



Bluewater Michigan Chapter

of the National Railway Historical Society

Presents

Labor Day Weekend in Michigan's Beautiful Little Traverse Region



The Michigan Northern Arrow

Friday – Monday, September 3 – 6, 2010

Four Day Rail Trip - Owosso to Petoskey



Photo by Rick Ware

Here is your unprecedented opportunity to spend Labor Day weekend in the splendor of Michigan's popular Little Traverse Bay region, without traffic and crowds. Climb aboard Bluewater Michigan Chapter's *Michigan Northern Arrow*, named for a train that once linked Indiana and Ohio with Petoskey, and go "North" in our railroad time machine.

Bluewater Michigan Chapter invites you to savor northwest Michigan's own brand of hospitality and to recall the era when passenger trains carried tens of thousands of resorters to Petoskey and Bay View in style. The 2010 *Michigan Northern Arrow* package offers unsurpassed value and adventure, Friday through Monday trip includes:

- Special diesel-powered excursion train from Owosso, Michigan
- Three classes of excellent railroad hospitality, Ultra class, First class, and Coach service
- Leisure time for shopping, strolling or just sitting, and/or optional side trips, see page 3
- On-Board Meals on Friday and Monday
- Weekend accommodations at four fine lodging facilities
- Saturday, Sunday, and Monday breakfasts at your hotel
- Complimentary shuttle bus service between key locations in Petoskey
- Baggage-handling

There is no better way to reach the fresh air and grand vistas of northwestern Michigan than Bluewater's *Michigan Northern Arrow*, with incomparable onboard dining, soft drinks and hors d'oeuvres in the lounge and coach seating. And, there is no better way to enjoy the special hospitality of the region than Bluewater's unparalleled *Michigan Northern Arrow* package.

Board the *Michigan Northern Arrow* in Owosso on Friday morning for the day long run across the Lower Peninsula via the Great Lakes Central railroad's former Ann Arbor and Grand Rapids & Indiana lines to Petoskey.



Photo by Rick Ware

Our arrival in Petoskey will be at the downtown site of the former GR&I (Pennsylvania Railroad) station across the street from the Perry Hotel. Buses will carry passengers to the Holiday Inn, Best Western Inn, and Days Inn.

We will see a long stretch of Lower Michigan from a brand-new perspective that really is "as old as the railroads that built the state," sometimes far from the highways that decimated rail passenger service, and sometimes close enough to wave as we pass motorists who wish they could be with us.

Spend Saturday relaxing, shopping in downtown Petoskey, including the quaint and popular Gaslight District, or strolling the Little Traverse Wheelway, or take the shuttle bus to the new Odawa Casino in Petoskey.

Sunday is yours to do with what you wish: shop, stroll, ponder or join one of the special side trips to Mackinac Island, Sault Ste. Marie or take a boat ride to view the bay.

We leave Petoskey early Monday, with an evening return to Owosso.



Photo by Matt Murawski



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Passenger Ticket Classes:

Coach Class: Coach passengers will be seated in historically accurate railroad cars from the early 1930's and 1950's. In addition, there will be morning snacks available for purchase in a café lounge car with table seating. Visit the baggage car *Haverstraw Bay* to view the passing scenery through the open baggage doors. Lunch (included) will be served "buffet-style" on the train on Friday and Monday in our buffet car #832 with seating in your coach, the *Beaver Valley* diner, or the café lounge car. A food voucher will be furnished towards supper from a selection on board the café-lounge car.

Coach class passengers will be staying at the Days Inn or Best Western in Petoskey. Pricing for Coach class is only \$495.00 per person/double occupancy.



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First Class: Seating in recently remodeled coach cars BMCX 857 and BMCX 829, having access to Bluewater Michigan Chapter's observation lounge car 6604. Morning snacks will be available in the *Silver Lake* diner with table seating. Visit the baggage car *Haverstraw Bay* to view the passing scenery through the open baggage doors. Lunch will be served "buffet-style" in BMCX 899 *Silver Lake* diner on the train on Friday and Monday. A four-course dinner will be served by our staff in one of two diners on the train, *Silver Lake* or *Beaver Valley* on both Friday and Monday. First Class passengers will stay at the new Holiday Inn Express in Petoskey. Pricing for First class is \$795.00 per person/double occupancy.

Ultra Class: Highest class ticketing on this trip. These passengers ride on one of two five-star passenger cars, either the *Algonquin Park*, dome, observation, lounge and sleeper car, or the *Venice*, a business car with living room, dining room, kitchen and bed rooms. Morning snacks will be available in each car. Lunch will be served in your car on Friday and Monday. A four-course dinner will be prepared by a Chef on the train and will be served by our staff in your car on both Friday and Monday. Visit the baggage car *Haverstraw Bay* to view the passing scenery through the open baggage doors. While in Petoskey, Ultra class passengers will stay at the Perry Hotel. Pricing for Ultra class is \$995.00 per person double occupancy. For a very special treat, a limited number of **Ultra Plus** passengers will sleep on board the train. Ultra Plus is only \$1,095 per person/double occupancy.

Short Itinerary: (times subject to change)

Friday September 3, 2010:

8:00 am Buses arrive Owosso

8:00 am Boarding begins

9:00 am Train Departs Owosso

3:30 pm Train arrives Manton, passengers off for Manton Labor Day Festival

4:45 pm Dinner seatings begin

8:00 pm arrival in Petoskey

Saturday September 4, 2010

Free Time in Petoskey or join one of our Saturday side trips listed elsewhere.

5:00 P.M. The Petoskey Special train departs Petoskey

8:00 P.M. The Petoskey Special train arrives Petoskey

Sunday September 5, 2010

Free Time in Petoskey or join one of our Sunday side trips listed elsewhere.

Monday September 6, 2010

6:00 am bus departs for Mackinac Bridge Walk

7:00 am Boarding of Train begins in Petoskey

8:00 am Train Departs

Mackinac Bridge walkers rejoin train

11:30 am arrival in Manton

7:00 pm arrival in Owosso

7:45 pm Buses depart Owosso

Optional Side Trips

Odawa Casino There will be shuttle buses going to the Odawa Casino on both Saturday and Sunday.

Boyne City Visit

Saturday, September 4, 2010

A side trip to Boyne city with the following activities:

- Car Show
- Farmers Market
- Boyne City Historical Museum
- Boyne City, Gaylord & Alpena Depot Guided Tour
- Lunch at BBQ's inside the Depot

Price is \$ 35.00 per person.

Harbor Springs

Saturday, September 4, or Sunday, September 5, 2010

Take our shuttle bus to the beautiful city of Harbor Springs. Bus will drop off and pick up near the train depot downtown. There is a small beach very close, the Pier Restaurant is located next door, and other eating establishments are within two blocks.

Price is \$ 10.00 per person.

“The Pointer Boat” ride

Saturday, September 4, or Sunday, September 5, 2010



The area which is now the Pointer Room at Stafford's Pier Restaurant in Harbor Springs, Michigan is literally “on the water”. Until 1962 it was the boathouse for the Harbor Point Association's water taxi, The Pointer, which ran between Harbor Point and the Village of Harbor Springs. As there are no cars allowed on Harbor Point, The Pointer provided a vital link for the residents of the association during the summer months. There were a total of three different vessels, all named The Pointer, which ran from 1930 until 1962.

Using vintage photographs by Virgil

Haynes, Harbor Springs boat builder Steve Van Dam spent seven months creating an authentic restoration of The Pointer, including the green upholstered interior seating and side curtains. He added a beautifully designed compass rose table, ice storage area and sink to make the vessel a bit more sophisticated.

As close as Mr. Van Dam can figure, The Pointer was a work boat built in Chassell, Michigan in 1934, with painted wood construction typical of Scandinavian design.

This two hour boat ride allows viewing of the houses of the “Rich and Famous” of Harbor Springs from the harbor, with a narrated tour of the bay.

Price is \$ 20.00 per person.

Mackinac Island Visit

Sunday, September 5, 2010

- Passengers visit Mackinac Island on your own.
- Grand Hotel - reservations for lunch, call 800-334-7263 – (individual settlement).
- Many bars, restaurants and shops (including the famous fudge shops) in downtown area just off the dock.
- All transportation is by foot, by rental bicycle, or by horse drawn carriage.
- The carriage drivers are quite entertaining and knowledgeable.
- Trip includes bus to Mackinac docks and ferryboat to island.

Price is \$ 75.00 per person.

Sault Ste. Marie – Lock Luncheon Cruise

Sunday, September 5, 2010

Ride a boat through the locks and see them in action. Hot buffet luncheon served on boat. Includes bus to Sault. (Subject to minimum number of 20)

Price is \$ 55.00 per person.

Sault Ste. Marie - Keewadin Casino

Sunday, September 5, 2010

Take the bus to Keewadin!

Price is only \$ 38.00 per person.

Mackinac Bridge Walk

Monday, September 6, 2010

Ride the bus from Petoskey to the starting point on the north side of the bridge. Walk the bridge at your pace. Look for the bus on the south side of the bridge. It will return you to the train north of Cadillac.

Price is \$25.00 per person.

IMPORTANT NOTES

FARE FOR CHILDREN, AGES 6 – 12, IS LISTED ELSEWHERE ON THIS FLYER, AND IS APPLICABLE WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT. THERE IS ALSO A CHILD'S FARE FOR THE RAIL-ONLY PACKAGE. THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR CHILDREN 5 AND UNDER, PROVIDED THEY DO NOT OCCUPY A SEPARATE SEAT.

Ticket refunds will be granted less a 10% (minimum 5.00) per ticket service charge when requested in writing and received in the Bluewater office no less than 30 days before excursion departure date. Tickets must be returned with the request for refund. Refunds for tickets at a discount price will be refunded for no more than the discounted price (service charge still applies). Refunds will not be made once a tour begins for non-use of any element of a trip, regardless of the reason.

Absolutely no refunds will be granted after any excursion/event. Bluewater Michigan Chapter reserves the right to make changes in dates, schedules, accommodations, routes and transportation mode. Bluewater Michigan Chapter has no control over the various transportation and other companies providing transportation.

Persons wishing to travel together must specify this when ordering. Boarding and detraining sites used for this excursion have uneven footing and require walking several hundred feet, and some step climbing.

Tickets will be sent to you along with a boarding location map, baggage tags and other pertinent information will be mailed to you approximately two weeks before the trip.

THIS IS A NON-SMOKING TRAIN. SMOKING IS PERMITTED ONLY AT DESIGNATED STOPS AND ONLY WHEN THE CONDUCTOR OR CAR HOST ANNOUNCES IT AS SUCH. THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IS NOT PERMITTED ON THE TRAIN.

Boarding sites and activities associated with these excursions may require walking (possibly over uneven ground) and step climbing (possibly steep). Although Amtrak trains are handicapped accessible, the historic equipment used in some of these excursions was built many years before the advent of handicapped-accessible transportation and in most cases cannot be modified. Bluewater crewmembers are not permitted to handle occupied wheelchairs because of potential injury to themselves or the passengers. Buses used in these excursions are not equipped with wheelchair lifts or ramps. **If you are mobility-impaired, please call and discuss available accommodations before registering.**

ORDER FORM – MICHIGAN NORTHERN ARROW
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Boarding: We will board in (free bus transportation)
 ___ Owosso (car parking in Owosso)
 ___ Dearborn (bus to Owosso)
 ___ Royal Oak (bus to Owosso)
 ___ Kalamazoo/Battle Creek (bus to Owosso)
 ___ Grand Rapids (bus to Owosso)
 ___ Bay City (bus to Owosso)
 ___ Saginaw (bus to Owosso)

Hotel: All rooms are now non-smoking
 We prefer: ___ one bed ___ two beds

Train Ticket Class: with hotel room occupancy listed

___ Coach - Triple or Quad	\$465 * = \$ _____
___ Coach - Double	\$495 * = \$ _____
___ Coach - Single	\$645 * = \$ _____
___ Coach Child (6-12, room w/Parent)	\$365 * = \$ _____
___ First Class - Triple or Quad	\$750 * = \$ _____
___ First Class - Double	\$795 * = \$ _____
___ First Class - Single	\$990 * = \$ _____
___ First Class Child	\$595 * = \$ _____
___ Ultra Class at Perry Hotel - Double	\$995 * = \$ _____
Car Name _____	
___ Ultra Class Plus staying on train	\$1095* = \$ _____

Ultra Class and Ultra Class Plus subject to prior sale.

Space is very limited so order early.

Ultra Class Plus - Select rooming as available:

- [] Business Car Venice with 4 person suite (2 available)
- [] Business Car Venice with 2 person bedroom (4 available)
- [] Algonquin Park Dome Car - 2 person bedroom (3 available)
- [] Algonquin Park Dome Car - 3 person drawing room (1 available)

Rail-Only Packages: includes all on-board meals.

___ Coach - Adult	\$345 * = \$ _____
___ Coach - Child (6-12)	\$215 * = \$ _____
___ First Class - Adult	\$600 * = \$ _____
___ First Class - Child (6-12)	\$400 * = \$ _____

OPTIONAL SATURDAY SIDE TOURS
September 4, 2010

There will be a separately priced train ride departing at 5 pm from Petoskey south to Elmira and returning at 8 pm. If you would like more information on this, please contact us.

___ **Boyer City Trip** including bus and lunch @ \$ 35 = \$ _____
 ___ **Harbor Springs Shuttle Bus** @ \$ 10 = \$ _____
 ___ **Pointer Boat Ride** including bus to the dock and the boat ride @ \$ 20 = \$ _____

For more info Contract:
 Bluewater Michigan Chapter, NRHS
 800-594-5162
www.bluewaternrhs.com

OPTIONAL SUNDAY SIDE TOURS
September 5, 2010

___ **Harbor Springs Shuttle Bus** @ \$ 10 = \$ _____
 ___ **Pointer Boat Ride** including bus to the dock and the boat ride @ \$ 20 = \$ _____
 ___ **Sault Ste. Marie Casino** including bus to the casino @ \$ 38 = \$ _____
 ___ **Sault Ste. Marie Locks Luncheon Cruise** including bus, boat cruise, and Hot Buffet luncheon @ \$ 55 = \$ _____
 ___ **Mackinac Island Visit** including bus and ferry boat trip, @ \$ 75 = \$ _____

OPTIONAL MONDAY SIDE TOURS
September 6, 2010

___ **Mackinac Bridge Walk** including bus to the bridge and return to the train north of Cadillac @ \$ 25 = \$ _____

Total Order Amount \$ _____
 Deposit Amount \$ _____

Deposit of 25% due at signup, Balance is due July 15th.

Mailing Address: Bluewater Michigan Chapter, NRHS
 ATTN: MNA, P.O. Box 296, Royal Oak, MI 48068
 Phone 800-594-5162.

Name: _____

Traveling with _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

Phone: Day _____ Evening _____

Email: _____

Amount: _____ *Charge: ___ VISA ___ MC ___ Discover

Exp Date _____ 3 Digit Code _____

Signature _____

*I authorize the Bluewater Michigan Chapter, NRHS to charge my credit card account for the amount listed. If you do not authorize Bluewater to perform this action you must contact us or provide an alternate means of payment. If you are late on your payment you may lose your place on the tour. Please initial the appropriate line:
 Yes _____ No _____
 In the event the tour does not meet its required number, your deposit/payment will be refunded.

Special Ordering Code #1 - _____

Code #2 _____

