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Eagle Electric #7

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Roto-Broil

Walworth Craftsman, Westinghouse

Slicklen Paper

Sternberger

National Casket

Brenner Paper

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American Steel Wool

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Astoria Lumber

West Chemical

Blissville Yard

Jacobson & Son

Stoll Metal

Marlyn Warehouse

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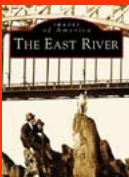
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VOLUME 24:

LONG ISLAND RAILROAD SERVICE TO BLISSVILLE'S CARBONA PRODUCTS COMPANY

By Nicholas Kalis

Twenty-four in a series of glimpses into industries or warehouses that made for interesting freight operations on the Long Island. Information presented has included, where available, a brief history of the firm, how it was served by the LIRR, and what commodities were received or shipped from this facility.

Maps of Freight Stations and Private Sidings (June 1966), page 7 places Blissville's Carbona as Spot 1. Carbona Products Co. shared a siding with Stoll (Spot 2). To the east, on a separate siding is Centre Lumber (Spot 3). This Spot 1 had a capacity of one car. Carbona's street address was 30-50 Greenpoint Avenue, Long Island City with telephone number Stillwell 4-9351. Carbona, a manufacturer of cleaning fluids, last appeared in the 1978 telephone directory. Carbona was a cleaning fluid, sold in hardware stores, supermarkets, etc. that was basically Carbon Tetrachloride. **Carbona** has been synonymous with stain removal for over a century. From the 1870s to the 1990s, people used Carbona Cleaning Fluid for spot removal and dry cleaning at home. In 1994, Delta Carbona L.P. was founded when the Carbona Products Company was bought by Delta Pronatura, a privately held German company. Today, the original Carbona Cleaning Fluid is no longer available.



Carbona Bottle No date
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Bliss Yard Drill would return to Yard A at the end of an 8-hour trick. Bliss Yard also had a later 3:00 PM Drill. Bliss Yard Drill used no hack for its one-mile trip to Blissville Yard.



LIRR Photographer, July 30, 1936 slide, buildings of Standard Oil in the distance, to the left. Van Iderstine South is west of Standard Oil on both sides. Camera is looking West. Carbona on Review Avenue (Spot 1) would be to the right of tracks.

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Carbona (Spot 1) would be on the right hand side of the tracks beyond Van Iderstine North Spots 5a and 5b (beyond the vertical tanks) at right side of photograph (photo looking West). Spot 5c is on left side of photograph, past switch. Greenpoint Avenue Bridge in background. Vantage point is furthest East of all photos appearing in this article. Arthur Huneke, September 10, 1982, Color Slide.
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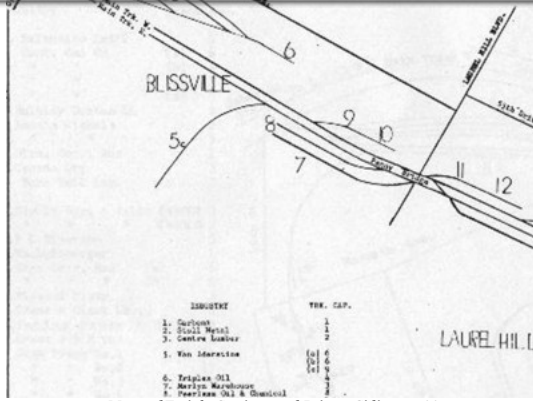
Those wishing to model Carbona would benefit from consulting the pictures in this article. Anyone wishing to help this author model Carbona on his HO scale layout is encouraged to contact him with any offers of assistance.

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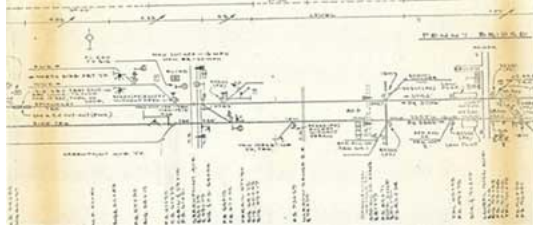
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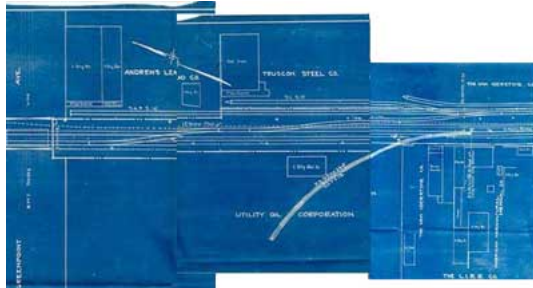
Long Island Railroad *Maps of Freight Stations and Private Sidings* (Reprint) June 1966



Maps of Freight Stations and Private Sidings 1966 showing Carbona as Spot 1



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Andrews Lead Co was a predecessor of Carbona Products Company (Spot 1) and Stoll Metal (Spot 2). Truscon Steel may be the predecessor to Centre Lumber in 1931. Truscon was purchased by Republic Steel but continued to operate as Truscon until the early 1960s. Fabrizio believes the smaller building between Truscon and Andrews may be Stoll
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