

THE MINI-PILOT



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I am now going to try a new addition to the list of Central Region publications. The *Mini-Pilot* will be used for info about conventions and/or news concerning the Central Region. It will not include articles of any kind, as the articles will be saved for the actual *Pilot*. The Great Plains RBU (Lewis Ableidinger, director) will be hosting another great convention next week!! The schedule is listed below. - *Chris Burchett*

TAMR Great Plains RBU Summer Convention *Mountaineer*

Once again it's summer, and you know what that means!! Railfanning, railfanning and more railfanning!! We put away our models, dig into our cameras and head down to the tracks with the standard barrage of equipment. The *Mountaineer* includes plenty of this, along with some model railroading thrown in. It's going to be quite a convention up here. Railfanning the Soo's branchline (with a lot of classic power!), visiting Mr. Ray Kuntz's huge Soo layout, looking at old railroad facilities in Harvey and who knows what else!! So, I encourage all of you to attend!! It should be a real fun convention, and, as always, all TAMR members are welcome to attend!!

Convention site: The convention site will be at my house in Kensal, ND. Kensal is approx. 30 miles north of Jamestown, located on Highway 20. From Kensal, head north approx. 3.5 miles, until you come to the first paved road, then turn right (so you will head east) and go approx. 2.5 miles. My farm is on the right hand side, and has two mailboxes at the turn and a Dekalb seed sign with "Kent Ableidinger" written on the bottom of it.

Lodging: Unless there are a lot of attendees, there is plenty of room at my house. When staying at my house, please remember, you DO NOT have to pay me anything for staying here!! You are welcome here, so you don't have to pay anything to stay here.

Contact: Please contact me for confirmation of coming. It doesn't cost anything to attend. Lewis Ableidinger, 8746 4th Street SE, Kensal ND 58455. E-mail - soo201@hotmail.com. Phone - (701)435-2971.

Schedule:

Monday, June 21 -

Afternoon, night time - Meet convention members, operate my model railroad.

Tuesday, June 22 -

7:00AM - Leave for Harvey. Catch Soo and RRVW trains on the way.

8:00AM - Railfan from Fesseden to Velva, possibly catch Max Job.

Noon - Lunch

Afternoon - Railfan/Railfan Harvey

Around 6:00PM - Supper (or dinner, whatever you wish to call it).

6:30PM - Visit Ray Kuntz's HO scale layout.

Night time - Operate my model railroad, videos, pictures, slides.

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Wednesday, June 23 -

7:00AM - Leave for Carrington

7:00-9:00AM - RRVW goes on duty. Chase train.

Noon - Lunch

Afternoon - Railfan

6:00 or 7:00PM - Supper

Evening - Return to Kensal

Late evening to night - Members not staying, leave. Remaining members, more operating!!

Thursday, June 24 -

Conventioneers head for home.

Please, note - the schedule is subject to change at any moment, but hopefully for the best!! - *Lewis Ableidinger*

