

Friends of the Burlington Northern RR 2016 Convention Glendive, Montana



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Introduction

The Friends of the Burlington Northern Railroad (FOBNR) historical society was chartered in 1993 to gather, preserve, and share information about the history and the current operations of the Burlington Northern Railroad. In 1996, following the merger between Burlington Northern and Santa Fe, the group voted to follow the Burlington Northern from 1970 to 1995 and the BNSF from 1995 to the present. The Group's quarterly publication, The BN Expediter, is the voice of the organization that shares news about the group's activities, BN historical data, and current operations of the railroad. The society also has an annual convention at some location on the BNSF system with programs, tours, displays, a banquet with a keynote speaker, lots of railfanning, and a business meeting. Continued:

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Front of Glendive Depot.

Introduction

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This PowerPoint presentation highlights the June 8-13, 2016 Friends of the Burlington Northern RR (FOBNR) annual convention in Glendive Montana.

Four of us Coloradans attended the 2016 FOBNRR convention in Glendive, MT. Travis Searls, Rodney Black and I rode with Kent Charles from Maricopa, AZ who met us in Denver. John Parker rode with Boras Rosser who flew to Denver from Atlanta, GA and rented a car. The six of us left approximately 7:30am from Longmont, CO on June 7. Naturally, we rail-fanned across Colorado, Wyoming and Montana to Glendive.

N-Joy!

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Tuesday, June 7, 2016

CHEYENNE



Our first railfanning stop was at the BNSF depot in Cheyenne, WY.

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Break at Chugwater, WY

Wyoming
Vietnam Veterans
Welcome Home
Highway



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Southbound Coal West Elkhorn, WY

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Northbound Empties South of Bill, WY

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Rodney Black Photo

Former Iowa Interstate GP10



Progressive Rail facility at Bill, WY

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Railfans, always

in my way!

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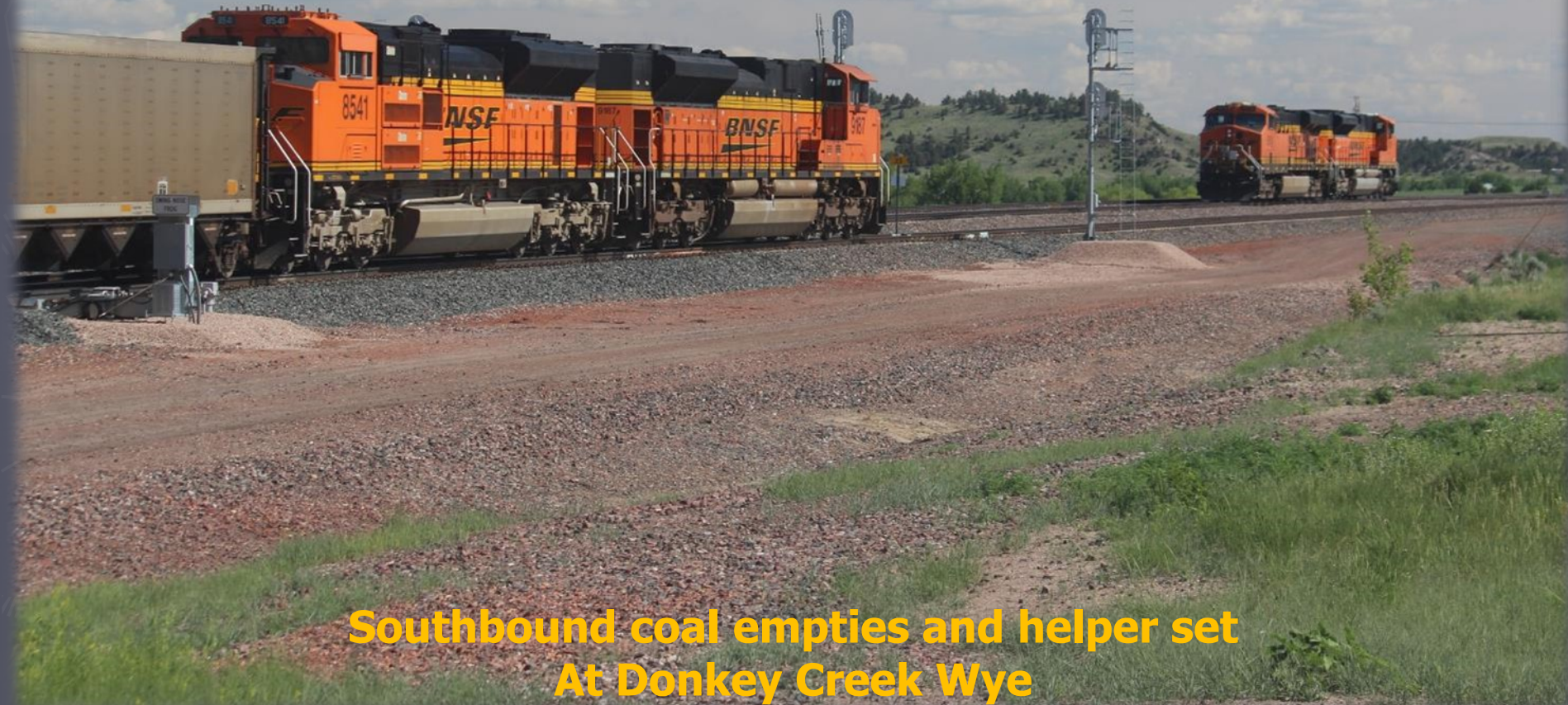


Rod Black & Boras Rosser taking photos of two UCEX coal cars painted in very special paint just outside of the Progress Rail Car Shops at Bill, Wyoming.

Photo by John Parker

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Southbound coal empties and helper set
At Donkey Creek Wye

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Southbound coal loads and helper set at Donkey Creek Wye.

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Westbound Manifest east of Gillette, WY.

While the FOBNR Colorado contingent was spending a quiet Tuesday evening railfanning in Gillette, WY; the FOBNR Midwestern contingent was operating in Bismarck, ND.

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Micheal Farley's Burlington Northern Yellowstone Division



John McKenzie Photo

For more information on Micheal and his layout see:
<https://www.facebook.com/yellowstonedivision/>



Micheal Farley Photo



David A. Poplawski Photo

The Midwest Contingent of John McKenzie, Peter Ferch, John Adams, Vasyi Domashevsk & Dave Poplawski operating on Micheal Farley's HO scale model railroad which is set in Western ND in the 1970's. Micheal is seated in this photo.

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BNSF
RAILWAY

GILLETTE TERMINAL
POWDER RIVER
DIVISION

Take your time, PILGRIM!

We can replace equipment,
but not a human life!

BNSF Powder River Division

Greenleaf CO

Back to the Colorado Contingent, we overnighted in Gillette WY and railfanned in the morning before heading north to Glendive, MT.

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**Westbound empty coal just southwest of Glendive, MT.
4:45pm.**

Rodney Black Photo

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Same westbound empty coal just southwest of Glendive, MT led by BNSF6028, an ES44AC.

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After dinner at CC's Cafe, we held our
"Introduction and Orientation to Glendive"

meeting, presented and led by John McKenzie (Standing) and Dave Poplawski. (green shirt sitting). 16 members were present from the states of Arizona, Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Oregon, Washington & Wisconsin.

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Kent Charles Photo

Street view of Glendive, MT Depot
Thursday morning we toured the Glendive BNSF facilities

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Trackside view of Glendive, MT Depot

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GLENDIVE

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Group Photo at Glendive, MT Depot

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Left: Glendive Trainmaster Chris Daubel, presents Introductory Briefing.

Right above: Network communication room in the Glendive Depot, still using a BN "net" logo in 2016.

David A. Poplawski Photo

Right below: Touring the Depot.



Glendive, MT Depot Tour

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"Glendive in Real Life" photo collage
Depot Tour

Kent Charles Photo

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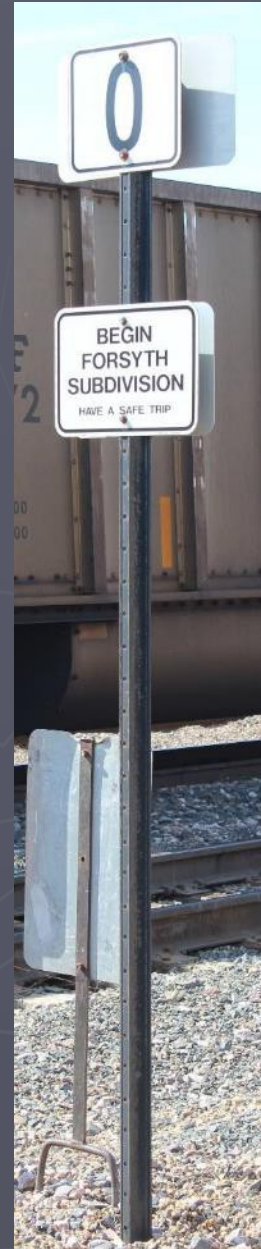
Above Left:
Chris Daubel
(orange shirt)
answering
questions at
depot trackside.



Below Left:
Fueling rack on
the main.

Right: Milepost
215 on the
Dickinson Sub
and Milepost 0 on
the Forsyth Sub.
Both Milepost
signs are on the
same post.

Glendive, MT
Yard Tour



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Chris Daubel, throwing the pushbutton electronic track switch to demonstrate the green and yellow indicator lights. Yellow indicates thrown switch. On the East side of the yard ladder.

Kent Charles Photos

**Glendive, MT
Yard Tour**



Chris also handed out a BNSF insulated lunch bag to everyone on the tour.

Thanks, Chris, for a great tour & gift!

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Sanding Tower (left), fueling racks (center background), Load test building and yard (right).

Glendive, MT
Yard Tour

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**Lineup outside Diesel Shop.
Glendive, MT
Yard Tour**

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Snowplow Lineup
Glendive, MT Yard Tour

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Snowplow BN 972560

**Originally Bros Machinery demo unit with "Bros. rotary".
former GN 50, Built 1907 by William Bros., Self propelled.**

Source: <http://www.trainweb.org/rrsnowfighting/bnsf.htm>

Glendive, MT Yard Tour

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Photo by John Parker

BN 972621

former CB&Q 203848, Jordan spreader

Source:

<http://www.fobnr.org/bncarlist/bncarlist9.htm>

BN 972670

former SP&S X-4, Jordan spreader

Source:

<http://www.fobnr.org/bncarlist/bncarlist9.htm>

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Rotary Snowplow BN 972552
former GN X-1507, Built 1907 by Alco, Rebuilt 1963 on tender frame.
Source: <http://www.trainweb.org/rrsnowfighting/bnsf.htm>
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Snowplow BN 972528

former GN 33, Russell plow

Source: <http://www.fobnr.org/bncarlist/bncarlist9.htm>

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Rotary Snowplow BNSF 972554

Former NP 42 and BN 972554, built 1937 by Alco, Rebuilt 2012 by Relco, Albia, IA. Self powered and self propelled.

Source: <http://www.trainweb.org/rrsnowfighting/bnsf.htm>

Glendive, MT Yard Tour

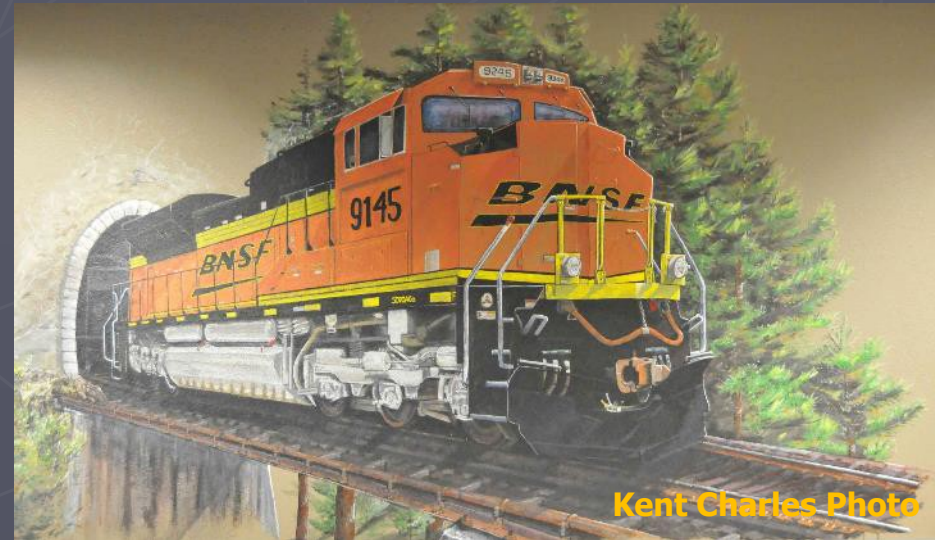
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Left: Tour guide
Gabe Schlosser,
Glendive Roundhouse
Foreman at the
Glendive Diesel Shop.

Right: Shop
Breakroom wall art
where we received
introductory and
safety briefing.



Glendive, MT Diesel Shop Tour

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David A. Poplawski Photo

Tour guide Gabe Schlosser in the
Glendive Diesel Shop.



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HAVE YOU
POSTED A
BLUE FLAG

HAVE YOU
POSTED A
BLUE FLAG

STOP

STOP

THE
KEY TO
SAFETY
IS YOU

CAUTION
LOW
HEADROOM



Glendive, MT Diesel Shop Tour

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Glendive, MT Diesel Shop Tour

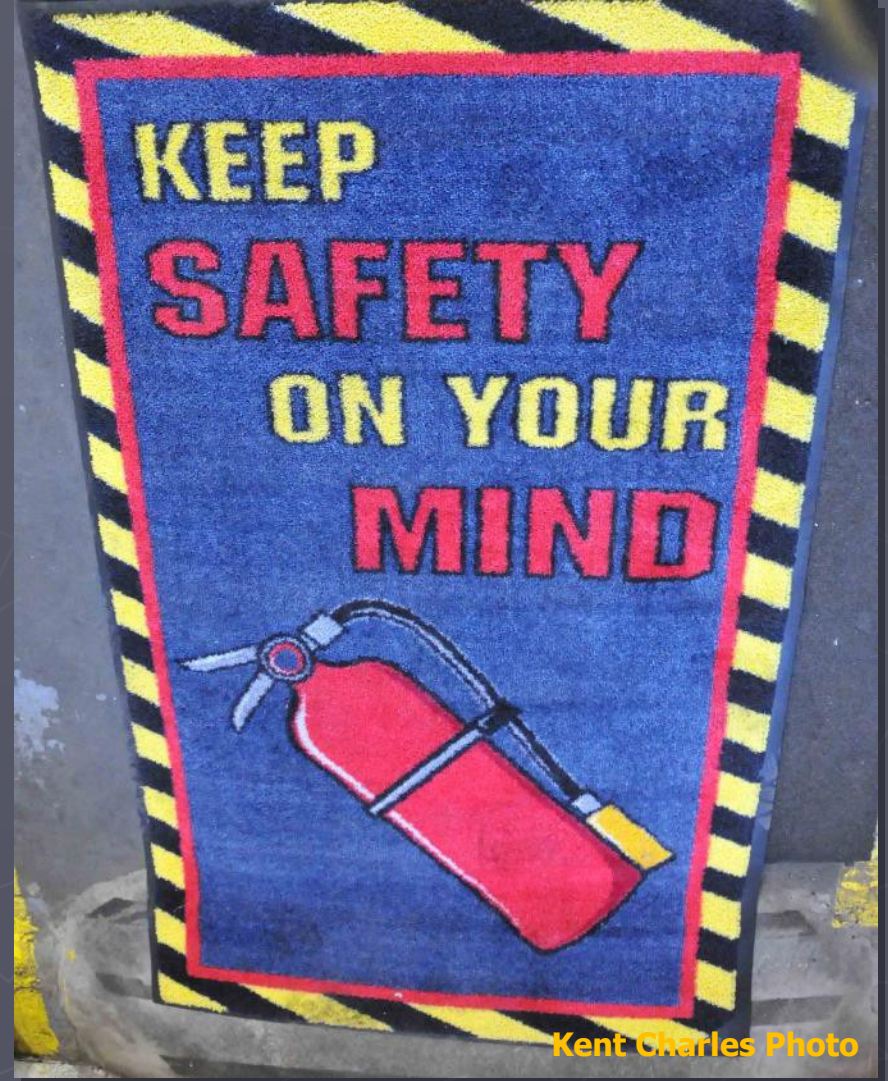
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Glendive Roundhouse personnel discuss material storage, shipping, and receiving with Peter and John inside the Glendive Roundhouse.



Shop Floor mat

Glendive, MT Diesel Shop Tour

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SW1200 built by EMD 4/1957, former GN29 & BN162.



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Glendive, MT Diesel Shop Tour



BNSF 1465 is a SD60M
ex-BNSF 8189, ex-BNSF 9289, ex-BN
9288, BLT 3/91

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Rodney Black Photo

We railfans don't pass up any train!



**Each person on the tour received these mugs from the BNSF Diesel Shop.
Thank you, Guys!**

Glendive, MT Diesel Shop Tour

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Glendive, MT Yard Miscellaneous Photos

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Westbound coal empties over O'Fallon Creek
West of Fallon, MT

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**Eastbound Manifest over O'Fallon Creek
West of Fallon, MT**

Travis Searls Photo

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Eastbound coal empties

Crossing the Powder River east of Miles City, Montana on the Forsyth Subdivision. This is "the" Powder River that comes from Wyoming and for which the coal basin is named.

David A. Poplawski Photo

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Eastbound Manifest Entering Glendive Yard.

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GE Dash 9-44CW units in storage at Glendive Yard, MT.

Photo by John Parker

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A newbie Railfan!

Or maybe a very old one.

We decided to take a break and go to the
Glendive Dinosaur and Fossil
Museum.



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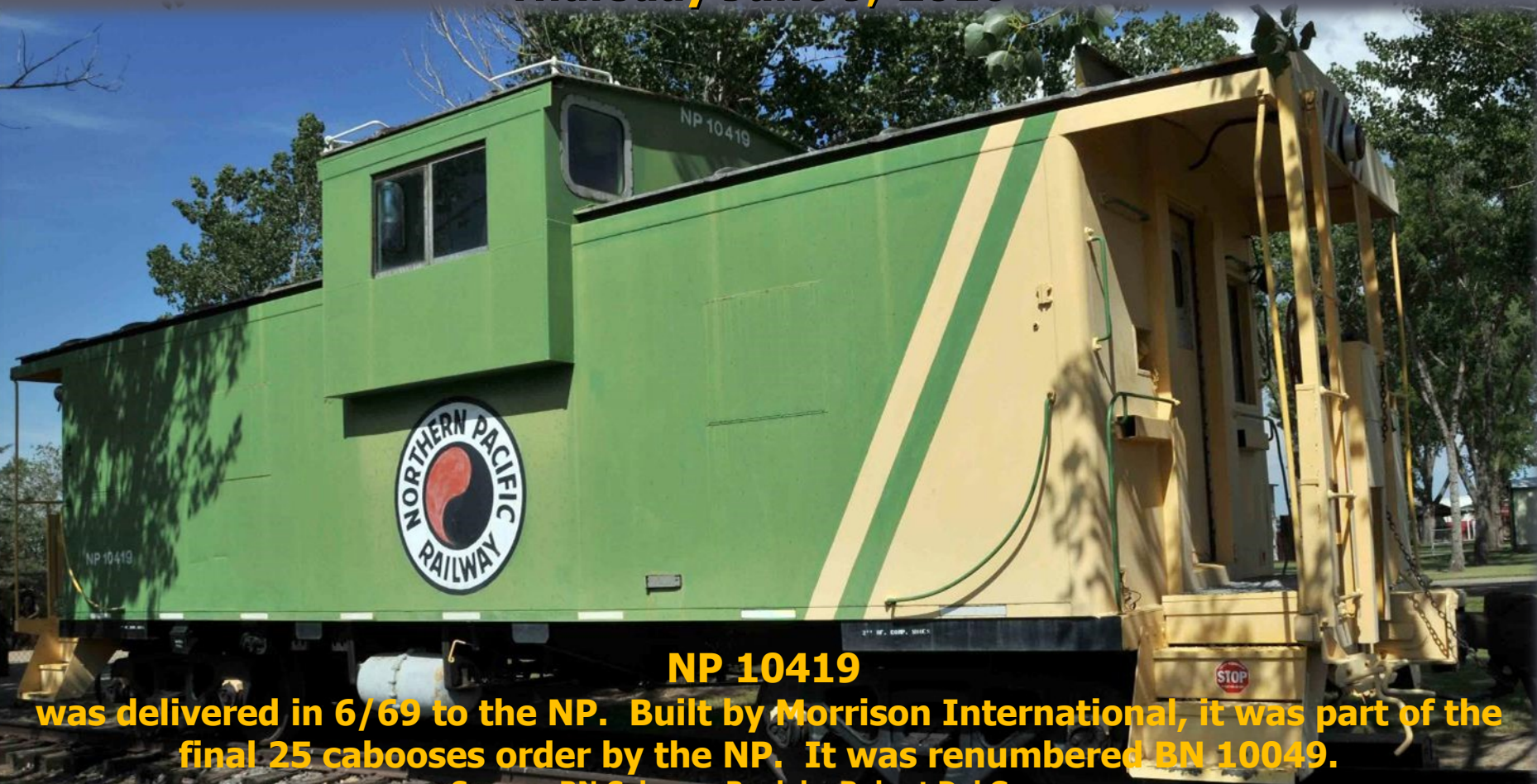
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The Glendive Dinosaur and Fossil Museum is set in the context of Biblical History, which was certainly a difference from what we were used. It was a welcome relief to be in the cool air conditioning after being outside in the 90 degree+ heat of Montana.

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NP 10419

was delivered in 6/69 to the NP. Built by Morrison International, it was part of the final 25 cabooses order by the NP. It was renumbered BN 10049.

Source: BN Caboose Book by Robert Del Grosso.

Kent Charles Photo

Adjoining The Glendive Dinosaur and Fossil Museum was the Frontier Gateway Museum where a few pieces of historic railroad equipment were displayed.



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**FOBNR Auction Items Displayed
For Sale at Banquet.**



John P. Model Display



Peter F. BN Memorabilia Display



Thursday Night Membership Meeting

It is customary for members to display BN-related items during the evening meetings.

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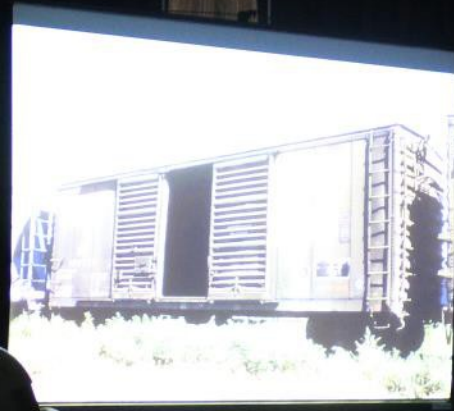


Thursday Night Membership Meeting

Where the membership can share comments and ideas with the Board.

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Thursday Night Member Slide Presentations

It is customary that after each day's agenda, members present BN-related slides. As usual, it was a long day and there was more to come tomorrow.

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This photo of westbound coal empties was taken from our hotel window at 6:27am. It was great having a trackside room.

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Love those grain hauler Big Rigs!



Unit grain train load out north of Glendive.

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Two Old Friends

WAMX 3836, Originally a GP38 built by Electro-Motive in March 1957, #33051, as BAR 84, Class M-a. It was rebuilt as 365 and sold as WAMX 3836. Now classed as a GP38-3 / GP35R per Donsdepot & <http://www.dieselshop.us>. The truck heritage is unknown.

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BNSF 1442 at the Sidney, MT yard.

BNSF 1442 is an SD60M, ex-BNSF 8165, ex-BNSF 9265, ex-BN 9265, BLT 1/91.

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The Sidney switcher working in Sidney, MT.

Gary L Seymour Photo

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NPR 7015 is ex-ATSF 2748 GP7u.

NPR 7016 is also former GP7 but cannot locate heritage.

The NorthStar Transloading Bakken terminal is a 400-acre rail-and-truck transportation hub serving the oil and gas industry. It is located outside East Fairview, a town in North Dakota's McKenzie County.

Source: <http://www.northstarmidstream.com/nstbakken/>

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One of the Sidney Locals switching Dore, ND
BNSF 1788 SD40-2 built 2/78 as BN 7044.

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SERVICES

"Your Transportation Specialists"

Sidney Locals switching Dore, ND
BN Caboose 10749 built 4/72 by Morrison International.

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**Russ Markwald
demonstrating his
Lionel layout in the
basement of his
sewing/hobby store,
"Ribbon and Rail" in
Sidney, Montana.**

David A. Poplawski Photo



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H0 scale layout at "Ribbon and Rail" hobby shop in Sidney, Montana.

Left: The opposite loop of the layout. Note canoe ready to go over top of waterfall.

Below: Peter looking over the long side of the layout with one loop in the back of the photo.



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Picnic Lunch at Sidney Park

Our thanks to John and Dave for arranging for and picking up sandwich lunches.

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Note: I paid a price for these photos as I got wet when the sprinkler systems rotated on.



Holly Sugar #100 at Sidney Park

Holly Sugar #100 was in service for 35 years and was taken out of useful service due to the non-availability of spare parts and other issues. In the 1960s, Holly Sugar purchased a diesel electric locomotive that is still in use to this day.

After being placed in the park, a group of Holly Sugar employees volunteered to clean, paint and install the [fake] cow catcher.

Source: <http://www.sidneyherald.com/news/>

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WAMX Terminal North of Sidney, MT

WAMX GP38 is ex-MP 577, built 6/67.

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Westbound Stack Train approaching East Snowden

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Eastbound Stack Train at East Snowden

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**A time to soak in the scenery and
smell the flowers.**



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Eastbound Stack Train at West Snowden

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WestBound Crude Oil train at Snowden Center



Kent Charles Photo

BNSF6405 DPU on Crude Oil train at Snowden Center

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Evening Board Meeting

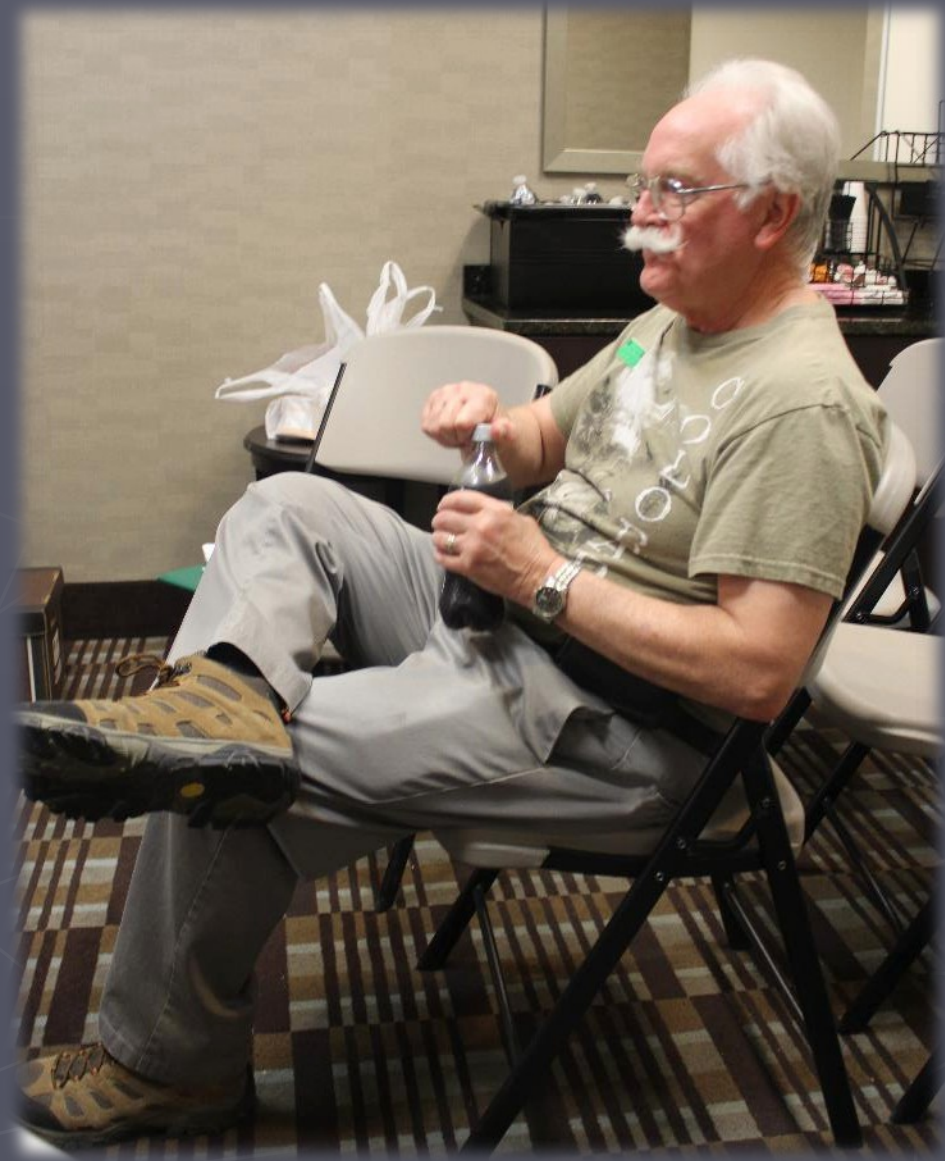
*Did those cookies make it past the first motion?
The hotel provided cookies every evening for us.*

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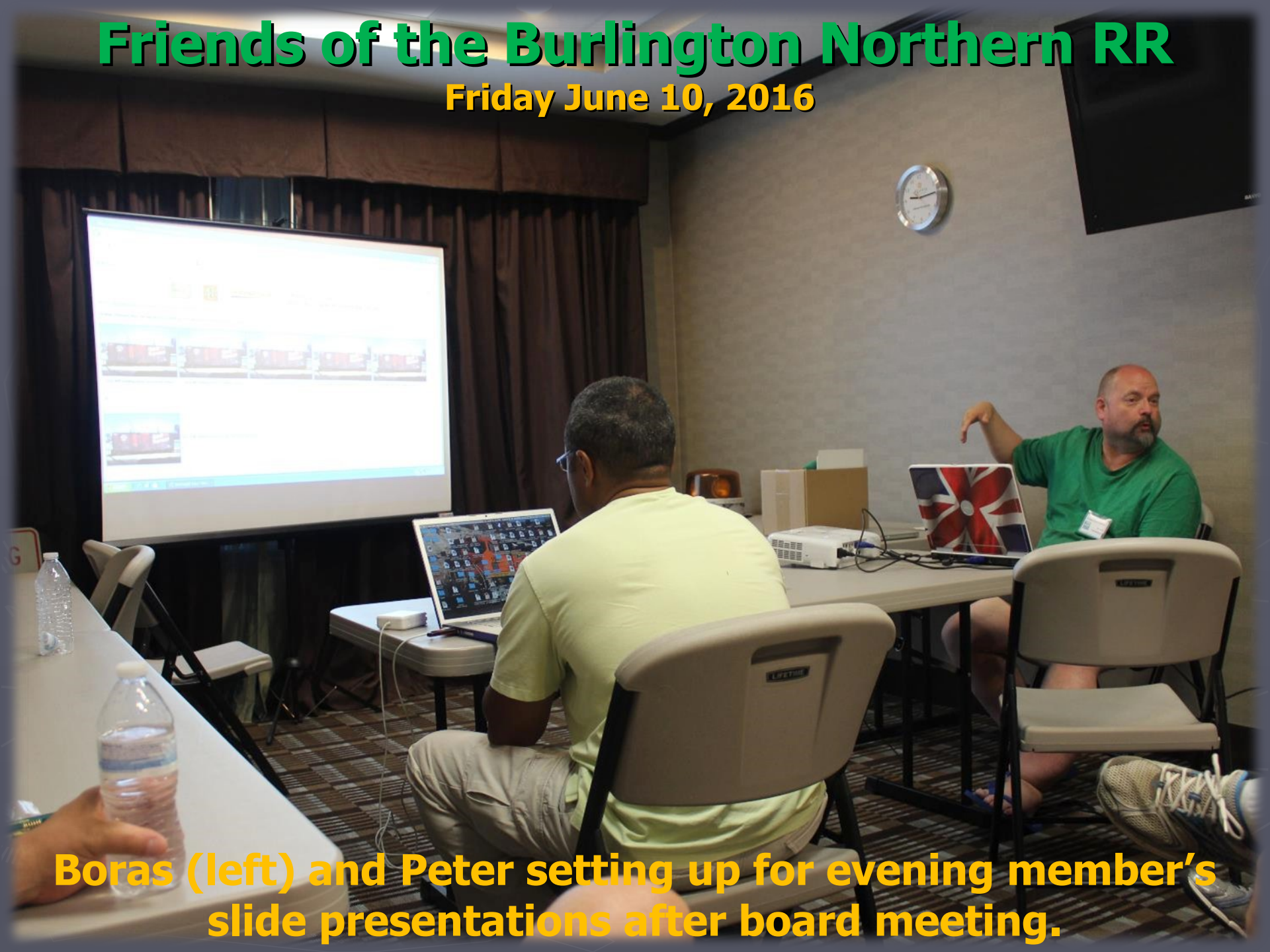
In Honor of our outgoing
Secretary Gary Seymour
who retired after 20 years of
service to the FOBNR.

Thank you, Gary!



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Boras (left) and Peter setting up for evening member's slide presentations after board meeting.

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Aric under the Flag in the Medora Cemetery patiently waiting for a train.



Saturday morning we rode with Boras and John to Medora, ND because Kent had to get a flat tire fixed.

Sometimes railfanning can be a spectacular but cold & lonely activity.

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Eastbound Coal Loads
on the main at Rider, ND on the Dickinson Subdivision.

David A. Poplawski Photo

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Kent Charles Photo

**BNSF 9140 at Medora, ND on the Dickinson Subdivision.
After Kent got the tire fixed he caught up to the group in Medora.**

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An eastbound coal train approaching Medora, ND.

The smokestack & a foundational wall in the upper left are all that remain of the meat packing plant built in the 1880s by the Marquis de Mores, who also founded Medora. The site is now Smokestack Park, an entrance to Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

Gary L Seymour Photo

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A westbound empty coal train entering Medora, ND.

Travis Searls Photo

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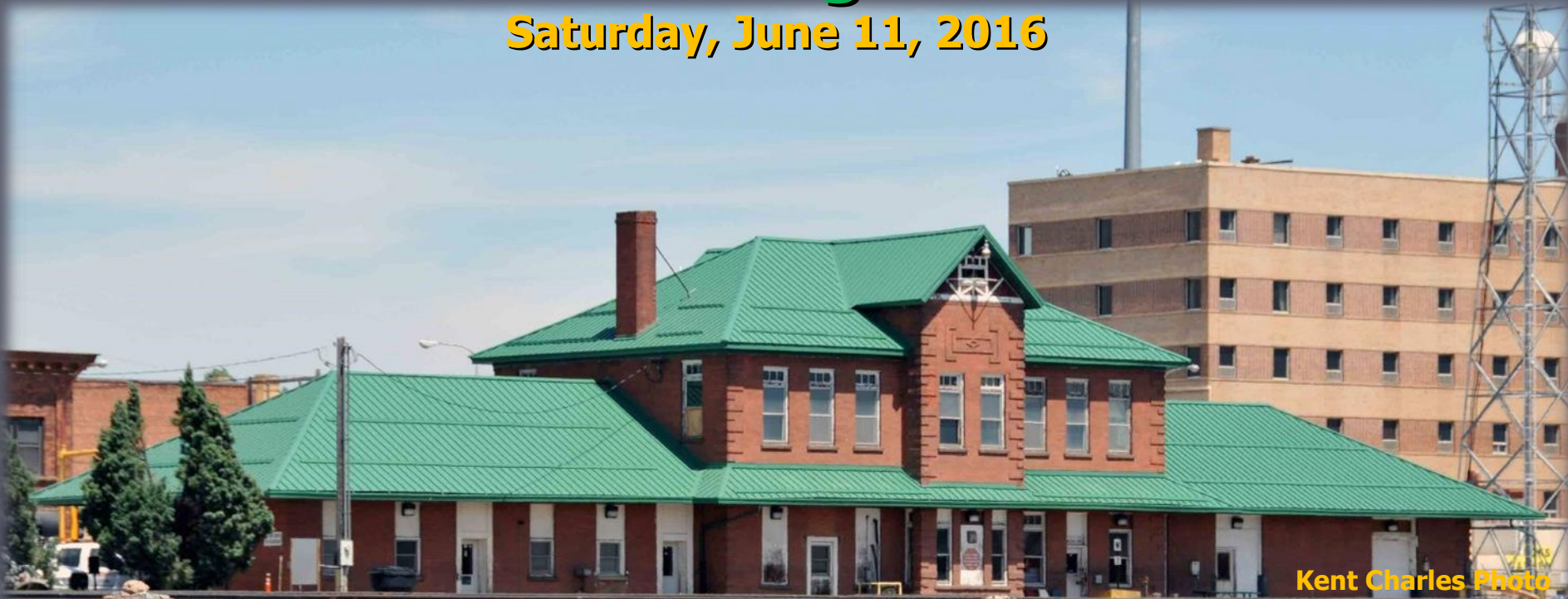


A westbound empty coal train leaving Medora, ND.

Travis Searis Photo

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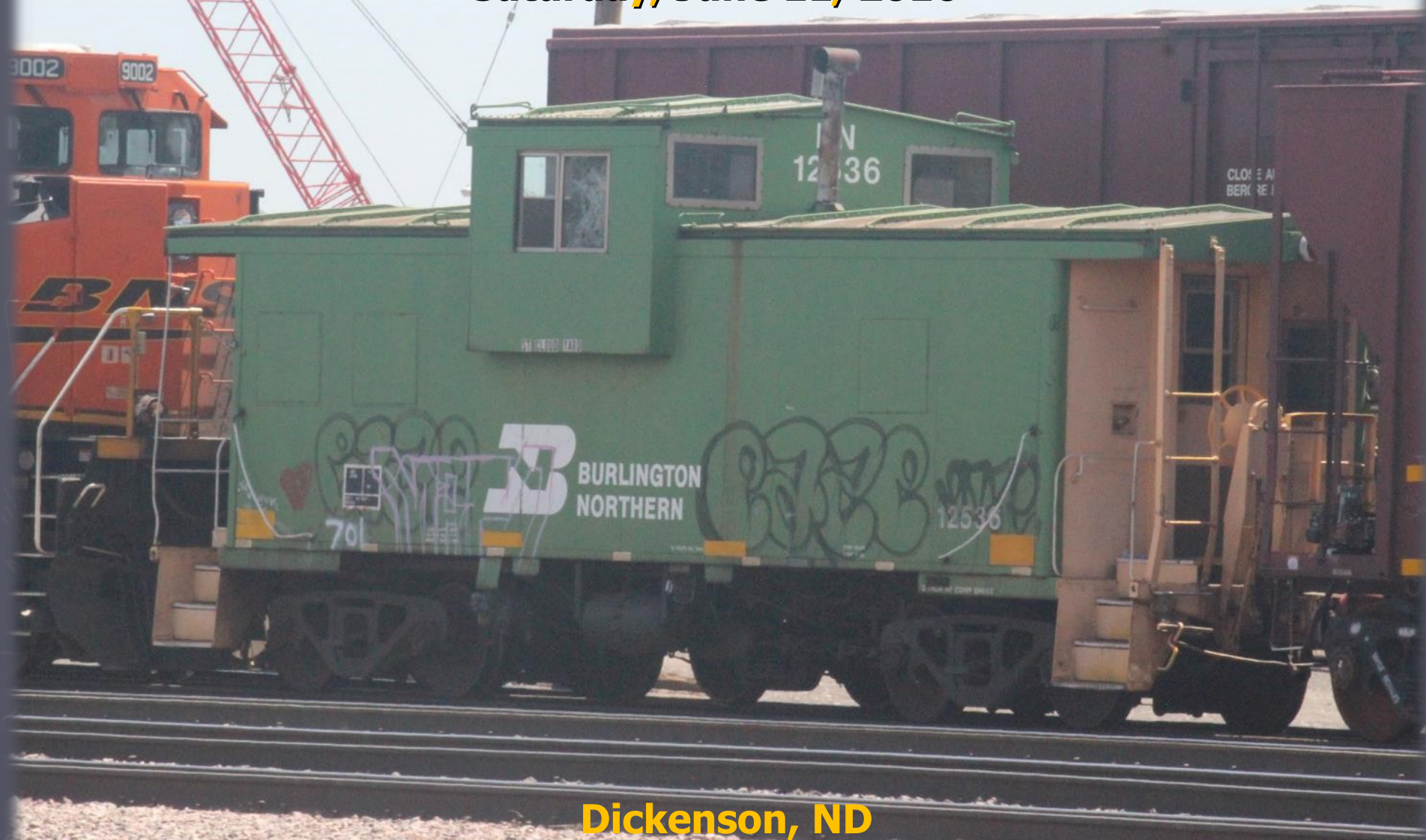


Dickenson ND Depot



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Dickenson, ND

BN 12536 Delivered as CB&Q 13693 in 8/69, renumbered BN 10003, rebuilt 8/90 and renumbered to BN 12536.

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An eastbound loaded coal train rounds the curve just west of the BNSF siding at Sully Springs, ND.

John Parker Photo

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An Eastbound Manifest along old hwy 10, East of Sentinel Butte, ND.

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The fully equipped Rail Fan at West Sully Creek.

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I caught the graphics on Gary's Railfan Van back at the hotel.
I love the graphics!

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Time for Desert!

After a full day of railfanning, we sat down to a great FOBNR Banquet at the Yellowstone River Inn. Some of us had more than others.

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Our banquet speakers were, from the left:

Barry Green, Craig "CD" Smart, and Keith "Clinger" Clingsmith.

All had worked for the BN and BNSF in train or engineer service. Barry is still working while the other two are retired.

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Our speakers were very entertaining; relating railroad experiences that were very humorous stories. Their remarks could be summed up by Keith's statement " *We raised our families and had a wonderful career.*"

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After the Banquet, the FOBNR auctions off any duplicates or donated items not needed in the archives.

Left: Auctioneer John Adams holding a real bargain encouraging a higher bid, while John McKenzie assists.

Below: Our new FOBNR Secretary, Kent Charles, recording all the auction proceeds.



Auction Time!

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Rodney Black Photo

June 11 & 12, 2016

Diehard railfans endure all kinds of weather.

On our return to the hotel Saturday we encountered a convoy of storm chasers. Storm Chasers at our Glendive hotel on Sunday morning June 12.



A convey of storm chasers going through Wibaux, MT. Three radar trucks including this one which barely clears the overpass.



On Sunday, we saw this storm near Cheyenne, WY.

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2016 Convention

Glendive, Montana



Credits

My Thanks to:

- **Peter Ferch, John McKenzie, John Parker and Dave Poplawski for organizing this great convention.**
- **The contributors (Rodney Black, Kent Charles, Dave Poplawski, John Parker, Gary Seymour, Travis Searls) who provided excellent material to use in this presentation.**
- **Kent Charles for identifying various locomotives in the presentation and for sharing a hotel room during the convention.**
- **Dave Poplawski for posting this PowerPoint on the FOBNR Website.**
- **and most of all, to the Officers, Board Members and volunteers who keep the FOBNR running well.**

Great Job, Guys!

Some Final Trip Notes:



Kent figured we put about 1968 miles on his car from Lakewood, CO and back. Of the six days we were on the road, the weather was good during the day and the railfanning was great. I managed to take just over 525 photos so what you see here of my photos is only a sample. I am sure others took many more.



BN Caboose No. 10355
at Wibaux, MT Museum

John Parker Photo

Hope to see you in Denver, Colorado for the 2017 FOBNR Convention!

Patrick G. Lana