

# Chicago Transit Authority 2009 Historical Calendar



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This two-car train of wooden “L” cars (built circa 1900) takes the curve heading for Logan Square and Humboldt Park, cutting through the roof of the Dreamland Ballroom just west of Marshfield Junction. Similar wooden elevated cars operated in Chicago from the beginning of rapid transit service in the 1890s until the end of 1957. Today, this location is in the Eisenhower Expressway where the Pink Line trains cross over the expressway and the Blue Line to Forest Park.

# January 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>December 2008</b> S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	<b>February 2009</b> S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	<b>ABCDEFGFG:</b> CTA Operations Division Group Days Off ▼ Alternate day off if you work on this day ● Central offices closed	D ▼ 1 New Year's Day	E 2	F ● 3
F ● 4	G 5	A 6	B 7	C 8	D 9	E ● 10
E ● 11	F 12	G 13	A 14	B 15	C 16	D ● 17
D ● 18	E ▼ 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	F 20	G 21	A 22	B 23	C ● 24
C ● 25	D 26	E 27	F 28	G 29	A 30	B ● 31



A lineup of new buses built in 1947 by ACF-Brill Company awaits the inspection of smartly clad bus operators. This group of Brill buses were ordered by the Chicago Surface Lines (CSL), but delivery was taken after the Chicago Transit Authority assumed CSL's operations. As part of its modernization program, CTA would accelerate the acquisition of new buses in the years that followed. Ultimately, a policy decision was made to phase out streetcars in favor of the new buses.

# February 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
B • 1	C 2	D 3	E 4	F 5	G 6	A • 7
A • 8	B 9	C 10	D 11	E 12 <small>Lincoln's Birthday</small>	F 13	G • 14 <small>Valentine's Day</small>
G • 15	A 16 <small>Presidents' Day</small>	B 17	C 18	D 19	E 20	F • 21
F • 22	G 23	A 24	B 25 <small>Ash Wednesday</small>	C 26	D 27	E • 28
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Chicago Surface Lines trolley bus #161 (built 1931) has just come under the Chicago & North Western Railway viaduct and also crossed the Lake Street rapid transit line at grade, heading south on Central to its terminal at Lexington. Note the gateman's shanty at the right. The gates at all streets that crossed the tracks of the Lake Street Line were operated by gatemen who lowered and raised the gates for approaching trains while ringing the warning bell. The Chicago Surface Lines was incorporated into the Chicago Transit Authority in 1947.


## March 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
E • 1	F 2	G 3	A 4	B 5	C 6	D • 7
D • 8	E 9	F 10	G 11	A 12	B 13	C • 14
Daylight Savings Time Begins						
C • 15	D 16	E 17 St. Patrick's Day	F 18	G 19	A 20	B • 21
B • 22	C 23	D 24	E 25	F 26	G 27	A • 28
A • 29	B 30	C 31	<b>ABCDEF G:</b> CTA Operations Division Group Days Off ▼ Alternate day off if you work on this day • Central offices closed	<b>February 2009</b> S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	<b>April 2009</b> S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	



Chicago Surface Lines #225 “Old Pullman” streetcar, built by the Pullman Car Company in 1908, is most likely already out of service and being used on a fantrip at the time of this photo. These streetcars, known affectionately as the “Red Rockets,” served Chicago until May 30, 1954. Car #225 is currently preserved at the Seashore Trolley Museum in Kennebunkport, Maine.

# April 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>ABCDEF G:</b> CTA Operations Division Group Days Off ▼ Alternate day off if you work on this day ● Central offices closed	D 1	E 2	F 3	G 4
G ● 5 Palm Sunday	A 6	B 7	C 8	D 9 Passover	E 10 Good Friday	F ● 11
F ▼ 12 Easter	G 13	A 14	B 15	C 16	D 17	E ● 18
E ● 19	F 20	G 21	A 22 Earth Day	B 23	C 24	D ● 25
D ● 26	E 27	F 28	G 29	A 30	<b>March 2009</b> S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	<b>May 2009</b> S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31



On August 16, 1950, this train of brand new 6000-series rapid transit cars, built by St. Louis Car Company, is posed at the former Logan Square elevated terminal. The 6000s were initially assigned to the Logan Square service (part of today's Blue Line) and the Ravenswood (Brown) Line. Between 1950 and 1959, the CTA took delivery of 720 of these 6000-series cars and another 50 numbered in the 1-50 series. These last 50 cars were essentially the same style of car; however, they were built with control positions at each end so they could be operated as a single unit.

# May 2009

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		April 2009 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	June 2009 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	<b>ABCDEF G:</b> CTA Operations Division Group Days Off ▼ Alternate day off if you work on this day ● Central offices closed	B 1	C ● 2
C ● 3	D 4	E 5	F 6	G 7	A 8	B ● 9
B ● 10 Mother's Day	C 11	D 12	E 13	F 14	G 15	A ● 16 Armed Forces Day
A ● 17	B 18	C 19	D 20	E 21	F 22	G ● 23
G ● F ● 24 31	A ▼ 25 Memorial Day	B 26	C 27	D 28	E 29	F ● 30



It is 1939, and Chicago Motor Coach Company bus #864 signed for the #52 Addison route has just passed the Tribune Tower heading southbound on Michigan Avenue. Most Chicago Motor Coach routes operated on streets and boulevards not served by the Chicago Surface Lines. Its routes, rolling stock and property became part of the Chicago Transit Authority in 1952.

# June 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>ABCDEF G:</b> CTA Operations Division Group Days Off ▼ Alternate day off if you work on this day ● Central offices closed	G 1	A 2	B 3	C 4	D 5	E 6
E 7	F 8	G 9	A 10	B 11	C 12	D 13
D 14 Flag Day	E 15	F 16	G 17	A 18	B 19	C 20
C 21 Father's Day	D 22	E 23	F 24	G 25	A 26	B 27
B 28	C 29	D 30	May 2009 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	July 2009 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31		



This 1930's view of the yards at the North Avenue Depot shows the city's first trolley buses ordered by the Chicago Surface Lines (which was incorporated into the Chicago Transit Authority in 1947). These trolley buses were used primarily on the north side of the city. As new neighborhoods grew beyond the ends of the streetcar lines, trolley buses were used to extend these routes, and later, as replacements for streetcar lines.

# July 2009

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<b>June 2009</b> S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	<b>August 2009</b> S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	<b>ABCDEF G:</b> CTA Operations Division Group Days Off ▼ Alternate day off if you work on this day ● Central offices closed	E	F	G	A
			1	2	3	4 Independence Day
A ●	B	C	D	E	F	G ●
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
G ●	A	B	C	D	E	F ●
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
F ●	G	A	B	C	D	E ●
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
E ●	F	G	A	B	C	
26	27	28	29	30	31	





This view, taken in October 1934, is looking north on Michigan Avenue at 111th Street. Chicago Surface Lines streetcar #6110 has been traveling on Michigan Avenue from 95th Street, and is on its way to the end of the line at 119th and Morgan. The State and Parkway theatres seen here were among numerous neighborhood theatres that once thrived all over the city in the days before television.

# August 2009

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			July 2009 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	September 2009 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	<b>ABCDEF G:</b> CTA Operations Division Group Days Off ▼ Alternate day off if you work on this day ● Central offices closed	D ●  1
D ●  2	E   3	F   4	G   5	A   6	B   7	C ●  8
C ●  9	D   10	E   11	F   12	G   13	A   14	B ●  15
B ●  16	C   17	D   18	E   19	F   20	G   21	A ●  22
A ●  23	B   24	C   25	D   26	E   27	F   28	G ●  29
G ●  30	A   31					



A three-car section articulated rail car is seen operating on the Skokie Swift rapid transit line near Ridge Avenue in April 1965. Four prototype cars were ordered by the Chicago Rapid Transit Company in 1946. Two cars were built by the Pullman-Standard Car Company (cars 5001 and 5002, later renumbered 51 and 52), and the other two were built by the St. Louis Car Company (cars 5003 and 5004, later renumbered 53 and 54). The 5000-series cars served as prototypes for the later 6000-series rapid transit cars built by the St. Louis Car Company between 1950 and 1959.


# September 2009

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	<b>ABCDEF G:</b> CTA Operations Division Group Days Off ▼ Alternate day off if you work on this day ● Central offices closed	B 1	C 2	D 3	E 4	F 5
F 6	G 7 Labor Day	A 8	B 9	C 10	D 11	E 12
E 13	F 14	G 15	A 16	B 17	C 18	D 19 Rosh Hashanah
D 20	E 21	F 22	G 23	A 24	B 25	C 26
C 27	D 28 Yom Kippur	E 29	F 30	<b>August 2009</b> S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	<b>October 2009</b> S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	



CTA #8241, manufactured by the Flxible Company in 1958, is boarding passengers in front of Marshall Field's on State Street at Washington. These buses were fueled by propane. CTA had one of the largest fleets of propane-powered motor buses, 1,700 in all, built by such companies as Fageol Twin Coach, Flxible, Mack, and ACF-Brill between 1950 and 1962.

# October 2009

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	<b>September 2009</b> S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	<b>November 2009</b> S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	<b>ABCDEF G:</b> CTA Operations Division Group Days Off ▼ Alternate day off if you work on this day ● Central offices closed	<b>G</b>  1	<b>A</b>  2	<b>B</b> ●  3
<b>B</b> ●  4	<b>C</b>  5	<b>D</b>  6	<b>E</b>  7	<b>F</b>  8	<b>G</b>  9	<b>A</b> ●  10
<b>A</b> ●  11	<b>B</b>  12 Columbus Day	<b>C</b>  13	<b>D</b>  14	<b>E</b>  15	<b>F</b>  16	<b>G</b> ●  17
<b>G</b> ●  18	<b>A</b>  19	<b>B</b>  20	<b>C</b>  21	<b>D</b>  22	<b>E</b>  23	<b>F</b> ●  24
<b>F</b> ●  25	<b>G</b>  26	<b>A</b>  27	<b>B</b>  28	<b>C</b>  29	<b>D</b>  30	<b>E</b> ●  31 Halloween



Chicago's "Queen Mary" trolley bus (built by Twin Coach in 1946) was assigned to the #76 Diversey route. Originally built with two gasoline engines in 1946, it was converted to electricity in 1948 and spent its entire service life on either the #76 Diversey or #77 Belmont routes. Once leased, the "Queen Mary" was bought by the CTA in 1954 and renumbered #9763. It was retired in 1963 and is preserved at the Illinois Railway Museum in Union, Illinois.

# November 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
E • 1	F 2	G 3 Election Day	A 4	B 5	C 6	D • 7
Daylight Savings Time Ends						
D • 8	E 9	F 10	G ▼ 11 Veterans Day	A 12	B 13	C • 14
C • 15	D 16	E 17	F 18	G 19	A 20	B • 21
B • 22	C 23	D 24	E 25	F ▼ 26 Thanksgiving Day	G 27	A • 28
A • 29	B 30	<b>ABCDEF G:</b> CTA Operations Division Group Days Off ▼ Alternate day off if you work on this day • Central offices closed	<b>October 2009</b> S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	<b>December 2009</b> S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31		



A two-car train of 4000-series 'L' cars built by the Cincinnati Car Company circa 1923, crosses Pine Avenue along the Lake Street rapid transit line. Lake Street trains descended from the elevated structure to grade level just west of Laramie and continued to operate alongside the Chicago & North Western Railway embankment to the Forest Park terminal just west of Harlem Avenue until 1962. Today, Green Line trains operate on top of the embankment.

# December 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>ABCDEFG:</b> CTA Operations Division Group Days Off ▼ Alternate day off if you work on this day ● Central offices closed	C 1	D 2	E 3	F 4	G 5
G ● 6	A 7	B 8	C 9	D 10	E 11	F ● 12 <small>First day of Hanukkah</small>
F ● 13	G 14	A 15	B 16	C 17	D 18	E ● 19
E ● 20	F 21	G 22	A 23	B ● 24	C ● 25 <small>Christmas Day</small>	D ● 26 <small>Kwanzaa begins</small>
D ● 27	E 28	F 29	G 30	A 31	<b>November 2009</b> S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	<b>January 2010</b> S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31