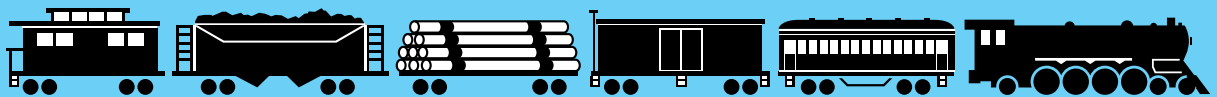
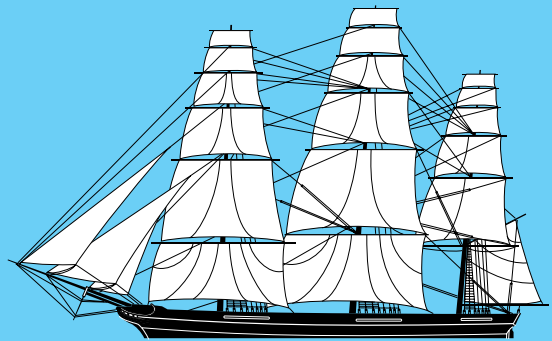
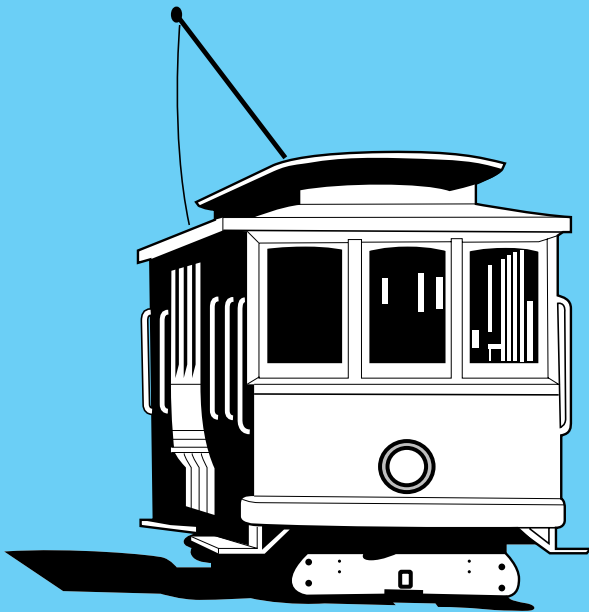
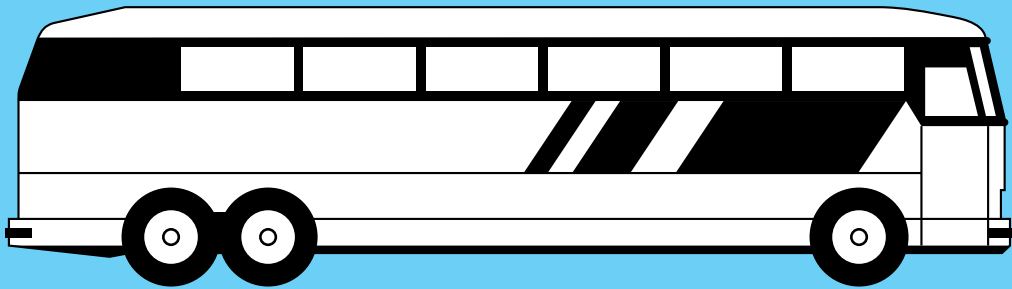
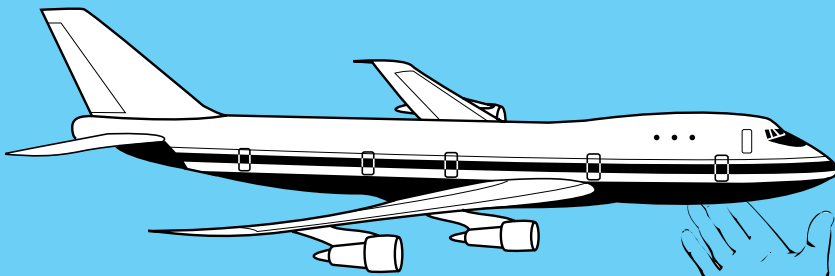


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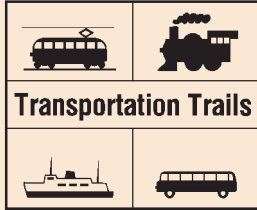
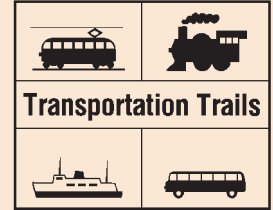


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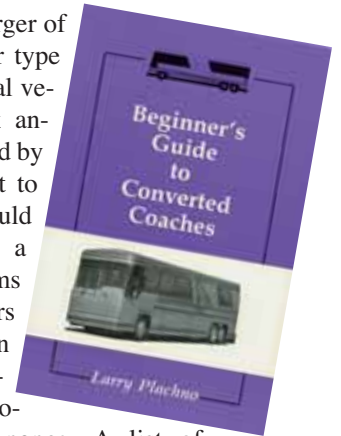
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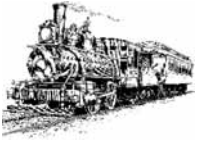
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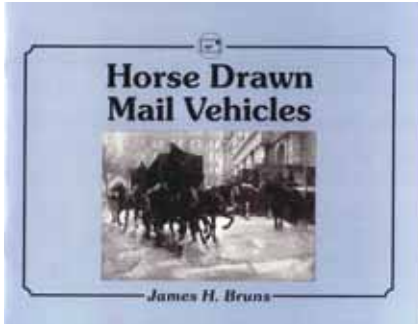
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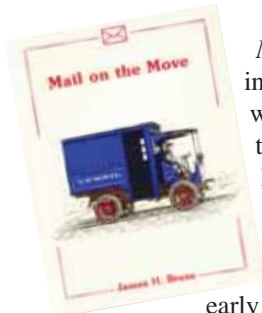
This is a pictorial scrapbook of vehicles from the early days of postal service in the United States when the pace of mail delivery was largely determined by the speed of horses. The book is separated into three sections: overland vehicles, urban postal vehicles and rural free delivery vehicles.

Section one, overland vehicles, documents the mail wagons, stage coaches and similar vehicles, most of which were owned by private contractors. The second section covers the horse drawn postal vehicles that moved the mail in America's cities after urban mail service first started in 1863. Rural free delivery vehicles, the last section, shows the horse drawn postal vehicles that brought mail to the nation's farms, ranches and rural hamlets after rural free delivery was established in 1896.

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Subsequent sections cover the movement of the mail over water, by rail and through the air. The shipping section focuses on steamships, Sea Post Service and shipwrecks, with extra attention given to the *Titanic*. The railroad section covers mail "on the fly," streetcar mail, train wrecks, robberies,

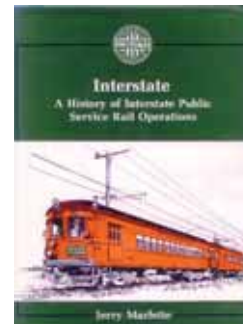
plus mail delivered by means of pneumatic tubes. The section on aviation details the early years of airmail. Movement of the mail by means of motorized vehicles encompasses the majority of the remaining sections including a wide variety of vehicles, from the automobiles to modern mail trucks.

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A History of Interstate Public Service Rail Operations
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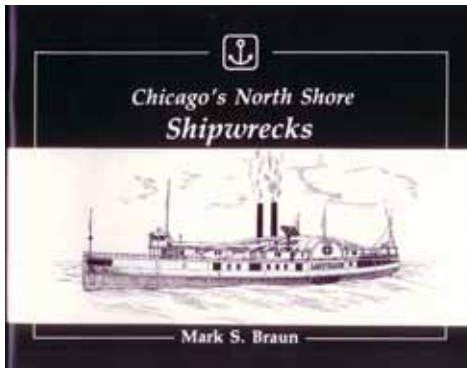
The appendix provides valuable information and statistics. Included is a section offering data about Interstate's predecessor companies. A detailed track map provides mileages between sidings, stops, stations, etc. Timetables, tickets and transfers are also included.

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This book covers more than a century of nautical disasters which took place in Lake Michigan along the North Shore of Chicago, a distance spanning roughly 25 miles from Evanston to Waukegan. This area is characterized by rather short beaches with high bluffs and deep ravines. The tricky currents of Lake Michigan have created rocky shoals and sandbars that extend as far as five miles out into the lake.

The Great Lakes are among the most heavily trafficked waterways in the world. From 1860-1890, more ships arrived at and departed from the port of Chicago than most of the ports in the Eastern United States combined. Through the years, numerous vessels have met a variety of perils, taking hundreds of lives with them.

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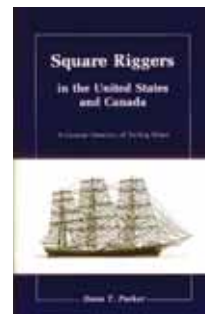
Was the *Titanic* trying to set a record by racing to New York? Was the ship running at high speed in spite of known ice in the area? Was there an attempt to hide evidence at the hearings? George Behe, a past vice president of the Titanic Historical Society, draws on new historical sources to present us with startling

information on the 1912 *Titanic* tragedy. The passage of time and intensive research has brought out new information which sheds a substantially different perspective on this tragedy. Behe's information is troubling because it suggests that the *Titanic* disaster was completely avoidable and not a rare combination of freak circumstances as has been recorded. In addition, Behe presents evidence which suggests that the White Star Line did its best to hide evidence at the hearings.

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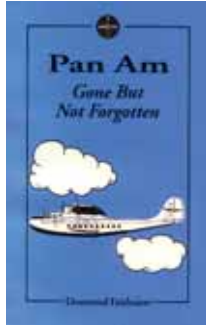
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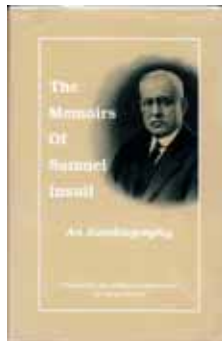
Pan American World Airways holds a special place in both aviation and United States history. Founded by the colorful Juan Trippe, Pan Am reflected his pioneering spirit and became the accepted international carrier for the United States for years.

In addition to being an avid aviation historian, author Des Fairbairn began his flying career in 1940 and retired as a Pan Am pilot in 1981. This book takes the reader from the founding of Pan Am through flying boats to land-based aircraft, and from propeller driven airplanes to jets. Along the way, Captain Fairbairn shares some of his more interesting Pan Am adventures and incidents with the reader. He ends the book with the trials and tribulations that caused Pan Am's demise and dismemberment.

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The Memoirs of Samuel Insull An Autobiography Edited and additional information by Larry Plachno



This is Samuel Insull's own autobiography as he himself dictated it. The basic text is taken from the typewritten manuscript of 1934 which incorporates corrections to the basic dictation by Insull and his family. It has been minimally edited

with chapters and subheadings. Interesting chapters cover Insull's early years in England, his years with Thomas Edison, the evolution of the electric utility business, the financial problems of the Depression and his following trip to Europe.

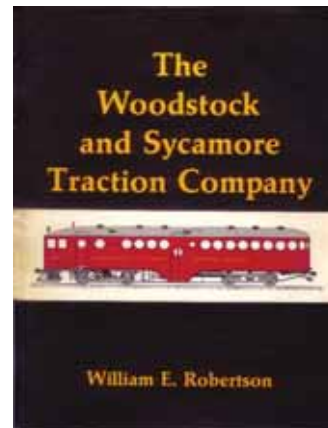
Larry Plachno provides introductory and following sections to better explain the Insull story.

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Planned as a north-south interurban connecting link in northern Illinois, the Woodstock and Sycamore Traction Company was considered to be one of the least successful interurban railroads ever built. A lack of funds prevented the company from ever reaching its intended northern destination at Woodstock, and the line never owned more than 27 miles of track. Although constructed in typical electric interurban railway fashion, and always considered to be part of the interurban industry, the Woodstock and Sycamore never had the money to electrify its track. Author William E. Robertson brings to life the story of a small and underfinanced railroad attempting to overcome one adversity after another. He spent seven years in researching this book including a substantial number of trips along the old right-of-way.

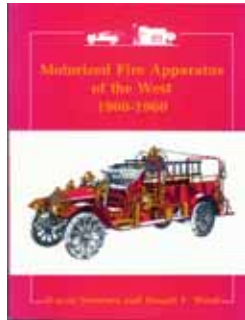
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Short Lines

Motorized Fire Apparatus of the West 1900-1960 by Wayne Sorensen and Donald F. Wood



Fire apparatus used in the Western United States differed because of rural communities, limited water supplies and a need to deal with forest fires and brush fires. As a result, fire apparatus used in the Western States often tended towards unique designs and local manufacturers.

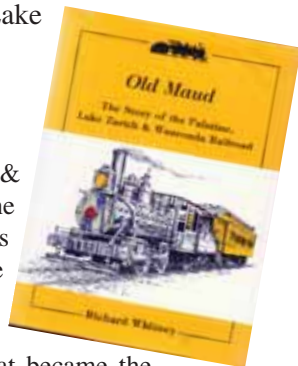
This is a pictorial history of the development and operation of motorized fire apparatus used in the Western States. One chapter provides information on Western fire apparatus manufacturers, some of which were small and obscure. A third chapter covers Eastern manufacturers who supplied fire apparatus that was used in the West. Finally, a fourth chapter covers apparatus on commercial chassis.

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Old Maud

The Story of the Palatine, Lake Zurich & Wauconda Railroad
by Richard Whitney



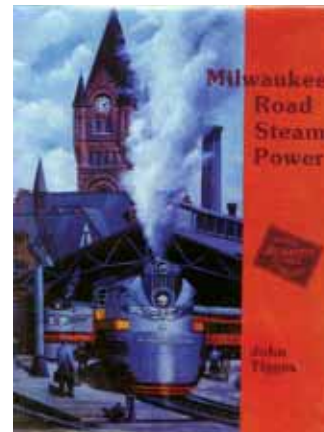
The Palatine, Lake Zurich & Wauconda Railroad, a small line whose nickname for one of its engines, *Old Maud*, became synonymous with the railroad itself, served the communities mentioned in its name, in what became the suburban area northwest of Chicago. Originally conceived as a 75-mile electric interurban line connecting Rockford, Elgin and Waukegan, the long-planned road was initially built, became steam-powered, and spanned only a fraction of its intended route.

This book covers from the railroad's conception in 1908 till the dismantling in 1929. The railroad operated for a relatively short period of time, and it faced financial hardships from the beginning. Those associated with the PLZ&W hoped that the line would be incorporated into a larger railroad, and the Samuel Insull group of companies twice considered this possibility.

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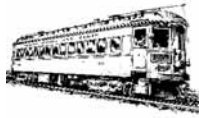
This book provides details on the Milwaukee Road's diverse stable of steam locomotives. Starting with a 20-mile line, this railroad grew to over 10,000 miles of track in more than a dozen states. Included in this extensive system were short narrow gauge lines, mountain railroads, granger branch lines, commuter service and numerous streamlined passenger trains including the Hiawatha.

Individual chapters cover each major class of locomotive including its history, usage, plus details on size, weight and numerous other specifications.

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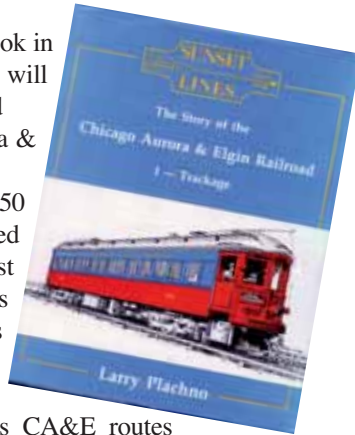
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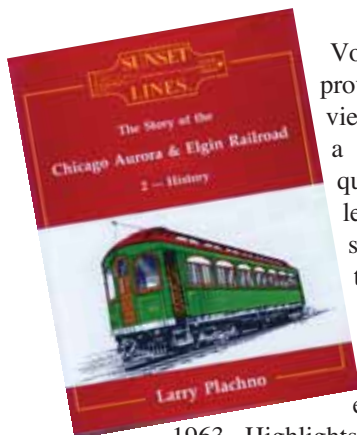
This represents the first book in a three-volume series that will provide a detailed history and review of the Chicago Aurora & Elgin Railroad and related corporations. For more than 50 years this interurban operated mile-a-minute schedules west from Chicago to the suburbs of DuPage County and cities in the Fox River Valley. This first volume introduces the three-book series and covers CA&E routes and trackage in detail. The company route structure is split into 10 logical segments and each is covered with text, track maps and photographs. Included are sections on Chicago's Wells Street Terminal, the Cook County branch, the double track mainline, and the single track branches to Elgin, Geneva, Batavia and Aurora in the Fox River Valley. The book ends with a pictorial section that includes several color photographs.



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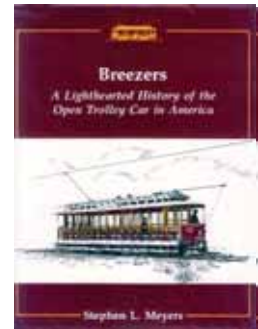
1963. Highlights include details of the early years when the company was regarded as an impressive in-

dustry leader. The political, expressway and financial problems of the final years are extremely well documented. Separate chapters cover the contributions of Dr. Thomas Conway Jr. and Samuel Insull. A final chapter reviews the various causes leading to abandonment and the possibility of resumption of service into downtown Chicago.

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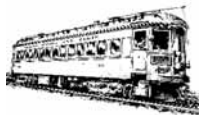


This book is a definitive yet nostalgic history of the open trolley car in America. It starts out with other open transportation vehicles that preceded or were contemporary with the open trolley car. Several chapters are devoted to listing and defining the various types of open cars including the original horsecars, numerous types of streetcars and even open rapid transit and suburban cars. The different generic types of cars as well as their uses and owners are explained in a simple manner.

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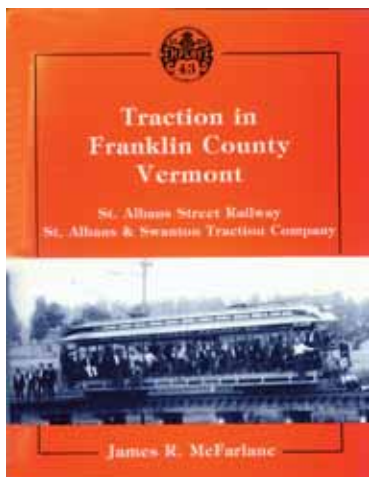
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Traction Titles

Traction in Franklin County Vermont

St. Albans Street Railway
St. Albans & Swanton Traction Co.
by **James R. McFarlane**



This book covers the life and times of the St. Albans Street Railway and its successor, the St. Albans and Swanton Traction Company. These companies were unusual because of their geographic location. Located in the beautiful resort area of northern Vermont, not far from the Canadian border, this line was isolated and far removed from the normal New England trolley and Midwest interurban.

Instead of meeting a mainline railroad train, the cars from this electric line met excursion boats at the St. Albans Bay Dock, and then ran to St. Albans and Swanton. In addition to passengers, this line carried many kinds of express and freight. U.S. Mail, hay, coal, kegs of beer, fruit, groceries, grain, feed and even ice were transported on this railway.

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locomotives, doodlebugs and finally diesel power.

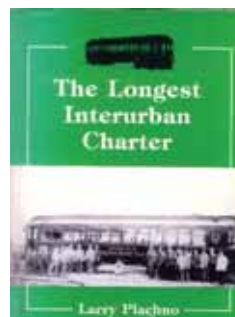
Although operated as a typical branch line, the Green Spring Branch did have a brief taste of mainline glory when the improvement of tunnels in Baltimore diverted heavy traffic over the line. In later years, passenger service declined to doodlebugs and then the line became a diesel freight only operation until abandonment and a period as a host to a railroad museum.

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The Longest Interurban Charter

by **Larry Plachno**



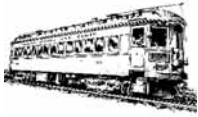
On Tuesday, May 10, 1910, a group of 21 businessmen boarded a chartered interurban car and set off on a trip that could only be described as an adventure. They traveled 2,000 miles, all on various electric railways, on a route including 28 different interurban lines plus numerous streetcar lines in six states.

This trip still retains two all-time records: the longest charter of an interurban car and the longest continuous travel by electric railway in the United States.

This book presents a day-by-day description of the route and activities of the trip itself. Also included is information on preparations for the trip, details on the modifications made to the special interurban car used, dispositions of the special car, and notes on other long distance interurban trips.

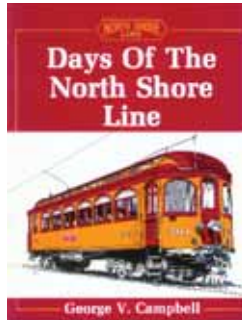
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Traction Titles

Days of the North Shore Line by George V. Campbell

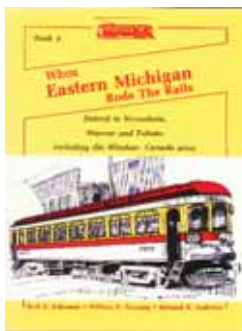


In his formative years, author George V. Campbell lived adjacent to the Chicago North Shore & Milwaukee Railroad, which operated high speed electric interurban and commuter service and became known as the “Midwest’s favorite interurban.” Many different topics are covered in this volume including some interesting new information on the early years of the North Shore Line. One large chapter is dedicated to many details on city streetcar operations in Waukegan and Milwaukee. In another chapter, George takes us on early-day North Shore charter from Milwaukee to Rockford. Early and unusual schedules are reviewed, and photos are included showing the Electroliners under construction. In other areas, this book explores the North Shore Line’s little-remembered model railroad display, the Shore Line abandonment and numerous other topics.

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When Eastern Michigan Rode the Rails, Book 4 is dedicated to streetcar and interurban operations south from Detroit to Wyandotte, Monroe and Toledo plus the Monroe Piers operation and connecting interurban lines at Toledo including a detailed history of the Toledo & Western.

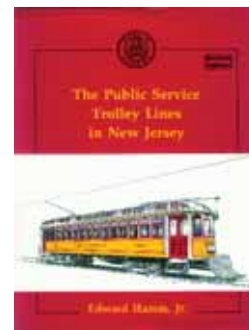
A special section covers systemwide freight service on the Detroit United Railway. Then we cross the river for a look at the neighboring trolley and interurban lines in the Windsor area. Included is the Sandwich, Windsor streetcars, and the

Windsor, Essex and Lake Shore Railway. Bus operations are also covered. The book ends with a review of nearly 20 small and little-known industrial railroads in the Detroit area and the equipment they operated.

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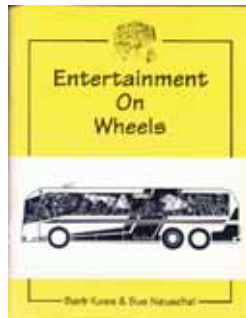
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