

Prospectus

Hoosier Traction Meet 2016

Fri.-Sat., Sept. 9-10,

We're at the same place in Indianapolis as in recent years. We're on the same weekend, just a few days after Labor Day. But we have a **new mailing address** for your preregistration:

**Hoosier Traction Meet, Inc.
PO Box 394
Harrods Creek KY 40027**

The purpose of this address change is to assure reliability of our service to you in case any one volunteer unexpectedly becomes unavailable. BILL MCDOWELL at the Kentucky address has developed a method by which relevant workers at the Meet will know that you preregistered for auditorium tickets or exhibit tables.

The advance registration fee by mail again is **\$1950**. Mail your check or money order now and benefit from this **half price!** As usual, it covers your admission to any or all auditorium sessions (subject to the theatre occupancy limit). Below is a coupon for your convenience. Or if you prefer, the greeter onsite will accept payment at the regular price (**\$40** check, money order or exact cash).

■ The **auditorium sessions** on Friday will begin at 9:30 AM and on Saturday will run from 8:30 AM to about 10:30 PM EDT. Subjects at lunch and supper times will be shown twice (prepeat and repeat). Thus you can select two-hour meal breaks either earlier or later and not miss any subject. Prepay now and your admission badge will be available by 9 AM Friday at the Meet's greeter station.

■ Friday 12 NOON-9 PM and Saturday 8:30 AM-4 PM EDT, anyone can visit *free* the **exhibition** of items showing principles and nature of mass transportation: photos, books, miniature models, timetables, other collectibles. CHARLES H. BOGART is the exhibition manager.

■ **Lodging** where we meet: The **Clarion Hotel**, 2930 Waterfront Parkway West Dr., Indianapolis IN 46214 offers rooms, if you guarantee your reservation with a major credit card or prepay by **August 10**, at a special rate (single or double) of \$73 per night plus tax. Call (317) 299-8400, 8 AM-5 PM EDT weekdays, ask for Group Sales, and mention the *Hoosier Traction Meet*.

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■ 2016 auditorium sessions and speakers

Friday and Saturday, September 9 and 10

- Auditorium manager BILL SHAPOTKIN has confirmed these subjects (listed alphabetically by names of speakers). Adjustments are possible.
- A Schedule of Events listing the sequence and times of individual sessions will be available at the Meet's greeter station in the hotel lobby.
- Most sessions last 1 to 1½ hours.
- This year, we are trying a short (10-minute) intermission approximately midway through each presentation on Saturday (only).
- "Stretch your legs" breaks (20-30 minutes) between most sessions.
- Skip either a prepeat or a repeat session to provide ample time for your meals (about 2 hours) and still enjoy every subject.

■ **Current transit industry news.** CHARLES H. BOGART proves how much can be said about the recent past, present, future, and "maybe future" of mass transit. Charles is versatile: his published works feature Kentucky streetcar systems of the long-ago past.

■ **Waupaca streetcars.** A presentation about transit in this small Wisconsin town? JAMES GRAEBNER, past executive of large mass transit systems, is a master of short talks spotlighting short streetcar lines.

■ **Cincinnati's new streetcars.** PAUL GREYER, the director of rail services for the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority, discusses many aspects of the new system, including technical details and what it takes to start a new line.

■ **"Laurel Line."** GEORGE W. GULA showcases the "Laurel Line," the third-rail-powered interurban that operated between Scranton and Wilkes-Barre (Pennsylvania) from 1903 to 1953.

■ **Cleveland motor buses.** BLAINE HAYS, published historian of transit around northern Ohio's metropolis, brings you the mass transportation mode that rolls on rubber and doesn't need copper up top.

■ **Ohio Bus Line.** TOM MCNAMARA tells of a Cincinnati Street Railway subsidiary providing suburban and intercity service (1925-1972) between Cincinnati and Dayton (Ohio) and Richmond (Indiana), competing with the Cincinnati & Lake Erie interurban in the 1930s.

■ **Mike's upstairs railroad.** Following past years' presentations about other portions of the rapid transit system, Chicago Transit Authority professional BRUCE G. MOFFAT tells about the Lake Street "L."

■ **The Rapid Division and the DJ&C Division.** As on other Detroit United Railway divisions at previous Meets, KEN SCHRAMM guides you over interurban lines from Detroit to Port Huron and to Jackson.

■ **Eastern Missouri traction oddities.** See the Hannibal Electric, St. Francois County Railroad, and several unusual features of St. Louis streetcar operation that have eluded attention—*until now!* Formerly with the Bi-State Development Agency, Museum of Transport trolley volunteer ANDY SISK concludes with the latest from Loop Trolley.

■ **Stone City traction.** BOB-O WALES takes you on a rare journey to the past and present covering the subject of electric traction in Joliet. We'll take a look at both streetcar and interurban lines in this north-eastern Illinois city.

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