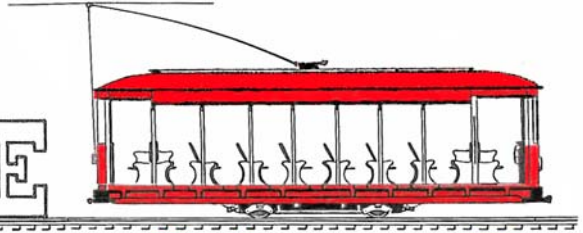


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The Gerald E. Brookins Museum of Electric Railways
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Update September 2004 Lakeshore Electric Railway

Lakeshore Electric Railway has returned. We have incorporated a new non-profit organization to oversee the development of a state-of-the-art museum to showcase the Brookins collection of 40 antique streetcars with an operating trolley line and the necessary car barn and maintenance/restoration shop. We assumed the name of Lakeshore Electric Railway to build upon the heritage of that classic line while transforming downtown Cleveland with this unique asset.

Lakefront Plan

Vision

Electric trolleys once again ply the streets of Cleveland in conjunction with an interactive museum, showcasing one of the world's premier collections of cars. Enhanced pedestrian and visitor traffic restore vibrancy to downtown Cleveland reminiscent of the original streetcar era. Major investments grow along the right-of-ways of trolley lines as has been demonstrated in recent years in other major cities, i.e. Tampa, Dallas, Portland.

The City of Cleveland has embraced the potential of this project and has integrated it into their Lakefront Plan.

- **Dock 32**-is a potential site for the permanent museum along with other sites on the Lakefront and in the Flats. This will take a great deal of study in conjunction with all of the planning bodies. In the meantime, Dock 32 is being explored to serve as a temporary museum and storage for the collection. This would provide an excellent opportunity to engage the public in this project. We are in negotiations with the City for a lease on Dock 32 for these purposes.
- **Car Barn Site**-The premier site location for the car barn and restoration shop is inside the GCRTA Waterfront Line loop on Dock 20 in the Flats. This would be near potential museum sites and allow easy access to the GCRTA lines. Preliminary discussions with the City of Cleveland and the Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Port Authority have been favorable.
- **Museum Loop**-A trolley line along the redeveloped lakefront would connect existing and new attractions with parking and established transit lines. This idea is being explored by the Lakefront Planners with our assistance.

Getting Involved

As seen in this update, we are poised to move forward on several fronts, from engineering studies to development of a new non-profit organization. Obviously this is the beginning of a long process and we need everyone's help. Please contact us to learn ways you can get involved.

Trolleys in Action

As we work to bring Streetcars back to Cleveland we can learn from other cities' experiences

Little Rock, Arkansas- "At the end of August Car # 410 pulled onto Main Street in North Little Rock and made a successful loop of the entire NLR portion of the track. This did not count as an official test. ... We started the process of safety certification yesterday and it will take most of September ... For now, we are very pleased with this first in-street experience, and hope you are too!"
(Keith Jones, P.E. Executive Director/ General Manager, Central Arkansas Transit Authority)

Charlotte, North Carolina- The Charlotte Area Transit System recently returned trolley service to the tracks for the first time in more than 65 years. The service covers about 2.1 miles with 10 stations, running from Historic South End to Center City Charlotte. More than 8,300 riders hopped aboard the trolley during its first week of operation. CATS is operating the initial trolley service with Car 85-the only remaining electric trolley car from Charlotte's former service, which operated until 1938. Three replicas of the historic car design will arrive this summer to provide expanded and more frequent service along the trolley line. (APTA)

Marous Brothers

Marous Brothers Construction has made a generous offer to perform all preconstruction, scheduling and cost estimating services for a year without costs. They are a premier builder in the area with extensive experience in historical renovations.

Enerco/Mr. Heater

Al Haire, a long-term Trolleyville USA supporter, has committed his company to donate all the heaters necessary for the new buildings. He will be looking for HVAC companies to join him in outfitting the buildings.

Akron Railroad Club

An update of our plans and progress was well received by the Akron Railroad Club with many thoughtful suggestions. Thanks to the assistance of Michael and William Dick to make it possible. Please let us know if there is an organization you think would be interested in bringing streetcars back to Cleveland.

Materials available

We have developed a 3-fold brochure to spread the word about Trolleyville USA and Lakeshore Electric Railway. We also have developed a PowerPoint presentation for giving talks to groups. There are some poster boards with maps of potential trolley routes and photos of the collection as well. Please contact us if you want to use this material to help introduce this project to the public and any interested groups..

Dream Catchers

We need everyone to be involved if we are going to catch this dream of a permanent home for this priceless collection of over 40 streetcars with an operating trolley line in the streets of downtown Cleveland. Please let us know if you are willing to donate your time, talent, and/or financial support by filling out the form below or emailing us at steve@trolleyvilleusa.org.

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