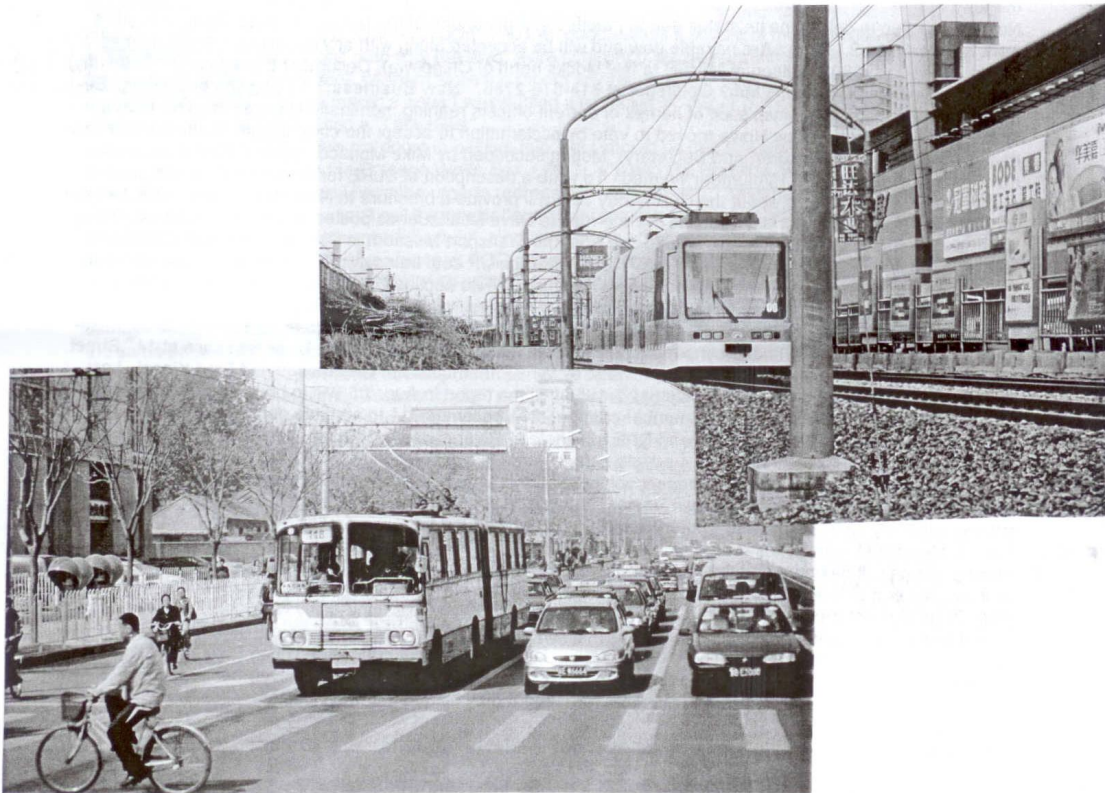


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**Cover:** I had intended on putting an SLPS Peter Witt on the front this month but decided to "go Chinese" instead. Here is shown the relatively new light rail line in Changchun. Changchun is where one of the streetcar lines in China is also. In fact, the streetcar line's route goes over the top of the light rail at some point. Also shown is an electric trolley bus on the 118 line in Beijing. Photos by DJN.

**Contents:**

- An editorial about *First and Fastest*, the excellent newsletter from the South Shore Interurban Society.
- An article about Mike Noonkester, a 67-year old rail fan from Clayton, North Carolina, who traveled with SLRE members Steve Marx and David Neubauer on their April 2005 rail fan trip to China.
- Part 1 of Mike Haper's account of his June 1963 trip with Don Morice to visit the railroad yards in Mexico City.
- A great photo by SLRE member Howard Pletcher, of 765, a 2-8-4 Berkshire that has been restored by the Fort Wayne (Indiana) Historical Society.