

**Prospectus**  
**Hoosier Traction Meet**  
**Fri-Sat Sept 8-9 (34<sup>th</sup> year): 2017**

Friday–Saturday, September 8-9 in quiet western Indianapolis, the 34th HOOSIER TRACTION MEET is an annual educational conference recognizing mass transportation, especially electrically powered rail-based systems for urban and regional mobility in the past, present and future. Place-specific presentations typically focus on transit in IL, IN, IA, KY, MI, MN, MO, western NY, OH, ON, PA, WV or WI. Discussion of technologies or trends may draw examples from anywhere in North America or beyond.

**FORMAT** The Meet includes two aspects:  
 1. Anyone can visit the exhibition for free Friday 12 NOON – 10 PM and Saturday 8 AM – 4 PM EDT. Exhibitors offer items illustrating the principles and nature of mass transportation systems: photos, books, miniature models, timetables and other collectibles.  
 2. The hotel’s 150-seat theatre-style auditorium hosts 10 different audio-visual presentations, some repeated to increase capacity (see the opposite panel). Speakers provide live narration along with photos or maps. Media and format may vary.

**COST:** You can purchase a ticket onsite for \$40 (cash, check or money order) covers admission to any or valid for covers admission to any or valid for your admission to any or all auditorium presentations (subject to the theatre occupancy limit). You can select which sessions to attend and when to take meal breaks.

If you order early by mail, the same privileges now are less than half price. Please make check or money order for \$19.50 payable to Hoosier Traction Meet, Inc. and mail by Friday August 25 to the **Hoosier Traction Meet Inc, PO Box 394, Harrods Creek KY 40027**

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** The Clarion Hotel, 2930 Waterfront Parkway West Dr., Indianapolis IN 46214 offers rooms, if you guarantee your reservation with a major credit card or pre-pay by **August 19**, at a special rate (single or double) of \$86 per night plus tax. Call (317) 299-8400, 8am – 5pm EDT weekdays, ask for Group Sales, and mention the Hoosier Traction Meet.

**If you have questions, please e-mail Bill Shapotkin at [traingg1@aol.com](mailto:traingg1@aol.com)**

**2017 auditorium sessions and speakers Fri-Sat Sep 8-9**

Fri 830AM	Blaine Hays - <b>Cleveland Trackless Trolleys</b>
Fri 1030AM	[Sat 1 230PM PREPEAT] Richard Aaron – <b>Toronto</b>
Fri 1 230PM	[Sat 1 030AM PREPEAT] Ken Schramm – <b>Michigan’s Detroit United Railway Operations</b>
Fri 230PM	Leo Sullivan – <b>Trolley Freight and Express in New England</b>
Fri 430PM	[Sat 630PM PREPEAT] Andy Maginnis <b>The Philadelphia (Transit) Story</b>
Fri 630PM	[Sat 430PM PREPEAT] George Gula – <b>Two Keystone Interurbans: Wilkes-Barre and Hazleton and the Northern Electric</b>
Fri 820PM	Bob Olson – <b>Not Just Your Average Garden Variety Backyard Electric Railroad</b>
Fri 900PM	Charles Bogart – <b>Current Transit Industry News</b>
Sat 830AM	Tom McNamara – <b>Cincinnati Transit in Transition from Streetcars to Trackless</b>
Sat 1030AM	[REPEAT] Ken Schramm – <b>Michigan’s Detroit United Railway Operations</b>
Sat 1230PM	[REPEAT] Richard Aaron – <b>Toronto</b>
Sat 230PM	Paul Grether – <b>The Return of Cincinnati Streetcars</b>
Sat 430PM	[REPEAT] George Gula – <b>Two Keystone Interurbans: Wilkes-Barre and Hazleton and the Northern Electric</b>
Sat 630PM	[REPEAT] Andy Maginnis <b>The Philadelphia (Transit) Story</b>
Sat 830PM	Ed Conrad – <b>Union Traction – Union Electric interurban</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  
 Skip either a prepeat or repeat session to provide ample time for your meals (about 2 hours) and still enjoy every subject

**EASY MAIL-IN COUPON COME PARTAKE AND PARTICIPATE IN THE 2017 HOOSIER TRACTION MEET**

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

Street Address .....

City/State/Zip .....

Email .....

**AUDITORIUM ADMISSION TICKETS**

How many persons attending any or all auditorium sessions (subject to occupancy limit) Now 1/2 price preregistration **\$19.50** per person \$.....

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

**TABLES FOR YOUR EXHIBIT**

How many tables (maximum 3 tables per exhibitor). Please enclose a description of your product line (up to 25 words including your name). Compliant with Indianapolis-Marion County code, Title IV, Chapter 951, Article III, space is not made available to exhibitors for the sale, exchange, or purchase of used or second hand goods. Table price does not include any auditorium sessions **\$20** per table \$.....

Exhibitors need ADA space behind table  Need electricity at table

Prefer Table adjoining .....

**TOTAL ENCLOSED (Mail now for less than half price!)**  
 Mail to: **Hoosier Traction Meet Inc, PO Box 394, Harrods Creek KY 40027** \$.....

# Near the Hoosier Traction Meet

## Dining, shopping and services

We believe that free off-street parking is offered by all enterprises shown on the map below.



## Not so near the Meet

Downtown Indianapolis locations are described in relation to Monument Circle at Meridian & Market St.

- **Circle Centre:** Downtown shopping mall with dozens of stores, anchored by Carson Pirie Scott. Self-parking in connected garages. Washington & Illinois St., 1 block south and 1 block west of the Circle. 317-681-8000 [simon.com](http://simon.com)
- **Indianapolis Motor Speedway:** Hall of Fame Museum 9-5; narrated track and grounds tours. East on Crawfordsville Rd. and merge into 16th St. near the speedway. 317-492-6784 [indianapolismotorspeedway.com](http://indianapolismotorspeedway.com)
- **Of transportation interest**
- **IndyGo:** The in-county bus system having 31 fixed routes, of which 27 operate along Ohio St., 1 block north of the Circle. Most intervals 30 or 60 minutes; half of the routes 7 days. Customer service M-F 8-6, Sa 9-noon, 34 N. Delaware St., 2 blocks east and 1/2 block south of the Circle. 317-635-3344 [IndyGo.net](http://IndyGo.net)
- **Transit center:** Being built south of Washington St. between Delaware and Alabama St., 1 block south and 3 blocks east of the Circle. Will have enclosed waiting room, 19 bus berths for specific routes.
- **People mover:** Automated rubber-tired trains on elevated guideway, linking two hospitals and a medical lab. Free, open to the public. East on Crawfordsville Rd. and 16th St., pass below I-65. Enter through Methodist Hospital.
- **Indiana Transportation Museum:** Steam, diesel and electric rail equipment; rides most weekends. Sa-Su 10-5. I-465 north and east to State Rd. 19, north to Forest Park in Noblesville, Ind. 317-773-6000 [itm.org](http://itm.org)
- **Indiana Historical Society:** Home of Midwest Railroad Research Center. Tu-Sa 10-5, Th 10-8, Su (except library) 12-5. Ohio & West St., 1 block north and 4 blocks west of the Circle. 317-232-1882 [indianahistory.org](http://indianahistory.org)
- **Traction Terminal,** the hub of the Indiana interurban network of 12 radiating lines: Nothing remains at the northwest corner of Market & Illinois St., 1 block west of the Circle. The stone eagles from the trainshed adorn the steps of the Old City Hall building, west side of Alabama St. north of Ohio St., 3 blocks east and 1 block north of the Circle.

Information is the best available to us at the time of preparation. However, we do not recheck every location every year.

Thank you!

