2012 Annual Meeting — May 17-20

Norfolk, Nebraska

Join us at the spectacular Norfolk Lodge & Suites — Divots Conference Center

- Beautifully appointed rooms and suites
- Fine dining at the Veranda; casual dining at the Sand Bar & Grill
- On-site miniature golf course, driving range, sand volleyball court, exercise room, swimming pool
- Special rate for attendees: $74.99 per night

Address: 4200 W. Norfolk Ave. Norfolk, NE 68701
Phone: (402) 371-4520

Please mention you are with the C&NWHS for the special rate. Web site: www.divotsconference.com

Outstanding tours and presentations

- Visit the Nebraska Northeastern Railroad shop
- Excursion on the Fremont & Elkhorn Valley Railroad
- Tour portions of the Cowboy Line
- See various depots and museums
- Tour the Plainview ethanol plant
- Tour the Nucor Steel shearing plant and melting plant
- Visit the Elkhorn Valley Museum and Norfolk Art Center
- C&NW presentations from several distinguished guests
- Model railroad displays plus home layout visits
- Saturday swap meet (information below)
- Banquet featuring Rick Mills as speaker
- Silent auction
- Bring slides for showing and photos for display

All this plus much more. See next page for detailed tour information and list of presenters. Fill out the enclosed registration form today. Register early to reserve your spot in Norfolk!

Swap Meet

There will be a swap meet from 8am to 3pm on Saturday, May 19. Tables are $10. To reserve a table, please contact:

Dennis Brandt
Treasurer, Cowboy Line Division
1004 South 3rd Street
Norfolk, NE 68701
(402) 992-2415
Email: dennisbrandt44@gmail.com

Model Contest/Photo Contest

Bring your best model railroad project for display and enter the model contest. Also, bring your best slide, color print, or black and white print for the photo contest. For contest rules and entry forms, go to the C&NWHS Web site at www.cnwhs.org, click on 2012 Annual C&NWHS Convention, navigate to the "Related Items" box at right, and select form. If you have additional questions on the displays, contact Ron Christensen at modeling@cnwhs.org.

Questions?

Should you have any additional questions that are not covered in this flyer, please contact meet chairman Dave Mikelson at davem1385@comcast.net.
Tour Details

Thursday Tour — 1:00pm-6:00pm  See the Cowboy Line

Our tour bus will take us west to O’Neill and back. We’ll visit the historic grain mill and jail museum in Neligh, see elevators and other structures in towns along the way, and visit the brick C&NW depot in O’Neill (the only depot still standing west of Norfolk). Bring your camera to shoot old and historic structures.

Friday Morning Tour Options — Choose One of the Four

Tour 1 — 8:00am-12:15pm  Plainview Ethanol Plant; Plainview Museum; Nebraska Northeastern RR

First stop on this tour will be a visit to the Husker Ag LLC ethanol plant west of Plainview. A visit to the Plainview Historical Museum, housed in the former Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley depot follows. We will then visit the engine facility of the Nebraska Northeastern Railway shop at Osmond before heading back to Norfolk. (Limited to 40 Participants)

Tour 2 — 8:00am-12:15pm  Depots and Small-Town Museums; Nebraska Northeastern RR

We’ll head to Wayne to view two Omaha Road depots, then on to the Wakefield Depot Museum. After looking over the goods, we’ll head to Osmond to look at the engine facility of the Nebraska Northeastern Railway shop. Visits to depot museums in Plainview and Pierce will round out the tour before heading back to Norfolk.

Tour 3 — 8:00am-12:15pm  Nucor Steel Shearing Plant; Norfolk Sights

Visit Nucor Steel cutting plant, where steel is cut into usable shapes — limited to 26 with restrictions. Also see the Elkhorn Valley Museum for the Johnny Carson exhibit and the unique square turn tractor as well as railroad sights around town. (Limited to 26 Participants)

Tour 4 — 8:00am-12:15pm  Nucor Steel Melting Plant; Norfolk Sights

Visit Nucor Steel melting plant — limited to 30 with restrictions. Also see the Elkhorn Valley Museum for the Johnny Carson exhibit and the unique square turn tractor (invented by C&NW employee) as well as railroad sights around town. (Limited to 30 Participants)

*Important: Tour 4 Restrictions — All visitors will need closed-toe shoes with socks. There can be no skin exposed around the leg or foot area. No heels on the shoes as they may get stuck in the stair and catwalk grating. All visitors will need to wear long pants; no skirts, dresses or capris. No rings or dangling earrings can be worn. Also, long hair should be pulled back and tucked under the visitor’s jacket or up underneath the hard hat. This is a very long walking tour and we will be outdoors at times (exposed to the elements). We will be walking over uneven surfaces and will be climbing at least four flights of stairs (likely all at once). No one with a pacemaker is allowed on the tour. This tour is physically strenuous, and anyone who has difficulty walking or climbing stairs should not take part. We want to make sure everyone stays safe. These rules will be strictly enforced.

Friday Afternoon Excursion — For All

1:00pm-6:00pm  West Point, Hooper, Ride on Fremont & Elkhorn Valley RR

We’ll board air-conditioned buses to tour south and east of Norfolk. A box lunch will be provided upon departure. We’ll stop at the West Point depot and Pioneer Village, then to Hooper to view equipment. Then we ride the Fremont & Elkhorn Valley from Nickerson to Fremont and see sights in Fremont.

Presentations/Clinics

• Dick Schmeling — This Lincoln railroad historian and author will give a program on the joint C&NW-Santa Fe facilities at Superior, Nebraska. He will also show and discuss a movie film taken of the C&NW Linwood-Hastings branch line prior to its abandonment in 1942.
• Dr. Keith Terry — This University of Nebraska at Kearney professor and author of two books on the Cowboy Line will present a program on how he was able to date and identify old photographs taken along the Cowboy Line.
• Jim Reisdorff and Mike Bartels — These two longtime Nebraska railroad historians and book authors will give a program on both the C&NW branch lines south of the Platte River and on abandoned Omaha Road branch lines across northeast Nebraska.
• Rick Mills — Rick is an author and railroad historian from the Rapid City area. He is a board member of the South Dakota State Railroad Museum. He will be our banquet speaker with a presentation entitled “The People, Places, and Trains of the Cowboy Line.”
• Jerry Penny — Stone arch culverts of the 1900-1910 era by C.A. Berg on the Cowboy Line between Norfolk and Chadron; Major improvements that the C&NW did on the line west of Norfolk after the 1903 purchase of the FE&MV.
• Lou Schmitz — The history of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley Railroad and the C&NW in Nebraska.
• Jerry Krug — A system-wide look at the C&NW.
• Nate Dahms — Slides and videos of the Cowboy Line taken during 1992.
• C&NW Veteran Employee — Working for the C&NW from the 1940s through the 1980s.
• Veteran’s Panel — A group of C&NW veterans, with hire dates going back to the 1940s, will talk about their memories of working for the North Western in Nebraska. The panel will be available to answer questions.
Norfolk 2012 Annual Meet Schedule

Thursday, May 17
11:00am  Convention Registration Opens
1:00-6:00pm  Bus Tour of the Cowboy Line up to O’Neill
6:00-7:00pm  Outdoor Meet and Greet at the Hotel
7:00-8:30pm  Presentations — Nate Dahms, Jerry Krug
7:00-9:00pm  Company Store and Photo/Model Rooms Open
8:30pm-on  Open Showing, Slides, Videos. Attendees Encouraged to Show Slides of All Eras and Regions

Friday, May 18
7:00am  Registration Desk Opens
8:00am-12:15pm  Tours
Tour 1 — Plainview Ethanol Plant, Nebraska Northeastern RR Osmond Terminal, Pierce Depot
(Limited to 40 Participants)
Tour 2 — Omaha Road and C&NW Depots (5 Depots Visited), Nebraska Northeastern RR Osmond Terminal
Tour 3 — Nucor Steel Shearing Plant, Elkhorn Valley Museum
(Limited to 26 Participants)
Tour 4 — Nucor Steel Melting Plant, Elkhorn Valley Museum
(Limited to 30 Participants)
8:15am-12:15pm  Non-Rail Tour — Elkhorn Valley Museum, Cuthills Winery, Norfolk Art Center
1:00pm-6:00pm  Trip on Fremont & Elkhorn Valley Excursion Railroad, Box Lunch Included on Departing Bus;
Also, Visits to West Point and Hooper
6:00pm-7:45pm  Dinner on Your Own
7:00pm-7:45pm  Membership Meeting
8:00pm-10:00pm  Presentations — Keith Terry, Jim Reisdorff & Mike Bartels, Jerry Penry
10:00pm-on  Open Showing, Slides, Videos

Saturday, May 19
7:00am-8:00am  Set Up for Swap Meet and Model Railroads
8:00am-3:00pm  Swap Meet and Model Railroad Displays at Divots Conference Center
8:00am-Noon  Events Outside the Hotel (Visit on Your Own), Model Railroad Open Houses, Madison Country Museum, Nebraska Central Railroad Locomotive Lineup at South Norfolk Yard
10:30am-11:30am  Presentation — Jerry Penry
11:30am-1:00pm  Lunch on Your Own
2:00pm  Silent Auction Ends
1:00pm-2:00pm  Presentation — Dick Schmeling
2:00pm-3:00pm  Presentation — Lou Schmitz
3:00pm-4:00pm  C&NW Veterans — Memories of Working for the Chicago & North Western
4:00pm-5:00pm  C&NW Veterans Panel
5:30pm-6:00pm  Happy Half Hour
6:00pm-8:30pm  Banquet With Guest Speaker Rick Mills: The People, Places, and Trains of the Cowboy Line”
9:00pm-on  Open Showing, Slides, Videos

Sunday, May 20
7:00am-10:00am  Breakfast at TaHaZouka Park (2201 S. 13th St. Norfolk) — Head of Cowboy Trail
10:00am  Annual Meet Closes — See You in Waterloo, Iowa, in 2013

Please See Important Tour Information on Opposite Page
Registration Form

Please complete this registration form and mail before April 25, 2012, to Jim Phinney, 2012 Meet Registrar, at the address below. (Do not use ballot envelope, and do not send cash.)

Annual Meet Fees — Norfolk, Nebraska — May 17-20

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Signature________________________________________________

Please send completed registration form with payment (credit card information or enclosed check or money order payable to the Chicago & North Western Historical Society) to the following address:

Jim Phinney, 2012 Meet Registrar  
119 32nd Street N.W.  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52405-4616

www.cnwhs.org/convention.pl

Due to factors beyond the control of the C&NWHS, all events are subject to change or cancellation on short (or no prior) notice. If an excursion is cancelled, a portion of the trip fee will be refunded. Do not mail your registration after May 9, 2012; please pay at the door. No refunds will be given for any registration post-marked after the April 25, 2012, deadline.