

**Veterans' Association
of the
Chicago & North Western Railway**

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Green Bay Chapter Meeting
January 21, 2015

Minutes of the Green Bay Chapters of the C&NW Veterans and NARVE joint meeting held at the Titledown Restaurant in Green Bay, January 21, 2015. Coffee and sweet rolls were provided.

The following minutes to be read at our next meeting at the National RR Museum, February 18, 2015.

President Truman Koehn read the minutes of the previous meeting which was held at the National RR Museum on December 17, 2014. 5 members were in attendance January 21.

Old Business: Discussion concerning a letter written by one of the heads of a national RR union stating that for the moment, there is no immediate threat from our US Congress to dissolve the private rail workers pension fund and merge it with Social Security. Under the last Congress, the U.S. House, led by then Budget Chairman Paul Ryan, had voted to merge the Railroad Retirement into Social Security on the belief it would save U.S. taxpayers 2 billion dollars. The problem with saving \$2 billion dollars of taxpayer monies is never in its history has the Railroad Retirement Pension ever taken one penny of taxpayer money. And the Railroad Pension is extremely solvent and well run. Since the new Congress convened this month, Paul Ryan is no longer the chairman of the House Budget Committee. This is good news for all rail workers. However, the rail unions and the AAR will continue to watch any attempts to dissolve the private pension system protecting rail workers. The railroad pension fund is solely funded by rail workers and the rail carriers ---for railroad workers and their families exclusively.

New Business. Member Herb Hessil recently put out on the Internet a film he took of the special excursion from Green Bay to Eagle River in Sept. 1957. This excursion marking the end of steam engine operations on the Lakeshore Div. Also discussed was the photo taken at the Green Bay / C&NW roundhouse in Sept of 1957 of the R-1 steam locomotive number 175. This photo in connection with the excursion to Eagle River and the end of steam operations. Regarding the end of the steam era in Green Bay, Frank Hedstrom had an article from the Green Bay paper noting that Jan 14, 1956, the last 6 steam locomotives on the Green Bay and Western RR left for the scrap yards in Indiana on this date.

A copy of a local magazine, Holiday issue and published by Gannett Media, was presented for viewing as on the cover was a nice color photograph of the director of the National RR Museum in Green Bay, Jacqueline Frank. Who we all know well.

Report on sick members: None

Report on any deceased members: None

Our next meeting (after our February 18 meeting) will be Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 10AM at the National RR Museum in Green Bay.

Minutes taken by Herb Hessil and submitted by Truman Koehn