

Remember 1934

Celebrating the 90th Anniversary of the 1934 Minneapolis Truckers' Strike

Remember 1934, P.O. Box 19581, Minneapolis, MN 55419

Dear Fellow Union Members and Leaders,

This year will mark the 90th anniversary of the historic 1934 Minneapolis Truckers' Strike. A series of educational events are planned, that will start in May and culminate in a large community event:

90th Anniversary Commemorative Picnic for the 1934 Minneapolis Truckers' Strike

Saturday, July 27, 2024

Event start time to be determined

Wabun Picnic Area, Minnehaha Park

4655 46th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55417

We are asking your union to be a co-sponsor of the picnic and to donate \$100 or more to aid in underwriting the costs, which will amount to several thousand dollars.

The 1934 strikes were initiated by truck drivers and warehouse workers who had unionized with Teamsters Local 574. Thousands of workers in many trades supported the strikers in a series of battles that ran from February through July of 1934.

The strike saw some major innovations that proved crucial: Cruising pickets that stopped strike breaking trucks; a daily strike newspaper that kept strikers and supporters informed and mobilized; mass actions that brought thousands of workers and their allies into the streets; an active women's auxiliary which engaged in picketing, setting up a field medical facility; a food kitchen for the strikers and their families; and a Committee of 100, which was made up of workers from across the union, that provided an important sounding board for the strike leadership.

On July 20, 1934, known as Bloody Friday, Minneapolis authorities shot 60 workers—many of them in the back—and two died, Henry Ness and John Belor. The eventual victory, that saw Local 574 win its first contract, spurred unionization drives throughout the region and not just among Teamsters.

Please send your notification of sponsorship and donations to the address above. Checks should be made out to "Remember 1934." Your sponsorship will be noted on the commemorative posters promoting the picnic.

Thank you for your support.

In solidarity,

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90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MINNEAPOLIS TRUCKERS STRIKE COMMEMORATIVE PICNIC JULY 27, 2024 WABUN PICNIC AREA

May 25 -
June 30

Voters in Revolt

Art Exhibition at HAIRandNails Gallery, 2222 E 35th St. Minneapolis
Opening Reception May 25, 7 - 10pm

June 3 -
July 28

1934 & Now, Connections of the Minneapolis Truckers Strike of 1934

Art Exhibition at Cargil Gallery, Minneapolis Central Library, 300 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis Opening Reception June 8, 3 - 5pm
Exhibit Tour and Panel Discussion with Artists June 15, 2 - 5pm
Film Screenings, June 23, 1 - 4pm

July 20
4:00pm

Bloody Friday Memorial

Wreath laying at 701 N 3rd St, Minneapolis, 4pm

July 26
6:30pm

Film Screening and Readings

East Side Freedom Library, 1105 Greenbrier St, Saint Paul, 6:30 - 8:30pm

July 27
Noon

90th Anniversary Picnic

Wabun Picnic Area, 4655 46th Ave S Minneapolis, 12 - 4pm

