

The Juice Train
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The Tropicana Train is referred to as the “Juice Train” by railroaders. The Juice Train travels from the Tropicana plant in Florida to regional distribution centers on high priority routes to the East Coast, Midwest, and a recently added route to the West Coast. The train is easily identified by the long consist of White or Orange or Blue refrigerated cars with the Tropicana brand name.



The Midwest route takes the train to Cincinnati, where the Tropicana cars are brought to the Queensgate Yard on the west side of Cincinnati. Queensgate Yard gets its name from the Cincinnati city nick name “Queen City” of the West.



Upon entering the yard the cars pass near the Cincinnati Museum Center, previously known as Union Terminal Train Station, built in the 1930's Art Deco era of train station design.



This view may look familiar to you from your comic book memories since Union Terminal was the model for the Justice League headquarters:



..... And now back



Once the Juice Train reaches Queensgate, CSXT crews switch out and spot the cars per instructions from Tropicana personnel. From there, local crews take the cars to the Tropicana warehouse in Springdale, just north of Cincinnati.



To get to the Springdale Distribution Center the trains pass through historic Glendale, Ohio. The Glendale crossing attracts many train enthusiasts capturing photos of a wide variety of trains rolling through this quiet and historic village.





And finally the cars arrive at the Sharonville warehouse where they are unloaded and product is transferred to refrigerated semi-tractor trailers for local distribution and delivery.





The Queen City HiRailers (QCHR) are very proud of their "Tropicana Train". We traditionally run the train at each of our shows.

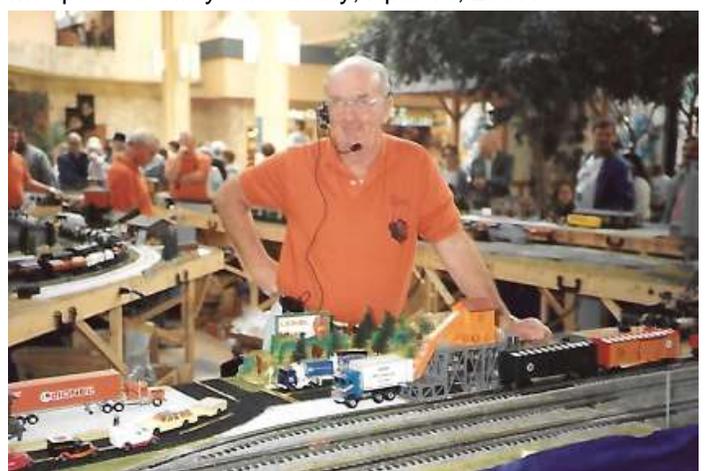




Our "Juice Train" was donated by Gene Burke, a member of the original Cincinnati Modular Train Group (CMTG) and later a member of QCHR in Ross, Ohio. We have 16 Orange Tropicana cars pulled by a CSX DASH-9 locomotive.



In Memory of Gene Burke, Train Enthusiast, who passed away on Sunday, April 15, 2007.



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