



The View of Steamer Hill through Photographer Jean Siirila's Camera Lens

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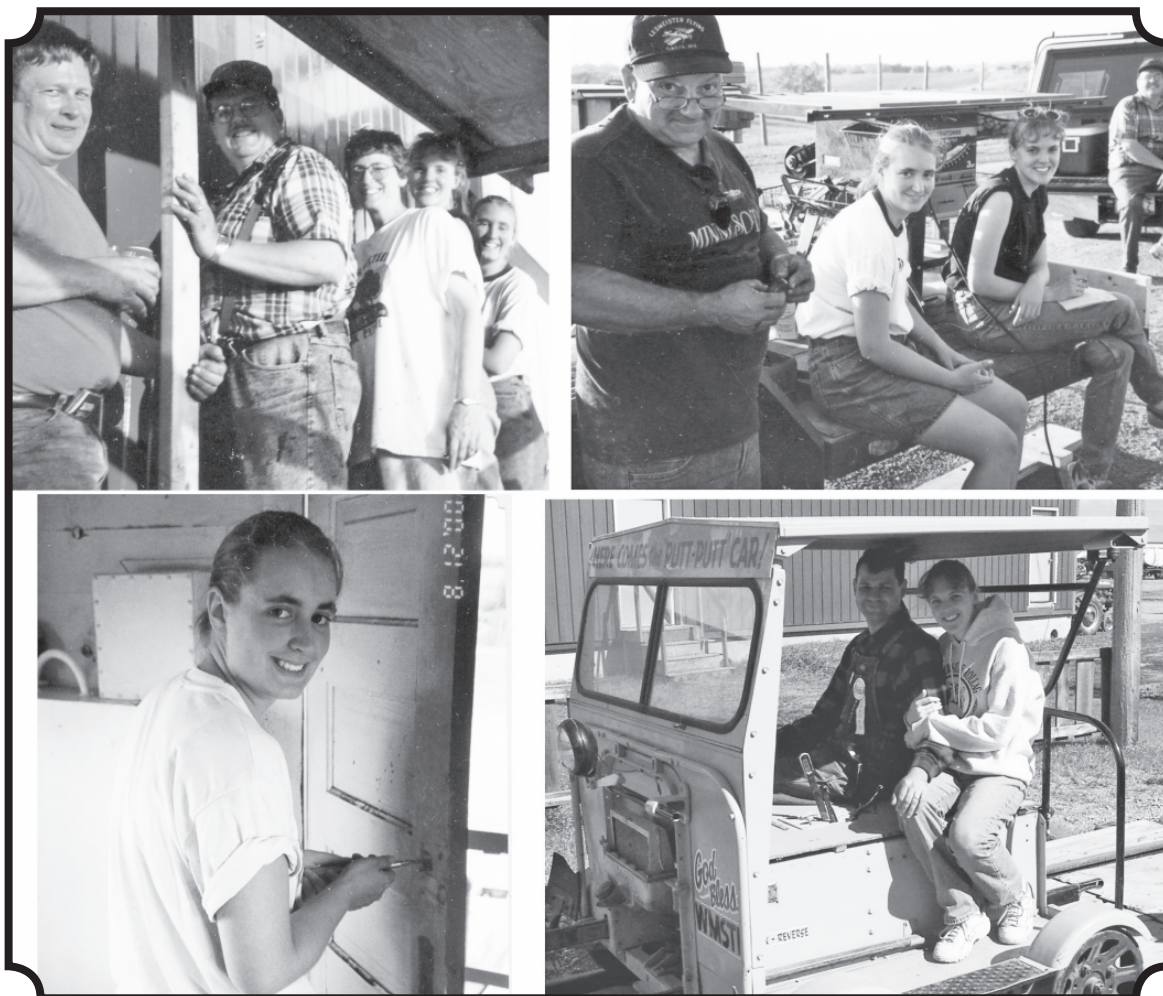
When you're looking at a picture, do you ever wonder about the story behind the picture or what about that person, place or object caught the photographer's attention? Well, here is our chance to find out some of the stories behind the snapshots taken out at Steamer Hill by a talented photographer.

Jean Siirila started snapping pictures out at WMSTR back in the seventies. Since that time, she has taken hundreds of thousands of pictures; pictures that have landed in

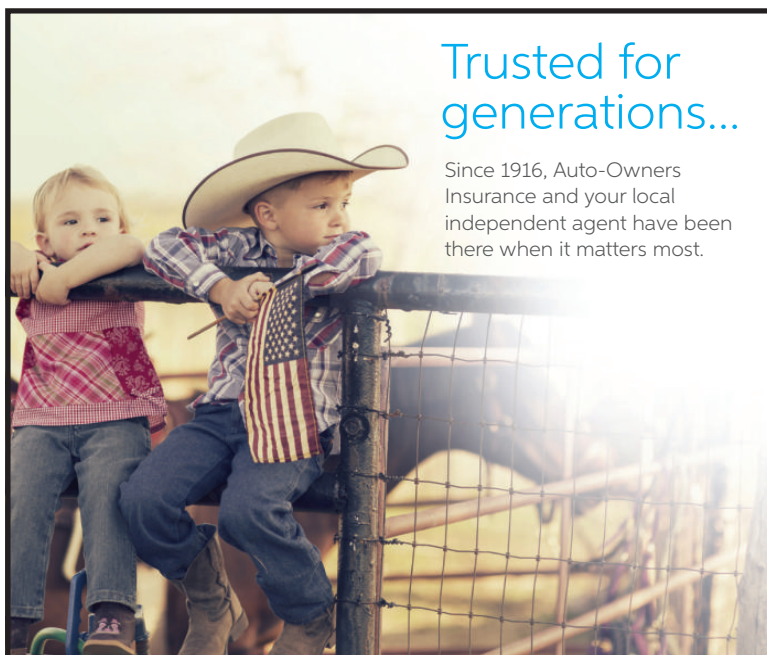
several WMSTR books and on the pages of the Hawley Herald.

The caboose was once coupled at the end of a freight train providing shelter for the crew such as the "brakeman" and the "flagman." It was the crew's job to switch and shunt, keep a look out for load shifting, damage to the fleet and overheating axles. If you've followed the tail end of a train out of town in the last ten/twenty years, you've probably noticed there's no caboose. The reason for that is that the jobs of the "brakeman" and

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