

## Seventh Annual Member Banquet

On March 13, the Kenosha Streetcar Society (KSS) celebrated its anniversary with the Seventh Annual Member Appreciation Banquet at the Lighthouse Bistro in Kenosha.

Forty KSS members and guests



Former chairman John F. Doyle presents outgoing chairman Ed Rosengren with a plaque at the Seventh Annual Member Appreciation Banquet on March 13, 2010. Photo by Earlene Frederick.

were treated to a slideshow by George Kanary, featuring the North Shore Line from the 1940s until its untimely end in the 1960s. The slides depicted the heyday of the different lines, and the fiery end that came to some of the rolling stock.

Members also enjoyed a fine meal and great atmosphere at the bistro. Special thanks goes to Ludwig Scheuerle for donating most of the items that were given away as door prizes.

## Dedication of Marine Display Case at Kenosha City Hall



KSS event chairman Jack Doyle speaking at Kenosha City Hall on Thursday, September 24, 2009, during a ceremony dedicating a display that Doyle built and donated to the Kenosha Marine Corps League. Although never in combat, Doyle was in the Marines 50 years ago and wanted to honor the League and all the men and women in the U.S. Marine Corps. Photo by Diane J. Doyle.



## Save the Date! Tenth Anniversary Celebration

Our 10th Anniversary Celebration is just a few months away. We are hoping that all of our members can "save the date" and join us for a very special event commemorating the return of streetcar service to Kenosha on June 17, 2000.

details, including lodging, maps, directions and day-trip ideas, can be found by visiting our website: <http://kenoshastreetcarsociety.org/KenoStreetcar10>



Our event will be held at the Kenosha Public Museum on Saturday, June 19, 2010. In addition to our invite-only evening event, we will also commemorate the occasion with a special commemorative ticket that will be handed out to streetcar passengers.

This specially designed ticket resembles a vintage Kenosha Electric Railway ticket, but is updated to highlight the current stops along the streetcar loop. Be sure to join us for this special occasion to receive your commemorative ticket!

Please watch your mailbox for a formal invitation to the event, including RSVP. Additional event

**Show Your Support**  
A new T-shirt is available with proceeds benefitting the Kenosha Streetcar Society. T-shirts start at \$19.99 and may be purchased at <http://cafepress.com/KenoStreetcar10>

## New Promotional Posters on Streetcars

The next time you ride one of the five streetcars in Kenosha, you'll notice a new poster inviting a "captive audience" to join the Kenosha Streetcar Society. The benefits of membership, including slide shows, movies, newsletters and field trips are detailed. The posters were designed and donated by the folks at MiteGraphics.com.



Photo by Mike Pavelich.

## Poster Featured on Great TV Auction

The Kenosha Streetcar poster created by Mike Pavelich will be seen on television when it is featured numerous times during the annual Great TV Auction on Milwaukee Public Television (MPTV Channel 10) during April 23-May 9, 2010.



"The main reason for the donation," Pavelich stated, "is that aside from supporting public television, MPTV produces the railcentric Tracks Ahead."



## Important Announcement

At our new location for slide/movie programs, Ashling on the Lough, a server will be provided in our private room starting at 5:00 P.M. for those wishing to dine before the program begins.

All checks will be handled via individual settlement. **Final orders must be placed by 6:00 pm** so that all tables can be cleared before 7:00 pm in order to start our programs on time.

Thanks for your cooperation.

## Upcoming Events

**Saturday, April 10**  
Chicago Interurban Traction Slide show by Bill Shapotkin  
7:00-10:00pm  
Ashling on the Lough  
125 56th Street, Kenosha  
Members: Free  
Non-Members: \$5.00

**Saturday, May 8**  
KSS Members Slide Show  
7:00-10:00pm  
Ashling on the Lough  
125 56th Street, Kenosha  
Members: Free  
Non-Members: \$5.00  
Bring 40-50 of your favorite slides

**Saturday, June 19**  
10th Anniversary Celebration  
6:00-10:00pm  
Kenosha Public Museum  
Friends Mezzanine  
5500 First Avenue, Kenosha  
Dinner, live band, open bar and private chartered streetcar.  
Details to follow

Please see page 4 for an **Important Announcement** regarding meals at events.

## Survey on the Future of Wisconsin Rail

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation has developed a brief online questionnaire to provide an opportunity for the public to express their opinions about the future of Wisconsin rail.

Responses to the questionnaire will contribute to the development of

policies and recommendations for the Wisconsin Rail Plan 2030, the state's long-range plan focused on freight, intercity passenger and commuter rail transportation.

For more on the rail plan email [RailPlan2030@dot.wi.gov](mailto:RailPlan2030@dot.wi.gov); or visit [www.wisconsinrailplan.gov](http://www.wisconsinrailplan.gov).

## Ten Years of Streetcars in Kenosha: A Retrospective

By John F. Doyle

"Ten years already." It's hard to believe but on Thursday, June 17, 2010, it will be 10 years since streetcar service returned to Kenosha. On that date, I was two months from retirement after 40 years of selling bread. Little did I know what was ahead.

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The first car to run on that memorable day was 4610, the Toronto car followed by 4616, the Cincinnati car. If one can remember, the first car to run was signed for "Fleet Harbord." It was the perfect nautical destination reading for our new lakefront streetcar line. Friends from the Halton County Railway Museum in Ontario installed this original Toronto P.C.C. destination curtain in the car that morning. Hardly anyone knew how the curtain got there. Unfortunately at the end of the day, the curtain would be removed

and taken back to the museum. This became our first problem: no destination readings on the cars, but a combined effort was made, and the job got done.

Next we had to create a streetcar society and with the help of many, our society became a huge success eventually consisting of 120 members from all over the country. The Kenosha Streetcar Society sponsored many successful events, including member slide/movie programs, member banquets, picnics, streetcar charters, Halloween specials, Christmas Santa Specials, and many others. The Christmas event was so successful that the City of Kenosha took it over renaming it "The Candy Cane Special."

We enjoyed watching the system develop and become operational, but were deeply saddened with the unexpected passing of Joseph McCarthy, Director of Kenosha Transit, shortly after the line opened. Without Joe, there would

have never been an operating streetcar line in Kenosha. In January 2007, we lost streetcar operator Sam Luchetta. Sam was especially good with children, who rode the streetcar.

The Tenth Anniversary on June 19th will see the first cars that ran in 2000, run again during our evening celebration. When we did the new destination curtains in 2001, an historic reading was added to each car from the city it represented. The Toronto car will read "Jane/Bloor" and the Cincinnati car will read "Warsaw/Price Hill." Have your cameras ready. Although some of our Canadian friends are coming back, the "Fleet

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Harbord" reading was once in a lifetime.

We are all looking forward to another ten years of streetcar operations in Kenosha.

## Memorial Day Weekend at the Illinois Railway Museum

By John F. Doyle

On Memorial Day weekend, May 29 through May 31, 2010, the Illinois Railway Museum will host a World War II military re-enactment event "The Anzio Express," conceived by KSS Board Member Ed Rosengren.

On Saturday night, May 29, from

7:00pm to 11:00pm, a USO dance will be held. It will feature the 12-piece Grand Avenue Big Band.

The museum grounds, yards, and rights-of-way will become German-occupied Anzio, Italy. The Allied invading



The Illinois Railway Museum held its first World War II military re-enactment on October 3, 2009. Here we see American troops storming the railroad yards in occupied Anzio, Italy. Photo by Larry Godson.

force will consist of American, British, and Polish troops.

There will be aircraft, several types of military vehicles, artillery

pieces, and civilians in period dress. Don't miss this one! IRM members are free, non members pay the regular \$12.00 entrance fee. The USO dance will cost \$5.00 for all attendees.



Motorman Frank Sirinek hands over Lisa Dousharm, a secret Allied agent to German occupiers in order to save his streetcar from becoming target practice. The Illinois Railway Museum, October 3, 2009. Photo by Larry Godson.

## Message from the Chairman

By John Bloner, Jr.

It's an honor to serve as the Kenosha Streetcar Society's Charman during this 10th anniversary of Kenosha's streetcar line. I hold high expectations for not only the future of streetcar transportation but for the city in which it operates.

Kenosha's lakefront began to transform from an industrial to a post-manufacturing environment in the 1990s with the installation of Southport Marina and the removal of the downtown mall. It continued into the new century with the development of HarborPark with its residential housing and museums, as well as the many festivities and activities in that area and surrounding areas.

I anticipate an even greater vibrancy to this area in the years just ahead. In an article for the website NewGeography.com, author Michael Scott writes that the old model of downtowns as an economic and job center hub has been replaced by a new one: an "epicenter of civic and cultural activity." Scott writes, "residents and visitors alike are frequenting dining establish-

ments, arts and music venues, and coffeehouses in the spirit of civic connection and community. No longer a phenomenon exclusively associated with young artists, bohemians, and intellectuals, the downtown experience is also drawing unprecedented numbers of older folks who appreciate the history, cultural significance, ambiance and architecture of the old core."

Through this area, the electric streetcar rolls along as both a tourist attraction and a mode of transportation. It's once again become an important piece of the urban fabric. The sound of its wheels against the iron rails is the music of economic development. It's the return of families to lakefront neighborhood stores and cafes, the colors and movements of the arts, and the kaleidoscope of history, revealing something new with each turn.

Many thanks to John M. Antaramian, Mayor of Kenosha, 1992-2008, former City Administrator, Nick Arnold, City Transit Director, the late Joseph McCarthy, and recently retired Transit Director, Len Brandrup, and to everyone else who reads these words and shares the vision of a better Kenosha.

## New Board Member and New Officers Elected

A new face joined the board of the Kenosha Streetcar Society at the February meeting. Welcome to Bob Faelak, newly elected board member. John Bloner and Teresa Pavelich were also reelected. Each board member will serve a three-year term.

Following the election, new officers were appointed. The new officers are: John Bloner, chairman; Teresa Pavelich, treasurer; and Karen Quandt, secretary. Lou Rugani retains his position of vice-chairman.

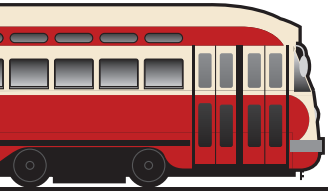
Welcome to the new board! We expect some exciting things to happen in the future. Thank you for your service to the Kenosha Streetcar Society.

### KENOSHA

#### STREETCAR SERVICE HOURS


**SUMMER HOURS** (Apr. 1 - Jan. 4)  
Mon - Fri: 11:05am - 6:35pm  
Sat & Sun: 10:05am - 5:35pm

**WINTER HOURS**  
(Jan. 5 - Feb. 28) (March 1 - March 31)  
Mon - Fri: Closed Mon - Fri: 10:05am - 2:05pm  
Sat & Sun: 10:05am - 5:35pm Sat & Sun: 10:05am - 5:35pm



### TRANSIT

#### STREETCAR FARE PRICE



50¢  
PER PERSON

25¢ Children 12 & Under

#### STREETCAR INFORMATION

TRANSIT INFO (262) 653-4287  
GROUP TOURS (262) 653-4290

NO PUBLIC ACCESS TO BUILDING AVAILABLE

## New Sign Installed

A new sign has been installed at the streetcar barn to replace the aged sign that had been in place for many years. The new sign was donated by Brad Preston with graphics by MiteGraphics.com.