

DULUTH SOUTH SHORE & ATLANTIC SLEEPING CAR "DULUTH" "MATCHING YOUR FUNDS DRIVE"



THE CAR:

Duluth South Shore & Atlantic sleeping car "DULUTH" is one of a series of five 10-section sleeping cars built by The Barney & Smith Car Company of Dayton, Ohio in 1902. The car was used on the DSS&A's *North Country Mail* (between Duluth, MN and Sault Ste. Marie) and remained in active service until 1934. The car left the DSS&A in December 1934 when it was sold to a Calumet, MI resident and hauled to the shores of Lake Superior where it was used as a summer camp for over 80 years.

PRESERVING THE DULUTH:

Thanks to many generous donations the car was acquired and moved to the Mid-Continent Railway Museum where it was placed on a pair of 6-wheel trucks in September 2016. Since then donations have helped to source and get the couplers and draft gear installed as well as the air brake cylinder, reservoir and all of the air piping. Inside the car the missing berth partitions and lower berth seat backs have been replicated and installed. Off-site a specialty woodworker and a marquetry expert have replicated the missing berths and other wood parts needed for restoring the sleeping compartment to its original condition.

WHAT'S NEXT? :

In the coming year there are significant needs for specialty materials, supplies and specialty contractors to keep the project moving ahead and to accurately restore the DULUTH. Funding is needed for several planned projects including the interior ceiling and the stained glass windows. The majority of the veneer ceiling and headliners in the car are water damaged and in need of replacement. Once the veneer is repaired or replaced all the surfaces get a canvas applied and painted. The car is filled with stained glass windows but unfortunately the glass is missing from the oval windows and the clerestory windows. The missing stained glass needs to be replicated and the windows need to restored throughout the car. A source for the stained glass has been located but a special run will have to be scheduled to create the original opalescent glass pattern needed for the car.

THE "MATCHING YOUR FUNDS DRIVE":

To continue the restoration work in the DULUTH, your help is needed to raise \$30,000. With the DULUTH "Matching Your Funds Drive" all donations up to a total of \$15,000 will be matched dollar for dollar.

THE REQUEST:

We need your help to reach \$15,000 in donations for the DULUTH so that we can collect the match and raise the full \$30,000 for the project. Please make a donation to the DSS&A sleeper DULUTH "Matching Your Funds Drive and help restore the DULUTH sleeping car. Please go online (https://www.midcontinent.org/donations/) or mail your donations to:

Mid-Continent Railway Historical Society, PO Box 358, North Freedom, WI 53951.

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