

Prospectus
North American Transit Historical Meeting
Fri-Sat Jun 26-27 (43rd year): 2026

Friday–Saturday, June 26-27 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 on the event page at <https://pa-trolley.org/event/west-penn-trolley-meet-2026/2026-06-26/>. These include:

- Fairfield by Marriott Inn & Suites Washington Casino Area
 451 Racetrack Rd Washington PA 15301 (724) 223-5555
 \$129/night + taxes/fees
 Call and request room block “Trolley Meet” by May 25
- Hampton Inn Washington
 119 Murtland Ave Washington PA 15301 (724) 228-4100
 \$129/night + taxes/fees Fri/Sat; \$119 Sun-Thu
 Call and request room block “June Trolley Meet” by May 25
- Quality Inn and Suites
 501 Racetrack Rd Washington PA 15301 (724) 705-7676
 \$99/night + taxes/fees
 Call and request room block “West Penn Trolley Meet” and mention “the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum Rate”. Confirm the \$99 rate with hotel staff (there are multiple groups staying) by May 24
- HomeTowne Studios and Suites
 2110 N Franklin Dr Washington PA 15301 (724) 884-0299
 \$82.89/night + taxes/fees Fri-Sun; \$69.89 Mon-Thu and mention the “Trolley Meet at the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum”. Guest may also call the Group Sales Team at 412-730-3730 by May 24

2026 auditorium sessions and speakers Fri-Sat Jun 26-27

Fri 8:30AM	William Shapotkin – Ring Around Chicago – A Trip on Chicago’s Interurban “Outer Belt”
Fri 10:30AM	[Sat 1 230PM PREPEAT] Richard Aaron – Pittsburgh East Side Lines, A Cleveland 2025 Fantrip and Freight Operations on the North Shore Line
Fri 12:30PM	[Sat 1 030AM PREPEAT] John Nicholson – Before There Was a Prairie Path – the Chicago Aurora and Eglin
Fri 2:30PM	John Fuller – Photography by Richard Baldwin
Fri 4:30PM	[Sat 6 30PM PREPEAT] George Gula – Pittsburgh’s West Side Lines
Fri 6:30PM	[Sat 4 30PM PREPEAT] Norm Krentel – Midwest Interurban Freight
Sat 8:30AM	William Shapotkin – The South Shore Line – America’s Modern Interurban
Sat 10:30AM	[REPEAT] John Nicholson – Before There Was a Prairie Path – the Chicago Aurora and Eglin
Sat 12:30PM	[REPEAT] Richard Aaron – Pittsburgh East Side Lines, A Cleveland 2025 Fantrip and Freight Operations on the North Shore Line
Sat 2:30PM	Harvey Laner – Northwest Traction – from Montana to Idaho, Oregon and Washington
Sat 4:30PM	[REPEAT] Norm Krentel – Midwest Interurban Freight
Sat 6:30PM	[REPEAT] George Gula – Pittsburgh’s West Side Lines
Sat 8:30PM	Charles Bogart – Current Events

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 museum 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.



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Registration and Cost

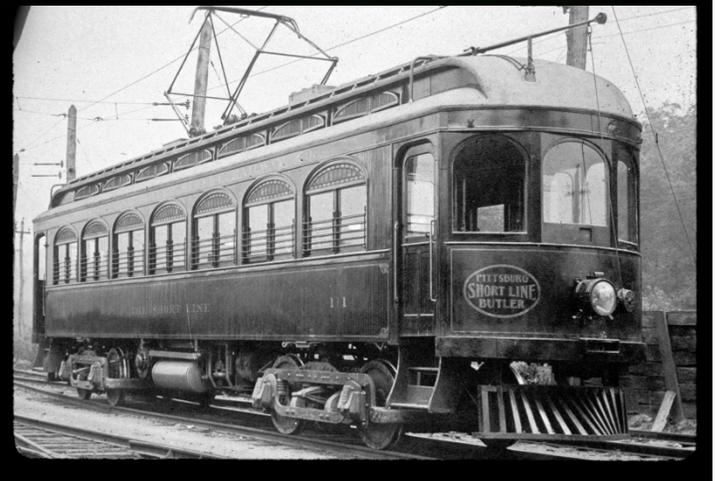
Advance tickets are cheaper than at-the-door. All tickets include admission to the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum, unlimited trolley rides, the West Penn Trolley Meet (including swap meet and model layouts), the Anything on Wheels car show, trolley parades, night photo shoots and the Hoosier Traction Meet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

There is an event page at

<https://pa-trolley.org/event/west-penn-trolley-meet-2026/2026-06-26/>

Worth noting is that to get the Member Discount, you need to join the Museum first at <https://pa-trolley.org/membership> and then sign up for the Meet. There are reciprocal benefits at other museums if you join PTM



Both photos courtesy the Earl Clark Collection

Registration and payment by credit card is preferred online at
<https://pa-trolley.org/event/west-penn-trolley-meet-2026/2026-06-26/>

2026 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 or 847-987-9676

AUDITORIUM ADMISSION TICKETS

<input type="checkbox"/>	How many persons attending any or all auditorium sessions	Advance registration: \$60.00 per person (both days) \$.....
		\$45.00 per person (Fri or Sat ONLY) \$.....
		PTM member* discount: \$40.00 per person (both days) \$.....
		\$25.00 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 or by phone at (724) 228-9256 x6012.