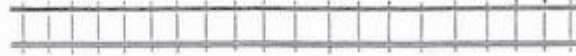




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Cover: Commemorating the 45th anniversary of the last run of the 65-Woodson Road streetcar line on December 28, 1948 will be a shot of a 700-series Peter Witt at the Coles Avenue loop on the west end of the "65". Page 11 is shot westbound at Marshall Avenue in St. Johns. I was born and raised about 5 blocks north. This shot shows the hill and dale topography of the line. Note the crossover and the turnout into the car barn area that was the home of the St. Charles line prior to 1932. After the cessation of service to St. Charles the line was cut back to the Coles Avenue loop. Later the crossover and turnout were removed and the barn converted to bus use by the St. Louis County Transit Co. If you are traveling on "St. Chaz" today and you see the slight curve in the Rock Road west of Edmundson, this is where the loop was located.

Contents:

- Moving the SLRE meeting location due to MOT construction projects.
- The holiday party this month at Pietro's.
- DJN reminisces about the good old days and the latest local railway news:
 - Midwest rail scene report
 - The Budweiser Streetcar model from Corgi

- The latest news about Metrolink's Cross County extension, AKA the "Interurban to Shrewsbury".
- Letter from Museum of Transport Trolley Volunteers (MTTV) President, Neil Norkaitis, regarding the MOT and the need to attract visitors beyond the true rail fan.
- Photos of the cross county extension construction.
- An article about the Denver Rapid Transit District (RTD) light rail system.
- An article from "Ties and Tracks" of the Dayton Railway Historical Society about The Clarion People Mover in Indianapolis, Indiana.