

AN AFTERNOON AT NORTH BALTIMORE OHIO

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From Fostoria, we ran west to North Baltimore, Ohio. The former Baltimore & Ohio Railroad passenger depot still stands in downtown. The depot is in poor condition but is still standing. Located a mile west of the depot is CSXT's North Baltimore Container Yard.

Upon arrival at North Baltimore, Dave Oroszi ushered us into a posted "No Parking" area, saying this was the best location for rail photography. The local police ignored us, so they must be used to railfans. We caught one westbound CSXT train at the depot. Due to the 94 degree heat, a decision was made to railfan by chasing trains in air conditioned cars and not stand trackside in the sun. While the others decided to chase this train, Mary Ann and I opted to visit the CSXT North Baltimore Container Yard. Upon sticking our noses into the container yard, we spotted the CSXT Atlantic Coast Line heritage unit. Joy of Joy! It only got better after we left the yard and headed for Deshler, Ohio. Along the way, we spotted an eastbound CSXT train and pulled off to photograph it. Leading the train was CSXT 5208, the original Chessie heritage unit. JOY OF JOY! As it was now 6:30 PM, Mary Ann told me it was time to feed her and find a place to sleep. As her wish is my command, instead of joining up with Jill, Myra, and their husbands at Deshler, we headed to Findlay, Ohio, for food and lodging.



At the North Baltimore Depot, three railfans hug the depot building to respect the photo line.
Leading the train is CSXT 868.



As we were leaving North Baltimore to chase CSXT 868, we were skunked by an eastbound CSXT train. Remember, train time is anytime, and to expect a train from any direction.



We caught up with CSXT 868 just east of the North Baltimore Container Yard.



At the east end of the North Baltimore Container Yard, we found CSXT 4373 and CSXT 4330 working the yard.



CSXT 1871, the Atlantic Coast Line heritage unit in the North Baltimore Container Yard



CSXT 4330, leading a container train into the yard, caught me unprepared, as I was answering a phone call from my granddaughter and not watching the track.



CSXT 4373 and CSXT 4330 make up a train in the container yard.



Above and below: Views eastward into CSXT's New Baltimore Container Yard.





CXT 5236 and CSXT 5261 lead a mix train east at Hoytville, Ohio.



CSXT 3254 was buried in the consist as a mid-train helper.



CSXT 800 leads a train of grain carrying covered hoppers east from Hoytville.



Just east of Deshler, we encountered CSXT 5208, the original Chessie System heritage unit.