



Turboliner Extra Photos

This website segment shares Amtrak Turboliner photos that are not found in either of the Turboliner books, and most of which have not previously been shown online. Pictures will be posted one-at-a-time on a regular basis. So check back for additions.



Chicago-St. Louis was the route selected by Amtrak for the initial revenue service use of Turboliner equipment. The first Turboliner test and training run to cover the entire length of that line took place August 29-30, 1973; operating southbound on the 29th, and returning to Chicago the following day. The photo to the left shows Amtrak's first RTG I trainset, bracketed by power cars 60 and 61, raising a cloud of dust as it races past the Alton, Illinois station on August 29, 1973; just 27 miles away from its St. Louis destination. For most of the spectators (including the photographer), this would be their first "in person" encounter with a Turboliner.—*Dale A. Johnson photo*