



SPARKS AND CINDERS

Our purpose as members of Wisconsin Chapter—National Railway Historical Society is to gather, preserve and disseminate information, both historic and current, pertaining to railroading in Wisconsin and the Upper Midwest.

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The Milwaukee Streetcar “The Hop” began revenue service on Friday November 2, 2018. Here one of the trainsets is westbound on St Paul Ave at Water Street. The first year of service is sponsored by Potawatomi Casino and rides are free. Photo by Dan Grudzielanek

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Upcoming Events November 2018

TMER&THS (Traction and Bus Club)

www.tmer.org

Waterstone Bank

6560 S 27th Street Saturday November 17, 2018

Doors Open 2pm Meeting at 2:30pm

Membership Christmas Party - Variety of Presentations

WISE Division NMRA

www.wisedivision.org

Monthly Division Meet

Sunday January 20, 2019

12:30pm to 4:00pm

Swap Tables and Presentations

Layout Tours

NRHS National Convention

www.nrhs.com

Check the webpage for information on 2019 Convention

Milwaukee Road Historical Association

www.mrha.com

National Convention

June 20-23, 2019

St Paul, MN

C&NW Historical Society

www.cnwhs.org

National Convention

May 30th - June 2nd

Milwaukee, WI

Soo Line Historical and Technical Society

www.sooline.org

Watch for upcoming events

The Green Bay & Western Historical Society will hold its Annual Meeting and Banquet in Green Bay on the evening of Saturday, April 27, 2019. It will be held at the Best Western Green Bay Inn Conference Center, 780 Armed Forces Drive, Green Bay.

To Contact the Wisconsin Chapter NRHS

President Bob Baker

Email bbaker@milwpc.com

Wisconsin Chapter Now on Facebook !!

Thanks to Keith Schmidt the Chapter now has a Facebook Page. It Can be accessed at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Wisconsin-Chapter-NRHS/170129169765334> (Must enter the number string)

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Rare Collection Comes to Light by Jim Rindt

Every once in a while a new collection of classic images comes to light. Tonight Jim Rindt, awarding winning modeler and railroad historian presents a rare collection of images in full Kodachrome color from the 1950s to the 1970s covering some very rare topics such as the mines of the Mesabi Range, ore trains on the Great Northern, steam passenger trains on the Milwaukee Road's Northern Division and the streamliners of Chicago & North Western along the Lake Shore Division as well as classic Midwestern interurbans. This collection was passed along from a family not interested in local history but not wanting to see their uncle's passion be thrown away.

The meeting will open at 7:30pm with introduction of any guests and announcements regarding rail activity near and far. Please bring a friend, guest or even enemy to the meeting. Monthly meetings are held at the North Shore Congregational Church at 7330 N Santa Monica Dr. in Fox Point. The church is handicap accessible. For more up to date information on meetings and speakers and also any weather cancellations check out the webpage at www.nrhiswis.org.



Wisconsin Chapter Meeting Schedule

Friday January 4, 2019 - Coal is Still King - Keith Schmidt

Friday February 1, 2019 - TBA

MEETINGS NOW START AT 7:30PM !!!

Programs Subject to Change

If you would like to present a program
at a Chapter Meeting

Contact Dave Nelson at email engine1385@aol.com

November 2018 Meeting Summary

In the absence of President Bob Baker, Vice President Keith Schmidt welcomed the 27 members and guests present at the November 2 meeting (a few more people arrived while the presentation was in progress). Keith summarized recent rail news: that day's official opening for "The Hop" streetcars downtown, the re-opening of the Milwaukee Transit Archives in their new location on Packard Avenue in Cudahy, a reminder about the CP Holiday Train's schedule in the November Sparks & Cinders, and the November scheduled operations of Soo Line steam locomotive 1003, at the Hartford Christmas event November 10 and at Plymouth WI, November 23. Kathy Bruecker mentioned that earlier in October, even though Amtrak 8 was running late, the 261's cars were in fact added to the train for transit to Chicago which suggests that perhaps Amtrak's "anti-private car" rules are not as rigorously enforced as recent announcements would suggest. Kathy also mentioned that between the former C&NW crossing on Erie St. and the river (near the tower) where the swing bridge still exists, working crossing lights have been installed as a display. This was the route passenger trains took to get to the lakefront depot.

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Keith Schmidt introduced the evening's presenter, Evan Richards, who was joined by Rich Burger and Steve Thomas, also of the East Troy Railroad Museum, and thanked them for the wonderful treatment the Chapter has received during its charter excursions including this last summer's special run down the Trent Tube siding, which had been suggested by Bob Baker. Keith then invited everyone present to help themselves to cake, cookies, coffee, milk, and chilled water to help celebrate the Chapter's "thank you" to the East Troy Railroad Museum.

After everyone returned to their seats with their snacks, Keith turned the meeting over to Board member Mike Yuhas, who asked Evan, Rich and Steve to step forward. He again thanked them and the East Troy Railroad Museum for going over and above for the Chapter, and surprised our guests with the Chapter's check for \$500 as a token of our thanks and appreciation.

Evan Richards then began his presentation of the history and decline of electric railroading in America, and the history of the East Troy Railroad Museum.

Submitted by Dave Nelson

From the President

Greetings from Franklin!

My family has returned from an east coast trip. Some trip highlights- In a blaze of colorful fall foliage, we rode the Conway Scenic railroad to the top of Crawford Notch. In addition, we rode the expanded service on the Connecticut River line between Springfield MA and New Haven. We spent a day at Canton Junction MA where the Amtrak trains pass at 100 miles per hour! We did get to be a part of the Boston Red Sox winning the World Series too.

And finally, if you have never visited the Norfolk Southern (former Conrail/Pennsy) line in Altoona PA, we heartily encourage you to do so. There is a wonderful museum in downtown Altoona, where you can railfan trackside and on a pedestrian bridge over the tracks. We also spent a day at Cresson and Gallitzin at the top of the grade. Plenty of trains, helpers too!

The plan is attend the December meeting on December 7th. Prior to that there is plenty to discuss.

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMEBERSHIP. Chapter members should have received a letter from Hugh Harris Membership Administrator dated October 1, 2018. The letter explains the two methods of renewal:

On line at www.NRHS.com

Or by mail. National Railway Historical Society Attn: Membership Renewal P.O. Box 31074 St. Louis MO 63131-0074

In the past, I have had limited success, going via the on line mode. To do so this year, national will have to have your email address on line. National dues remain at \$50.00, and Tom Hoffmann will be collecting "local" dues at the new amount of \$20.00.

IF YOU ARE ALREADY A NATIONAL MEMBER, I HEARTILY ENCOURAGE YOU TO REJOIN. IF YOU ARE NOT CONSIDER DONATING YOUR \$50.00. YOU GET PLENTY OF VALUE FOR YOU MONEY!!

Also at the December meeting, members in good standing (i.e. those who belong to the national group) will vote on a couple items approved by the board of directors at the last BOD meeting.

The board of directors will be reduced by two positions. The new make up will consist of the four executive positions- President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary and five directors. The automatic designation of the Past President to be a director is removed.

Thanks for listening; have a great Thanksgiving and we'll see you at the December meeting.



Canadian Pacific Holiday Train Schedule

For those interested in seeing the Canadian Pacific Holiday Train here is the schedule for when it is in the Wisconsin area. The train this year features LED light cars. Also at the stops there is a musical performance. The goal of the train is to help get donations for local food banks. So if you attend one of the performances please bring a donation of non-perishable food items.

Saturday December 2nd

3:50pm to 4:30pm Viking Park School Gurnee IL

5:25pm to 6:05pm Amtrak Station Sturtevant, WI

6:50pm to 7:15pm Amtrak Station Downtown Milwaukee, WI

Sunday December 3rd

4:15pm to 5:00pm Harwood Ave Wauwatosa, WI

5:45pm to 6:30pm Cottonwood Ave Hartland, WI

6:55pm to 7:25pm Main Street Oconomowoc, WI

7:55pm to 8:30pm Brandt Quirk Park Watertown WI

9:05pm to 9:45pm Amtrak Station Columbus, WI

For more information check out <https://www.cpr.ca/holiday-train/schedule-united-states>



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Sturtevant Rails Eagle Project

Paul, a local Eagle Scout is working on restoring a 1930's Fairmont Maintenance of Way (MOW) cart. I am also going to refurbish an old baggage cart as well as a park bench (weather permitting). The cart itself is rotting and is in need of a new frame and restoration of the wheels and pillow block bearings. If you would like to help with this project a Go Fund Me sight has been setup and donations are being accepted. Go to www.gofundme.com/sturtevant-rails-eagle-project

Saying "Thank You" to East Trolley Railroad Museum

On Friday November 2nd the Wisconsin Chapter of the NRHS invited our friends from the East Troy Trolley Museum to our chapter meeting to say THANKS !! Evan Richards was our presenter that evening. Evan has been involved with all three of our charter trips. Also present on Friday evening was Rich Burger our conductor from our recent August charter. Steve Thomas the marketing director was also there. There was cake, cookies and coffee for those in attendance.

Before the presentation Mike Yuhas called Evan, Rich and Steve up in front of the crowd and presented them with a check for \$500 from the chapter as gift to the museum for the preservation of history that they are doing. Below are some photos from the evening.



Dues Renewal Reminder and Contact Information

This form is for the renewal of Chapter Dues Only. National Dues must be paid directly to NRHS. Paying National Dues can be done online at www.nrhs.com. Follow the directions on the webpage. Also dues can be mailed to the National Railway Historical Society Attn Membership Renewal PO Box 31074 St Louis, MO 63131.

Chapter Dues are \$20.00 for the year. This includes a subscription to Sparks and Cinders. Please include this form with payment. The chapter is trying to utilize contact information especially email to keep people up to date on changes and important information. Thank You

Name: _____ Phone Number _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Payment of only Chapter Dues can be made to our Treasurer Tom Hoffmann at Chapter meetings or by mailing this form to him at Tom Hoffmann 1102 Aspen Dr., Waukesha, WI 53188. Please fill out this form whether mailing in dues or paying person. Thank You.

Business Meeting on Friday December 7th

This was already mentioned in the "From the President" column. It also needs it's own paragraph to make sure that all are aware of what is happening.

There will be a brief business meeting at the start of the Chapter meeting on Friday December 7th. The topic of discussion will be to amend the Constitution regarding the number of directors on the board. The board is recommending a reduction from the current 11 members to 9 members. The 9 members would be the officers and 5 directors at large. This would eliminate the Past President as a board position and one additional board position.

Only those that are members in good standing with National organization will be able to vote. If the amendment is passed then in January 2019 the elections will be for the new 9 member board.

Thank You to Trainfest Volunteers

Many thanks to those who helped out at Trainfest 2018: Tom Hoffmann, Neal Wegner, Cathy Wegner, James Weinert, and Gaylord Yost. Thanks also to Bob Bialecki and Wayne Gessner who had volunteered but were unable to be there. We had lots of visitors to our table and gave away many copies of Sparks & Cinders. We hope to see some of those folks at future meetings. By Dave Nelson

Just a note over 18,000 people attended Trainfest in 2018. This is an increase over 2017. Maybe it was the weather or the Packer game being flexed to a later time whatever it was hopefully we will see this trend continue. - Keith

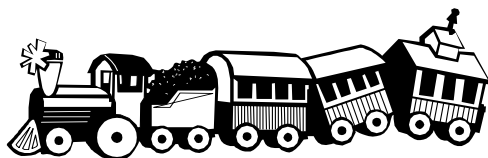
Milwaukee Transit Archives and Museum Opens

The Milwaukee Transit Archives and Museum has opened in its new location in Cudahy. The museum is located at 4763 S Packard Ave. The museum has a collection of transit related materials. Also a couple of model layouts are in the building. Right now the museum has hours of Thursdays and Saturdays from 11am to 4pm. For more information check out www.milwtransit.org. The museum is a work in progress and is always looking for volunteers to help out. Photos below by Jeff Marker



Milwaukee Streetcar "The Hop" Begins Revenue Service

On Friday November 2nd the Milwaukee Streetcar nicknamed "The Hop" began revenue service. The Hop currently runs in the area of downtown Milwaukee. The Hop runs 7 days per week. Potawatomi Casino is sponsoring The Hop for the first year and all rides are free. Below are some photos from the first weekend of service. The top photo was taken by Dan Grudzielanek on Nov 2nd the first day of operation. The following shots were taken by Keith Schmidt on a rainy evening on Sunday November 4th. For more information about the Hop check out www.thehopmke.com



Union Pacific's Precision Scheduled Railroading Brings Operating Changes to Trains in Wisconsin

By Dan Grudzielanek

In September Union Pacific announced that it would adopt a Precision Scheduled Railroading operating model, calling it Unified Plan 2020, to boost profitability, cut costs, and improve service. The first phase of the plan was implemented in October with changes to the operating plan on the Mid-America Corridor, UP's routes linking Wisconsin, Chicago, and Texas. The corridor handles half of UP's merchandise traffic according to a TRAINS Magazine Kalmbach Media report.

This new operating plan brought changes to train operations through the Milwaukee area. The following is a summary of the changes that have taken place.

Eastbound/Southbound trains MALBU (Altoona, Wis.-Butler, Wis.), MBUPR (Butler, Wis.-Proviso Yard, Ill.), MBUMHS (Butler, Wis.-Monahans, Tex.) and MBUSAS (Butler, Wis.-San Antonio, Tex.) have been abolished. Also, all unit sand trains have been eliminated. As reported by TRAINS Magazine Kalmbach Media, "Previously, sand producers would take up to five days to load a unit train. Now UP makes daily pickups of smaller batches of sand hoppers, puts them into merchandise trains, and sends them on their way." Those trains have been replaced with daily trains MSSBU (South St. Paul, Min.-Butler, Wis.), MBUGD (Butler, Wis.-Gardendale, Tex.) and MBUNP (Butler, Wis.-North Platte, Neb.). Train MALBUB (Altoona, Wis.-Butler, Wis.) continues to operate as before.

Northbound/Westbound trains MPRBU (Proviso Yard, Ill.-Butler, Wis.) and MDNBUS (Denison, Tex.-Butler, Wis.) and MBUWN (Butler, Wis.-Wisconsin Northern RR, Norma, Wis.) have been abolished. They have been replaced with daily trains MPRWN (Proviso Yard, Ill.-Wisconsin Northern RR, Norma, Wis.) and MFWPR (Fort Worth, Tex.-Proviso Yard, Ill.). MPRSS (Proviso Yard, Ill.-South St. Paul, Min.) continues to operate as before.



UP train MBUNP (Butler, Wis.-North Platte, Neb.) passing through St. Francis, Wis. on October 30, 2018

With the new operating plan in place, the following list represents UP trains that were observed operating through the Milwaukee area in early November 2018.

Manifest Trains

MALBUB	Altoona, Wis.-Butler, Wis.
MSSBU	South St. Paul, Min.-Butler, Wis.
MBUGD	Butler, Wis.-Gardendale, Tex.
MBUNP	Butler, Wis.-North Platte, Neb.
MPRSS	Proviso Yard, Ill.-South St. Paul, Min.
MPRWN	Proviso Yard, Ill.-WN Norma, Wis.

Coal Trains

	(L) = Loads / (E) = Empties
CCKSH9	Coal Creek Mine-Sheboygan, Wis. (L)
CATWS9	Antelope Mine-Weston, Wis. (L)
CBTWS9	Black Thunder Mine-Weston, Wis. (L)
CNAWS9	North Antelope Mine-Weston, Wis. (L)
CWTWS9	West Thunder Mine-Weston, Wis. (L)
CSHCK9	Sheboygan Wis.-Coal Creek Mine (E)
CWSAT	Weston, Wis.-Antelope Mine (E)
CWSBT	Weston, Wis.-Black Thunder Mine (E)
CWSNA	Weston, Wis.-North Antelope Mine (E)
CWSWT	Weston, Wis.-West Thunder Mine (E)

Coke Trains

	(L) = Loads / (E) = Empties
ORPIK	Roseport, Min.-IHB Chicago, Ill. (L)
ORPRN	Roseport, Min.-CSXT Chicago, Ill. (L)
ORPTS	Roseport, Min.-CSXT Chicago, Ill. (L)
OIKRP	IHB Chicago, Ill.-Roseport, Min. (E)
ORNRP	CSXT Chicago, Ill.-Roseport, Min. (E)

Crude Oil Trains (L) = Loads / (E) = Empties

OCSNU	CN Superior, Wis.-St. James, La. (L)
OSUSJ	CN Superior, Wis.-St. James, La. (L)
OSVVP	CN Superior, Wis.-Guffey, Tex. (L)
ONUUS	St. James, La.-CN Superior, Wis. (E)
OSJSU	St. James, La.-CN Superior, Wis. (E)
OVPSV	Guffey, Tex.-CN Superior Wis. (E)

Phosphate Trains (L) = Loads / (E) = Empties

OFGRU	CSXT Chicago Ill.-Roseport, Min. (L)
OFGVR	CSXT Chicago Ill.-Savage Min. (L)
ORUFG	Roseport, Min.-CSXT Chicago, Ill. (E)

Locals

LPA54	Cudahy Job
LPA55	Marsh Job
LPA70	Granville Job
LPA79	Butler Wis./Sheboygan, Wis. turn

Butler Yard Jobs

YBU01R	On duty 07:00
YBU02	
YBU02R	
YBU03R	On duty 15:00
YBU05R	On duty 23:00
YBU06R	On duty 23:59
YBU65	A&P Job

From the Archives

December 1953 - 65 Years Ago

Find the number – Additional advertising holders are being applied to the exteriors of Milwaukee streetcars. For many years, advertising signs have been located on the ends of the cars, at either side of the headlight. Last week they began appearing on the sides of the cars close to the front door; this week they are being applied to the corresponding position near the rear door. Since four of the six car numbers are thus being covered up, the only numbers visible are on the ends of the cars, under the headlight....Ride the Fast Mail. Milwaukee Road train 57, mail and express, has been carrying passengers, though not mentioned in the timetable. Daily, except Saturday, 57 leaves Chicago at 9:00 p.m., arrives in Milwaukee at 10:25 p.m., leaves at 10:40 p.m., and arrives in LaCrosse at 2:40 a.m., where its cars are switched to the Austin, Minnesota, branch train. A ride on train 57 can be something of an experience. Try it!

December 1958 - 60 Years Ago

(The following is excerpted from a western circle trip by Laird Ross; we pick it up when their train leaves Seattle.) "Left Friday afternoon at 4:00 on the Milwaukee's Olympian Hiawatha on the return trip. Oddly enough, we had diesel power all the way to Avery, where we finally changed to electric. Through the Cascades, the Milwaukee has one of the most scenic routes in the country. Crossing the plains in Montana, we saw several small herds of antelope as well as several deer. At one point, a flock of sheep crossed the track just ahead of the engine. We arrived in Minneapolis on time and ate breakfast in the depot during the 45 minute stop there. Left on time after changing engines.

Everything fine until we left Winona, where we started having engine trouble, which caused us to arrive in Milwaukee 70 minutes late."...The Milwaukee Road carried 6,000 passengers on four special and one regular train between Chicago and Madison for the Northwestern-Wisconsin football game November 8th. An 18-car special (including four tap cars) and a 13-car regular train operated from Milwaukee for the game.

December 1963 - 55 Years Ago

This is the month for Railroad magazine to appear with Russ Porter's Pioneer Limited painting on the cover. It is due on the news stands on December 2....Ferge and Bullermann travel: "On October 14th and 15th we made a trip to Peoria to visit the Midland Coal Co., and also custard stands and coffee shops along the way. We stopped at Bensenville to photograph the Chicago Gravel 0-6-0 on display, West Hinsdale for "Q" commuters, coffee at Bullermann's folks' home, and Eola for more commuters. Toward Peoria we caught a TP&W freight in a nice green and yellow scheme, stopped for some custard, photographed a rusty old steam tractor, stopped for custard at Farrington's, then on to Midland Coal. When we saw the smoke it was too much – Bullermann did something Ferge will never forget or forgive; he threw his custard out of the car window! After all, who, except Ferge, could eat when a steam locomotive is on the move?"

December 1968 - 50 Years Ago

The Chapter auction was a resounding success and netted the Chapter treasury \$42.60. This will help keep dues down since expenses are quite a bit higher this year, especially postage for S&C, since the postage rate for First Class mail was recently raised from 4¢ to 6¢ (Ah, the good old days – ed.)....The first big change in Chicago as a result of the PRR-NYC merger on October 27 was the transfer of all ex-NYC trains from LaSalle St. Station to Union Station. Thus ends 116 years of NYC (LS&MS) service from LaSalle St. Station

December 1973 - 45 Years Ago

After 105 years of publishing railroad passenger information, the Official Guide will become all-freight with the January 1974, issue....C&NW will acquire 50 new 3,000 hp SD40-2 locomotives at a cost of \$18,690,000. This order is the largest single acquisition of high horsepower diesels by the C&NW.

December 1978 - 40 Years Ago

Anticipating a large surge in business on the Lake Shore Limited, Amtrak has moved the traditional twin-unit dining cars from the Broadway Limited to the ex-NYC route In an attempt to relieve a chronic power shortage, the Milwaukee Road has just leased 20 diesels from the C&NW, including the SD45s.

December 1983 - 35 Years Ago

On November 9, Milwaukee Road Trustee Richard B. Ogilvie, announced a new image for the future, linked to the glory of the past, when he unveiled the first repainted and renewed unit featuring the Indian emblem long associated with the Milwaukee Road's Hiawatha passenger trains.

December 1988 - 30 Years Ago

The roof of the former Wisconsin Central car shops building in Waukesha collapsed during high winds on November 15. The west wall of the building was also blown down....The WICT track realignment project in Waukesha is scheduled to be completed during May or June, 1989. At that time, Sweet Soo will be moved to the Mid-Continent Rail Museum

December 1993 - 25 Years Ago

The Chapter announced plans for a follow-up book to "Wisconsin Rails." It is hoped the book will be ready in time for Trainfest 1994. The former CGW locomotive shop in Oelwein, Iowa, is scheduled to close on December 31. It was opened on September 28, 1899.

December 1998 - 20 Years Ago

On October 29, three former C&NW bi-levels, including Car No. 1, the first bi-level, were at the WSOR shops in Horicon awaiting re-painting into the old yellow and green scheme for the Illinois Railroad Museum.

November 2003 - 15 Years Ago

The CP Holiday Train made numerous stops in Wisconsin over three days; stopping at Sturtevant and Wauwatosa on Dec. 9, Oconomowoc, Columbus, Portage, Mauston, and Tomah on Dec. 10, and La Crosse on Dec. 11....WSOR announced the purchase of the Waterloo Spur (32.5 miles, Madison to Watertown) from the CP.

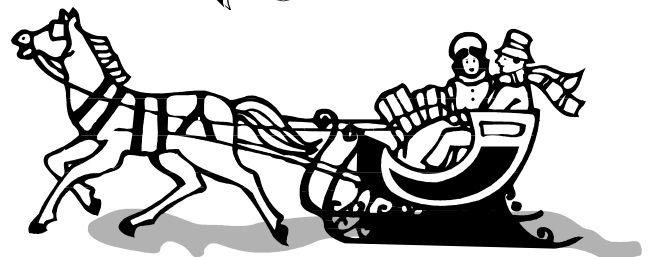
November 2008 - 10 Years Ago

Soo Line #1003 will be steaming up for a Santa Train in Edgerton, WI on December 5th & 6th at the Edgerton Depot. Then #1003 will steam to Plymouth for another Santa Train trip. The train will back to Elkhart Lake before departing on Dec 14th.

November 2013 - 5 Years Ago

Cudahy CNW Depot recognized as a historical site by the National Register of Historic Places. Built in 1892 it is one of the last wooden depots standing in Wisconsin. In 1978 the Cudahy Historical Society saved the depot from the wrecking ball. The depot is still the home of the historical society.

Merry Christmas

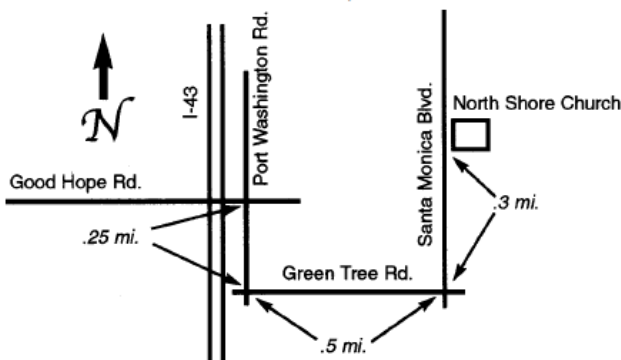


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