



Illinois Central Railroad City of New Orleans



Prototype Information

Train Type: Coach Passenger Train

Engines: two EMD E6s (AA)

Origination: Chicago, Illinois

Era: 1960

Destination: New Orleans, LA

Route: Kankakee, Champaign, Mattoon, Cairo, Memphis

Consist: four coaches, a diner, dome, and observation car plus a baggage car and an RPO car

Train Information

Motive Power: Analog DCC Sound

Two powered Life-Like engines w/ Digitrax decoders installed

Number of cars: 15 Caboose FRED

Length: 9.2 ft = 1479 scale ft = 0.28 scale miles

Speed: 65 mph (approximately)

Conductor: **Steve (Razor) Gillett**

The all coach City of New Orleans was the daytime companion train to the all-Pullman car Panama Limited that also traveled the IC's mainline between New Orleans and Chicago. The daytime train was significantly cheaper. This train played a major role in the large northern migration of African Americans from the Deep South during the early 20th century, as it was one of the cheaper transportation options available.

The train was immortalized by Arlo Guthrie's ballad "City of New Orleans".