

2021 Year in Review



CHSL 50th Anniversary



1239 truck rebuilding underway



Backdating of 1239 to 1921

- Interior lighting rewired and new LED bulbs
- Older type headlight installed
- Baker heater installation completed, with plumbing and chimney
- Shop truck leased from IRM.
- 1239 front truck removed and disassembled
- Color scheme now consistent

1239's Baker heater completed



Car 78 controllers rebuilt and car returned to service



CHSL overhead adjusted, repaired and 19 poles replaced



Operations

- Service July-October only due to Covid
- Operating schedule reduced and modified.
- Fare increase to \$3
- Credit cards only at CHSL. Cashier job eliminated.
- All volunteer shifts on ShiftPlanning

Charter operation makeover

- Pat Cosgrove and Karen Kertzman replaced Jerry & Muriel Olsen as charter agents.
- All charter inquiries now by email.
- All payments online in advance.
- CHSL depot may be opened during charters.

Physical plant

- Security cameras were installed at the Isaacs carbarn.
- Both carbarns have received an energy assessment that will result in 100% LED lighting, Wi-Fi thermostats, and maybe more.
- Mesaba #10 is being cleaned out and its trucks serviced so it can be moved for track realignment and floor paving.

Kids Clubs created

Streetcar Camp



Newsletters



Library progress

- Many oversize drawings scanned.
- 347 photos and artifacts catalogued into the database. Total now is 14,086
- All photos of our museum history consolidated in the library.
- Restoration records from Ken Albrecht's farm moved to library.

YouTube channel created

- Vintage movie videos posted
 - A 1950s trip on the Inter-Campus Line
 - A 1950s trip on the University Avenue line
 - 1930s video of Duluth's streetcar and incline
 - 1950s video of Twin Cities streetcars
 - Other videos posted
 - Motorman memories of the University Avenue line
 - The Motorettes reunion
- 40 streetcar history slide shows posted

Online outreach

- 14% more Facebook followers than 2021
- 30,000 YouTube views
- 79,000 historic photos accessed by 4284 people
- Electric Railways of Minnesota, Interurbans Special 14, Twin City Lines—the 1940s scanned and now available online
- Virtual Santa visits for a 2nd year

2022 coming attractions (we hope)

- A full year of operations with a full schedule
- Winona 10 motor repaired
- 1239 trucks completed
- New tower car completed
- New speeder completed
- Carbarn energy upgrades
- Overhead wire rehab in ESL yard
- Mesaba 10 cleanup continues
- CHSL carbarn wired for Wifi
- Minnegazettes available online



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2021 Operating Highlights

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- This is comparable to the past few years - 117 operators in 2019, 115 operators in 2018, 106 operators in 2017, and 104 operators in 2016.
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	\$27,837	\$5,112	\$32,949
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