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Airplane view of territory adjacent to two new bus routes on Higgins Road and Northwest Highway.

Pennant Special. It is through this publication that we endeavor to keep the membership informed on happenings in the organization and the transit industry.

*** OCTOBER MEETING ***

The October meeting of The Omnibus Society of America was held on October 7, 1988, at the Bismarck Hotel in downtown Chicago with the meeting beginning at 7:30 pm.

Bill Shapotkin presented the program for the evening "RTA funded suburban bus services". It was a very interesting program and was enjoyed by those present.

*** NOVEMBER MEETING ***

The November meeting of The Omnibus Society of America will be held on November 4, 1988, at the Bismarck Hotel in downtown Chicago. The meeting will begin at the usual time of 7:30 pm.

Our program for the evening will be on transit in the New England area and be 2nd Friday - Railway & Loc. Hist. Soc. presented by Dave Phillips. So join us as we travel to the land of clams and maple syrup for a tour of the areas transit companies with Dave, who originally hailed from the area before coming to Chicago.

*** ELECTION TIME AGAIN ***

It is that time of the year again when the position of director in the organization expires. This year we have two positions up for election, those being held by Mel Bernero and Bill Shapotkin.

Three members are running for the positions, they being the incumbents Mel Bernero and Bill Shapotkin, aswell-as Richard Kunz, the original founder of OSA. The ballots will be mailed to all paid up 1988 members with

Welcome to another issue of The Green the December issue of GPS that should be in the mail the second week of November.

> and follow the voting Please read instructions that will appear with the ballot. If they are not followed, your vote may not be counted.

*** BUS PAINTING UPDATE ***

The CTA has finished painting buses assigned to 69th and Archer garages and is starting on Limits. While the Archer fleet, except for the MAN articulated buses, was painted in the new white, blue and red scheme, 69th's fleet was repainted in the old two-tone green scheme.

*** ORGANIZATIONAL CALENDAR ***

The following bus, electric and rail enthusiast groups are meeting on the following dates and times during the month of November.

1st Friday - Omnibus Society of America Bismarck Hotel - 7:30 pm.

Bismarck Hotel - 7:30 pm.

3rd Friday - Railroad Club of Chicago Bismarck Hotel - 7:30 pm.

4th Friday - Central Elec. Railfans Assoc. Midland Hotel - 7:30 pm.

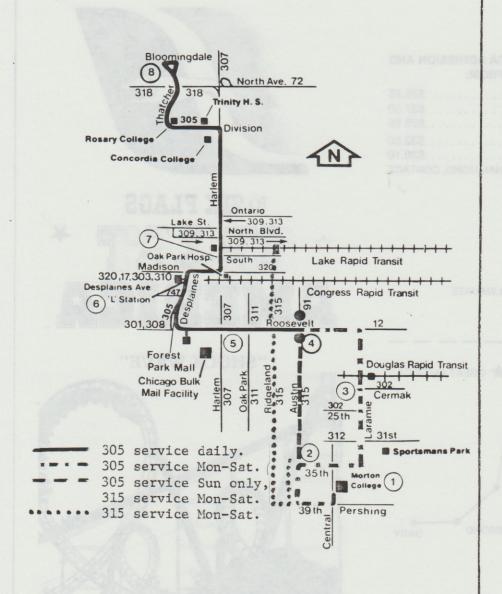
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Route 308 (Desplaines 'L'-Hines Hospital) - On 9/4/88, Sunday mid-morning service was restored for the first time in years, as Pace added four round trips out of the 'L' at 8:37,9:37,10:07 and 10:37, filling in what had been a three-hour gap in service.

Route 315 (Austin-Ridgeland) - On 9/4/88, Sunday service was dropped. Service on Austin was assumed by the 305 (Cicero-River Forest).



Pace is also working on improved graphics and the general appearance of their schedules (see left). In addition, many new timepoints are being added on a number of the routes. This gives passengers a better idea as to when to catch the bus, and makes transferring easier. It is interesting that many of the "new" timepoints were the ones West Towns used to use in their schedules, but were eliminated when Pace began the printing of the timetables. Moral of the story - "The more things change, the more they stay the same".

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Cicero -River Forest

Serving

- Morton College
- · Sportsmans Park
- Douglas, Congress Lake St. Rapid
 Transit Lines
- Rosary College
- Concordia College
- Forest Park Mall
- Trinity H.S.

Daily Service

Revised Service

Sept. 4, 1988



Suburban Bus Service

When Great America Theme Park opened in suburban Gurnee in the mid-1970's, the RTA (via Waukegan-North Chicago route #572) provided daily connections with C&NW (Waukegan) and MILW (Libertyville) trains. When RTA ran out of cash in 1981, Sunday and evening service was eliminated. To pacify the outcry by Chicagoans, weekend-only bus #560 was added, connecting with the C&NW at Great Lakes and North Chicago. The poor riding (caused by poor service?) kept that bus from being reinstated in 1988. This left Greyhound as the only attractive alternative.

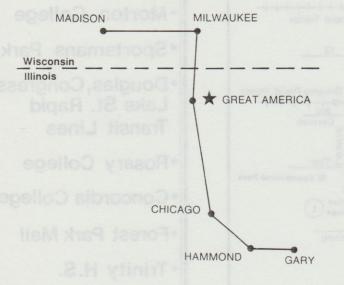
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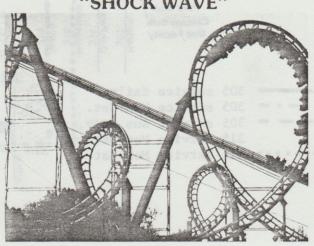
PRICE INCLUDES GREAT AMERICA ADMISSION AND ROUND TRIP TRANSPORTATION FROM:

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	26.85
MADISON, WISCONSIN	37.30
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN	26.85
GARY, INDIANA	32.00
HAMMOND, INDIANA	30.10
(FOR SCHEDULES FROM GARY AND HAMMOND, CON YOUR LOCAL GREYHOUND AGENT.)	NTACT

to SIX FLAGS

"SHOCK WAVE"





GO GREYHOUND
And leave the driving to us.

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As in the past, certain regularly scheduled runs were slated to stop at the park. A package fare (competetive with the RTA when you consider entrance to the park) was offered. While the level of service is less than that formerly offered by Greyhound, city folks can still go (and spend the entire day) at the park without the hassle of driving. It's certainly reassuring to know then when all else fails, Greyhound can be counted on to keep "pace" with the needs of the travelling public.



GREYHOUND TO AND FROM GREAT AMERICA 1988 — INCLUDING ADMISSION — 1988

Lv. Chicago

Ar. Chicago

Ar. Great America



8:45AM

D10:30AM

FROM MADISON & MILWAUKEE TO GREAT AMERICA

FROM CHICAGO TO GREAT AMERICA

Lv. Madison	7:00AM
Ar. Milwaukee	8:40AM
Lv. Milwaukee	9:00AM
Ar. Great America	D10:00AM

FROM GREAT AMERICA TO MILWAUKEE & MADISON

Lv. Great America 8:40PM
Ar. Milwaukee 9:45PM
Lv. Milwaukee 11:05PM
Ar. Madison 12:35AM

FROM GREAT AMERICA
TO CHICAGO

Lv. Great America 7:35PM *

7:35PM * 9:05PM [] 8:55PM * 10:20PM []

* April 30 through June 21, 1988 and September 10 through September 25, 1988

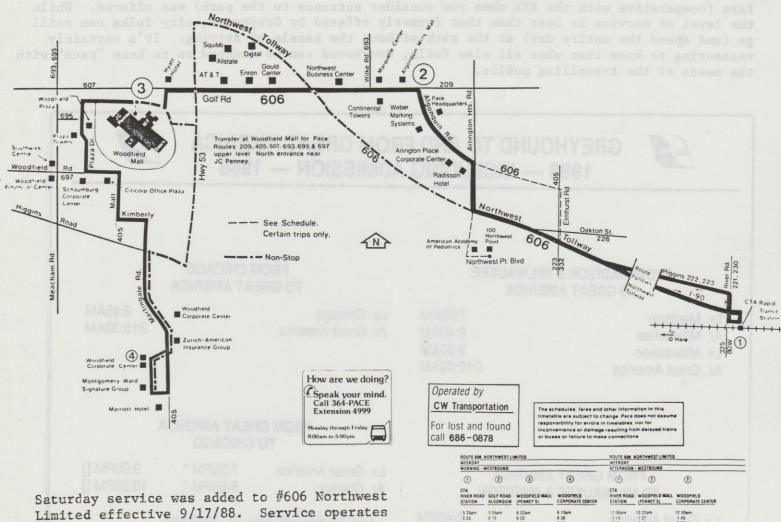
[] June 22 through September 6, 1988

D = Discharge Only

FAMILY PLAN AVAILABLE — SEE AGENT FOR DETAILS FOR INFORMATION CALL:

Chicago 781-2900
Gary 886-3041
Hammond 933-6700
Madison 257-9511
Milwaukee 272-8900

Fares and schedules are subject to change without notice.



Saturday service was added to #606 Northwest Limited effective 9/17/88. Service operates over the solid black line portion of the route every 90 minutes. Connections are made at Woodfield with local NORTRAN Route #209, which operates local between Woodfield Mall and Harlem/Higgins 'L' every 30 minutes.

Weekday service operates as a "reverse commute" route as follows: AM from River Road 'L' via dark dotted line to Woodfield Corporate Center, then via dark black line to River Road 'L', completing a loop. PM service operates the reverse. Additionally, there are two trips (westbound AM, eastbound PM) which serve 100 Northwest Point (just east of Arlington Hts. Rd, south of the Tollway) and a similar trip via Elmhurst (York Rd) and Algonquin to make connections with #226-332-405.

This route has proven to be Pace's most successful "experiment" to-date, carrying many more passengers than had ever been anticipated. The growth of the area in and around Woodfield will unquestionalby demand more service in the future. (Maybe even a bus to Elgin, say to offer a "United" connection to the west?)

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lus will stop upon signal to driver at any intersection

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MIDWEST TRANSIT BUS MUSEUM

P.O. Box 3266 Oak Park, Illinois 60303



"Preserving transit buses of the past for future generations"

REVISED 10/17/88

THE MIDWEST TRANSIT BUS MUSEUM LIST OF PRIVATE BUS OWNERS OF CHGO

BUS #	BUS TYPE	BUS SERIAL #		CURREN'	r	location stored	ORIGINAL OR LAST CO.
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B	-	NOT RUNNING		SEMI-ABANDONED
C	-	MAJOR REPAIRS		

D - DERELICT/ABANDONED

RELIC - RELIC IRM - Ill. Railway Museum

MTBM- Midwest Transit Bus Museum

BM - Bruce Moffat
DB - David Buzek
JL - John Le Beau
LV - Laddie Vitek
MB - Mel Bernero

RMC - Robert Mc Creary

VD - Vince Dawson



Special Movement Advice



File: CSS - Passenger 88-08

Date 6-28-88

Added Passenger Service for July 4 Activities in Chicago

To accommodate holiday passenger traffic, extra equipment will be added to regular passenger trains on July 2, 3 and 4 as ordered by Chief Dispatcher.

On July 3 Train #512 will operate with 6 cars.

On July 3 Train #611 will operate with 6 cars and will run 30" later out of Randolph Street, departing there at 10:30 PM, making regular station stops enroute.

On July 3, 6 car extra trains will operate on following schedules:

leave arrive arrive	Shops 12th St. Van Buren St. Randolph St.	4:50 PM 4:47 PM 4:44 PM 6:25 PM	to receive traffic-may leave any station when traffic received.
leave leave leave arrive arrive	Randolph St. Van Buren St. 12th St. Shops South Bend	11:15 PM 11:18 PM 11:21 PM 12:55 AM 1:30 AM	to discharge traffic-may leave any station when traffic discharged.
leave	South Bend Shops	1:45 AM 2:.20 AM	or when traffic discharged.

F. R. VanSchwartz

General Superintendent Transportation

cc: T. R. Jorgenson

G. Hanas, NICTD

J. Robbins, NICTD

A. Selph, METRA

R. Corrin, METRA

All CSS Ticket Offices

J. J. Babcock

All Ceneral Notice Bds.

In addition to the "Firecracker Specials" operated on the BN, CNW, MILW and ROCK for the festivities on July 3rd, the Metra Electric (IC) and the South Shore got into the act as well.



METRA SERVICE SUNDAY, JULY 3, 1988 FOR CONCERT & FIREWORKS

METRA ELECTRIC

To Chicago - Sunday

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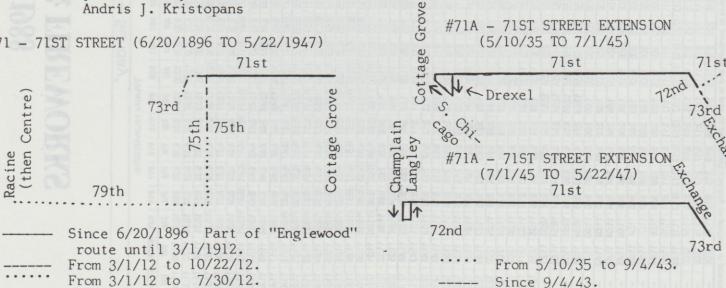
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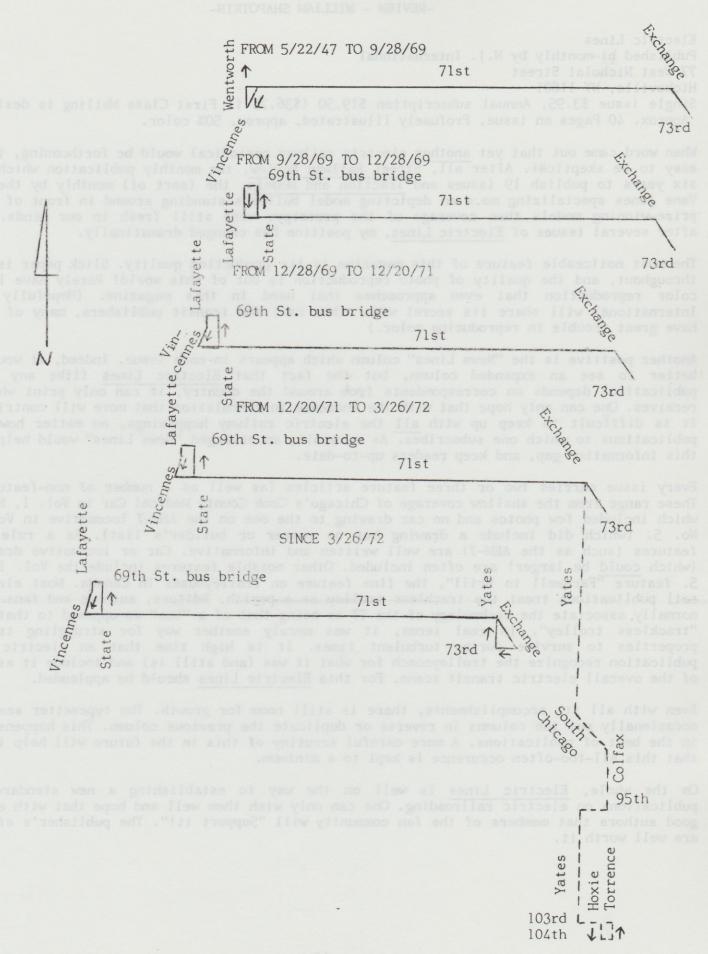
To University Park — Sunday*

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Continuing in our series of Surface System routes, we begin with the 71st Street Line. Like many others, it had its early origins as part of other routes, which would later be broken up. The route as we know it evolved from the break-up. # 71 - 71ST STREET (EXCEPT AS NOTED) (William M Shapotkin) 6/20/1896 Englewood & Chicago Electric Street Ry. Co. inaugurated battery car service via 71st between Cottage Grove and State as part of the Englewood route. Service apparently operated day & evening hours. Service assumed by Chicago Electric Traction Co. 7/ 1/1901 Streetcars replaced battery cars over entire route. Service assumed by Chicago & Southern Traction Co. 4/18/07 Service assumed by Chicago City Railway Co. Englewood route discontinued. Service 3/ 1/12 operated as part of a route operating between 71st/Cottage Grove and 79th/Racine(then Centre) via 71st-State-79th. Operated out of 77th St Depot. Service cut-back to State/75th due to sewer construction. 7/30/12 Service but-back to operate as a shuttle via 71st between Cottage Grove and 10/22/12 State. Service assumed by Chicago Surface Lines. 2/ 1/14 Extended streetcar service west via 71st-Vincennes to 73rd. 1/5/16 4/ 1/23 Began one-man operation. Chicago Surface Lines inaugurated #71A - 71st St Extension motor bus service 5/10/35 between Drexel-South Chicago-Cottage Grove loop and 71st St "U" via 71st-Exchange-72nd (at Lakefront). Extended Extension bus service south via Exchange to "U" at 73rd. 9/ 4/43 7/ 1/45 Extended Extension bus service west via 71st to Champlain-72nd-Langley loop. Substituted through-routed motor buses for streetcars and extension bus between 5/22/47 73rd St "U" and Vincennes-72nd-Wentworth loop via Exchange-71st. Entire route known as #71 - 71st Street. Service assumed by Chicago Transit Authority. 10/ 1/47 9/28/69 West end loop revised to operate via State-69th St bus bridge-Lafayette-71st account opening of Dan Ryan 'L'. 12/28/69 Rerouted buses eastbound from 69th St bus bridge via Lafayette-Vincennes-71st. 12/20/71 Extended certain weekday daytime trips south to Hoxie-104th-Torrence loop via 71st-Yates-South Chicago-Colfax-95th-Yates-103rd. 3/26/72 Discontinued service to 103rd/Torrence. That service assumed by new route #5B -Yates/Colfax effective this date. East end terminal revised to operate via Exchange-73rd-Yates loop. 4/ 3/77 Tranferred work from 77th St Station to 69th Street Station. References: Chicago Surface Lines - An Illustrated History, by A. Lind. CTA Chronological order of service changes. James Buckley Andris J. Kristopans Grove #71A - 71ST STREET EXTENSION #71 - 71ST STREET (6/20/1896 TO 5/22/1947) (5/10/35 TO 7/1/45) Cottage 71st 71st ← Drexel 73rd S 3rd Cago 75th





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When word came out that yet another electric railway periodical would be forthcoming, it was easy to be skeptical. After all, Street Railway Review, the monthly publication which took six years to publish 19 issues and Traction and Models, the (sort of) monthly by the late Vane Jones specializing more on depicting model builders standing around in front of their prize-winning models than coverage of the prototype were still fresh in our minds. Yet, after several issues of Electric Lines, my position has changed dramatically.

The most noticeable feature of this magazine is its production quality. Slick paper is used throughout, and the quality of photo reproduction is out of this world! Rarely have I seen color reproduction that even approaches that used in this magazine. (Hopefully N.J. International will share its secret with other rail and transit publishers, many of which have great trouble in reproducing color.)

Another positive is the "News Lines" column which appears in each issue. Indeed, it would be better to see an expanded column, but the fact that <u>Electric Lines</u> (like any other publication) depends on correspondents from around the country, it can only print what it receives. One can only hope that with the increase in circulation that more will contribute. It is difficult to keep up with <u>all</u> the electric railway happenings, no matter how many publications to which one subscribes. As a result, an enlarged "News Lines" would help fill this information gap, and keep readers up-to-date.

Every issue carries two or three feature articles (as well as a number of non-features). These range from the shallow coverage of Chicago's Cook County Medical Car in Vol. I, No. 4, which included few photos and no car drawing to the one on the AEM-7 locomotive in Vol. 1, No. 5. (which did include a drawing but no roster or builder's list). As a rule, the features (such as the AEM-7) are well written and informative. Car or locomotive drawings (which could be larger) are often included. Other notable features include the Vol. I, No. 5. feature "Farewell to Brill", the fine feature on trolleybuses in Canada. Most electric rail publications treat the trackless trolley as a pariah. Editors, authors and fans alike normally associate the technology of the TT as being that of a "bus" as opposed to that of a "trackless trolley". In real terms, it was merely another way for struggling transit properties to survive during turbulent times. It is high time that an electric rail publication recognize the trolleycoach for what it was (and still is) and include it as part of the overall electric transit scene. For this Electric Lines should be applauded.

Even with all its accomplishments, there is still room for growth. The typesetter seems to occasionally put the columns in reverse or duplicate the previous column. This happens even in the best of publications. A more careful scrutiny of this in the future will help insure that this all-too-often occurence is kept to a minimum.

On the whole, $\underline{\text{Electric Lines}}$ is well on the way to establishing a new standard for publications on $\underline{\text{electric railroading}}$. One can only wish them well and hope that with enough good authors that members of the fan community will "Support it!". The publisher's efforts are well worth it.