



Monon (Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville) (CIL) Railroad

Prototype Information

Train Type: Express Mixed Freight

Engines: three GE U23Bs and two ALCO C-420s

Origination: Monon, Indiana

Era: 1970

Destination: New Albany, Indiana

Route: Lafayette, Crawfordsville, Greencastle, Bloomington

Consist: box cars, flat cars, gondolas, hoppers and tankers

Train Information

Motive Power: Analog DCC Sound

Five powered Atlas engines w/ Digitrax decoders installed

Number of cars: 50 Caboose FRED

Length: 17.2 ft = 2751 scale ft = 0.52 scale miles

Speed: 40 mph (approximately)

Conductor: Steve (Razor) Gillett

The Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville Railroad (CIL) was a unique line that existed only within the state of Indiana. Their route was an "X" with one leg from Hammond, IN to Indianapolis and the other from Michigan City, IN to New Albany, IN. They leased trackage rights between Hammond and Chicago and to cross the Ohio River from New Albany, IN into Louisville. The "X" crossed in Monon, Indiana and the railroad eventually shortened their name from the CIL to Monon.

Their freight paint colors were black and gold which, coincidentally, were also the colors of Purdue University. Monon's shops and Purdue were both in Lafayette, Indiana.