



CITY OF SALINA

Coach – Stabled at Council Bluffs

The *City of Salina* was built by American Car & Foundry in 1953 as 44-seat coach No. 5486. It was named the *City of Salina* in 1992.

As the nation's first high-speed train set, powered by an internal combustion engine, the *City of Salina* was a complete three-car set. It included the locomotive and mail car, a coach, and a coach with buffet service in the rear of the car. Passengers could eat at their seats using tray tables very similar to those used on airliners.

The idea of a single train car containing both the power unit and seating had been advanced by Union Pacific's W. R. McKeen just after the turn of the century. His streamlined motor cars, powered by a gasoline engine, were revolutionary.

The *City of Salina* was purchased from the Pullman Company in 1933. It was finished in early 1934 and sent on a nationwide tour. During the summer of 1934, it was exhibited at the Chicago Century of Progress exhibition. Once in revenue service in the fall of 1934, it ran between Kansas City, Mo., and Salina, Kan., as the *Kansas Streamliner*. In March 1936, when "city" names were to be given to the new streamlined trains, it was renamed *City of Salina*. It made one round trip daily between Kansas City and Topeka, Kan., and between Kansas City and Salina, Kan.

Because it was considered experimental, the *City of Salina* was quickly depreciated. There also were some problems with deterioration of the aluminum underbody. The set was scrapped for war material in 1942.



Configuration: *City of Salina* is a Flat Coach Car with public restrooms at each end of the car and coach-style seating in the remainder of the car. Total seating capacity is 44.