

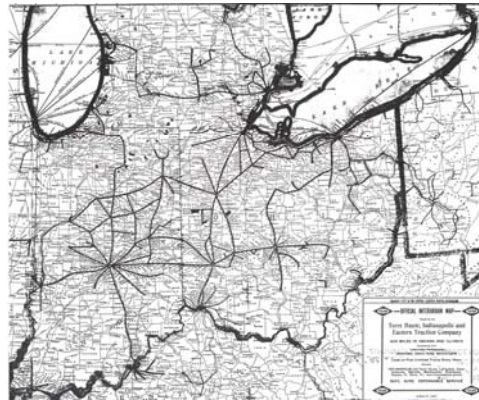
# Rail Transportation



*T.H.I.&E. Traction Car at Abner Creek, late 1920s*

- ◆ Before automobiles, Avon residents could ride on interurban cars for distances too far for horse travel.
- ◆ Cars were powered by a connecting rod to lines above the coaches.

- ◆ In 1905 interurban track and lines were constructed through Avon.
- ◆ Avon's interurban transit system was discontinued in the 1930s.
- ◆ Cost to ride the interurban was 1½¢ per mile .



*Official Interurban Map of Terre Haute, Indianapolis and Eastern Traction Company as of 1922*



*1910 depot station in Avon, Indiana*

- ◆ The name "Avon" came when the railroad was completed. The railroad company drove in a stake with the name "Avon" painted on it.
- ◆ Trains first traveled through Avon in the late 1860s. Cows were the trains' worst enemies, causing accidents resulting in fatalities to both cows and cars.

- ◆ The huge Avon Train Yard, known as the Big Four, opened in 1960. It is currently operated by CSX and is a switching facility for railroad cars and shipping containers.



*Today's trains meet on Avon tracks*