



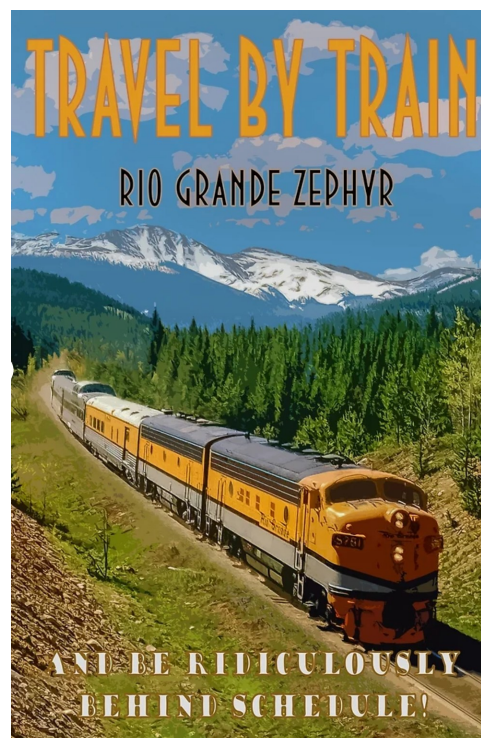
January is Sweater Month

Wear your favorite sweater for our annual photo shoot.

Please join us Saturday, January 10 when you have the opportunity to show off your favorite sweater. January has become our annual sweater month. Just for this meeting our BOSS has asked the staff at the Desplaines Elks Lodge to turn down the thermostat in the dining area so that no one is overcome with heat exhaustion. We will gather ahead of the ringing of the bell to take a group photo to add to our website.



Our resident transit aficionado and long time board member Fred Glure will be our speaker for January. Before he boards the Rio Grand Zephyr on Sunday January 11 for Glenwood Springs, Colorado he'll share some history and his experience of riding this iconic Amtrak rail service.



Torske Klub Luncheon - Jan 10, 2026—Reserve today!

The luncheon will be held at the Des Plaines Elks Club, 495 Lee Street, Des Plaines, IL (847)824-1556 for directions that day. Cocktail hour begins at noon; dinner starts promptly at 1:00 P.M. when, according to our tradition, our BOSS rings the bell to seat us for dinner. Make your regular dinner reservation by Sunday evening before the luncheon. Timely reservations insure that fish and a table space can be reserved for you. The fish order is called in after the deadline. There is a \$5 surcharge for late reservations.

Call ****NOTE THE CHANGE** (630-336-6723)** at any time day or night to leave a reservation. As usual, please leave your MEMBERSHIP NUMBER, NAME, and the TOTAL number of people in your party. The same information is required when you reserve for other members. We have reservations from the following members: **38, 51, 55, 58, 98, 102, 120, 124, 149, 170A**. Board members note that they have a reservation automatically and must call or prearrange to cancel or add guest to the count. If you are not a member and wish to attend, call the same number and leave your name according to the principle "Once a guest, twice a friend, three times a member!" If you prefer email reservations, please send to **larsonko54@gmail.com** with your total number of reservations, including yourself and guests. We will respond with a confirmation email. ****TIP** – Don't know or remember your membership number? Check the mailing label. It is the number by your name. **FREE Raffle Ticket** to each member that brings one or more guests to the dinner this 2025/2026 season, excluding Ladies day in February and Father/Son/Daughter day in March.

Reservation Line: **NOTE THE CHANGE 630-336-6723**

**Reserve
before Midnight
Sunday
Jan 4**



For more than 120 years, the Norge Ski Club has hosted the annual ski jump. This year it is on January 31st and February 1st, 2026 in Fox River Grove. Gates open 10:30am Saturday, 11am on Sunday. See the web site <https://norgeskiclub.org> for more details. Many of our members will and have attended this event as visitors, opening ceremony singers and a select few as jumpers. If you've never gone to this event, it is a winter celebration that has grown to rival a pre-football tailgating party followed by a few hours of this exciting sporting event and of course the food and drink that warms the body and soul. It is a national and international event, with many already identified as contending for the Olympics. We'll see you there.



Photo on the left of Ken Larson (L) and Lieutenant David Hall (R) taken at the Madison Torske Klubben, Fall of 2024.



Notice

When paying for your 2026 dues make your check out to **Ken Larson** until the board installs a new treasurer.

A Note from the Boss

Godt nytt år!

When an emergency comes up, we are grateful for our first responders. As we lost Tom Peterson last year, we are grateful for our own first responder, David Hall, who has volunteered to take the post of Recording Secretary.

Dave is a Lieutenant and paramedic for the North Maine Fire Protection District and has been a regular member at our luncheons for years. We are transitioning the reservation phone line and email but will keep it with me for now.

Also thanks to Fred Glure and Karl Pearson for volunteering to handle the money box for now, as they are able, while we look for a permanent treasurer.

The board is reminded to stay over at 3pm for a short board meeting after the January Luncheon.

Ken Larson
Boss



This month we recognize the birthdays of the following members who have contributed their dues money toward the purchase of the Line Aquavit we enjoy so much at our monthly gatherings.

Thank you for keeping our tradition alive.

Larry Ekstrom
Ralph Gilbertsen
Jon Knudsen
Thomas Maxson
Norman Roland
Andrew Schneider
Gary Skoien

Gratulerer med dagen og
Skål !

Future 2025-2026 Events

Jan 10 **Sweater Day**

**A ride on the Rio
Grande Zephyr**
Fred Glure

Feb 14 Ladies Day

**Jamaican Heritage
and Reggae Museum**
Olivene Malcolm

Chicago Torske Klub Board of Directors

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