by Mike Pavelich

decided to take Amtrak's Empire Builder Route.

It was quite a comfortable 28 hour trip in our roomette from Milwaukee, Wisconsin to West Glacier, Montana, traveling through Minnesota and North Dakota. This had been the Great Northern's Empire Builder Route until it was taken over by Amtrak in 1971. More than half a million people utilize the scenic route every year. One of the nice features of a roomette is that all of your meals in the dining car are included—but be prepared to eat with fellow travelers if your party numbers less than four.



St. Mary's Lake and great mountain view within Glacier National Park. Photo by Teresa Pavelich

Conveniently, the Empire Builder deposited us right across the street from our hotel, the historic Belton Chalet. The Belton was the first of the railroad hotels built by the Great Northern. It has been restored to its original lustre, and features no modern amenities—no phone, no television and no internet. It is a great place to escape the fast-paced nature of a modern life. It also has balconies



The Amtrak railroad station at Whitefish, Montana, has a museum and gift shop. Photo by Mike Pavelich



The view from Logan's Pass, inside Glacier National Park, a stop along Amtrak's Empire Builder route. Photo by Mike Pavelich

which are a great place to watch the dozen or so freight and passenger trains that roar by each day.

We also visited nearby Whitefish, Montana which featured a picturesque Swiss-chalet style railroad station. The clerk behind the gift shop counter told us about how, while on a troop train during World War II, he stopped in Whitefish and fell in love with the town. He moved there as soon as he was discharged. While we don't plan on moving there, we can't wait to visit the area again!

The Bruck

A noteworthy vehicle we encountered on our trip was the Great Northern's Bruck, located at the depot in Whitefish, Montana. The one-of-a-kind Bruck was built by Kenworth Motor Truck Company and was originally used as a shuttle beginning in 1951. The sturdy workhorse carried both passengers and freight. It is the only one of the original twelve built that is known to be in existence.



Photo by Mike Pavelich

The word "Bruck" comes from combining the words bus and truck. The vehicle was restored at the cost of \$20,000 by the Stumptown Historical Society. This figure does not include an additional \$12,000 which would be needed to replace the unusual Hall-Scott pancake engine.

The Bruck is painted in the Great Northern's orange and green color scheme. Its last run was in 1972, when Amtrak took over passenger service on the Empire Builder line.

Thank You

Thank you to **Brad Preston** for his service as a board member for the Kenosha Streetcar Society. Brad announced his resignation in July. Brad's contributions as the "man behind the streetcar" will be difficult to replace. Special thanks to Brad for his recent contributions to the newsletter, and for his videos of the streetcars at work.

Thank you to **Jim Wolfe** for his dedicated service as a board member for the Kenosha Streetcar Society. Jim announced his resignation in August. Jim served as

the treasurer of the society since its inception. Jim's attention to detail served the society well, and has helped it grow over the years.

Thank you also to **Joyce March** for her years of service as a board member for the Kenosha Streetcar Society. Joyce announced her resignation in September. Joyce served as secretary of the society, and brought her knowledge of the Kenosha community to the society.

With the resignation of Brad Preston in July, Ed Rosengren

appointed **Teresa Pavelich** to the board, to complete the term for Brad's board position. A Kenosha resident, living just blocks from the streetcar line, Teresa has been active in the society since earlier this year, and has worked to spearhead the creation of the society's new website, and redesign of the newsletter.

Jim Wolfe and Joyce March's positions will be filled during board member elections in Spring 2010.

Member Profile

Each issue we will profile a KSS member. Jack Doyle is the subject of this issue.

Occupation: Retired from Butter-nut Bread Company after 40 years.

Hometown: Chicago, Illinois.

How did you become interested in streetcars? Born and raised in Chicago around several streetcar lines, three "L" lines, the Northwestern Railway, and the North Shore Line. All within short walking distance. We also lived on a Chicago Motor Coach bus line.

What is your favorite streetcar memory? When I was a patrol boy at Clark and Wilson Avenues. I loved to hold up the P.C.C. streetcars by letting the children cross just before the light changed.

Do you have other rail-related interests? Model streetcar O gauge layout of a 1946 city complete with streetcars (interurban and suburban), trackless trolleys, diesel and gas buses. Also have a large photo collection.

Do you have a favorite railroad? Anything that ran with a trolley is my favorite.

How do you feel about the proposed KRM commuter line? We already had it, only the name was backwards—the MRK line. Read about it in my book—yes, it's a good idea.

How do you feel about the proposed Kenosha streetcar expansion? Great—but we need the money if it can be got. The project will be a first for a small American city.

What are your other hobbies or interests? History, military history, architecture, gardening (native plants), First and Second World War aircraft, art and music.

What is your favorite Kenosha memory? Walking into the car barn and seeing the Kenosha Chicago for the first time. Larry



John F. Doyle in New Orleans circa 1992. Photo courtesy John F. Doyle.

Konsbruck and I provided the exact colors. When I saw the car I let loose very loudly with "It's the wrong shade of green—Joe didn't use my colors—damn it." With that I open the door and see the sun on the car. It was Joe McCarthy in the pit (late Director of Kenosha Transit) working on the car.

Streetcar Ridership in Kenosha

Kenosha's lakefront is a popular destination during the summer, and the summer of 2009 has been no exception. More visitors to the lakefront equals more streetcar riders. Here are some interesting facts about ridership so far in 2009:

- As of September 7, there have been nearly 46,000 riders.
- The months of July and August make up 46% of the total ridership numbers for this year.



On a recent Saturday, people were lined up to ride the streetcar. Photo by Mike Pavelich

Some dates and events to highlight:

- May 2: Jammin' the Loop and the Wisconsin Marathon-592 riders
- June 5-6: Bloomin' Days-682 riders
- July 4: Star Spangled Spectacular-2,544 riders! (Streetcar rides are free this day, and there are up to three cars running throughout the day.)
- August 1-2: Taste of Wisconsin weekend-2,148 riders. The Taste of Wisconsin was a new event this year, and is expected to return next year: July 30-August 1, 2010.



Recent ridership figures. Source: Kenosha Area Transit. Graphic: Mike Pavelich

Event Recap

Fourth of July

Independence Day is a unique chance to see several streetcars along the route in Kenosha. This year, as many as three cars were out, transporting celebrants to stops along the lakefront. For a video of streetcar activity that day, visit the KSS website, and click on the Special Features page to view a video by Brad Preston. Thanks to Brad for sharing his video with us!

September Slide Show

A group of members gathered for

the Annual Member Meeting held Saturday, September 12 at Mo's Cafe in Kenosha. The slides presented displayed a range of locations, from familiar Pennsylvania and Chicago streetcar routes to modern European systems in Amsterdam and Belgium. A special thanks to the members who brought slides to share: Jack Doyle, Dan and Chris Buck, Walter Collins, Jim Kramer, George Canary, Tom Froehlich, and Ed Heerd. Thanks to all who attended!

History Mystery "Electric Streetcar" Tour & Dinner

The streetcar was featured as a part of the History Mystery Tour series conducted by the Kenosha History Center. The tour, held on Saturday, August 29, featured a buffet dinner at Ashling on the Lough Pub, followed by a historic tour along the streetcar line. All 42 spots on the streetcar were filled for this offering of the tour.

