



Joint Sandhouse Rail Group and Icarus Society presentation:



“Rail/Air Competition in the New York-Chicago Market 1945-1970”

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Lake Room – Rm. 203**

This presentation reviews the post-World War II changes in the New York-Chicago passenger market up to the coming of Amtrak. While the rail mode started with a commanding lead in 1945, improvements in speed and comfort in the air transportation mode allowed the airlines to dominate the market by the end of this time period. Service by both railroads and airlines is examined comparatively, and the impact of the Interstate Highway system is considered, as well.

Speaker Bio:

George Hamlin has over forty-five years' experience in the commercial aviation and aerospace industries, including management positions with two airlines (TWA and Texas International), two airframe manufacturers (Lockheed-Georgia and Airbus North America) and has been active as a consultant in these fields since 1996, as President of Hamlin Transportation Consulting, based in Fairfax, Virginia.

He is the author of four books (the **Skyliners** series of pictorial airline histories and **Chicago Railroad Scenes, Volume 2**); numerous articles for both industry and general publications; and is a frequent speaker on commercial aviation and aerospace topics in professional and academic venues. He also writes a semi-monthly blog for TRAINS magazine's "Observation Tower".

Mr. Hamlin received a B.A. in Economics and Political Science from Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia and a M.S. in Transportation from Northwestern University, in Evanston, Illinois.