

## How Did Participants Travel to AMTNJ Conferences/Meetings?

During the first 35 years of AMTNJ, Rutgers in New Brunswick hosted 29 conferences/meetings with the other conferences/meetings being spread out through various parts of New Jersey. In the early days of AMTNJ, sessions were held near train stations to utilize public transportation. Montclair State hosted 6 sessions, Princeton University hosted 5 sessions and Central High School in Newark hosted 4 sessions including the AMTNJ organizational meeting on May 23, 1914.

Beginning in 1929, 10 November conferences/meetings were held in Convention Hall in Atlantic City until WWII began. Atlantic City became an army camp for soldiers and two conferences/meetings were moved to the Hotel Pennsylvania in New York City in 1943 and 1944. Gasoline was rationed along with food restrictions, etc. and at some sessions during WWII attendees had to bring their own bag lunch.

Shown on the following pages are examples of transportation used by some participants.



1910 FORD with hand crank to start engine



1919 Ford Model T



1925 Ford Model T Runabout which cost \$250



Some people even rode bicycles from nearby



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May 31, 1927, the last Ford Model T rolled off the assembly line. It was the first affordable automobile, due in part to the assembly line process developed ...



**Early Choo-Choo (pew) before modern electric/diesel trains**

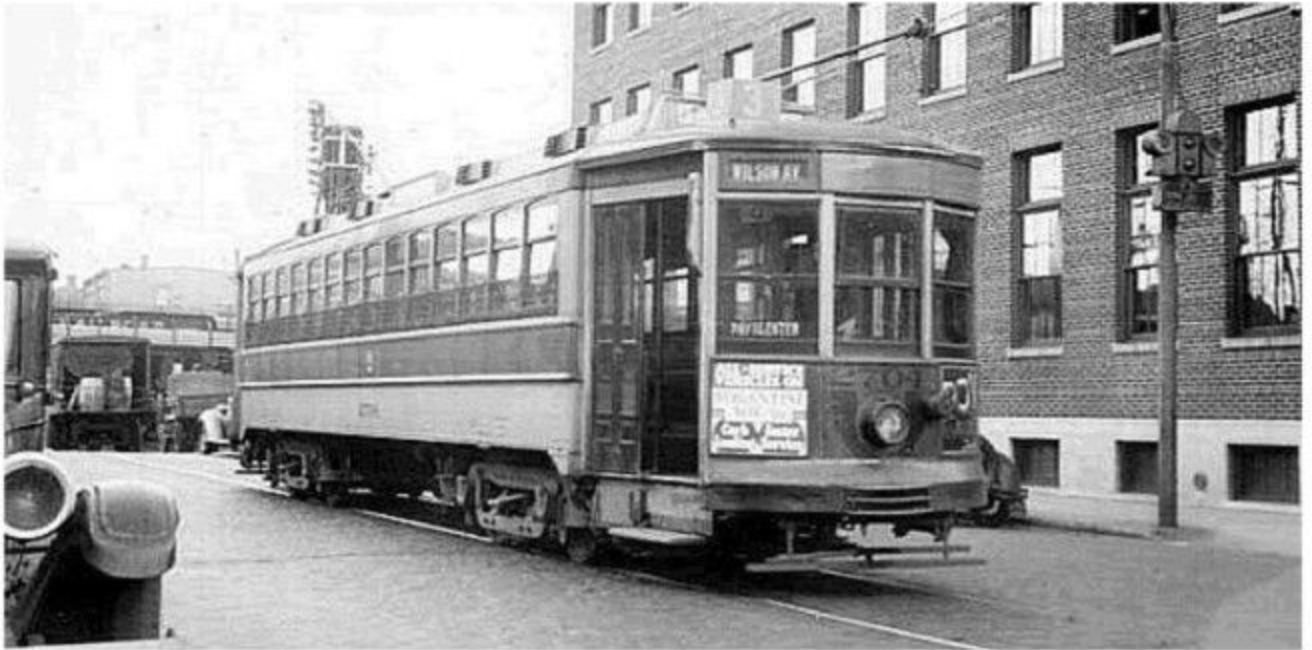




**Two retired teachers admire a car driven by their fathers to conferences/meetings**



**Do you remember any of these cars which were on display at an auto show recently?**



**Wilson Avenue Trolley - Photo from Rich Olohan**



**A trackless trolley from Newark is shown in the photo. It operated on electricity and had rubber tires. This trolley could swing closer to the curb to pickup/discharge passengers.**





**Recent subway/surface transit in Newark, NJ which connects near the Newark train station**



**Out of state AMTNJ presenters arriving at Newark International Airport**