



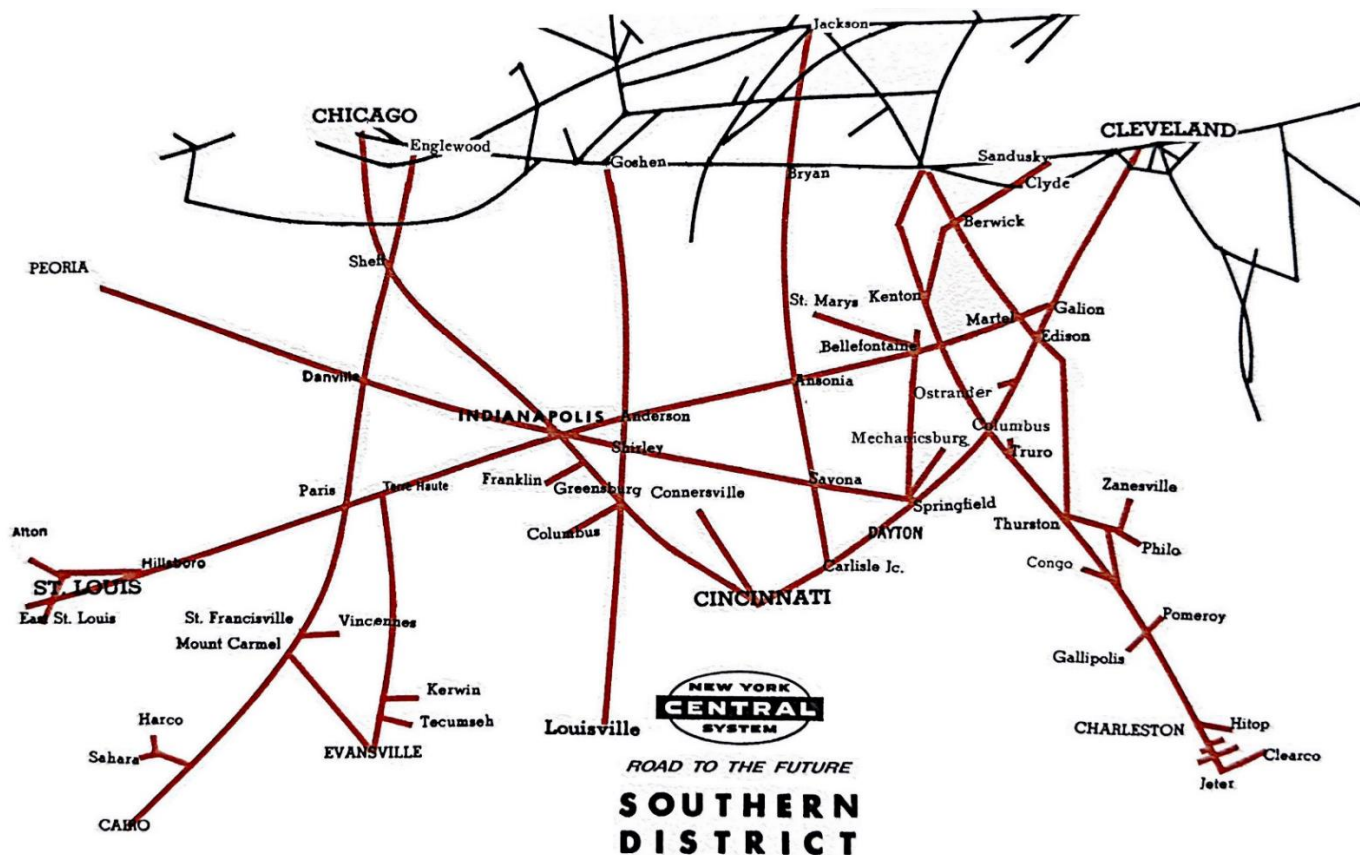
THE
James Whitcomb Riley



NYCSHS 2024 Convention
Crowne Plaza Indianapolis-Airport
Indianapolis, Indiana
April 26th to 28th 2024



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 TO THE CROSSROADS OF AMERICA
 HUB OF THE NEW YORK CENTRAL'S SOUTHERN DISTRICT
 WE HOPE YOUR VISIT WILL BE A MOST PLEASANT EXPERIENCE



The above was contained in the NYC Board of Directors booklet for their October 8, 1964 meeting
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<https://nycshs.org/indy-2024/>

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J-3a 5421 starts train #3 the James Whitcomb Wiley from the platforms at Indianapolis Union Station toward Chicago in the spring of 1954. Jermery Taylor photo NYCSHS NG503054

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The Newly Inaugurated James Whitcomb Riley in 1941. NYCSHS Archive Image WR280582



New York Central System Historical Society, Inc.

Office of the President

Greetings:

Welcome to the 2024 Annual Convention of the New York Central System Historical Society. I extend this welcome on behalf of the officers and Board of Directors of the NYCSHS, Convention Chairman Noel Widdifield, the members of the Convention Committee, and all who have given both time and talent to make this event truly memorable.

In recent years, it has become our practice to hold our conventions close to great cities served by the New York Central. In 2023, we gathered within striking distance of Cleveland when we ventured to Independence, Ohio, to be able to visit various NYC stations along the Big Four and Toledo & Ohio Central lines. This year we are further west outside of Indianapolis, Indiana. We haven't been here since 2004!

Our conventions have become family affairs for many. We delight in the presence of many couples, and I extend a very special greeting to those joining us who may be experiencing a rail-themed event for the first time. Ask questions! Before the weekend is over, we hope to make railfans and friends out of many of you.

Railroading is a many-faceted subject, and our members enjoy a broad spectrum of special interests. That diversity is reflected in the range of activities that have been planned for you. We have two different historic tours on Saturday that tour the NYC depots from the 1887 Indianapolis Union Station to the 1949 depot at Shelbyville and visits one of few remaining Big Four cabooses. Nineteen speakers will address a variety of topics at breakout sessions on Friday as well as the three self-guided layout tours are available. Saturday's trips will be followed by our annual banquet, with Richard Baldwin offering the keynote address on the James Whitcomb Riley. This is followed by our annual membership meeting. Eighteen presentations will comprise Sunday's activities, along with the Train and Memorabilia Show. The Collinwood Shop will be open throughout the weekend as well.

Don't miss the Live Steam Hudson and the Beech Grove Fire Truck on display. We also have the model raffles to help support the Society, perhaps you will take one home!

On behalf of the officers and directors of the Society and of all who are in attendance this weekend, I thank Noel Widdifield for serving as chairman of the 2024 Convention Committee, and I thank all on his committee who worked to make it a success!

Let the fun begin!

David T. Mackay
President, NYCSHS

Daily Schedule Overview

Friday April 26th

10:00am-3:00pm Self-guided model railroad open houses

12:00pm-9:00pm NYCSHS Collinwood Shop open in the main floor O'Hare Room

1:00pm to 10:00pm Presentations in lower-level LaGuardia, Lambert, and Lindberg Rooms. Specific clinic schedule on page 12

Saturday April 27th

8:00-8:15am bus tours depart from hotel lobby returning between 2:00pm and 5:15pm

5:00pm cocktail hour, main floor International Ballroom

6:00pm NYCSHS annual banquet guest speakers Richard Baldwin and John Fuller, main floor International Ballroom. After banquet concludes to 10:00pm Collinwood Shop will be open in main floor O'Hare Room

Sunday April 28th

10:00am to 3:00pm Model railroad and railroadiana sale and display in the main floor International Ballroom
Collinwood Shop open in main floor O'Hare Room,

9:00am to 4:00pm Presentations in lower-level LaGuardia, Lambert, and Lindberg Rooms. Specific clinic schedule on page 15



J-1d 5300 leads a passenger westbound extra at Indianapolis Union Station.

*J.M. Westbay
photo NYCSHS
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Welcome to Indianapolis

Indiana's capitol city, popularly known as "The Crossroads of America." Today that appellation refers to the city's intersecting Interstate highways radiating in all directions from the city center, but those concrete arteries each traverse transportation corridors developed by the New York Central and its predecessor railroads. From a maze of earlier railroads, large and small, those routes were gradually assembled into the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway, popularly known as the Big Four Route. As Vanderbilt investment increased in the early years of the 20th century, the Big Four became a railroad within a railroad, serving as the primary western component of the New York Central.

The New York Central would eventually have seven lines radiating from the city, these were:

Indianapolis-Cleveland (NYC Ohio Division "Bee Line")

Indianapolis-St. Louis (NYC Illinois Division)

Indianapolis-Chicago (NYC Indiana Division - West)

Indianapolis-Cincinnati (NYC Indiana Division - East)

Indianapolis-Springfield, Ohio (Peoria & Eastern, later NYC Springfield Division)

Indianapolis-Peoria (Peoria & Eastern)

Headquartered for many years in Indianapolis, the Big Four was big business in the Midwest – a major factor in regional economic development, a primary passenger and freight carrier, and a large employer. Today many of the Big Four routes have been repurposed as short lines or partially abandoned, but the former Bee Line and the Indianapolis-Terre Haute segment of the onetime Illinois Division are vital components of CSX's principal freight corridors. The massive Beech Grove Shops now serve as Amtrak's primary repair facility.

The Pennsylvania Railroad another major player in the Indianapolis railroad scene with lines radiating from Indianapolis to Columbus Ohio, Louisville Kentucky, St Louis Missouri, Vincennes, and Logansport Indiana with connection to Chicago. Other steam roads serving Indianapolis were the Chicago Indianapolis & Louisville better known as the Monon with a line to Chicago, the Baltimore & Ohio with a line passing through Indianapolis from Cincinnati Ohio to Springfield Illinois, the Nickel Plate (former Lake Erie & Western) with a line to Michigan City Indiana and the Illinois Central with a branch to their mainline at Effingham Illinois. In addition to owning Indianapolis Union Station, the Indianapolis Union Railway, which was owned jointly by the NYC and the PRR had a 13.5-mile belt line almost completely encircling the city from a mile and a half to four and a half miles outside downtown. There was only a gap of about two miles on the north side of the city stopping the Indianapolis Union Railway from completely encircling the city.

Indianapolis also had an extensive electric street railway system and was also a hub for interurban lines. Twelve electric lines extended from the city center to Crawfordsville, Lafayette, Logansport/Peru, Ft. Wayne, New Castle, Richmond, Connersville, Greensburg, Martinsville, Terre Haute and Danville (Indiana) and Louisville Kentucky. Connections with other electric railroads travel was possible throughout the Midwest via electric train.

With the merger of the NYC and the PRR in 1968, many lines entering Indianapolis were duplicated. Many were abandoned as through routes in the 1970's but remain today as spur routes serving industries. However, Indianapolis still is a railroad hub today. CSX operates almost all the remaining lines. However, the Indiana Southern (Genessee & Wyoming) operates the former PRR toward Vincennes, the Louisville & Indiana operates the former PRR to Louisville and the modern-day Indiana Railroad operates the former Illinois Central branch into the city. The 16 miles of the former Nickel Plate branch, which had been disconnected from the national rail network, is operated by the Nickel Plate Express tourist railroad between Noblesville and Tipton.

On Site Dining:

The Landing Restaurant

Offerings vary based on hotel occupancy.

Breakfast Hours: 6:00 AM-10:30 AM

Dinner Hours: 5:00 PM-11:00 PM

Location: Lobby Level

Serves: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Dessert

The Lounge

The lobby lounge features drinks and dinner offerings. Join us for a meal and unwind from the day.

Hours: 5:00 PM-11:00 PM

Location: Lobby

Outer Marker

The Outer Marker Lounge serves contemporary food in a relaxing environment. Catch a game on one of the TVs while you enjoy a variety of beverages including local craft beers. We have many wine selections as well as upscale cocktails to help you wind down after a long day.

Hours: 5:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Location: Lobby Level

In addition, there is a grab-and-go with sandwiches, drinks, and snacks near the hotel's front desk. Outside food and drink may not be consumed in common areas of the hotel.



Patrons enjoying themselves inside Lounge-Observation NYC 52, streamlined in 1941 for James Whitcomb Riley service. NYCSHS WR280619

Nearby Restaurants around Crowne Plaza

Delivery	Type	Phone Number	Address	Status
Golden China	Chinese	317-390-0688	1221 S Girls School Rd	Takeout · No delivery
Inner City Pizza	Pizza	317-209-9799	7436 Rockville Rd	Delivery and Take-Out
Papa John's	Pizza	317-243-7272	5113 W Washington St	Delivery and Take-Out On
Piezano's	Pizza	317-248-3000	5389 Rockville Rd	Delivery and Take-Out On
Rolino's	Pizza	317-559-2299	707 N Lynhurst Dr	Dine-in · Drive-thru · Deliv
Mickey and Bill's	Pizza	317-241-6019	3102 Foltz St	Dine-in · Takeout · Delive
Jimmy John's	Sandwiches	317-759-2424	5228 W Southern Ave	Delivery and Take-Out On
Divine BBQ	Barbeque	317-248-9800	8748 W Washington St	Delivery and Take-Out On
Indy All Night	American	317-690-0595	Indy	Delivery
Close by-5-7mins				
Dominos	Pizza	317-856-3331	5725 W Morris St	Dine-in · Takeout
The Library	Steakhouse	317-243-0299	2610 S Lynhurst Dr	Open
Waffle House	Diner	317-244-5262	2621 S Lynhurst Dr	Open
El Rodeo	Mexican	317-328-7953	2606 N High School Rd	Take-Out Only
Subway	Sandwiches	317-243-0101	5251 Bradbury Ave. Suite A	Open
Qaco Bell	Mexican	317-241-1530	5302 W Washington St	Delivery and Take-Out On
White Castle	American	317-248-0011	5301 W Washington St	Delivery and Take-Out On
Rockville Rd-10-15min				
Portillo's	Chicago/Hot Dog/American	317-766-9955	10444 E US Hwy 36	Dine-in · Drive-thru · Deliv
Grindstone Charley's	American	317-243-8760	5383 Rockville Rd	Open
Bob Evans	Diner	317-247-1818	25 S High School Rd	Open
Wings ETC	Wings/American	317-273-0850	55 S Raceway Rd	Open
Thai Lana	Thai	317-426-342-	9655 E US Highway 36	Delivery and Take-Out On
Hirosaki	Japanese	317-273-8866	9086 E US Highway 36	Delivery and Take-Out On
Red Lobster	Sea Food	317-271-4906	10189 E US Highway 36	Open
Downtown Indy				
(10-15 minutes)				
St. Elmo's	Steakhouse	317-635-0636	127 S Illinois St	Open
Weber Grill	American	317-636-7600	10 N Illinois St	Open
Fogo de Cho	Brazilian	317-638-4000	117 E Washington St	Open
Forty-Five Degrees	Sushi	317-634-4545	765 Massachusetts Ave	Open
Harry and Izzy's	Steakhouse	317-241-0533	153 S Illinois St	Take-Out Only

Self-Guided Model Railroad Open Houses

Friday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Adirondack Division, New York Central System

Set in 1955, this is a freelanced model railroad based on the prototype New York Central System in Northern New York State. From Albany and Rensselaer Yard to the east, through the Adirondack Mountains, then to Ogdensburg, NY to the west (and then on to Buffalo, NY -hidden staging). A portion of the NYC branch line from Lake Clear Junction, NY to Saranac Lake, NY is modeled. The long-gone Delaware & Hudson branch comes back to life, connecting Albany with the NYC branch in Saranac Lake. The railroad is a single-track main line with many passing sidings.

Layout Owner: John Poray Location: Mooresville, IN Scale: HO
Address/Phone #: 7746 Thorncrest Dr, Mooresville, IN 46158 317 627-1660
Layout Size: 42 ft x 31 ft Mainline Size: 247 ft Era: Transition era (1955)
Completion: Track: 100%, Scenery: 65%, Electrical: 100%
Control System: Digitrax - Duplex Communications: FRS radios.
Dispatching Method: JMRI CTC panel Car Forwarding: Train Manifests
Time and distance from hotel: 15 Minutes, 11 miles

The Mon Valley Works

The Union Railroad moves cars around the Edgar Thompson Steel Mill (Pittsburgh, PA area) and then moves slabs to the rolling mill and brings coke back from the coke plant. These three sites are five miles apart in real life and are separated by several feet on the layout. In addition, the CSX mainline runs by Edgar Thompson Works and interchanges with the Union Railroad. There are two staging yards and a switching yard along the CSX mainline. The railroad is located in the basement, accessible by a stairway.

Layout Owner: Phillip Burnside Location: Avon, IN Scale: HO
Address/Phone #: 5660 Springhollow Ct, Avon, IN 46123 317 442-6046
Layout Size: 26 ft x 26 ft Mainline Size: 200 ft Era: Modern
Completion: Track: 70%, Scenery: 80%, Electrical: 60%
Control System: Digitrax - Simplex and Duplex Car Forwarding: Car Orders
Health and Safety: - Pets - Dog and cats
Time and distance from hotel: 20 minutes, 10 miles

Self-Guided Model Railroad Open Houses

Friday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Great Northern Railway

This is a free-lanced version of the Great Northern Railway and depicts the route from Chicago to Seattle. The main railroad room measures 26' x 36' with an additional staging room measuring 9' x 13'. This multi-level layout has 600' of double track mainline with a large classification yard at Minot, ND. The Minot terminal features a 130' turntable and 12 stall roundhouses. Operating sessions are handled as point-to-point, but trains can also be operated in a continuous loop. Most structures are made from kits but there are several scratch-built items including a 5' long snow shed. A separate building in the backyard houses the railroad. There are no steps.

Layout Owner: Ron Phillips Location: Danville, IN Scale: HO
Address/Phone #: 2012 W County Rd 200 N, Danville, IN 46122 317 441-6930
Layout Size: 26 ft x 36 ft - double deck Mainline Size: 600 ft Era: 1950's – 1970's
Completion: Track: 100%, Scenery: 100%, Electrical: 100%
Control System: Digitrax - Simplex and Duplex Car Forwarding: Car cards.
Time and distance from hotel: 33 minutes, 20 miles

Planning your trip, all three layouts are west and southwest of the hotel. The Mon Valley Works is between the two other layouts.



A New York Central F7a leads a train across a bridge on John Poray's NYC Adirondak Division

Members Models

Tables for the display of member-built models is available inside the Collinwood Shop's in the O'Hare Room on the main floor. The room will be open during Collinwood Shop hours, Friday 12:00pm to 9:00pm, Saturday following the conclusion of the banquet to 11:00pm and Sunday 10:00am to 3:00pm. The room will be secured overnight.

Descriptions of Presentations

Presentation rooms are on the lower level of the hotel.

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Craig Berndt, NYC M-497 Jet Train: Did the “Central” really want to exit the passenger business? In 1966 they demonstrated a jet-propelled passenger train – come along as we revisit the M-497 Jet Train. Friday 2:00/Sunday 10:00

Craig Berndt, NYC Air Line: Nothing to do with airplanes, but certainly a fast route - come along on a tour between Toledo OH and Elkhart IN. Friday 7:00/Sunday 1:00

Joe Burgess, NYC Steel Cabooses: A presentation covering the various steel cabooses used by the NYC in its operations. Friday 8:00/Sunday 9:00

John Fuller, The Michigan Division: Benton Harbor, MI to Louisville, KY some history of the line, along with a variety of maps and photos. Friday 7:00/Sunday 1:00

John Fuller, The NYC and PC routes of The James Whitcomb Riley: Come along on a pictorial tour between Cincinnati and Chicago covering the different routes used by “The Riley” over the NYC and PC; includes operational details, and some history between Cincinnati Union Terminal and Chicago Central Station. Sunday 9:00 only

Seth Lakin; Five Railroads, One City, One model railroad: Using LDEs to model Michigan City, Indiana. During the 1960s, five railroads served Michigan City. Using Layout Design Elements (LDEs) a model railroad is designed that prototypically represents the industries, interchanges and operations of the City’s railroads. Friday 1:00 only

Steve Lasher, Locomotives: Thoughts and Ideas on modeling locomotives. Friday 1:00/Sunday 9:00

Barry Lennon, Indiana NYC Rail Junctions on the Indiana Div: Come along on a journey to examine key junctions in Indiana between Lawrenceburg Jct. and Raub. Friday 2:00 only

Barry Lennon, Indiana NYC Rail Junctions on the Illinois Div: Visit key junctions on the Cario Branch between Osborn and the IL line. Friday 3:00 only

Larry Lewman, A visit with former NYC employees – journey back in time: Attend this panel discussion and discover what it was like to work for the NYC. This session is scheduled to exceed 50 mins. Friday 4:00 only

Tom Long, Modeling NYCS Passenger trains in N scale: Tour the New York Central’s great passenger fleet in a working N scale empire. Friday 2:00/Sunday 3:00

Eric Powell, Peoria & Eastern Ry – Speedway 500 Shuttle Train Operations: How did people get to the Speedway Track for those great auto races – well the P&E Ry. was a great option with service to the main gate. Hear and see how the P&E Ry. made this happen and what caused the service to finally end. Friday 3:00/Sunday 11:00

Dave Smoot, Indianapolis Railroads: An overview from 1816 to today; Indianapolis proclaimed itself “Railroad City” and lays claim to the first Union Station. Friday 1:00 only

Dave Smoot, The Whitewater Valley Division – The Stagers Rail Act: We examine how the first “feeder rail line” under the Stagers Rail Act came into existence and its ties to the New York Central. Sunday 2:00 only

Dave Staplin, Modeling the “Falls” series 6 DBRM/Lounge Cars: A presentation on how you can model these popular passenger cars from NYC trains. Friday 9:00/Sunday 1:00

Jim Suhs, The Kankakee Belt Route: NYC’s east-west route connecting to western carriers avoiding Chicago. Sunday 3:00 only

Mont Switzer, The Freight Cars of Muncie Indiana and modeling suggestions: Muncie Indiana was home to glass manufacturing, heavy electrical power transformer manufacturing, battery manufacturing and meat packing. These industries had their own fleets of dedicated freight cars, all unique to Muncie Friday 3:00/Sunday 10:00

Don Toon, Indianapolis Union Station before the elevation project: A pictorial look at Indianapolis Union Station including an overview of the city prior to 1919, and a discussion on the planned improvements. Friday 8:00/Sunday 11:00

Russ Weis, Building my NYC layout – considerations for operations: What sets apart an NYC layout vs other prototype layout – attend and find out by an experienced modeler. Friday 4:00/Sunday 11:00

Russ Weis, Mail & Express Operations on my NYC layout: including mail and express operations into a model rail operation. Friday 9:00/Sunday 2:00

Carl Wessel, Modeling the Kankakee Belt Line: From prototype to model – a Modelers story. Friday 7:00/Sunday 3:00

Robert West, Railroad Art – capturing the scene: Did you ever wish a special rail scene could be revisited but there’s no photo or the photo is black and white; well, you can through railroad artistry – Robert West well known railroad artist talks about research that creates the imaginable missing scene. Friday 9:00 only

Dave Wheeler, Building and modeling a NYC Hudson in 1.6” scale, with many details: Learn how a dream came to life as Dave Wheeler takes us on his journey to build an NYC Hudson locomotive. Friday 8:00/Sunday 10:00

Larry Zeller and David Oroszi, Peoria & Eastern Ry – Indianapolis to Springfield line Part 1: Springfield OH to Ludlow Falls OH covers 1947 to the diesel era; complete with video of working Hudson locomotives. Friday 4:00 only

Larry Zeller and David Oroszi, Peoria & Eastern Ry – Indianapolis to Springfield line Part 2: Ludlow Falls OH to Indianapolis IN – 1947 to the diesel era. Sunday 2:00 only



4-8-4 S-1b #6015, 0-8-0 U-3a #7816 and 2-8-2 H-7e #1995 all are at the Shelby Street Roundhouse just east of downtown Indianapolis during the twilight of steam in April 1956. Jermy Taylor Photo NYC SHS NG503044

Friday Speaker Schedule

Room	LaGuardia	Lambert	Lindbergh
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1:00 PM	Indianapolis Railroads Dave Smoot	Locomotives: Thoughts & Ideas on Modeling – Steve Lasher	Using layout design elements to model Michigan City IN 1960s Seth Lakin
2:00 PM	NYC Junctions on the Indiana Div.: Lawrenceburg Jct. to Raub - Walt Mattes	NYC M-497 Jet Train Craig Berndt	NYCS Passenger trains in N Scale - Tom Long
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4:00 PM	A visit with former NYC employees – Moderator: Larry Lewman **	Building my NYC layout – considerations for operations. Russ Weis	P&E East – Part 1 Springfield OH – Ludlow Falls, OH. 1947 to the diesel era. Larry Zeller/David Oroszi
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9:00 PM	Art – A great way to preserve historic railroads Robert West	Mail & Express Operations on my NYC layout Russ Weis	Modeling the "Falls" series 6 Double Bedroom Lounges- Dave Staplin

Saturday Bus Tours:

Big Four depots bus tour: Departs at 8:00 AM

Depart hotel at 8:00am. Stops on this trip include: Union Traction/Indiana Railroad interurban depot at Fort Benjamin Harrison, follow former Big Four-NYC Indianapolis-Cleveland "Bee Line" now CSX, Big Four passenger depot at Anderson, Madison County Historical Society museum, Shirley depot at the crossing of NYC's Springfield (P&E east) and Michigan divisions along with the only Big Four caboose on public display (one of two known to exist), Fairland depot, Shelbyville depot and freight house and Franklin depot.

Bus 1 will stop for lunch with options at McDonalds, KFC, Burger King, Taco Bell, or Wendy's. It will return directly to the hotel after the last depot with an estimated arrival of 4:45 pm.

Bus 2 will stop for lunch with options at Arby's, Penn Station Subs or Firehouse Subs. It will drive by NYC's Beech Grove Shops and remnants of NYC's Hill Yard before returning to the hotel with an estimated arrival of 5:15 pm.

Indianapolis Union Station tour: Limited space available (sold out) Departs at 8:15 AM

Depart hotel at 8:15am. Guided tour of Indianapolis Union Station. Lunch at Shapiro's Delicatessen, a drive by the remains of NYC's Hill Yard and Beech Grove Shops with an estimated arrival back at the hotel at 2:00 pm.



Indianapolis Union Station Headhouse and depot tracks Aug 1946 NYCSHS WR370424

Saturday convention banquet and NYCSHS meeting

5:00 PM No-Host Reception, cash bar in the International Ballroom

6:00 PM Annual banquet with guest speaker Richard Baldwin and John Fuller. Following the banquet, NYCSHS Annual meeting.

Following the meeting the NYCSHS Collinwood Shop will be open in the adjacent O'Hare Room until 10:00 PM.

Guest Speaker, Richard "Dick" Baldwin

Richard "Dick" Baldwin was raised in Indianapolis' Fountain Square neighborhood near New York Central's Big Four Shelby Street roundhouse. He spent much of his youth exploring and photographing the great variety of NYC steam power at the Shelby Street facility. He also biked to various locations on the Indianapolis Belt, Pennsylvania, and Illinois Central railroads.

Dick invested in a variety of camera equipment in the early 1950s. He spent several years doing freelance work for a local television station and newspaper. In 1957 he began working at NBC affiliate WFBM (later WRTV) television in Indianapolis as a news photographer. He later was promoted to chief photographer and held that position until his retirement in 1994.

Dick was named Indiana News Photographers Association's News Photographer of the Year three times. Following his retirement, he was named to the Indiana Broadcast Hall of Fame.

He has ridden many mainline and rare-mileage trains in North America, South America, Southeast Asia, and Europe. In addition to railroad photography, Dick is a prolific collector of railroad timetables and memorabilia. His railroad photography has appeared in a variety of magazines and books.

Guest Speaker, John Fuller

John Fuller was born and raised in Indianapolis about a mile from the Monon Railroad. His grandfather was a retired Pennsylvania Railroad dispatcher in Terre Haute who had a 55-year career that started as a tower operator in Brazil, Indiana. His grandfather had a tradition of driving his grandchildren around Terre Haute to look at trains during weekend visits.

John's father was a 1938 graduate of Rose Poly Technic Institute. Following his graduation, he worked for the Santa Fe Railroad engineering department in Amarillo, Texas until late 1941 when he joined the US Navy. After the war, he worked a short stint on the Peoria and Eastern.

John was fortunate to meet various rail enthusiasts in high school, he was able to visit many train-watching spots throughout Indiana and the Midwest prior to graduating from high school in 1971.

John graduated from Ball State University with a journalism degree in 1975. He spent seven years as editor of the Parke County Sentinel, a semi-weekly newspaper in Rockville, Indiana. In 1985 he changed careers eventually becoming business manager at St. Patrick Church and School in Terre Haute, a position he held until retirement in 2015. John is married to wife Fran and has one son Charlie. In 2019 John moved back to his Indianapolis hometown.

Sunday Train Show

10:00am to 3:00pm Model railroad and railroadiana sale and display in the main floor International Ballroom, Collinwood Shop open in main floor O'Hare Room.

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Large Displays:



Lobby: NYC J-3a #5412 with PT tender, Built by Dave Wheeler and his son Dave Wheeler Jr. of Ann Arbor, Mich.

7 5/8" gauge, scale is 1 1/2" equals 1 foot or 1:8 scale. Fired by propane the locomotive is 84" long, 25" high 17" wide weighs approximately 1200 lbs dry/empty. The tender is 73" long, 25" high, 16.5" wide and weighs approximately 600 lbs dry/empty. The tender carries 40 gallons of water. Propane is carried in a separate express boxcar in two 50lb tanks.



Front Parking Lot: Beech Grove Shops Fire Department Engine #1 Owned by restored by Leslie McConnell. Built by Boyer Fire Apparatus, Logansport, Indiana on a 1956 GMC 350 cab and frame. It was in service at Beech Grove Shops from 1956 to the early 1980's, serving New York Central, Penn Central and Amtrak.

NYCSHS Raffle Items

Several items are being raffled off to benefit the New York Central Historical Society.

Tickets are on sale in the Collinwood Shop, the drawing will be held at 1:00 PM Sunday, the winners need not be present.

Featured One-of-a-kind items include a built HO-Scale Michigan Central Railroad Victorian depot and a HO-Scale NYC 9100-series baggage car. Other items for raffle include a HO-Scale Bachmann J-3a 4-6-4 Hudson donated by Bachmann, Tangent HO-Scale ready-to-run Century Green bay window caboose, American Model Builders NYCSHS exclusive HO-Scale Big Four caboose kits in both tongue-and-groove and plywood siding versions donated by Noel Widdifield.

Michigan Central Railroad Victorian Depot

This raffle item is the prototype kit of the NYCSHS exclusive Rail-Scale Models HO-Scale Michigan Central Victorian Era depot. Built by NYCSHS Modelers Committee Chairman Seth Lakin, the build was documented and served as the basis for the kit's instructions and advertising. The kit is based on the existing 1872 built depot at West Branch, Michigan on the Mackinaw Branch. While no other depot matches this depot, South Bend Indiana comes the closest as an exact mirror. There were at least 16 other depots of the same style in Michigan, Indiana, and Ontario. Unbuilt kits are available in the Collinwood Shop.



Scale NYC 9100-series baggage

This HO-Scale model was built and donated by John Ruehle. The construction was featured in the 3rd Quarter 2023 *NYCentral Modeler*. The model represents one of 100 lightweight smooth side baggage cars that were built by American Car & Foundry in 1946 and 1947. These cars are a staple of New York Central's passenger and mail and express trains from the late 1940's through Penn Central and into the early years of Amtrak. Only a brass imported model of a rebuilt version of these cars have been available. By using components from various manufacturers an accurate model of these baggage cars can be built as was done with this model. The NYCSHS modelers committee is investigating several ways to bring a model of this baggage car to the market.



Central Indiana Hobby/Train Shops

Indianapolis Area

Big Boy Hobbies
8893 Pendleton Pike
Indianapolis, IN 46226
(317) 898-6284
M-Sa 9:00-5:00, Su 10:00-4:00
25 min, 20 Miles Northeast

HobbyTown
8265 Center Run Dr
Indianapolis, IN 46250
(317) 845-4106
M-Sa 10:00-6:00, Su 12:00-6:00
30 min, 26 miles Northeast

Train Central
1651 Shadeland Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46219
(317) 375-0832
Tu-Sa 10:30-6:00
20 min, 16 miles East

A-Trains
80 West Main Street
Greenwood, IN 46142
M-F 11:00-6:00, Sa Closed, Su 1:00-5:00
(317) 881-5530
25min, 17miles South

Southern Central Indiana

Brown County Model Trains
75 S Jefferson St
Nashville, IN 47448
(317) 783-6726
Mo and Fr 12:00-5:00, Sa and Su 11:00-5:00
1 Hour, 51 Miles South
Small shop with operating HO layout

Northern Central Indiana

Mr. Muffin's Trains Shop
177 W Main St
Atlanta, IN 46031
(765) 292-2022
Tu-Th 11:00-5:00, Fr 12:00-7:00
Sa 10:00-4:00 Closed Su
50 min, 47 miles North
Large selection of 3-rail O scale.
Large O Scale layout open Sa 10:00-3:00,
but will stay open with prior arrangement.
by phone.

Tolin K & K Hobby
403 E Arnold Ct
Kokomo, IN 46902
(765) 453-7393
Mo-Fr 11:00-5:00, Sa 11:00-3:00
1 hour, 58 miles north
Full line hobby shop with large selection of
new and used of all popular scales.
Large selection of N and HO scale
new and used trains.

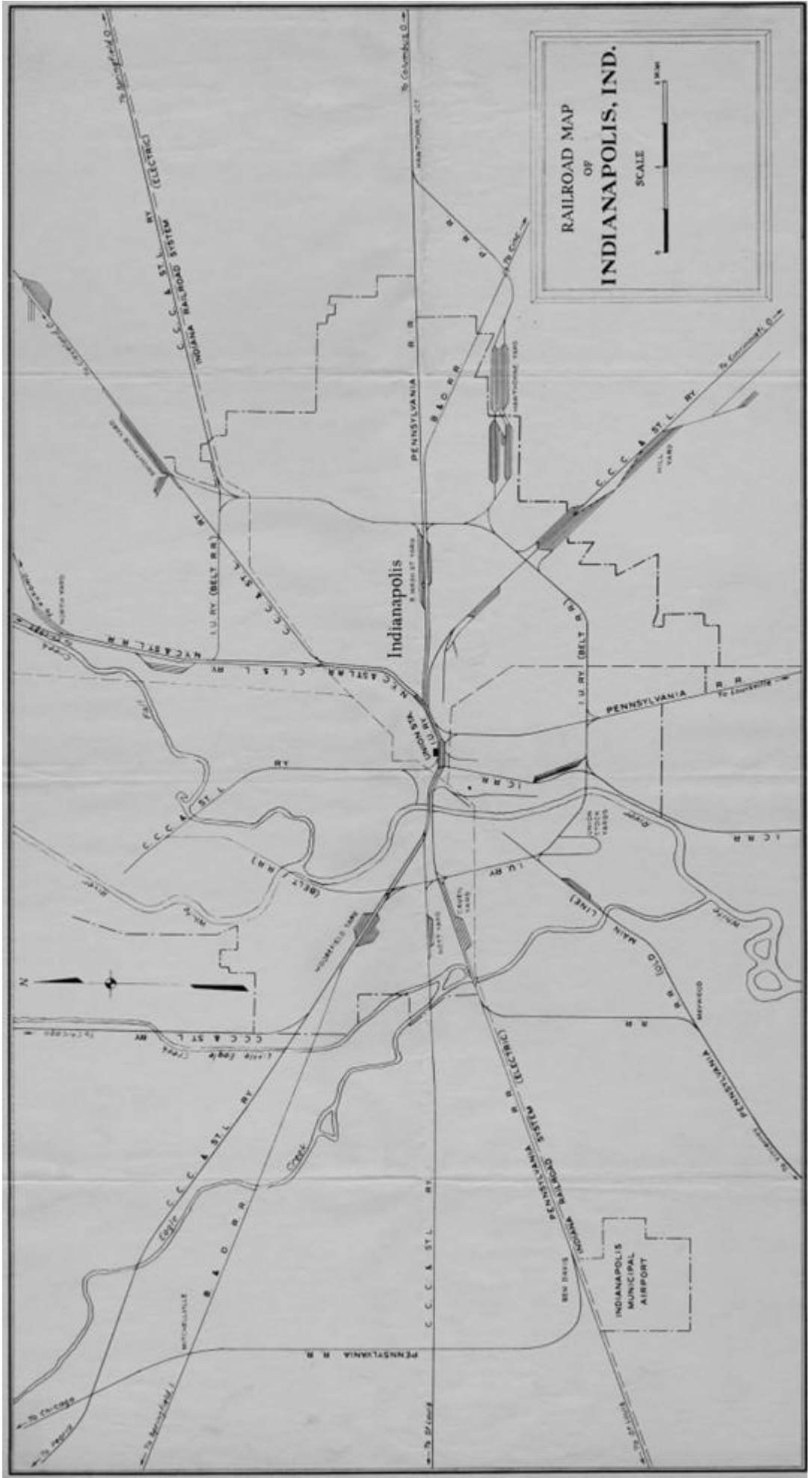
The Train Exchange
701 N Webster St
Kokomo, IN 46901
(765) 210-6612
Mo and Fr 5:30-8:30, Sa 10:00-5:00
1 hour 5 min, 60 miles north
Large selection of HO trains

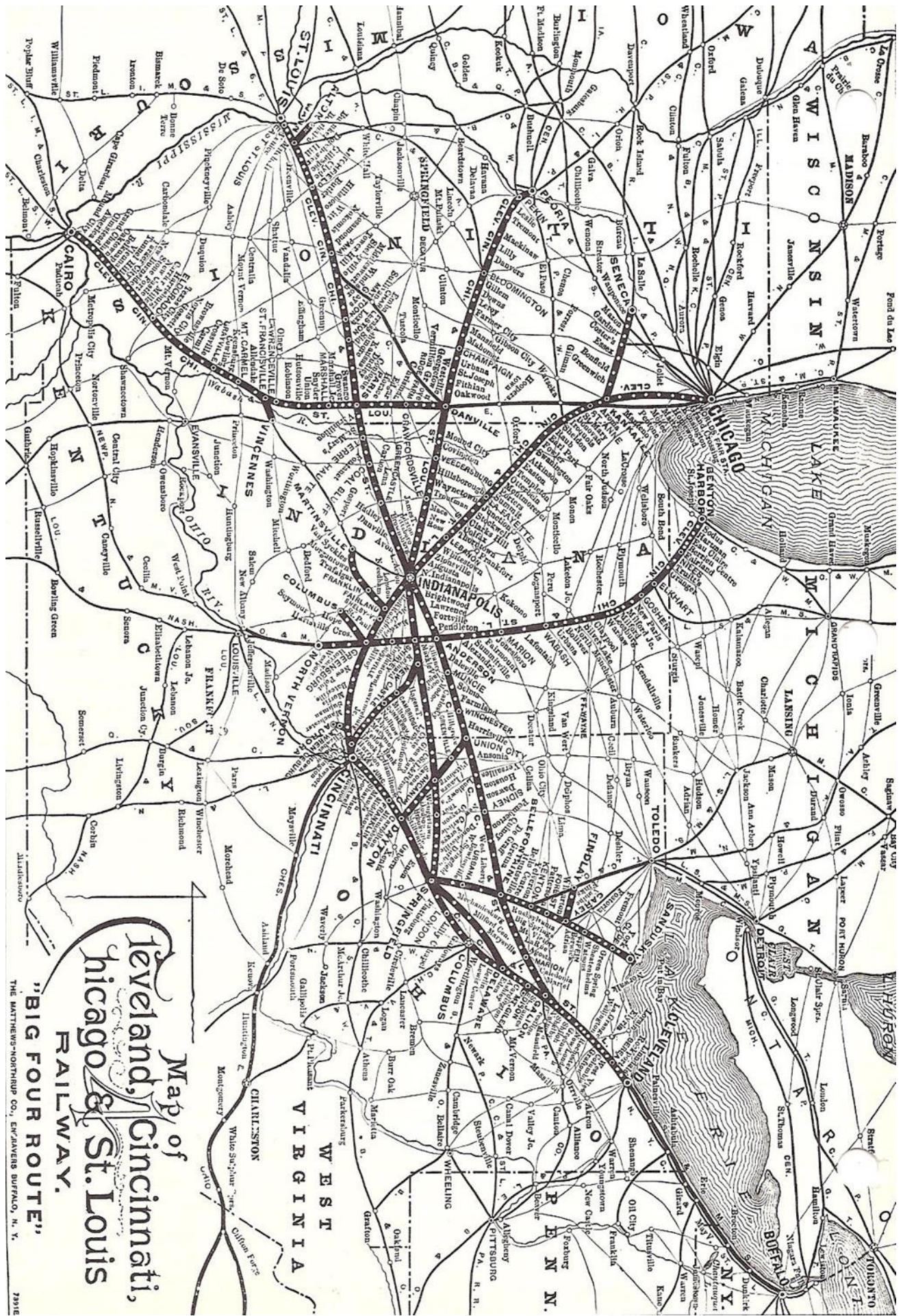
Eastern Central Indiana

Toys Forever Models & Hobbies
300 S Walnut St
Muncie, IN 47305
(765) 288-6505
Tu-Fr 11:00-7:00, Sa 10:00-6:00
1 hour 10 min, 70 miles Northeast

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Hours of operation are given by Google Maps and have not been confirmed.

Map of the railroads of Indianapolis circa 1930. Courtesy railsanstrails.com





Map of
**Cleveland, Cincinnati,
 Chicago & St. Louis**
 RAILWAY.
"BIG FOUR ROUTE"

THE MATTHEWS-NORTHROP CO., ENGRAVERS BUFFALO, N. Y. 7391E