

## **Keep Informed – Join ProRail’s Yahoo Groups List**

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Since 2001 ProRail Nebraska has utilized its own Yahoo Group as a means of supplementing its quarterly newsletters for communicating with members and friends. Yahoo! Groups operate as both electronic mailing lists and Internet forums. Group messages can be posted and read by e-mail or on the Group homepage like a web forum. Members can choose whether to receive individual e-mails or daily digest e-mails, or to read the posts at the web site. The basic mailing list functionality is available to any e-mail address, but a Yahoo! ID is required for access to other features.

If you are a member of our ProRailNebraska Yahoo Group, you receive timely messages about ProRail activities, NARP updates, and current events that may be of interest to ProRail members. There are presently 66 group members, and there is plenty of room for more!

Joining is simple. Here’s all you have to do to join the ProRailNebraska Yahoo group:

- Go to this web site - <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ProRailNebraska/>
- Click on "Join This Group". You will see a place to sign in if you already belong to a Yahoo group, and follow the prompts from there.
- If you are new to Yahoo groups, there will be another place for you to click and set up an account.
- After filling in your information, just click the "JOIN" button, and Yahoo will get you approved by Gary Emenitove or Clyde Anderson, the group moderators.

If you have trouble, you can contact me at [ClydeLAnderson@cox.net](mailto:ClydeLAnderson@cox.net) or call (402) 932-7225.

Remember, it is illegal to copy and paste copyrighted material to a public email list without permission. If you want to post an article from a newspaper or magazine web site, view the article with your web browser, copy and paste the title and first few sentences to your Yahoo Groups posting, then copy the url from near the top of your browser.

For example, let’s say you see an article in the Omaha World Herald “Freight train derails near Denver” in the January 17 Omaha World Herald, and you would like to post it to PRN’s Yahoo Groups list.

- Start a new email addressed to [ProRailNebraska@yahoogroups.com](mailto:ProRailNebraska@yahoogroups.com).
- Copy the headline of the article onto the subject line of the email.
- Copy and paste the headline and first paragraph of the article into the body of the email.
- On a new line copy the url for the article (in this case [http://www.omaha.com/index.php?u\\_page=1000&u\\_sid=10245504](http://www.omaha.com/index.php?u_page=1000&u_sid=10245504)).
- Add your comments about the article either at the beginning or end of the email.
- At the end of the email include your name, especially if your email address is something other than your name, and your city and state.
- Then click on “Send” to transmit your message to the List.

The List Moderators will suspend posting rights for any List member not following our guidelines or being disrespectful of others.