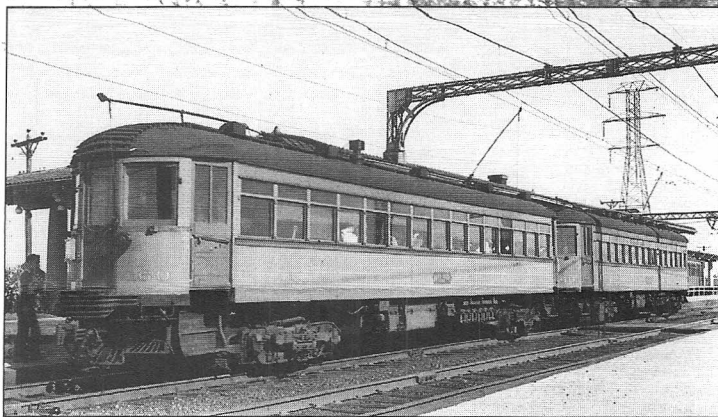


*Invites you
to take one last ride*
"Under the Wires"
September 5, 2004

CTA historic 4000-series train. Bruce Moffat photo

This fall, the last remaining catenary-equipped vestige of the North Shore Line will pass into history. The Chicago Transit Authority is in the process of replacing the nearly 80-year-old catenary system on the Skokie Swift with conventional third-rail. Opened as the first part of the North Shore's Skokie Valley Route in 1925, and operated by the CTA since 1964, the trolley wire on the outer half of the route has remained a constant. However, the well-worn condition of the wire, and its related infrastructure, has necessitated the conversion to third rail.



Dempster 1941. Don Idarius photo

To mark this historic transition, CERA has arranged to run a series of trips on Sunday, September 5, 2004. And what better way to do it than with CTA's Historic Train!

CERA has arranged to operate three short trips that will depart from the Skokie Swift (Yellow Line) Terminal at 5001 W. Dempster Street, Skokie, Illinois (Just a quarter mile east of the Dempster East exit on the Edens Expressway). Each trip will last about two hours. Ample parking is available. Access is also possible via CTA and PACE bus services.

You can purchase tickets for one or more of the departures which will cover the Skokie line as well as portions of the North Side Main Line. Plenty of photo opportunities will be available. Also, ticket holders will be issued a schedule for the other trips so that they may "chase" the train on those trips.

Note: Due to limited capacity, a separate ticket must be purchased for each trip. Ticket sales will be limited to available seats. Tickets may not be available on the day of the trip (due to prior sales).

Purchase your tickets today!

CERA's "LAST RUN UNDER THE WIRES" September 5, 2004

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Indicate # of tickets for each trip.

___ tickets for the 9:00 AM departure @ \$20.00 each: \$ _____
___ tickets for the 12:00 Noon departure @ \$20.00 each: \$ _____
___ tickets for the 3:00 PM departure @ \$20.00 each: \$ _____

Total: Enclosed: \$ _____

- ☐ If my trip choice is not available,
Please substitute _____
- ☐ Do not substitute another trip.
Refund requested.

Make checks payable to CERA. Please mail in your ticket forms along with a check or money order to the address below. (Sorry, no credit cards or stamps!) To assure timely delivery of tickets, please respond no later than August 10th. Late ticket orders may be held for pick-up on day of trip.

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