



1983 **historical calendar**

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FOR EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES
OCTOBER, 1982



January 1983

Chicago North Shore & Milwaukee "Silver Liner"
southbound at Belmont Avenue, 1963. (See historical
notes inside back cover.)

Chicago Transit Authority

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February 1983

Pullman Standard trolley bus, eastbound on North Avenue at Elston Avenue, 1949. (See historical notes inside back cover.)

Chicago Transit Authority

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 ^C	2 ^D Ground Hog Day	3 ^E	4 ^F	5 ^G
6 ^G	7 ^A	8 ^B	9 ^C	10 ^D	11 ^E	12 ^F Lincoln's Birthday
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March 1983

Open-top double decker bus, southbound on Sheridan Road, 1920's. (See historical notes inside back cover.)

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April 1983

Lake Street 'L' at Chicago River, looking northeast, 1957. (See historical notes inside back cover.)

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May 1983

Red Rocket streetcar at Century of Progress World's Fair, 1933. (See historical notes inside back cover.)

Chicago Transit Authority

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 ^B	2 ^C	3 ^D	4 ^E	5 ^F	6 ^G	7 ^A
8 ^A Mother's Day	9 ^B	10 ^C	11 ^D	12 ^E	13 ^F	14 ^G
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June 1983

Green Hornet, Chicago's last streetcar, Clark and Kinzie Streets, 1958. (See historical notes inside back cover.)

Chicago Transit Authority

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August 1983

State Street at Lake Street, looking south, 1954. (See historical notes inside back cover.)

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September 1983

View west on Madison Street at Central Avenue, 1937. (See historical notes inside back cover.)

Chicago Transit Authority

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October 1983

Chicago Day at the World's Columbian Exposition,
October 9, 1893. (See historical notes inside back
cover.)

Chicago Transit Authority

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November 1983

State Street Subway at Adams-Jackson station,
1943. (See historical notes inside back cover.)

Chicago Transit Authority

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
cta		1 ^F	2 ^G	3 ^A	4 ^B	5 ^C
6 ^C	7 ^D	8 ^E Election Day	9 ^F	10 ^G	11 ^A Veteran's Day	12 ^B
13 ^B	14 ^C	15 ^D	16 ^E	17 ^F	18 ^G	19 ^A
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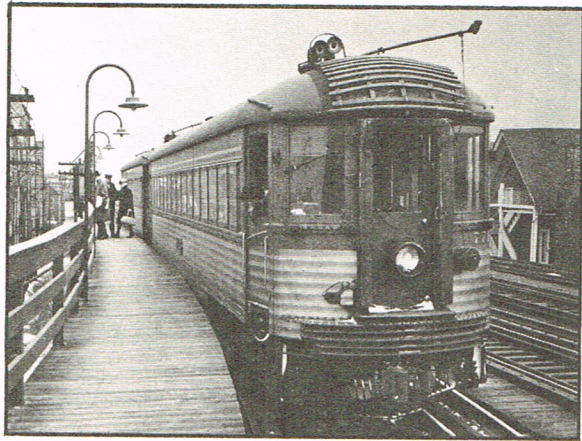
December 1983

Trolley buses on Central Avenue, looking north from Lake Street, 1930. (See historical notes inside back cover.)

Chicago Transit Authority

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25 ^C <div>Christmas</div>	26 ^D	27 ^E	28 ^F	29 ^G	30 ^A	31 ^B

Historical notes



January photo: 20 years ago

A "Silver Liner" from the Chicago North Shore & Milwaukee Railroad stops southbound at Belmont Avenue on January 18, 1963. Three days later, the entire interurban line was abandoned, ending a service that had begun in 1891. Right-of-way now used by CTA's Skokie Swift service once carried trains on the Skokie Valley route to Libertyville. The Shore Line route extended beyond the present Linden Avenue terminal in Wilmette to Milwaukee, adjacent much of the way to the Chicago & North Western's North Line tracks.



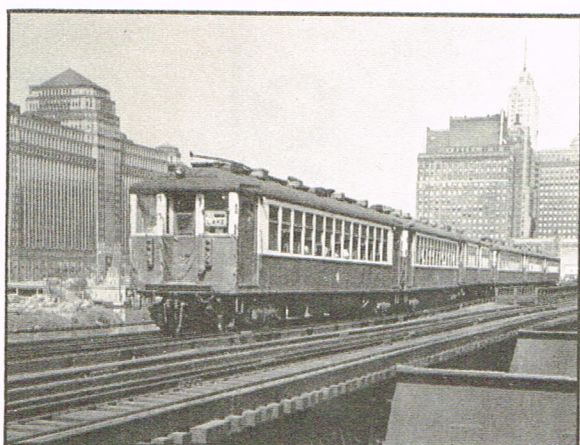
February photo: 10 years ago

This Pullman Standard was one of 210 trolley buses purchased in 1948 during the first year of CTA operations. For the first five months of service on North Avenue, in 1949, riders like those shown boarding eastbound at Elston could go only as far as Clybourn, where a shuttle streetcar operated the remainder of the route to Clark Street while a turnaround was being carved out of Lincoln Park. CTA's fleet of trolley buses was phased out in 1973 after reaching a high of 681 units at the beginning of 1953.



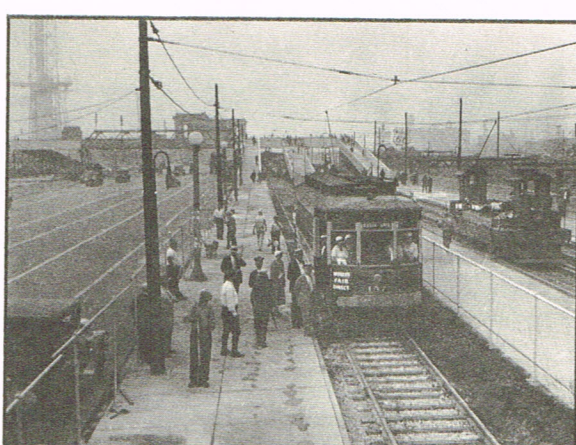
March photo: the Roaring Twenties

You can almost hear the roar of the early 1920's in this photo of an open-top double-decker heading downtown along Sheridan Road. First entering service with the Chicago Motor Bus Company in 1917, open-top buses were operated over the city's boulevards for 20 years -- a surprisingly long time, considering the limits imposed by weather conditions on use of the top deck. The Motor Bus Company became the Chicago Motor Coach Company in 1922, and had a fleet of 595 buses before CTA acquired it in 1952.



April photo: 35 years ago

"A" and "B" skip-stop service was inaugurated on Lake Street on April 5, 1948, when trains still ran at ground level west of Laramie Avenue. This westbound train, photographed in 1957, has just crossed the Chicago River. All but the third car are of the 4000 series, built in the early 1920's by the Cincinnati Car Company. The third car is an unmotored coach built in 1914 by the same company. The door in the center of the car was never used in Chicago service. The last 4000-series cars were taken out of revenue service in 1973.



May photo: 50 years ago

During the Century of Progress World's Fair in 1933-34, Roosevelt Road streetcars operated over a specially built right-of-way across the Illinois Central Railroad tracks to Grant Park just west of the Field Museum. This 1933 photo shows a Red Rocket car loading in the boarding area while protective fencing was still under construction along Lake Shore Drive. On the right, a work flatcar heads through the unloading area toward the turnaround at about 1400 South. In the distance is Soldier Field and a Sky Ride tower.



June photo: 25 years ago

On June 21, 1958, almost a century after the first rails were installed on State Street for horsecars, the last streetcar in Chicago service began its final trip south to 77th Street station. This early morning photo shows the last of more than 600 Green Hornet cars built by St. Louis Car Company and Pullman Standard turning into Clark at Kinzie Street packed with transit buffs determined to take their place in history. Marvin H. McFall was motorman on the final run, while William E. Rye served as conductor.



July photo: 25 years ago

An eastbound 6000-series train approaches the Pulaski Road station of the Congress branch not long after service was inaugurated on June 22, 1958, replacing the Garfield Park line. The propane bus facing north on Keeler Avenue was apparently there for photo purposes only, since there was no service at that location. Rapid transit service in the median strip of the Congress or Eisenhower Expressway was the first of its kind in the country. The latest version is the new O'Hare extension at the north end of the same route.



August photo: State Street during the 50's

Two buses heading north along State Street near Lake carry Chicago Motor Coach Company markings in this photo taken two years after the company was acquired by CTA in 1952. Sheridan Road, Hyde Park and Jackson Boulevards still have bus service downtown that was originally provided by the Motor Coach Company. During the last days of streetcar operations on Cottage Grove, cars like the one shown here approaching Lake Street used Harrison, State and Lake before returning south along Wabash Avenue.



September photo: 10 years ago

Electric-powered street transportation ended in Chicago when the last trolley buses were pulled off Cicero Avenue in 1973. Two of the Chicago Surface Line's early Blue Goose streetcars about to pass each other in this 1937 photo looking west on Madison Street at Central Avenue. Wide open spaces along Madison required safety islands to protect waiting riders from traffic along the street, where angle parking was permitted. Trolley buses like the Twin Coach shown southbound on Central were on the streets from 1930 to 1954.



October photo: 90 years ago

Streetcars were still a novelty and had not yet been allowed to enter the Loop when Chicago Day at the World's Columbian Exposition strained public transportation to capacity on October 9, 1893. Conductor William Green (foreground) beckons to determined fairgoers on the roof of the last car to "Have fares ready please." Early trolleys ran as trains, often pulling trailers that could also be used with cable cars. Only one trolley pole is visible in this classic photo, which was taken on Wentworth Avenue at 61st Street.



November photo: 40 years ago

Militarily posed Rapid Transit Company officials reflect the austere wartime conditions under which the State Street subway was opened on October 17, 1943. Fluorescent lights, a recent innovation, brightened the edge of the platform as this brown-painted 4000-series test train pulled in southbound at Adams-Jackson. Both State and Dearborn Street subways were started in 1938-39, but only the State Street line was finished before World War II ended because of material shortages caused by the conflict.



December photo: Twin Coach trolley buses

Some of the first Twin Coach trolley buses in Chicago went into service on Central Avenue between Lexington and Foster and Milwaukee Avenues in 1930. This photo was taken the same year from the Chicago & North Western right-of-way along Lake Street looking north, before Central was widened to accommodate heavier traffic. Streetcars on Lake operated along the south side of the railroad property as far as Pine Avenue, where they crossed under to the north side for the remainder of the distance to Austin Avenue.

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