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I do ride Amtrak regularly, for tourist travel or to visit friends. I have already purchased and used five Amtrak tickets, plus three more that I purchased but haven't used yet.

Normally I begin my travels in Bloomington, IL and return by way of Chicago or St. Louis.

If I am making a connection, it's important to me that the trains arrive and leave on time. There's more involved than just making sure I can board the next train. If I expect a two-hour layover and that turns into a thirty-minute layover because my train arrives late, I might miss a meal for lack of time. That did happen last month during a layover in Pittsburgh.

Several times a year, I like to take Amtrak to Chicago to spend a day, either alone or with my wife or a friend. If my train is late getting into Chicago, that means I have less time to do what I planned (bicycling, perhaps, or visiting a museum).