

# Prospectus

## North American Transit Historical Meeting

# Fri-Sat Jun 7-8 (41<sup>st</sup> year): 2024

Friday–Saturday, June 7-8 (with optional Pittsburgh light rail fan trip June 9) is the North American Transit Historical Society’s HOOSIER TRACTION MEET, an annual conference recognizing mass transportation, especially electrically powered rail-based systems in the past, present and future. This year’s meet will take place at the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum (1 Electric Way in Washington, PA) in conjunction with the bi-annual “West Penn Trolley Meet.” Presentations focus on transit anywhere in the United States or Canada.

### Lodging

Local lodging arrangements including special event rates can be found at <https://patrolley.org/west-penn-trolley-meet>. These include:

- Fairfield by Marriott, Washington Casino Area
- Holiday Inn Express and Suites Washington - Meadow Lands
- HomeTowne Studios & Suites by Red Roof – Washington

In addition to the hotels listed on the link above, The Hoosier Traction Meet has made arrangements with the Comfort Inn Meadowlands (237 Meadowlands Blvd in Washington, PA). Phone (724) 746-9700. Rooms are available for Thu-Sun night, Jun 6-9 for \$89 (single or double). Cut-off date for this rate is Tuesday, May 14, 2024. Mention that you are with "The Hoosier Traction Meet."

### 2024 auditorium sessions and speakers Fri-Sat Jun 7-8

Fri 8:30AM	William McDowell – <b>Cincinnati Car Company (Part 1) – The early years.</b>
Fri 10:30AM	Richard Aaron – <b>“The Magnificent Seven”, featuring Pittsburgh suburban private right-of-way operations in the post West End era.</b>
Fri 12:30PM	[Sat 1030AM PREPEAT] George Gula – <b>Electric Cars in the Electric City – Scranton’s Streetcars</b>
Fri 2:30PM	Harvey Laner – <b>Teen Years Wanderlust 1955-1958 (includes visits to CNS&amp;M, L&amp;PS, QRL&amp;P, Johnstown, Philadelphia Suburban and others)</b>
Fri 5:00PM	[Sat 630PM PREPEAT] Blaine Hays – <b>The Port Authority Era in Pittsburgh</b>
Fri 7:00PM	[Sat 430PM PREPEAT] Bram Bailey – <b>The Toronto PCC Story</b>
Fri 9:00PM	Charles Bogart – <b>Current Transit Industry News</b>
Sat 8:30AM	William McDowell – <b>Cincinnati Car Company (Part 2) – The later years.</b>
Sat 10:30AM	[REPEAT] George Gula – <b>Electric Cars in the Electric City – Scranton’s Streetcars</b>
Sat 12:30PM	Richard Aaron – <b>“Pittsburgh Railways Interurbans - 1960 to the Present.”</b>
Sat 2:30PM	Ken Schramm – <b>Chicago Traction.... Selections of CTA, CA&amp;E traction slides</b>
Sat 4:30PM	[REPEAT] Bram Bailey – <b>The Toronto PCC Story</b>
Sat 6:30PM	[REPEAT] Blaine Hays – <b>The Port Authority Era in Pittsburgh</b>
Sat 8:30PM	Mike Boland – <b>Long Island Rail Road Multiple Unit Cars</b>

Auditorium Manager Bill Shapotkin confirmed these subjects at print time. Adjustments are possible.

The Schedule of Events with sequence and times of each session will be available at the Meet’s greeter station in the hotel lobby

Most sessions last 1 to 1½ hours

Stretch your legs breaks (20-30 minutes) between most sessions.

One and one-half hour presentations have a 10 minute break halfway.

You choose which sessions to attend and when to take meal breaks. Food trucks will be available on-site, arriving 11:00am for lunch each day. Dinner is on your own.



West Penn Railways #832 at the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum Photo by Paul Grether

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**Registration and Cost**

Advance tickets are cheaper than at-the-door. All tickets include admission to the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum, unlimited trolley rides, the West Penn Trolley Meet (including swap meet and model layouts), the Anything on Wheels car show, trolley parades, night photo shoots and the Hoosier Traction Meet sessions.

	Regular	PTM Member* Discount
Advance registration (both days)	\$60	\$40
Fri or Sat ONLY	\$45	\$25
Walk up registration (both days)	\$70	\$50
Walk up Fri or Sat ONLY	\$50	\$30

*\*To become a member of the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum visit <https://patrolley.org/membership/> to join.*



PAAC #4210 during the Port Authority 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary special, October 5, 2014 Photo by Paul Grether

**Pittsburgh Light Rail Fan Trip Sunday June 9**

A special trip on the Pittsburgh Regional Transit light rail organized by the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum will operate on Sunday June 9. Tickets can be purchased at <https://patrolley.org/west-penn-trolley-meet>

**Registration and payment by credit card is preferred online at <https://patrolley.org/west-penn-trolley-meet>.**

**2024 HOOSIER TRACTION MEET MAIL-IN COUPON**

Your name in the form you prefer on your badge .....

Street Address .....

City/State/Zip .....

Email .....

**If you have questions, please contact Bill Shapotkin at [traingq1@aol.com](mailto:traingq1@aol.com) or 847-987-9676**

**AUDITORIUM ADMISSION TICKETS**

How many persons attending any or all auditorium sessions	Advance registration: <b>\$60.00</b> per person (both days)	\$.....
	<b>\$45.00</b> per person (Fri or Sat ONLY)	\$.....
PTM member* discount:	<b>\$40.00</b> per person (both days)	\$.....
	<b>\$25.00</b> per person (Fri or Sat ONLY)	\$.....

Names of the others, if more than one person will attend sessions .....

**TOTAL ENCLOSED (Mail now for discount!)**

Mail to: Hoosier Traction Meet Inc, PO Box 394, Harrods Creek KY 40027-0394 \$.....

**SWAP MEET**

Swap Meet tables are available for \$30 each. The swap meet is being organized by the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum. For details visit <https://patrolley.org/west-penn-trolley-meet> or contact Kristen Fredriksen at [kfred@patrolley.org](mailto:kfred@patrolley.org) or by phone at (724) 228-9256 x6012.