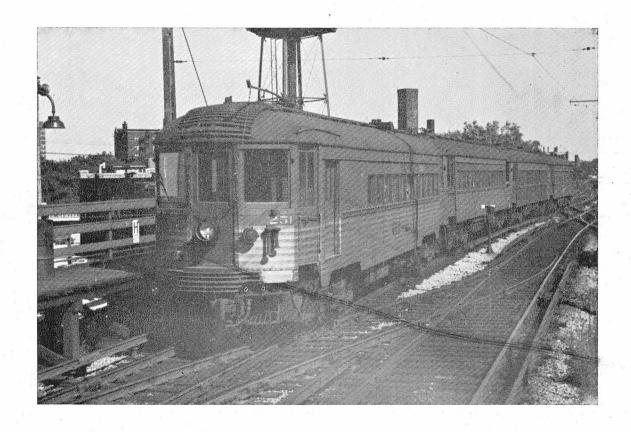
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INTRODUCTION

The year, 1966, marks the thirteenth anniversary of the founding of the Illinois Railway Museum, which was organized in 1953 by a group of ten men dedicated to the preservation of Indiana Railroad car No. 65. The museum has now grown to a collection of 62 pieces of railway equipment, including private car "Ely" from the Nevada Northern Railroad, a Saddle Tank Steam Engine from Public Service Company, four Chicago & North Western cars, electric railway cars and miscellaneous service equipment, hereinafter described in photos and text. Originally founded as the Illinois Electric Railway Museum, the organization's name was changed in 1961, in order to broaden the scope of the museum's operation.

Prior to the spring of 1964, the collection was stored in North Chicago, Ili., adjacent to the well known Chicago North Shore & Milwaukee Railroad and the U.S. Navy's Great Lakes Naval Training Center. It was here that many hundreds of people viewed the cars in the museum's early years of development.

Again wishing to expand its scope of operation, the museum purchased 5½ miles of abandoned right - of - way outside of Union, Illinois. The property was used prior to 1930 by the Elgin & Belvidere Electric Company, a 35-mile interurban line which helped link Chicago with Rockford. It is on this right - of - way that rail is again being placed.

In 1957, the Internal Revenue Service recognized the museum as a non-profit educational organization by granting it a tax exempt status. Thus donations, both corporate and personal, are tax deductible. It is through this status that most of the museum's income is derived. In 1958 it became a member of the American Associations of Museums; 1960 charter member of the American Railway Museums.

Prior to beginning actual operation of the museum, it was decided that our railroad should have a name. In keeping with the area served, and the bearing in mind of the property's former owners, the name Elgin & Belvidere was decided upon.

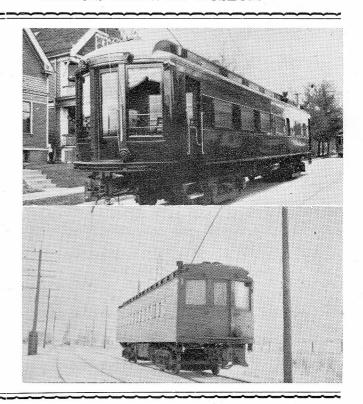
Future projects will include the construction of a building to house our 1500 KW rotary converter. This unit will supply the electricity needed to operate our larger electric cars. Plans also call for the construction of car barn facilities, improved auto parking areas, storage tracks where the cars may be viewed and photographed, stations, and many other projects too numerous to name. Your financial support is requested to help us reach these goals. Please feel free to call upon any of the museum members for answers to your questions regarding the museum, its cars and operations. As you view and ride the cars, you will find a brief history of their operations contained in this brochure.

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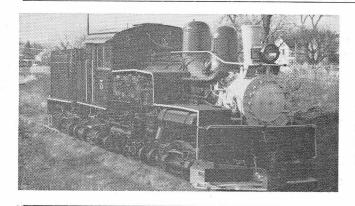
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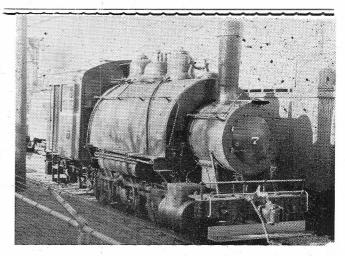
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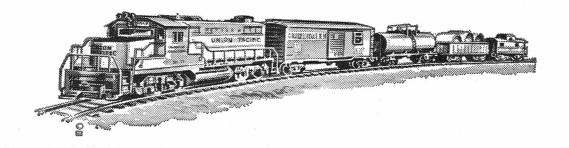
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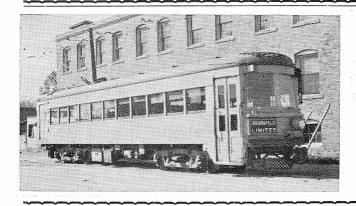
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Many interurban companies once criss-crossed the Hoosier state. In 1931 the stronger of these companies were united into one large company, called Indiana Railroad, which purchased new, all-aluminum, hi-speed cars to improve comfort and increase patronage. People kept on buying automobiles, however, and the last trains ran in 1941. Car No. 65 was sold to the Cedar Rapids and Iowa City Railway which used it another dozen years. The orange car was the museum's first acquisition, and is being thoroughly overhauled and re-built, a job which will soon be completed.

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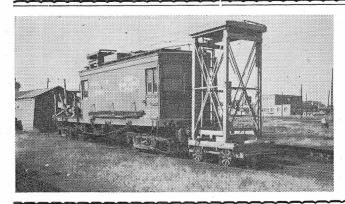
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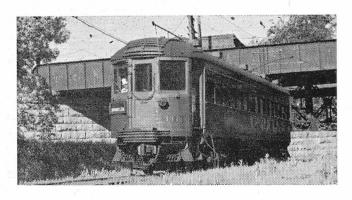
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The 160's were put together by Messer's J. G. Brill in 1915, and most were taken apart after the railway stopped running in 1963. Happily, though, No. 160 survives as a bit of fondly-remembered yesterday. (J.H.)

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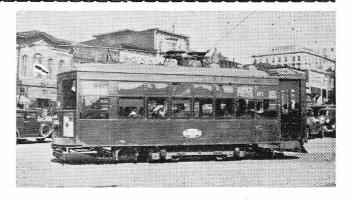
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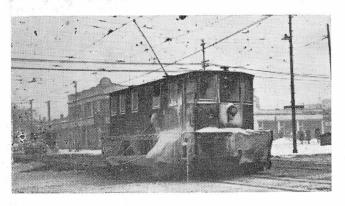
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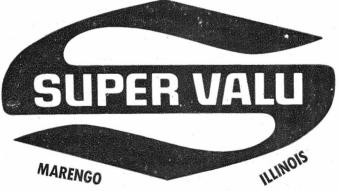
Streetcar lines in the snow belt had snow sweepers like the E-223 from Chicago. Whenever the snow came, these little black boxes would trundle down the street, their big brooms spinning, sweeping the snow from the tracks.

Many a motorist living on a car line would rise early and. finding a fresh snowfall, would dig out his car. Turning around satisfied, he'd head for the house, when . . . Yep, you guessed it! that box went by and he had to dig it out all over again. (B.N.)

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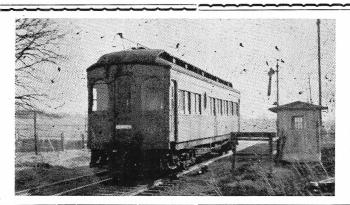


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Originally purchased for operation on the company's streetcar line in Milwaukee, Car 354 saw service during the war, hauling sailors between Waukegan and Great Lakes until abandoment of that line in 1947. Returning to Milwaukee, 354 ran until August 12, 1951, when it made its last trip to Oklahoma Avenue. After being used as a storage house for a number of years the unit was purchased by the museum. Car 354 represents another approach to the transit problems of the 1930's . . . the deluxe car, which could be used with either one-man or two-man crews.

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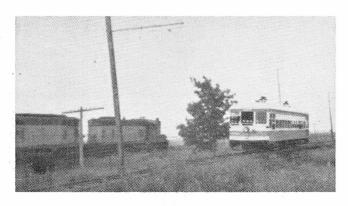
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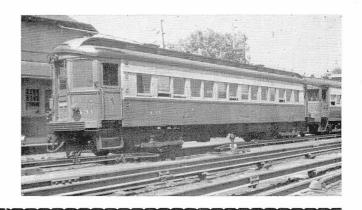
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In 1927, the Cincinnati Car Company constructed a group of high speed all steel cars for the Chicago, Aurora & Elgin Railway. Weighing in at better than 55 tons, they were the heaviest cars on the property. For years they pounded the rails between downtown Chicago and the western suburbs, carrying passengers swiftly and safely to and from work, in the days prior to our "fast" new expressways. After abandonment of the railway in 1957, the cars were stored at the company's Wheaton shops. Careful examination by individuals within the museum proved Car 431 to be in the best overall condition. Shortly thereafter, negotiations were made to purchase the car, thus saving it from the fate of its sisters. (R.B.)

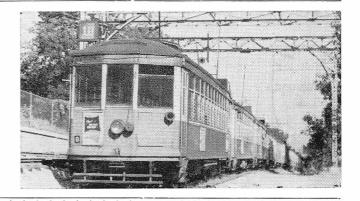


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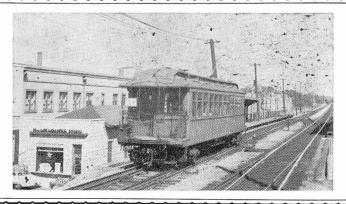
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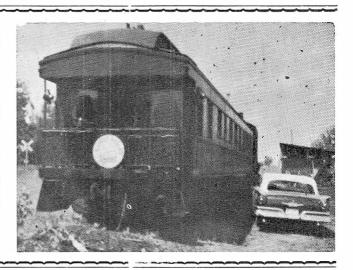
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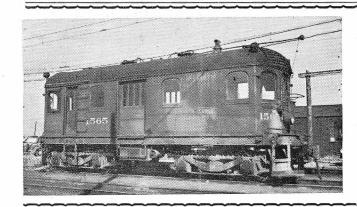
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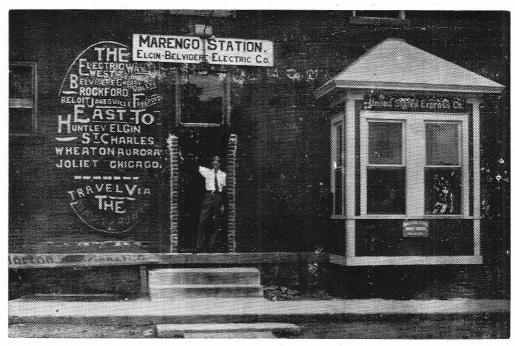
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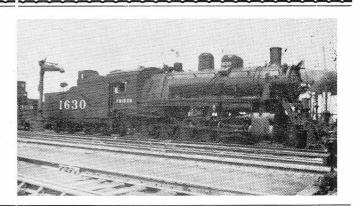
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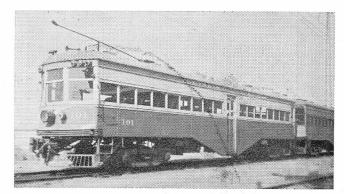
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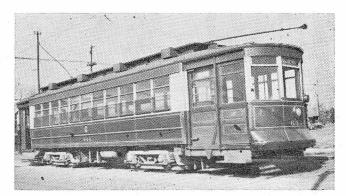
Some interurbans had their entrance in the center, and No. 101 is typical of these. The cream and green coach was built in 1917 for the Alton, Granit & St. Louis Railway, which later became part of the Illinois Terminal Railroad. 101 was seen on the suburban runs around St. Louis for many years, until they were discontinued. The car was then brought to the museum.

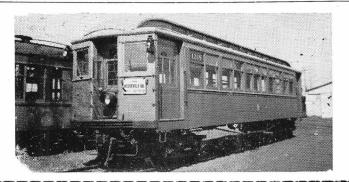


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Chicago "L" car number 1268 and its two museum own sisters, 1797 and 1808, were built for the North Western Elevated Railway Co. in 1907, by the American Car Co. Car 1268 is a control trailer, which means it can be operated at the head end of a train even though it is without motors, while cars 1707 and 1808 have moors. All three cars may be operated in a train along with car 1024.



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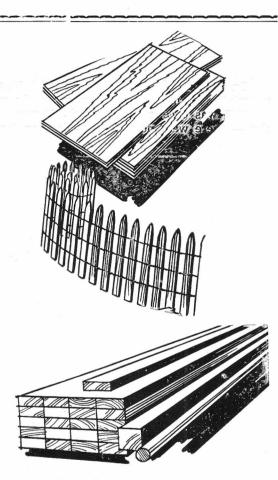
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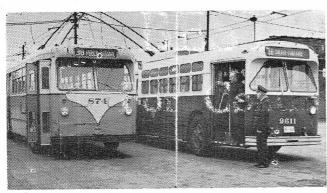
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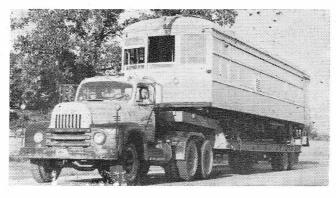






The trolley bus represents a transition from street cars to motor buses, and the museum has five, all different. Pullman Standard built 874 for Providence, R.I.; the photo at left shows it before a fan trip in Chicago. On the right is the "Queen Mary," 9763, which got the nickname because of its massive size. It is vertically articulated, a rubber diaphragm above the middle axle permits it to bend flexibly.

9763 was once a motor coach. It was too big to operate legally in Chicago so it was converted to electricity — there were no size restrictions on trackless trolleys. (C.T.A.)



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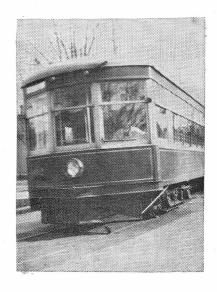
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Just as Milwaukee streetcar No. 972 (center page) was replaced by the "trackless trolley," museum owned trolley coach 441 was itself replaced by the diesel motor bus. As was the case with car 972, this coach was donated to the museum by The Transport Company. (L.K.)



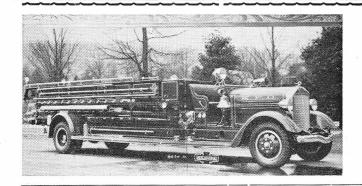
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