

Illinois Railway Museum

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CHICAGO 3, ILLINOIS



Remember?

In the cool of the evening you went down to the tracks. Soon the twilight began to deepen into night. A far off sound broke the stillness of the evening. A point of light slowly grew into a shaft of light, splitting the darkness as it came. Now the air held the low melodic chime of an air whistle. The trolley poles stood stiff as sentries in the growing light, guarding the path of the interurban car. The ground too, felt the excitement of the moment. There was a deafening blast of the

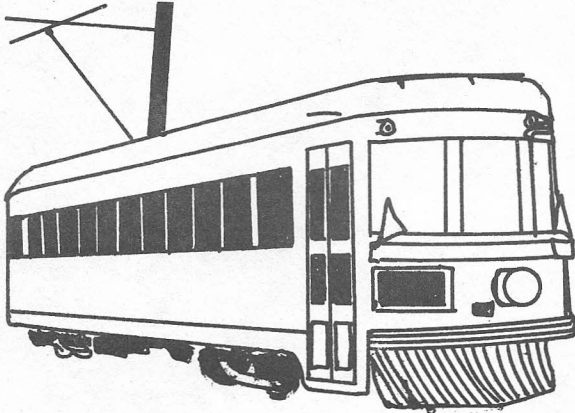
whistle, a blur of lighted windows, a whirl of wind and it was gone, rumbling onward into the darkness. Soon the two red dots vanished and the stillness was complete once more. It left behind that sweet acrid smell of hot traction motors and a memory.

A memory of majestic power and flashing speed, a memory not to be forgotten. What can compare with the thrill of watching the Terminal Flyer pass? All too soon the Model T and others like it came, the strips of concrete crawled across the face of the country and the ribbons of silver rails shrank and disappeared. Yet the memory lived. In 1953, ten men met to keep this memory alive. They were successful, for out of their efforts was founded the Illinois Railway Museum and Indiana Railroad car #65 was saved. Soon this car was joined by others from Illinois, Wisconsin, even Canada.

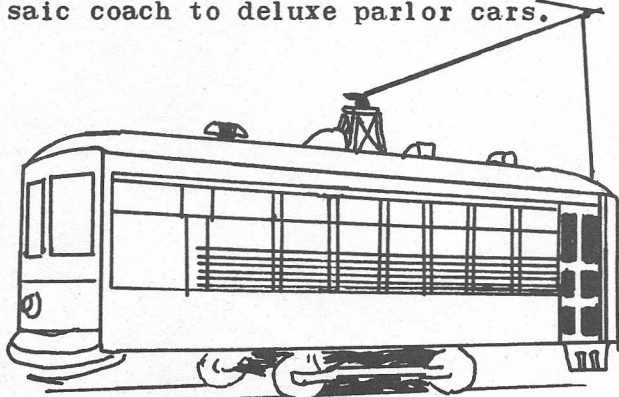
This living memorial to the interurban is convenient to both Chicago and Milwaukee. From the North Western Railroad station at North Chicago, Illinois, go south to 22nd street and west to Commonwealth Ave. From the North Shore Line station, go west to Commonwealth Ave. Go south to the gate of the Chicago Hardware Foundry Company. You will be asked to sign the gate book. Proceed south past the last building and turn right. From the Illinois Toll Road or Route 42, go east on route 176 to Route 41, then north to 22nd street. We regret that we are not able to operate the cars at our temporary site. Come dressed to enjoy a leisurely stroll thru the pages of the past. Bring your camera as you will want pictures of the golden era of the interurban.



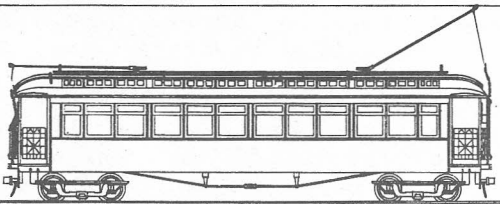
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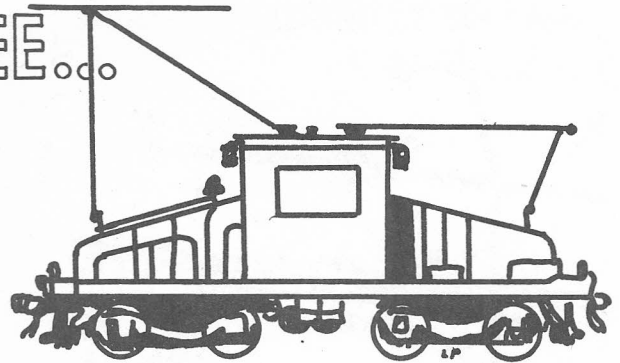
Interurbans which run the gamut from the massive monsters which cracked across the countryside in 1908 to the latter day lightweight "compact" models of the 1920s + 30s; from the prosaic coach to deluxe parlor cars.



Streetcars ranging from the tiny Birney of the type which ran in nearly every city in the land to one of Chicago's crowd-swallowing Big Red Pullmans.



Elevated Cars from Chicago of the old wooden type dating back to the nineteenth century.



Service Cars, the night-owl cousins which maintained the wire and track and hauled the freight from industries along the rights of way.

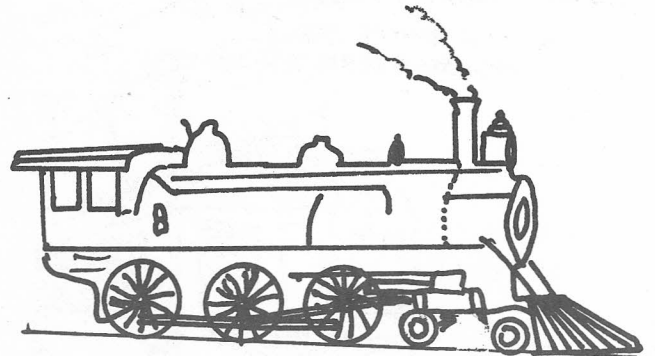
The welcome mat is out every Saturday from 10AM to 5:30PM. You'll want to bring your camera for pictures and some comfortable shoes for walking. Just leave your car in the parking lot and climb aboard our red caboose. We'll be glad to show you around.

MAILING ADDRESS:

Illinois Railway Museum
38 South Dearborn
Chicago 3, Illinois

DISPLAY LOCATION:

Chicago Hardware Foundry
2500 Commonwealth Avenue
North Chicago, Illinois



Steam locomotives too, are represented. A "Compact-size" steamer from switching duty is on display.

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