



Next Meeting

Saturday, January 28, 2012

Jerry Sanders Homestead
119 West St.
Fairwater, WI

Safety never takes
a holiday.

January 2012

Chicago & North Western (C&NW) 1385

At the next meeting a presentation will be given by the Mid-Continent Railway Museum on the history and recent rebuild developments on their most famous locomotive, C&NW 1385.

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The **Chicago & North Western 1385** is a standard gauge 4-6-0, Ten Wheeler type, steam railway locomotive built by the American Locomotive Company for the Chicago & North Western Railway in March 1907. It was one of 325 similar locomotives purchased by the railroad from 1901 to 1908.

Although principally used for fast freight, the R-1 class also was used for slower passenger service and occasional switching over the North Western's extensive system, which at its peak extended through nine states from Illinois to Wyoming. When new, it was large, modern power, and required strengthening and enlarging turntables, engine houses, and bridges wherever used.

#1385 was retired in 1956 and purchased by the Historical Society of Milwaukee in 1961 for \$2600. The society purchased an abandoned line in North Freedom, Wisconsin, from the C&NW in 1963, moved #1385 there and the society changed its name to [Mid-Continent Railway Museum](#).

The locomotive was in service for most of the 1980s and 1990s, doing excursions over large parts of the C&NW system, but was shopped for major boiler work in 1998.

In 2000 the 1385 has been listed on the Wisconsin Register of Historic Places, and the National Register of Historic Places. Once the rebuild is completed, the 1385 will be the only operable C&NW steam locomotive and one of only eight C&NW locomotives known to exist.

An excerpt from "[Mid-Continents 1385 begins the long journey back to steam](#)" written by Jim Wrinn editor of [Trains](#) magazine. "What is it about Mid-Continent Railway Museum's Chicago & North Western Ten-Wheeler, No. 1385 that makes people light up? Despite its relatively small size and obscurity, it still is part of the lexicon of major operating steam locomotives of the late 20th and early 21st centuries. Mention it in the same breath as 844, 4449, 4501, 261, or 765, and nobody blinks." © 2012, *TRAINS Magazine*, Kalmbach Publishing Co., reprinted with permission

C&NW 1385 Related Internet Links

[Mid-Continent Railway Gazette](#)
[1385 History](#)
[1385 Steam Status](#)
[Mid-Continent Railway Museum](#)
[Trains Magazine 1385 article with pictures](#)

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Next Meeting

When: Saturday, January 28, 2012

Where: [Jerry & Debbie Sanders Homestead](#)
119 West St., Fairwater WI.
(Brandon, WI)

See map at the end of this publication

Meeting Times: Steam School 11:00 AM
Board of Directors 12:00 PM
General Meeting 1:00 PM

Lunch: Sandwiches and beverages will be served if you plan to eat **please bring a dish or something to pass.**

Topic: C&NW #1385 Presentation

Guests are welcome!

Last Meeting

Thanks to all who brought food to the last meeting it was greatly appreciated!

The last meeting was held on November 12, 2011 at the Alliant Energy-Edgewater Generating Station Sheboygan, WI.

Meeting was called to order by Mike Wahl with approximately 38 members present. Mike thanked Jeff Bloemers for arranging this meeting. Mike asked for a moment of pause for Veterans Day and a round of applause for veterans in the audience.

Secretary minutes of the May 7, 2011 meeting were read by Vicky Mayer and accepted.

The Treasures Report dated November 12, 2011 was read by Cathy Milner and accepted. Balance on hand is \$6427.00.

Steam School

Jeff said that steam school 2011 went well, had good weather and that attendance was down. Steam School 2012 will take place on September 28, 29 and 30th. The fee will increase to \$65.

On May 19, 2011 the instructors gave a condensed 2 hour version of steam school for the boiler inspectors. Positive feedback from them was given.

It was agreed for the association to give the steam school committee authority for steam school and carry out as needed including raising the steam school fee to \$65.

Old Business

NBIC-Mike was unable to attend the July meeting due to the sudden death of his grandfather. His co-part was also unable to attend the meeting.

Items on the table for discussion will be brought to the next meeting in January in San Diego, CA.

A membership list is on the website listing those who submitted their information to Vicky.

Vicky seeks approval to renew the domain and also wants to look into a new design program for the website and revamp it over the winter.

A motion was made and seconded for the club to give Vicky \$200.00 for operating expenses (postage, newsletters, membership cards and website expenses.) that accrue between meetings. Vicky was reimbursed for operating expenses. Mike commented that Vicky does not charge for her time relating to the website and only charges for materials.

It was decided to help Vicky with the cost of new web design software.

Because the clubs insurance policy stated that steam school 2011 was not covered an additional insurance policy was purchased for \$309. Discussion took place regarding club insurance and the need for it to be all on one policy at a reasonable rate.

Jim Connor said that after the meeting in Hartford last November the 1003 was scheduled to go out of service. He noted that a private donation was given to rebuild the 1003. He invited anyone to stop by the museum and take a look and if anyone is interested in helping to please contact him. They hope to have steam up by next summer. Discussion took place regarding current steam projects in Wisconsin.

Discussion was held regarding the next meeting location. Mike said that Jerry & Debbie Sanders suggested that Kevin & Cory Anderson give a presentation on their progress on manufacturing a Case 150 Road Locomotive with computer graphics and patterns.

A motion was made and seconded to have the next meeting in Fairwater, WI at the Jerry & Debbie Sanders homestead on January 28, 2012 with an alternate date of February 4, 2012. The motion carried.

Steam Event

What: 24th Annual Tri-County Threshermen Show
When: June 8, 9, & 10, 2012
Where: Veterans Memorial Park,
Plainfield, WI
Featuring: Hart Parr Oliver; Cockshutt, CO-OP &
Witte Engines. All brands welcome!

Details: Antique Tractors & Equipment, Large Flea Market, On-Going Demonstrations w/ Threshing, Corn Shredding, Sawmill, Shingle Mill & Snow Fence, Pie Stand w/ Pie Baking Contest on Saturday at 11 AM, Power Parades on Saturday & Sunday, Village Parade on Saturday.

Contacts:

Show Information	Norm Kohls	715-323-7330
Flea Market Details	Mike Williams	715-256-1275
Crafter Information	Jeanne Johnson	715-249-5510
Pie Baking Details	Sandy Poetzel	715-335-4710

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Submitted by Kerry & Jan McCarron

Special Event

What: Snow Train
When: February 10-12, 2012
Where: Mid-Continent Railway Museum
North Freedom, WI

Details: Enjoy Mid-Continent's seven-mile, 50-minute round-trip ride on a former branch line of the Chicago & North Western Railroad, through a Winter Wonderland at the foot of the Baraboo Hills. All cars are heated by steam heat or coal-fired stoves. All trains are diesel powered.

Schedule:

Friday: 11:30 a.m., 1:00 and 2:30 p.m.

Saturday/Sunday: 10:00, 11:30, 11:40 a.m., 1:00, 1:10, 2:30, 2:40, 4:00 p.m.

First Class: Sat./Sun. only: 11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:30 p.m.

Dinner Train: Friday & Saturday only: 6:30 p.m.

Internet Link

OldTimeIron.com~where history lives on
Old Time Iron allows individuals to create their own social networking profile and share photos, videos, events, and invite other individuals to clubs.

Newsletter

If you have ideas please contact Vicky Mayer

Steam School 2012

[Steam School 2012](#) will take place on September 28, 29 & 30, 2012. Further details and forms are on the [website](#). Please contact [Jeff Bloemers](#) for more information.

About Us

The Wisconsin Historical Steam Engine Association was formed in January 2003 with about 70 interested parties.

The mission and purpose of this club is the education and preservation of steam traction engines and all kinds of vintage steam and related machinery, engineers, and the promotion of safety in the operation and management of traction engines and vintage engines and boilers.

Our organization has a legislative committee that is currently working with the state with positive results on how boiler inspections are carried out.

We also have an education committee that developed a steam school to educate those interested in the operation and maintenance of a steam engine.

Our first school was held in October of 2004, with 44 students. Six of our state boiler inspectors attended our 2005 steam school and they had a lot of good comments about the school.

We are currently preparing for our 9th annual steam school, which will be held **September 28, 29, & 30, 2012** at the Rock River Thesheree show grounds near Edgerton, WI.

Club Membership

Welcome Brandon K. from West Bend, WI as the newest club member.

If you have not renewed your annual membership (\$20) yet please do so. Dues can be paid to Vicky Mayer at the next meeting or sent to her anytime.

Club Patches

To purchase club patches please contact Dennis/Betsy Lauer at 608-325-2248 or betsylauer@yahoo.com. Patches are available in 2 1/2" or 4" and are \$3 each or \$5 for both.



Red star on the map marks the location of the
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