

Playlist for Columbus Ohio in the 1950s and early 1960s

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0:00	PRR – Bradford line at Urlin Avenue, Grandview. A passing freight followed by a backing class J1, 2-10-4 with a caboose hop.
0:28	B&O at the high trestle in Orient, OH. The first passenger train, No. 233, is westbound toward Midland City and Cincinnati, OH. The second, No. 238, is eastbound toward Columbus.
1:18	NYC - T&OC . Our photographer is riding the local from East Columbus to Truro where the East Columbus industrial spur joins the T&OC Western Division main line. At 1:50 the Truro operators' station and grain storage facility are seen.
2:00	NYC – T&OC. The local enters the main line for the trip to the West Columbus yard. 2:17 bridge over Alum Creek west of Truro, 2:21 crossing N&W at Bannon tower, 2:25 Swift refrigerators cars.
2:43	NYC – T&OC. The journey continues from South High Street to West Columbus Yard. Starting at South High Street the NYC and C&O tracks are side by side. 2:43 the C&O South Columbus Depot and Capital Meat Packing Plant, 2:56 bridge over the Scioto River leads to Franklinton, 3:09 LM Cabin (Scioto Tower) where the NYC crosses the PRR – Little Miami and C&O as it curves to the west, 3:15 West Columbus Yard
3:21	PRR – Scenes of the PRR Yard B and Yard A.
4:12	N&W – Scenes from the West end of Joyce Avenue Yard, East End showing the bridge over the PRR/B&O Columbus-Newark line, and grain storage facility located on Main Street & N&W overpass.
4:31	Columbus Railroads train – 4-8-2 No. 137 backing & a fan trip, locations unknown. Rather than a rail fan trip, given each Columbus railroad provided two coaches and the single switcher for power, this may be a business men's tour of Columbus development sites.
5:05	Columbus Railroads train – on the C&O between South Columbus & Scioto Tower.
5:26	B&O – At Olentangy Tower – B&O freight with a 2-8-2 helper, and two B&O passenger trains. The first, passenger train, No. 233, is westbound to Midland City and Cincinnati, OH. The second, No. 238, is eastbound toward Columbus. At 6:00 Randy and Vic, Jr, the Ketcham boys, at 6:06 B,J Kern.
6:24	NYC – At Miami Crossing Tower – Westbound NYC <i>Explorer</i> passenger train and an eastbound PRR mail train. NYC freight train west of Grandview Yard. Two steam locomotives (location unknown – not Columbus).
8:02	N&W – M class 4-8-0 and A class 2-6-6-4 at the Joyce Avenue Yard. N&W train at speed, unknown location. N&W switching from Joyce Avenue bridge looking

	west.
9:50	Film taken from the Lincoln Leveque Tower office of Vic Ketcham. A NYC westbound Freight north of Scioto Tower approaching the West Columbus Yard, 10:13 Olentangy Tower looking northwest w/westbound NYC (Big Four) passenger train.
10:31	NYC (Big Four) – southbound passenger train approaching Worthington,
10:40	C&O - freight between South Columbus and Frankfort St.
10:49	NYC (Big Four) – at Worthington. Northbound freight train taking the siding at Worthington, Northbound PRR 2-10-4 J1 powered freight train at Worthington passing the Ohio Railway Museum, southbound NYC (Big Four) passenger train at Worthington (Potter Lumber siding) – the NYC freight is in the passing siding.
11:35	PRR – passenger train, film taken from Lincoln Leveque (location unknown).
11:47	NYC (Big Four) – Taken at Olentangy Tower – 0-8-0 switcher, 4-6-4 w/passenger train turning along the north side of the PRR Spruce Street roundhouse.
12:25	PRR – Mail train, 12:34 PRR freight, NYC passenger train, PRR diesel. Photos taken at Olentangy (HV) tower.
12:51	C&O and NYC (T&OC) – crossing West Broad Street. The Ohio Central Station is bottom left. Film taken from the Lincoln-Leveque tower looking west. C&O freight northbound at Scioto Tower (LM Cabin). 13:00 - Same freight crossing the Scioto River bridge. 13:30 PRR diesels pulling out of PRR's Davis Yard. Same freight crossing the Scioto River. The C&O bridge is reflected in the water. PRR train on east end of bridge. PRR train passing the Ohio State Penitentiary at Spring and West Streets.
14:16	Circus Train – unloading the Ringling Brothers & Barnum & Bailey Circus at the PRR's Grandview Yard. The crossing guard's tower at Grandview Avenue is visible.
15:57	NYC freight entering West Columbus Yard at Grandview Tower.
16:06	Might be Chillicothe
16:22	Not Columbus – C&O
17:29	PRR – Little Miami line, passenger train crossing the NYC (T&OC) & C&O at Scioto Tower (LM Cabin). C&O southbound at Olentangy Tower (HV Cabin).
17:40	C&O – coal drag approaching Olentangy Tower.
17:55	PRR – passenger train, Olentangy Tower
18:10	C&O – railfan trip on the Hocking Valley, diesel No. 8007.
21:05	Olentangy Tower - PRR Bradford Line, three locomotives westbound. 21:15 B&O –freight westbound crossing the PRR. 21:30 B&O westbound caboose hop. 21:40 NYC (Big Four) diesel, eastbound passing the PRR Spruce Street Roundhouse. 21:50 NYC diesel, switching move eastbound
22:05	NYC backing freight at Grandview Avenue. 22:10 NYC westbound freight approaching and crossing Grandview Avenue. 22:30 NYC Cincinnati Mercury westbound at Olentangy Tower.
22:40	Olentangy Tower – looking east on the PRR Bradford line toward Columbus, Olentangy Tower (with the Ketcham kids), looking west on the NYC (Big Four) line, NYC eastbound passenger train. 23:20 PRR – Bradford line double header

	J1's westbound approaching Olentangy Tower. The Spruce Street roundhouse and coal dock are visible in the background – much smoke. 23:45 passing Olentangy Tower. 23:50 the C&O bridge over the Olentangy River is visible.
24:08	NYC (T&OC) – freight headed for the West Columbus Yard. The PRR Davis Yard is visible along with the Scioto tower, lower left. 24:20 The camera has panned right – A pair of NYC (T&OC) diesels are waiting for a passing PRR freight to clear the Scioto Tower is visible at the lower left. 24:38 PRR J1 caboose hop is backing crossing Scioto Tower.
24:48	B&O railfan trip that included a stop at the B&O yard in Newark. train
25:41	B&O passenger train passing Olentangy Tower approaching Spruce Street.
25:55	N&W - 4-8-2, No. 102 switching the Container Corporation straw mill in Circleville. In the background the men are building a straw rick.
26:10	PRR – 2-10-0 I1 (location unknown), Wabash Railroad diesels on lease to the PRR (location unknown).
26:55	N&W – Joyce Avenue Yard, No. 2300 steam turbine-electric next to roundhouse. No. 2300 made two test runs from Portsmouth-Columbus. 27:55 the 1954 builders' plate for 2300. 28:23 No. 2300 south of Columbus with a train. Oct. 6-8, 1954 - No. 2300 made three test runs from Portsmouth to Columbus.
28:50	NYC (T&OC) – West Columbus Yard from the Lincoln-Leveque tower – camera looking west. A NYC (Big Four) westbound passenger train curves around a quarry and heads for the north side of the West Columbus Yard. In the opening shot West Broad Street is on the left with the C&O and NYC bridges over Broad Street visible.
29:32	PRR – Mail train on the Bradford line passing the Spruce Street roundhouse followed by a shot of westbound B&O passenger train at Olentangy (HV) Tower.
30:24	B&O – Passenger train at Olentangy (HV) crossing followed by a NYC (Big Four) passenger train same spot. The B&O and NYC share the track from Union Station to GN Tower.
31:13	NYC (T&OC) switcher followed by NYC (Big Four) passenger train <i>The Cincinnati Mercury</i> crossing Grandview Avenue.
31:50	NYC (T&OC) freight leaving West Columbus Yard, crossing Grandview Avenue, and passing BJ Tower. The Ketcham boys, Vic Jr. and Randy, are the spectators.
33:16	N&W – A northbound coal train with a Class A, 2-6-6-4, along Route 23 near Portsmouth. A southbound mixed train also with a Class A locomotive passes the first train.
34:50	Erie RR – Scenes at the Marion Yard.
36:00	Erie RR – Freight trains passing the Marion Depot and Tower A. Erie passenger trains at the Marion depot.
38:59	C&O – Maybe Parsons Yard.
39:22	NYC (Big Four) - Eastbound passenger train at Grandview Avenue.
39:40	C&O – Freight train Westbound (Compass north)
40:35	C&O - Civil War locomotive <i>The General</i> , 1965, on the C&O north of Olentangy (HV) Tower near King Avenue.

42:00	C&O – <i>The Sportsmen</i> passenger train north of Olentangy (HV).
42:20	Eire RR – Marion depot, westbound passenger train.
43:20	C&SOE – Pickway Power Plant. Electric Steeple Cab with Fireless steam locomotive No. 3. Dumping a coal car.
45:20	N&W – Class A, 2-6-6-4, at the Joyce Avenue Yard, followed by Class M, 4-8-0. Class J, 4-8-4 No. 610.
49.25	ORM – Hand over of N&W No. 578 to the Ohio Railway Museum trustees, early 1959. Marble Cliff No. 1, 18-ton saddle tank locomotive pulled No. 578 from the PRR track to the ORM Track, about 600 feet.
51:30	C&O – 110-year celebration of the first railroad to reach Columbus. C&O No. 377 was pushed through the paper banner by a diesel. No. 377 is now at the B&O museum in Baltimore. The ceremony was held at Columbus Union Station.

Glossary

B&O	Baltimore & Ohio Railroad
C&SOE	Columbus & Southern Ohio Electric Co.
NYC	New York Central
NYC (Big Four)	Cincinnati – Columbus – Cleveland line
NYC (T&OC)	West Virginia – southern Ohio – Columbus – Toledo line
ORM	Ohio Railway Museum
PRR	Pennsylvania Railroad
PRR – Bradford Line	The line from Columbus to Bradford, OH and Logansport, IN
PRR – Little Miami	The line from Columbus to Xenia, OH and Cincinnati, OH
PRR – Sandusky Branch	The line from Columbus to Sandusky, Ohio