

Mid-Continent Railway Museum

Restoration Department Year End Progress Report October 31, 2012

Support:

Fundraising:

- Raised in excess of \$20,000 in donations (various donors) this year for Restoration Projects
- Donor and Board granted a \$3500 donation for the Car Shop concrete
- Obtained approx. \$2500 in donated materials (Hartje)
- Sold some excess coach seats to IRM and Car 57 Project (Cheyenne, WY)

Operating Funds:

- MCRM Board authorized funding for the exterior restoration of the C-74 caboose

Volunteers:

- Over (30) volunteers have participated in the Restoration Department projects over the past year.

Completed Maintenance and Restoration Projects

Duluth Missabe & Iron Range C-74 caboose

- exterior restoration (wood replacement, repainted and re-lettered)

Duluth & Iron Range #5537 flat car

- repainted and re-lettered

Lake Superior & Ishpeming #2011 box car

- built one new side door
- re-built a side door
- installed the roof walks

Chicago & North Western #10 NG box car

- completed exterior re-painting
- re-installed the brake wheel

Great Northern #3261 coach

- repositioned coach seats to the proper location
- repainted the floor

Chicago & North Western #7409 combine

- repainted the floor and seat bases
- repainted the baggage room

On-going Restoration Projects

Copper Range #25 combine

- fabricated and assembled replica coach seats
- made replacement oak veneer ceiling and headlining panels
- applying gold leaf striping to the oak veneer panels (ongoing)
- made floor repairs and repainted
- re-varnished the interior (on-going)

Wisconsin Fish Commission Badger No. 2 fish car

- installed interior hardware
- trimmed doors
- recoated the roof

Preservation Efforts

Lake Superior & Ishpeming #1

- constructing framing for enclosing the car

Chicago & North Western #613 coach

- recoated the roof

Chicago & North Western #1099 NG combine

- loaded and transported the car to the Car Shop

Other Restoration Department Projects

Car Shop concrete

- formed and poured for addition concrete work surfaces

Car Shop electrical

- ran conduit to south end of the building for additional service