



RAILWAY & LOCOMOTIVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC. CHICAGO CHAPTER

JANUARY MEETING

Friday January 8, 2016 7:00 P.M.

A TRIP THROUGH THE PAST

To start the new year right, we will go back into the past—not very far, but far enough to bring back into our memories the way things were just after the end of World War II, but which have vanished almost completely from the railroad scene, with a group of films prepared by railroads and private carriers showing just how good things were.

First, the Nickel Plate Road (the New York, Chicago & St. Louis to use its proper name) showed shippers (and potential passengers) why it was to their advantage to route their freight and ride the magnificent trains of its system from Buffalo to Chicago, Peoria, and St. Louis, in *The Nickel Plate Story*.

Next, Rayonier Industries, on its extensive logging lines in the far Northwest brings an end to its operation with steam locomotives—including its use of Mallet-types—in 1962 in Washington state. Diesels took over, but they were as rare a type as the Mallets.

Then we go back to the fearful winter of 1951-52 at Donner Pass, the year the City of San Francisco got stuck on the mountain for 3 days, and observe the Southern Pacific's efforts to keep the line open against everything that Mother Nature threw at it, in *Snow On The Rails*.

Meanwhile, back here in the prairies, the Chicago & North Western, in *Rolling the Freight*, showed shippers how it handled their freight, especially through its great Proviso Freight Yard and Less-Than-Carload freight house.

And last, but not least, the Norfolk & Western, which handled more bituminous coal than almost anybody, will show us how it provides home-owners and industries with the fuel that keeps our nation warm and operating at full strength, with the fuel it moves by trainload after trainload from the mountains of West Virginia, in *Power Behind the Nation*.

This transcontinental film excursion in nostalgia will begin at 7:00 p.m., at the Chicago Temple Building, 77 West Washington Street, on the southeast corner of Clark, across the street from Daley Plaza and "the Picasso." Ask the guard in the Lobby whether the meeting will be in the lower level theater or in the 3rd floor Choir Room.

And before the meeting, members, guests, and friends of the Chapter will gather for the traditional pre-meeting get-together at Maxim's restaurant, located one block south of the Temple Building, on the northwest corner of Clark and Madison. We begin gathering about 5:00 p.m. for cocktails and conversation, and order dinner about 5:30 p.m. Join us there, won't you?