

More information about the Hoosier Traction Meet

Friday and Saturday, September 7-8, 2012 at the Clarion Hotel in quiet western Indianapolis

- Historical programs on classic traction
- Presentations about current events
- Swap meet

Location and accommodations

As usual, our host hotel is the *Clarion Hotel*, a no-smoking convention center conveniently located at 2930 Waterfront Parkway West Dr., Indianapolis IN 46214. The Clarion Hotel guarantees availability of rooms, if you reserve by **August 7**, at a special rate (single or double) of \$73 per night plus tax. Call (317) 299-8400, 8 AM-5 PM (Eastern Daylight Time) weekdays, ask for Group Sales and mention the *Hoosier Traction Meet*. Please guarantee your reservation with a major credit card or prepay by **August 7**.

DIRECTIONS: Use the west leg of I-465, the belt expressway around Indianapolis. From I-465 take Exit 16A, and at the first traffic signal go west onto U. S. 136. Proceed 0.5 miles to the *second* Waterfront Parkway. The Clarion is in sight on your right. (See accompanying maps.)

Our location is 8 miles from downtown Indianapolis by auto or taxi. The distance from the new terminal of the Indianapolis International Airport is 11 miles via I-70 east to I-465 north.

Travel to the Meet

Indianapolis is readily accessible by air and by Interstate highways. Amtrak, Greyhound and Hoosier Ride all reach the Amtrak station in downtown Indianapolis. Megabus delivers passengers to a downtown stop of IndyGo city bus 8, which operates west to the airport every 30 minutes in daytime.

Major car rental agencies have airport locations. Or, for registered guests of the Clarion, a hotel shuttle is available until Sunday noon, except during 6 AM-8 AM each day. Call (317) 299-8400 for pickup at the airport. Arrange at the hotel front desk for delivery to the airport.

Dining near the Meet

Join your friends or make new friends and sample restaurants appealing to a variety of palates and wallets within a few miles.

Speedway Shopping Center and its neighbors about 1 mile from the Meet (not a pedestrian-friendly mile) include a 24-hour Denny's, an MCL cafeteria (lunch and supper), several other restaurants, supermarkets and pharmacies. See the map alongside.

Receipts

We don't routinely acknowledge registrations to attend the Meet as we receive them. If you need a receipt, just say so and we will be glad to mail it. The registration manager is: Roy G. Benedict, 3511 N. Pittsburgh Ave., Chicago IL 60634-2837.

To assist in planning your weekend, please keep a printed copy of this page.

At the greeters' table in the hotel lobby

If you have registered by mail by August 15, your admission credentials will be ready for you at the Meet's greeters' table by 8:00 AM on either Friday or Saturday. We'll also have a printed page with more-detailed information on nearby shopping and the Meet's most recent Schedule of Events.

And if the expected starting time of individual sessions is rescheduled during the Meet, the greeters will post the information on a table easel.

The "free materials" table next to the greeters' table

Participants often bring printed matter that may be of interest to you. And if you have items related to current or historic mass transportation that are surplus to your needs, in any quantity from one to a hundred, feel free to bring them. They may be just what the next person will appreciate! Printed announcements of current or forthcoming relevant events, services or products are welcome.

The "small print"

Speakers and subjects have been confirmed. However, Hoosier Traction Meet at its discretion reserves the right to reschedule, substitute or cancel due to circumstances beyond its control. Distributed materials, mention of transportation services and nearby enterprises, and contents of exhibits and presentations do not imply endorsement by Hoosier Traction Meet, Inc.

Thank you for planning to attend the 2012 Hoosier Traction Meet!

Indianapolis time

Indianapolis and most of Indiana observe Eastern Daylight Time. When it's 4:00 in Indianapolis, it's 3:00 in Illinois and it's 4:00 in Ohio.



Arrive early and meet your friends! or arrive early and make new friends.

Who operates the Meet?

Hoosier Traction Meet, Inc. is an Indiana nonprofit public benefit corporation. It has been determined by the Internal Revenue Service to be a 501(c)(3) educational organization. Its directors are Roy G. Benedict, Charles H. Bogart, James H. Graebner and George M. Smerk. The auditorium sessions have again been arranged by William M. Shapotkin. Richard K. Baldwin continues to manage the swap meet and arrange for the venue.

The Meet was founded in 1984 by the late Dr. Howard R. Blackburn, a radiologist. To ensure perpetuation of the event "Doc," the late George K. Bradley and the late Larry R. Zimmerman incorporated it in 1996.

