

Prospectus

North American Transit Historical Meeting

Fri-Sat Aug 25-26 (40th year): **2023**

Friday–Saturday, August 25-26 in Normal IL, at the Holiday Inn Bloomington-Normal at 8 Traders Circle, Normal IL 61761, is the Annual North American Transit Historical Meeting in conjunction with the HOOSIER TRACTION MEET, an annual conference recognizing mass transportation, especially electrically powered rail-based systems for urban and regional mobility in the past, present and future. Presentations typically focus on transit anywhere in the United States or Canada.

FORMAT The Meet includes two aspects:

1. All can visit the exhibition for free Friday 8AM–8PM and Saturday 8AM– 5PM CDT. Exhibitors offer items related to mass transport: photos, books, models, timetables and other collectibles.
2. The theatre-style auditorium hosts 10 different audio-visual presentations, some repeated (see opposite panel). Speakers provide live narration and photos or maps. Media/format may vary.

COST

Attendance both days: \$80 in advance
 Single day (Fri or Sat) only: \$45 in advance
 At the door price: \$85 for two days, \$50 for one day
 You choose which sessions to attend and when to take meal breaks.

Please make check or money order payable to Hoosier Traction Meet, Inc. and mail by Monday July 31 to the *Hoosier Traction Meet Inc, PO Box 394, Harrods Creek KY 40027-0394*

ACCOMMODATIONS: The Holiday Inn Bloomington-Normal, 8 Traders Circle, Normal IL 61761 is our host, and offers rooms for \$149 per night (single or double occupancy) plus state and local taxes. Check-in as early as 3PM; check-out time is 12 Noon. Rooms at this rate can be booked from Thu Aug 24 thru Sun Aug 27 and must be booked by 12 Noon on July 24th. For a reservation, please call 1-309-862-0101, and mention you are with the “Hoosier Traction Meet”

Anyone wishing to be picked up at or taken to the Normal Amtrak station should call 1-309-862-0101 the week before (between 9AM and 5PM) and ask for “Cathy in Sales” – provide her with train time and train number to make arrangements

2023 auditorium sessions and speakers Fri-Sat Aug 25-26

Fri 8:30AM	Mark Goldfeder – Illinois Terminal – St Louis Public Service Part 1 of 2 Parts (NOT a “Prepeat”)
Fri 10:30AM	[Sat 1 230PM PREPEAT] George Gula – Philadelphia’s Streetcar History 1858 to 1968
Fri 12:30PM	[Sat 1 030AM PREPEAT] William M Shapotkin – 130 Years of Service on Chicago’s South Side ‘L’
Fri 2:30PM	Bill Kemp - Bloomington-Normal IL Streetcars George Freeman – Champaign-Urbana IL Streetcars
Fri 4:30PM	[Sat 6 30PM PREPEAT] Norm Krentel – The Milwaukee Road / Yakima Valley / BC Electric Switching
Fri 6:30PM	[Sat 4 30PM PREPEAT] Tom McNamara – Boston and Pittsburgh PCCs and LRVs
Fri 8:30PM	Charles Bogart – Current Transit Industry News
Sat 8:30AM	Mark Goldfeder – Illinois Terminal – St Louis Public Service Part 2 of 2 Parts (NOT a “Repeat”)
Sat 10:30AM	[REPEAT] William M Shapotkin – 130 Years of Service on Chicago’s South Side ‘L’
Sat 12:30PM	[REPEAT] George Gula – Philadelphia’s Streetcar History 1858 to 1968
Sat 2:30PM	Ken Schramm – A Potpourri of Pennsylvania and Ohio Streetcar Lines and Interurbans
Sat 4:30PM	[REPEAT] Tom McNamara – Boston and Pittsburgh PCCs and LRVs
Sat 6:30PM	[REPEAT] Norm Krentel – The Milwaukee Road / Yakima Valley / BC Electric Switching
Sat 8:30PM	Charles Bogart – A Historical Overview of Canadian Streetcars

Auditorium Manager Bill Shapotkin confirmed these subjects at print time. Adjustments are possible.

The Schedule of Events with sequence and times of each session will be available at the Meet’s greeter station in the hotel lobby

Most sessions last 1 to 1½ hours

Stretch your legs breaks (20-30 minutes) between most sessions

One and one-half hour presentations have a 10 minute break halfway

Associated with this year’s Meet is a visit to the Connect Transit bus garage on Sunday Aug 27. Plan is for the bus to return members of our party back to the Normal Amtrak station and/or hotel by 11AM. See personnel at check-in desk for full details

EASY MAIL-IN COUPON COME PARTAKE AND PARTICIPATE IN THE 2023 HOOSIER TRACTION MEET

Your name in the form you prefer on your badge

Street Address

City/State/Zip

Email

If you have questions, please contact Bill Shapotkin at traingg1@aol.com or 847-987-9676

AUDITORIUM ADMISSION TICKETS

How many persons attending any or all auditorium sessions (subject to occupancy limit) Advnc reservation: **\$80.00** per person (both days) \$.....
\$45.00 per person (Fri or Sat ONLY) \$.....

I am interested in attending the Connect Transit bus garage tour

Names of the others, if more than one person will attend sessions

TABLES FOR YOUR EXHIBIT

How many tables (maximum 3 tables per exhibitor). Table price does not include any auditorium sessions nor attendance on the garage tour.

- Exhibitors need ADA space behind table Need electricity at table **\$25** per table \$.....
- Prefer Table adjoining

TOTAL ENCLOSED (Mail now for discount!)

Mail to: Hoosier Traction Meet Inc, PO Box 394, Harrods Creek KY 40027-0394 \$.....