The Enduring Legacy of the Chicago North Shore & Milwaukee Railway

None other than William D. Middleton, the dean of railroad authors, said in his book North Shore America's Fastest Interurban, "Indeed, if any interurban could have been called the 'standard interurban' in that same sense that the Pennsylvania Railroad once called itself the 'standard railroad of the world' it would have been Sam Insull's North Shore Line”. The legacy of this interurban is far beyond the other interurbans that cross-crossed parts of the United States decades ago. Despite being abandoned 50 years ago Norm will discuss the impact that this railroad had on Chicago, its northern suburbs along Lake Michigan and beyond the state line to Milwaukee.

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