



## MSM Holds It's First Annual Family Picnic

On Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> our Museum held it's first annual family picnic at the Museum's Excelsior Streetcar Line. Close to fifty members and their families attended the picnic where brats, burgers, several salads and all the trimmings were enjoyed. The weather couldn't have been better with blue skies and temperatures in the low 60s. Most of the attendees sat outside in the warm sun and enjoyed the fellowship, food and the gorgeous weather. Many thanks to **Bob Johnson**, and **Scott** and **Kathy Heiderich** for organizing this fine event.



(Above Left) TCRT No. 1239 provided shuttle service and rides for the attendees. Note the clear, blue sky. We could not have asked for better weather—it was a fine fall day.

(Above Right) The table with the salads, desserts and other fixins was set up inside the carbarn. The nice flowers on the table are courtesy of Kathy Heiderich. (Both photos by Jim Vaitkunas)



(Above Left) On the right, our master cooker, Scott Heiderich is doing the honors at the grill. Mike Helde (left) is going back to talk to Scott about something as Marsh Ginthner waits patiently to get his brat or burger.

(Above Right) Here's a few of the picnic attendees enjoying the food and fellowship. The weather could not have been better and sitting in the warm sunshine made the afternoon most enjoyable. (Both photos by Jim Vaitkunas)

## TEA-21 Work is Finished

While the track rebuilding part of the TEA-21 project was pretty much finished just before Labor Day of 2005, there was still a lot of additional work that needed to be done to complete the job. Besides building the new platform we needed to install the four lamp posts on the east side of the pedestrian underpass and the city needed to do some additional work there and at our Lake Calhoun platform at the north end. Here are some photos that will hopefully show the progress made in finishing the overall TEA-21 project.



Here we see (left to right) Jim Otto, Keith Lindberg and Roy Harvey contemplating the final steps needed before the four lamp posts were hauled down to the pedestrian underpass to be mounted. *(John Prestholdt photo)*



Keith Lindberg (left), Roy Harvey and Phil Settergren are setting the first lamp post. Aaron Isaacs, Bruce Gustafson and John Prestholdt (who took this photo) also worked on the lamp post project. *(John Prestholdt photo)*



At our Lake Calhoun platform the walkway from the Metro Transit bus stop to our temporary platform was finished by the city's forces. Our ultimate plan is to construct a permanent platform here that will be approximately 55-feet long so the center and rear doors of our streetcars can be used. *(Aaron Isaacs photo)*



This photo shows the upper level safety screens mounted on the railings on each side of the pedestrian underpass. This is an instance when modern safety concerns trump historical accuracy. *(Aaron Isaacs photo)*

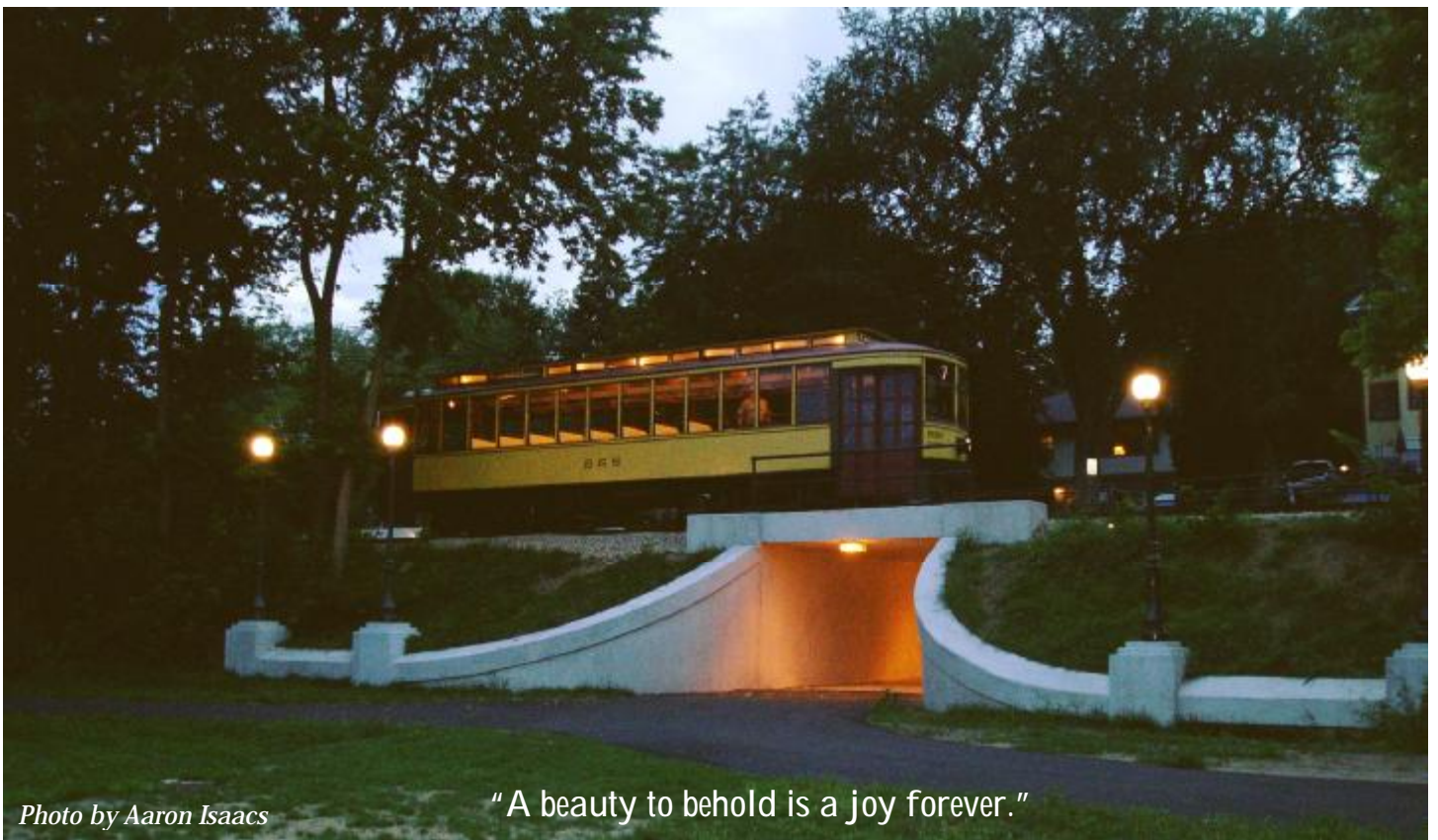


Photo by Aaron Isaacs

"A beauty to behold is a joy forever."

## An Unusual TCRT Find



### TCRT Car barn Found

Over the last several months Aaron Isaacs has made it his goal to identify and locate TCRT buildings and other facilities that remain in the metro area. His latest find is the building shown on the left.

(Top photo) The original facility was called the South St. Paul yards by TCRT and was opened for service on February 25, 1920. This facility included offices, a small shop and yard for rush hour trippers that TCRT would operate because of the new Armour & Company meat packing operations at the South St. Paul stockyards. The current building is located at the intersection of Concord Avenue and Melrose street in South St. Paul. This is approximately a block south of the I-494 bridge over Concord Avenue. What's amazing about this find is that the TCRT stopped using this building in 1932 and it still exists today.

(Bottom Photo) Here's a close-up of one of the bays in the building showing the track still embedded in the concrete floor.

(Both photos by Aaron Isaacs)