



North American Maintenance Railway Club

67 years strong!

Greetings everyone from St Joe, Missouri. I sincerely hope this finds you and your families all in good health in these disconcerting times. Fall is here, with a very important *election* on the horizon and the 67th NAMRC club season is already knocking on the door. In normal times Brandy and I would be busy lining up guest speakers, finalizing venue details, updating the website, along with marketing the club season events to our great membership. But, as we all are painfully reminded daily, North America is deep into the abyss of a global pandemic. Reflecting on my last correspondence in April, cancelling the remainder of last season, it never occurred to me that I would find myself in the same exact situation, conveying that we have decided to move forward in canceling both Jax Railroad Night and BNSF North Night.

There is reason for optimism, with hotspot states such as Florida and Texas trending in the right direction, and Minnesota showing signs of leveling off that we could possibly have a January meeting, if the CDC guidelines would allow a meeting to be held safely. Who knows? Maybe after the *election* there will be a *revelation* that the world can move forward with the new norm. Guess we will have to wait and see. 😊

The NAMRC is in excellent financial health and can survive a non-revenue fiscal year. However, I am not ready to concede the upcoming club season yet. Obviously, we will continue to monitor our host railroad's respective COVID 19 policies in preparation of future events.

Brandy will be in touch with another update in September regarding future club dates. Mind you, negotiating with hotel venues during COVID-19 has its challenges from a risk perspective in minimizing the financial impact to the NAMRC.

Please feel free to contact Brandy with any questions or concerns. She misses her frequent interaction with the membership!

We appreciate your continued patience and hope to provide some more positive news regarding future meetings to the NAMRC membership this fall.

Best regards,

Jim