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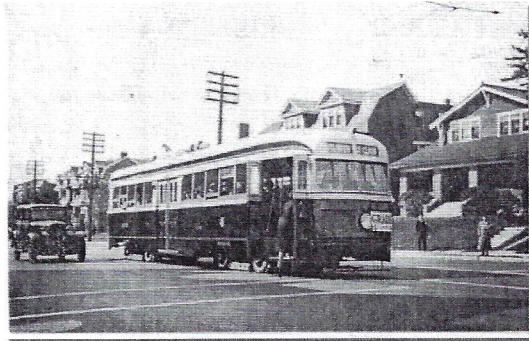


Museum Events for October



Hobo Campout - October 1st. Hours are 6:00 PM October 1 to 6 AM October 2. Led by a St. Louis County Parks Ranger.

Brass and Nickel Car Show - October 9th - 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Sponsored by the Horseless Carriage Club of St. Louis.



A P.C.C. Profile: -

One of the most revolutionary advances in streetcar design occurred in the 1930s with the development of the P. C. C. Car, funded by a consortium of North American transit companies. The P. C. C. (For Presidents Conference Committee) was introduced to Toronto in 1938. Toronto Transportation Company's St. Clair route was the first to be P. C.C.- equipped; car 4031 is pictured at Russell Hill Rd., October 4 1938. By 1957, the TTC had acquired 740 P. C. C. Cars, the world's largest fleet.

Decline

In the 1920s streetcars began to be replaced by motor buses as bus operators could route freely over public streets, paying only vehicle and gas taxes, while streetcar operators had fixed routes by the tracks, and had to pay additional property taxes for the infrastructure they placed in the road, however a good transit route doesn't need to change often. The construction of Highway I-70 that cut through downtown St. Louis, threatened and ended service to many street lines. The last St. Louis streetcar route in operation was the 15 Hodiament line which ceased service on May 21, 1966. Much of the streetcar systems' routes are today's bus and transit bus routes. St. Louis was also involved in the Great American streetcar scandal.

United Railways "Moonlight" Cars.

June 29, 1896 - The St. Louis County Court granted permission to the Midland Street Railway to construct a trolley line to Creve Coeur Lake. The 05 Creve Coeur Lake Line would become known for its open or "moonlight" cars shown here at the United Railways shed at 39th and Park. After the line was discontinued on July 25, 1950, parts of the right of way were paved over and named Midland Boulevard.

